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# FATAL RABBIT DISEASE IN WICKLOW

**A case of the fatal Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease (RHD) was discovered in Co. Wicklow last week and it could threaten Wicklow's hare and rabbit population and indeed families' pet rabbits.**

It is the first time that the disease has been found in the wild in Ireland, though last year there were reports of the disease being found in some domestic rabbits. The rabbit, discovered in Avoca, was one of several around the country confirmed in recent days. Cases of the virus were also confirmed in rabbits in counties Wexford and Clare. The infected rabbits were taken to the laboratories at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), where the disease was confirmed.

RHD, although harmless to humans, is fatal for rabbits and hares and is highly contagious. Rabbits younger than 8 weeks are resistant to the virus, however. It is feared that a serious outbreak would decimate the population of the Irish Hare, a species unique to Ireland.

RHD disease causes death within just a few days. The disease causes

blood clots in major organs, resulting in heart and respiratory failure. An infected rabbit that has died from RHD will often be found with its legs straight out. Outward visible symptoms may include swollen eyelids, anorexia, paralysis, bleeding from the eyes and nose, convulsions and loss of skin. Diarrhoea, constipation, and abdominal cramping may occur right

before death. Rabbits may also display a fever, excitement or nervousness. However, a lot of rabbits with RHD will show no external symptoms.

According to MSD Animal Health, "Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease was first identified in China in 1984 and quickly spread to Europe from 1986-88. It is now endemic in most parts of the world and is seen in



JJ O'Byrne and Martin Power launch the Wicklow Hospice male only 'Dip in the Nip', which will be held on Sunday 15th September at the North Beach in Brittas Bay (arrival at 10am, dip at 11am). There will be security at the gate and light refreshments will be served. To register, contact Sinead on 0870954137, or email [sinead@wicklowhospice.ie](mailto:sinead@wicklowhospice.ie). In June, almost 1,800 took part in the female Dip in the Nip.

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all populations of rabbits (wild, pet, and farmed). "Rabbit haemorrhagic disease is highly contagious with transmission via oral, nasal or conjunctival routes. Infection most commonly happens through exposure to infected animal, carcass or fomites (food, bedding, water). Mechanical transmission may also be affected by insect vectors. The incubation period (time from initial exposure to onset of clinical signs) is 1-3 days. There are many of ways your pet rabbits could pick up the virus: Food or water contaminated by infected wild rabbits. Birds or insects may bring the virus to your rabbits on their feet or in their droppings, which your rabbits may eat if they graze on the lawn. The virus may be blown on the wind. You (or your dog or cat) might accidentally bring the virus home on your feet from infected wild rabbit droppings, and vermin around rabbit hutches might bring it along too. You might pick it up from other peoples' rabbits, for example at a show or even if another rabbit owner handles your rabbits. "The virus itself is extremely tough and can survive for many months in the environment, and can even resist temperatures of 60 degrees Celsius. However, rabbits living indoors (house rabbits) are still at risk from VHD, so they definitely need to be vaccinated with boosters kept up to date." MSD Animal Health say the virus can be controlled with the three-prong approach of biosecurity, hygiene, and vaccination. The National Parks & Wildlife Service Conservation Rangers are monitoring the situation and the DAFM is asking people to report suspected cases.

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## St Kevin's Way included as part of Ireland's third annual Pilgrim Journey

St Kevin's Way, which is one of Ireland's oldest pilgrim paths will be walked as part of 2019, Irish Pilgrim Journey. Following on the success of last year's event, Ireland's second national pilgrim walk was launched in Cashel and takes place from August 24th to 31st.

The other paths included this year are: St Finbarr's Pilgrim Path, Co. Cork; Cosan na Naomh and Cnoc na dTobar, Co Kerry and Tochar Phadraig, Co Mayo.

Participants collect a pilgrim stamp at the end of each walk before being awarded a Teastas Completion Certificate when they arrive at the Ballintubber Abbey

after finishing all five paths.

Knowledgeable local guides will lead each walk, allow time for personal contemplation, outline the story of the route and explain how medieval penitents coped with their arduous journeys.

Chairman of Pilgrim Paths Ireland, John G O'Dwyer said; The medieval pilgrimage



was originally a journey combining prayer and sacrifice - with an element of physical discomfort. Recently, there has been a renewed interest in following the footsteps of these pilgrims past and over the last number of years Ireland's penitential trails have echoed ever increasing footfall. This pilgrim journey is not just for those who enjoy exploring Ireland's ancient tracks, but also the growing numbers seeking to escape the daily grind of life and take time out to reflect and meditate a little while enjoying the outdoors." Advance booking is essential and must be made individually to each pilgrim path. Information on how to book can be found on [www.pilgrimpath.ie](http://www.pilgrimpath.ie)



Pictured: Alannah Connolly at Kathrina Shine's 20/20 vision art exhibition in Wicklow Town

### What's Happening...

#### A touch of classical

Whale Theatre in Greystones presents 'A Touch of Classical', with Grace Foley and Wayne Woodman on 31st August from 8pm. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are €20/€18. Contralto Grace Foley and Tenor Wayne Woodman take you to the Classical Crossover genre, with a wide repertoire of wonderful songs. There will be a varied programme of music from Bizet to Lana Del Ray, Ennio Morricone to Damien Rice. Full details of this event from: [whaletheatre.ticketsolve.com](http://whaletheatre.ticketsolve.com). Details of all future Whale Theatre events from [www.WhaleTheatre.ie](http://www.WhaleTheatre.ie).

#### Pop up Gaeltacht

A pop up Gaeltacht with Glor na Gael An Inbhir Mor will take place on August 31st upstairs in the Gin Mill, Arklow, at 8pm. Any Irish speakers in the area are invited to attend.

#### Bray Cualann Historical Society

Brian White will lead a 'Guided walking tour of Seapoint Road and Quinsboro Road, Bray' at 7pm on Wednesday August 21st. Meet outside the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All welcome - admission free. Participants take part in this walk at their own risk.

James Scannell will present 'August 17th to August 25th 1944 in Bray' at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday August 22nd in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray. All welcome - admission free; and 'August 17th to August 25th 1919' at 11.30am on Friday August 23rd in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome - admission free.

#### Delgany Thursday Group

The next outing of the Delgany Thursday Group will be on Thursday 5th September to Dalkey for a guided tour of Dalkey Castle followed a scone with tea or coffee in The Queens Bar. Leaving from Christ Church, Delgany, at 1:30pm. The cost is €25.00 per person to include coach, guided tour & scone with tea or coffee. To book, contact Peter (086 8307644) or John (086 3566527).

#### Wicklow Dementia Support Family Carers Support Group

This support group for family carers meets once a month in St.Patrick's Parish Centre, Greystones, from 11:30am to 1pm. This group meeting is for those caring for someone at home with dementia. It is an opportunity to meet for sharing in a confidential and facilitated setting.

Details and dates of meetings from 089 4286928. Musical Memories continues to meet weekly in St. Patrick's Parish Centre; 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This group is for people with dementia.

### Local Property Tax consultation

Wicklow County Council will meet in September to consider the adjustment of the Local Property Tax rate.

Councillors may set a local adjustment factor within the range of +/- 15% of the basic rate, or, may decide, not to adjust the basic rate.

Wicklow County Council welcomes written submissions from the public on this matter specifically covering the potential effects of varying the basic rate of the Local Property Tax on businesses, individuals and on local authority services. Submissions must be received by 12 noon on 23rd August 2019. See [Wicklow.ie/living](http://Wicklow.ie/living) for details.

#### Famine talk in Arklow

A Slide Show Talk on the Irish Famine by Greystones historian Charles Egan will take place in Arklow Library at 7pm on 20th August.

Anyone who has heard Charles speak knows that attendees will be in for a real treat. His very interesting slide show will be full of history and detailed information. Admission is free, but booking essential. Email [arklowlibrary@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:arklowlibrary@wicklowcoco.ie) or 0402 39977.

#### Delgany burial grounds tours

Laili de Buitlear will be giving tours and talks on the old burial ground in Delgany during August as part of Heritage Week; 22nd August (11:30am-1:30pm); 24th August (11:30am-1:30pm).



Pictured: Hannah Windsor and Shona O'Sullivan celebrate the Leaving Cert results at Avondale College, Rathdrum

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# JUST FIVE DOGS RE-HOMED IN WICKLOW IN 2018

The number of successful re-homings for dogs in Wicklow pound last year was low compared to most other counties, according to recently published data.

Only two other counties had fewer rehoming than Wicklow - Galway and Mayo, where no dogs were rehomed.

One-hundred and fifty-one strays entered Co. Wicklow pound in 2018; with 51 reclaimed, five were rehomed, 93 were transferred to dog welfare groups and five were euthanised.

Wexford had a far higher number of strays entering its pound (688), however it also had far more re-claimings (129) and rehoming (128).

Dog Control statistics for each Local Authority in Ireland for 2018 were published by the Department of Community Development, Natural Resources and Digital Development.

Dog control cost Wicklow County Council approximately €137,500 for 2018, one of the six highest deficits in the country, while expenditure for dog control was over €204,000, the Council's income was just €66,600.

There were no prosecutions or convictions for dog control offences in Co. Wicklow last year. Just four on-the-spot fines were issued - only one of which was paid.

In Wexford, there were 18 on-the-spot fines issued, six were paid and there were three prosecutions.

Four greyhounds also entered Wicklow pound in 2018, all of which were reclaimed.

The Department of Community Development, Natural Resources and Digital Development has legislative responsibility for the area of Dog Control in Ireland. Certain aspects of this legislation have been in place for a significant number of years and there is a view that changes are required.

For example, the Statutory Instrument (S.I. No. 442/1998) which requires extra controls for a list of specific breeds has been in place since 1998, and some parties have indicated that this breed specific approach requires a change.

The Department is now reviewing this area to ensure improvements are made where appropriate and to ensure an appropriate approach is in place for the effective control of dogs in Ireland. This approach may or may not be breed specific.

Announcing the publication of the statistics, Sean Canney TD, the Minister of State for Community Development, Natural Resources and Digital Development, said "The total number of dogs that were euthanised in local authority pounds in 2018 was 778, down from a high of over 21,000 in 2002, 996 in 2017 and 1,674 in 2016.

"It is a legal requirement for all dog owners to have a dog licence and to have their dog micro-chipped. If a stray dog, which is micro-chipped, enters the local authority pound the microchip can be scanned and the dog easily re-united with its owner."



Colm Moules, Paul Pritchard, Yvonne Kenny and Julie New are pictured at the Brian McGrane/Susan McFadden concert in the Asgard Theatre, Arklow

## Die-hard Wicklow football fans spend up to €7,408 supporting Premier League teams

Analysis from An Post Money of the six Premier League teams with the most support from Irish travelling fans shows die-hard supporters will spend up to €7,408 to cheer on their team at home games during the forthcoming season.

Wicklow has 10 official supporters' clubs of the six most popular Irish backed teams. These include six official supporters' clubs for Celtic, one for Liverpool, one for Arsenal, one for Manchester City and one for Manchester United.

The cost of season tickets range from €325 to €1,995 and while this will be single biggest one-off cost when the estimated costs of flights, transfers, food & drink and merchandise is added supporters will need to spend an additional €5,186, bringing the total cost to over €7,400. The majority of this expenditure will be in sterling and with 19 trips over a ten month period will mean that supporters will need regular access to sterling over an extended period.

With 30 official supporters clubs Liverpool has the most active network for its fans in the Republic of Ireland followed by Arsenal and Manchester United with 21 and 17 respectively. Spurs fans have a choice of seven official supporters clubs while Chelsea and Manchester City have six each. Beyond the Premier League Celtic Football Club has 34 official supporters clubs nationwide.

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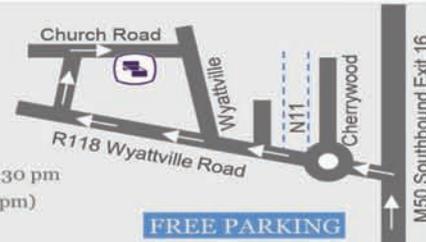
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## BALLYWALTRIM POST OFFICE RE-OPENS

Ballywaltrim post office has re-opened after a five-month closure. It has re-opened in its former premises on Kilbride Lane under the management of Amjad Malik, the new post master.

Joe Behan, Independent councillor said "I am delighted to see that the Ballywaltrim Post Office has re-opened for business again. This news will be welcomed by thousands of local people who used their Post Office for many years until the sad and untimely death of the previous post master, Mrs Anne Mc Carthy, RIP. I encourage everyone in the Ballywaltrim area to use this local Post Office and ensure that it will continue to be a strong local financial service in the heart of our community."

Pictured at the official opening last week are (left to right); Muhammad Tanveer, Amjad Malik (Postmaster of Ballywaltrim Post Office), Cllr Joe Behan, and Chris Howell An Post Area Manager.

## Major road safety project to take place along the '21 Bends'

Important road safety works will be carried out along the stretch of road between Bray and Enniskerry known as the '21 Bends'.

Welcoming the decision by Wicklow County Council to carry out the works, Sinn Féin TD John Brady said "For a number of years now I have been working with the council to try getting improvement works carried out on the R117 road between Bray and Enniskerry. The stretch of road know as the 21 Bends is a very dangerous stretch of road with many crashes, in 2004 two people tragically lost their lives in an accident on it.

"The council intended on carrying out essential work on the final 400m section at the Bray end of the road. The camber of the road will be

changed making it safer to drive along; higher curbs along with a new footpath will also be constructed. New higher safety barriers will also be installed."

Brady continued "In the past as a member of the local authority I brought forward a number of motions calling on the council to carry out these important works and as a TD I've continued to engage the council with a view of getting the work done. A number of years back the council carried out major work along the 21 Bends, however the last 400m was never addressed, in my view this was the most dangerous section. So this is good news for all that use the Enniskerry road and I welcome the confirmation from the council that the work on the final 400m will finally take place."

Cllr Dermot 'Daisy' O'Brien said "Anyone that knows the 21 Bends knows how dangerous the road is along there. Accidents happen along it on a regular basis and the crash barrier constantly has to be repaired. This work once complete will make it safer for everyone. The work is planned to commence over the next couple of months."

## ENNISKERRY'S CARNEGIE LIBRARY HONOURED WITH SPECIAL STAMP

The Carnegie Library in Enniskerry has been honoured by a special stamp from An Post. The stamp is one of a series launched by An Post to celebrate four libraries around the country founded by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie.

The four stamps feature line drawings of the four Irish Carnegie Libraries by Irish artist Dorothy Smith and photographed by Gillian Buckley. The other libraries are in Kilkenny, Dublin and Limerick.

Enniskerry's Carnegie Library on Church Road was opened in 1911. There are two other Carnegie Libraries in County Wicklow: in Bray and Greystones.

Born in Scotland, Carnegie emigrated with his family to the US in search of a better life. At 12 he began working in the cotton industry and through his natural ability and application became one of the world's richest men.

In the last decades of his life he devoted himself to philanthropy and his contribution to Ireland were the libraries now celebrated in the new stamp set.

Between 1897 and



1913, Carnegie promised over €179,000 to pay for the building of some 80 libraries in Ireland, 60 of which still survive.

The stamps and a beautiful First Day Cover envelope are available from main post offices, from the stamp counters at Dublin's GPO or

online at [irishstamps.ie](http://irishstamps.ie). The illustrations and stamps will be on display at Pearse Street library in Dublin City Centre.

"It is wonderful to see Enniskerry's Carnegie Library recognised in this way by An Post", said Mr Michael Nicholson, Director of

Community, Culture & Social Development, Wicklow County Council, who acknowledged "the wonderful service all three Carnegie libraries have given to the people of County Wicklow over a long number of years."

## Harbour railway underpass to open shortly

The long-awaited cycling and walking route from the former Golf Club lands and Ravenswell Road to the harbour via the railway underpass is now ready for completion and will soon open.

Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District Steven Matthews (Green Party) said, "This is a small but very significant link in the overall Bray Cycle Network Plan. This cycling/pedestrian route was a condition of planning permission from An Bord Pleanála for the new schools on the former Bray Golf Club lands and was paid for by NDFA (schools PPP program) and constructed by Bray Municipal District.

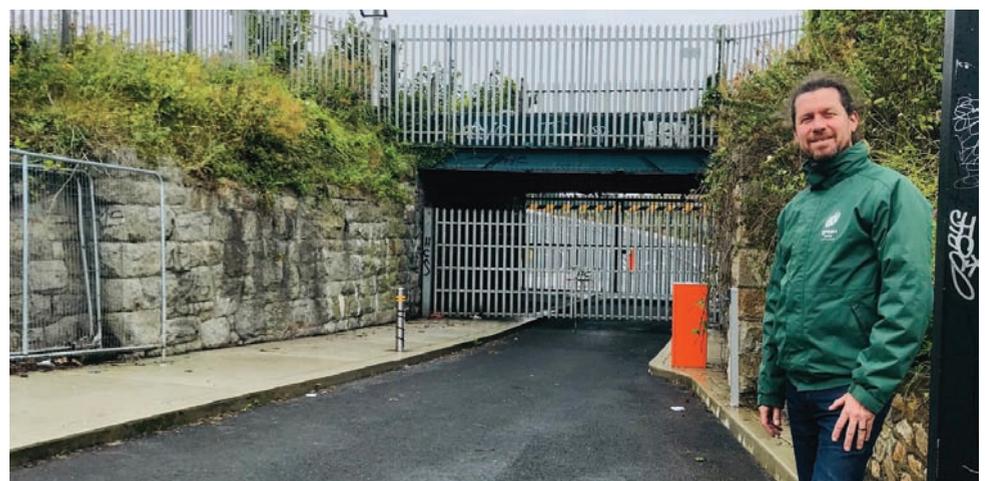
"Works will commence very shortly to complete the construction and will be opened during the new school term. It will be a real asset for cyclists who can now travel from the Dublin Road to Vevay Rd along a complete cycle route.

"The missing link at the Seafront (Barracuda) will commence in September and I'm also working with my Green Party colleagues in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on continuing a north bound green way towards their lands in the Shanganagh parklands direction.

"A design to improve the cycle path at Putland Road to Meath Road is out for public consultation and I've made a submission suggesting improvements to safety aspect of that design.

"Whilst councillors and TDs always like to get credit for being involved in any project, nothing would happen without the commitment of our council management, engineers and administrators. Huge credit for this should go to our Bray Municipal District management team who design and manage the construction of these projects.

"The entire area is likely to see significant development on the golf club lands, a harbour protection and improvement scheme and possible development north of the harbour. This underpass will provide a vital, safe, car free pedestrian and cycling link between these sites improving permeability and bringing the area back into the public realm."



Cllr Steven Matthews at the soon-to-be-opened Bray Harbour underpass

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Cassie Doyle, Jamie McClean and Loretta O'Sullivan are pictured at the launch of the Arklow Maritime Festival which took place recently.

## Kilcoole community policing clinic

The Kilcoole Community Policing Clinic is held each Wednesday in Kilcoole Community Centre from 6pm to 8pm. Garda Molly Corbett and/or Garda Alan Thompson will be in attendance. Drop in for some crime prevention advice, or to get a form stamped. Details from molly.a.corbett@garda.ie or alan.m.thompson@garda.ie.

## Coffee & cake at YWCA

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# 'High back-to-school costs must be lifted'

Social Democrats Spokesperson for Children, Cllr Jennifer Whitmore, has said concerted efforts must be made to reduce high back-to-school costs and relieve stress on Wicklow parents.

Cllr Whitmore was commenting on the recent annual Barnardos survey which found that parents across the country are "stressed out, overburdened and fed up" by the high cost of sending children back to school.

Cllr Whitmore said "It's worrying that almost half of parents in the survey said they had to forgo paying bills and cut back on other costs to meet back-to-school expenses, with 14 per cent saying they would be forced to borrow to meet the expense. This shows the extent of the pressure on parents to find funds for books, lunches, uniforms, school trips, after school activities and grinds.

"Simply sending your children to school should not mean having to rob Peter to pay Paul by using income earmarked for household bills, relying on credit cards and, at worst, turning to money lenders.

"School policies should be seeking to reduce costs as much as possible.

School uniforms should be as basic as they possibly can be, and it should be possible to purchase from multiple local shops so that competition can drive down costs."

Cllr Whitmore pointed out that Barnardos has calculated it would cost an extra €103million in a full year to deliver free primary education - that's around €185 per pupil per year - and an extra €127million for a full year in secondary education.

"The Social Democrats believe that this kind of investment would be money well spent in the future of our children and would do a lot to lift the financial burden on parents. This would mean that families would not have to cover the cost of textbooks and workbooks, and schools would not have to go looking for so-called 'voluntary contributions' from parents. It would also deliver free transport to people avail-

ing of the School Transport Scheme.

"Our Constitution says that the State will provide free primary education - yet the costs many parents face today shows that we are failing children and families when it comes to this most basic and fundamental provision."

Sinn Féin spokesperson for Social Protection John Brady TD has said that a greater number of parents need help when it comes to managing back to school costs.

Publishing his party's recent proposals to tackle back to school costs, Deputy Brady said: "Every year as September approaches, parents are put under immense pressure to try to cover back to school cost for their children. We know that these costs continue to increase every year, very much flying in the face of so-called free education at primary and second level.

"We are proposing a number of measures in this document being launched today to tackle back to school costs, including a double pay-

ment of Child Benefit (€140) to every child in the State payable each year in July.

"This proposed increase is also in recognition of the fact that the Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance is limited. It is only payable to some parents and therefore, does not assist the vast majority of school going children in starting or returning to school.

"This is evident in the fact that approximately 765,000 children will attend Primary and Secondary School, a fifth of the state's population this September yet to date just 115,000 people have been awarded the Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance.

"We need to start looking at new ways to assist and support parents with back to school costs. The double payment of Child Benefit is just one way in which we can help with these rising costs in some small way."

## River walk sculptures unveiled

A series of sculptures has been installed along the Ravenswell River Walk in Bray. The pieces, by artist David Beattie, were commissioned as part of the Per Cent for Art scheme from the Office of Public Works (OPW).

This scheme is a government initiative whereby 1% of the cost of any publicly funded capital, infrastructural and building development can be allocated to the commissioning of a work of art. The cost of this installation was €65,000. Artist David Beattie was selected by a panel for his series of sculptures that aim 'to highlight and accentuate the flow of the river and the tidal shift of the sea in Bray port'.

A number of free-standing cast terrazzo forms are located along the walkway, 'arranged and positioned to gather the ambient sounds of the surrounding environment'. The artist says it was 'conceived as a reflection on the physicality of sound and our experience of sound in a public space'.

Reaction to the sculptures on social media was mixed, with some local people suggesting that they would rather see the money spent on bins. Others criticised the artistic merit of the project, saying that

they could 'do better themselves' than Beattie who has a BA in Fine Art, MA in Visual Art Practices and has exhibited nationally and internationally as well as being the recipient of a number of awards. However, art is subjective, acknowledged Wicklow Arts Officer Jenny Sherwin, who invites people to view the work in person.

Ms Sherwin praised the artist's work as 'a wonderful response to the urban context which enhances the public realm from a visual and auditory perspective'. She added, "The Per Cent for Art Scheme is ring fenced for the commissioning of artworks and non-transferable, it offers significant value to the Local Authority in developing communities and place in the county".

Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District Steven Matthews welcomed the installation saying, "One of the briefs for this commission was to respond to the context of Bray and to have a positive impact and create a sense of



The artist David Beattie

space. I think David Beattie's work has achieved this goal admirably. These sculptures will improve the public realm and add to Bray's cultural and artistic reach. I'd like to congratulate the artist and all those in Wicklow's arts office for their work in supporting this com-

mission." He added, "When it comes to funding the arts it is important to note that it is not an either/or situation. We can celebrate the arts, support artists and the improvement of our public spaces while still keeping pressure on local and central government to work on other issues."



One of David Beattie's sculptures on the Ravenswell River Walk

# Planning permission for Arklow Wastewater Treatment Plant

Businesses, politicians and state bodies have all welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanála to approve planning permission for the Arklow Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Project will result in significant improvements to water quality in Arklow by ending the current practice of the discharge of raw sewage directly into the Avoca River.

Over 15,000 people set to be connected to the new treatment plant on completion. The project will provide wastewater treatment through the development of a new 36,000 PE (population equivalent) wastewater treatment plant at the Old Wallboard Factory, North Quay, Ferrybank, Arklow. The project will also include the construction of two interceptor pipelines (along the North and South Quay) to bring untreated wastewater to the proposed treatment plant, as well as a marine outfall pipe to safely discharge the treated wastewater effluent into the Irish Sea.

Welcoming the news, Pat Casey TD said "The process to get this plant has taken 30 years and I am

delighted that it has reached this stage. As we all know Arklow has been discharging waste into the Avoca river in breach of EPA and EU regulations. The new high-tech Waste Water treatment plant will provide the very latest in treatment technologies that will help to transform the town in positive ways.

"In many ways the development of Arklow Town has been stalled because of the lack of waste water treatment capacity and facilities.

"This announcement along with the new Data Centre for Arklow will allow the Town to develop and grow. I am delighted that An Bord Pleanála has reached the correct decision and I trust that Irish Water will

now move to a speedy procurement process to allow works to start as soon as possible."

John Joyce, Infrastructure Programme Regional Lead with Irish Water, said "We welcome the decision by An Bord Pleanála. Since Irish Water took over the responsibility for water and wastewater services in January 2014, addressing the need to eliminate the discharge of raw sewage into the River Avoca has been a top priority. The proposed new plant will have huge benefits for the residents and businesses in Arklow and the tourists that visit the area as it will improve the water quality in the River Avoca and enable future economic growth in the area. This project is criti-

cal in safeguarding the wastewater system in Arklow for the future."

Echelon Data Centres COO Graeme McWilliams said that the new Arklow Waste Water Treatment Plant will be a crucial investment in the future of the town. Mr McWilliams said: "It's great to see this sort of development being given the green light in Arklow and we are confident that it will help unlock the growth potential of the town in terms of economic and residential development. Environmentally this will make Arklow a better place in which to live and do business and is another reason why Echelon is delighted to have chosen Arklow as the location for one of our data centres."

## Glen Beach Cliff Walk opened

The Glen Beach Cliff Walk in Wicklow was officially re-opened recently having been closed due to coastal erosion since 2003.

This Grade 4 way marked walk begins at the Glen Beach on the outskirts of Wicklow town and continues south to Lime-Kiln Bay and on towards the Lighthouse road before doubling back again in a loop, a total distance of four kilometres.

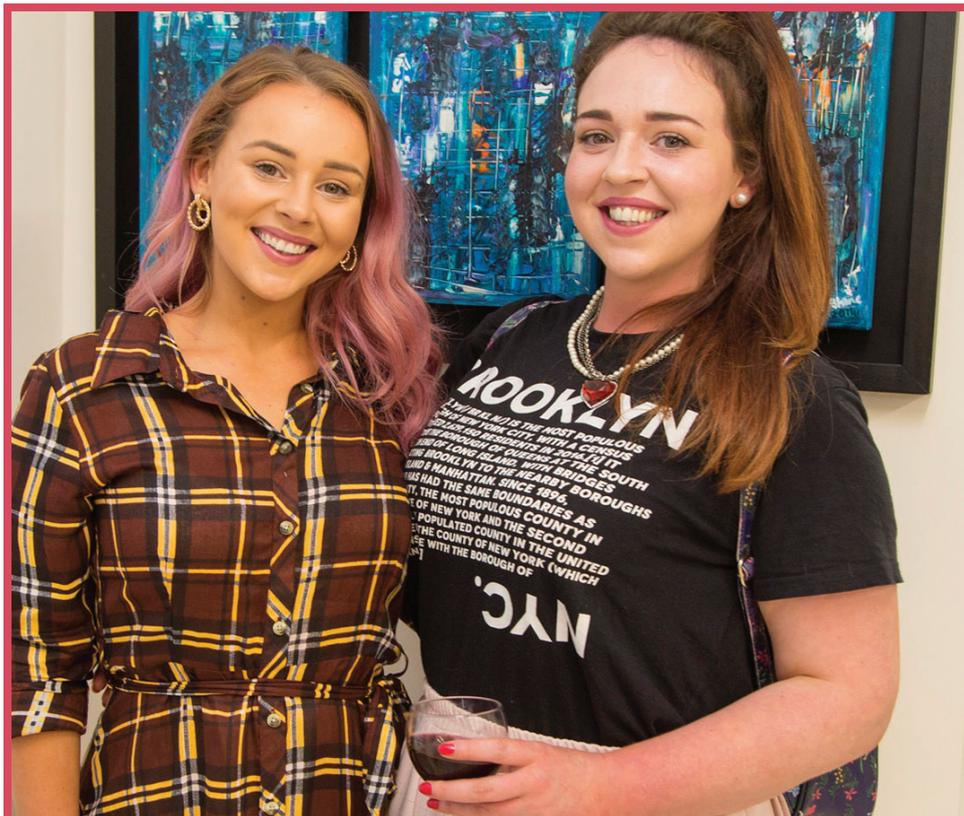
Due to some coastal erosion the Cliff Walk has remained officially closed since 2003. However, it has been the collaborative approach of officials of Wicklow Municipal District, Wicklow County Council, the Community "Friends of the

Murrough" and Wicklow Golf Club, that has made this re-opening possible.

It was the initial funding of €75,000 secured in 2017 from the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme by Friends of the Murrough that kickstarted the possibility of re-opening the Cliff Walk. A consultation period followed between Wicklow Golf Club and officials of Wicklow Municipal District which then allowed a mutually agreeable solution to be achieved.

The Outdoor Recreation Fund allowed Wicklow Municipal District to undertake surveys of the flora and fauna, archaeological heritage and a trail safety assessment that were required at the Walk. Following completion of these surveys, the funding also helped to complete trail safety and drainage improvement, fencing works, signage installation and planting works.

These works commenced shortly after the signing of the Final Agreement with the Wicklow Golf Club and were completed in the first quarter of 2019. The final inspection of the Cliff Walk was carried out by Sport Ireland Trails in June 2019 allowing it to be classed as a fully accredited trail to be added to the National Sport Ireland Register.



Colleen and Varlene Heatley at Kathrina Shine's 20/20 vision art exhibition in Wicklow Town

## Altidore Castle open for visits

Altidore Castle in Kilpedder will be open for visits during Heritage Week, from now until 25th August, 2pm to 6pm by appointment.

An 18th century castellated home, Altidore House is now owned by the descendants of Thomas Addis Emmet, brother of Robert Emmet. The house contains an Emmet museum with archive, artifacts and college books of Robert Emmet. The mature and informal garden may also be viewed. The estate is managed organically. Altidore Castle was built in approximately the year 1730 as a residence for Thomas Pearce, uncle of the surveyor General Sir Edward Lovett Pearce, who designed the Stillorgan Obelisk, as well as The Former Houses of Parliament/Bank of Ireland Building on College Green, Dublin, The Deanery House on Fishamble Street, the State Apartments in Dublin Castle, Castletown House in Celbridge, and Summerhill House in Co. Meath. It's speculated that Sir Edward also designed Altidore, which is situated beside a medieval castle of the O'Toole family, north of Newtownmountkennedy on the eastern slopes of the Wicklow Mountains. Please ring 087 7601369 for details and bookings.



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Pictured: Brian McGrane, Susan McFadden, and Anthony Byrne at their concert in the Asgard Theatre in Arklow

## Average room rate for Wicklow hotels breaks €100 for the first time

Hotel rooms in Co. Wicklow were up over €7 from last year, rising to €105.51, according to the 24th edition of Crowe's Ireland Annual Hotel Survey, compiled from an analysis of Irish hotels' 2018 accounts.

The survey, published last week, shows that the sector experienced a positive year in 2018 with an eight-consecutive year of growth in turnover. Increased profit levels and average room rates have been recorded across all regions.

Hotels in the Midlands and East Region had varied trading outcomes with Cavan, Monaghan and Louth being hit by the Brexit impact whereas Dublin doorstep counties of Meath, Kildare and Wicklow performed well as the compression effect out of Dublin was even more pronounced in 2018.

Room occupancy in the Midlands and East region was 69%, the same as the previous year. The report also highlights that revenue from rooms and food sales grew at the lowest levels in five years, at 5.9% and 2.6% respectively, highlighting the slowdown in revenue growth as a result of increased competition for restaurant and events customers from non-hotel outlets and no increase in occupancy levels attained in 2018. These findings indicate that it is becoming harder for Irish hotels to increase profit levels despite reasonable revenue growth, as many costs are now increasing faster than the underlying growth in revenues.

Commenting on this year's survey, partner at Crowe, Aiden Murphy said: "The growth in the Irish hotel sector improved again in 2018, with increases in average room rates and profitability not just in the capital, but across all regions. However, 2018 has marked a turning point for the industry as the sector recorded the lowest level of profit growth in seven years, impacted by increased costs especially across payroll, utilities and insurance."

Speaking about the outlook for 2019 Mr Murphy added: "Looking ahead to 2019, the 50% hike in VAT to 13.5% on rooms and food sales will make it a challenging year if the cost increases experienced in 2018 continue at a similar pace, making it difficult to pass on both the VAT increase and cost inflation to customers in terms of price increases. Rising costs such as insurance, payroll and utilities combined with the potential impact of a hard Brexit will make 2019 and future years more challenging for the sector."

## Concern over lack of land for Greystones manufacturing jobs

CLlr Derek Mitchell has expressed concerns over the lack of available land for manufacturing jobs in the Greystones area.

CLlr Mitchell explained "I was asked by a manufacturing company, seeking three acres to expand, about suitable sites in the area. Many employees live locally and they want to remain in the area. They approached the IDA about their 64 acre site in Greystones but were rebuffed.

"I feel it is wrong that manufacturing sites are not available as Greystones has a very low number of people working locally which forces so many to commute. I asked the Council to intervene with the IDA. However the IDA has said they have a client for the site and an 'announcement is expected in the coming months'.

"For 35 years the IDA has been talking about providing jobs on that site but nothing has happened! I have offered to take the industrialist around the area to see if other sites might be suitable."

Figures released in January by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, in response to a Parliamentary Question, show that from IDA site visits in Co. Wicklow have been declining since 2015. There were 7 visits that year, while in the first three quarters of 2018 there was just 1 visit.

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## POCO'S BID TO BE THE NOSE OF TRALEEE

A Greystones dog is in the running to be crowned the 'Nose of Tralee', the dog world's equivalent to the famed pageant.

Poco will represent Co. Wicklow. His owner Desire Cortz Espino, describes him as a small, adorable, mischievous and adventurous dog who never fails to put a smile on people's faces. "He'll do anything for a treat, from suitting down, giving a high five, and even doing a little dance."

Voting is open on [petsittersireland.com](http://petsittersireland.com) until 5pm on 27th August. This is the 6th year of the competition, which is open to all types of pets. In previous years, horses, pigs, and birds have been entered in the competition.

# West Wicklow child protection services majorly non-compliant

**A HIQA (Health Information and Quality Authority) report has found Tusla child protection services in West Wicklow to be ‘majorly non-compliant’ across the four standards assessed under the area of ‘Safe and Effective Services’.**

Among its findings, the report states that “While inspectors found examples of good co-working with an Garda Síochána, the service area was not routinely notifying An Garda Síochána of suspected crimes of wilful neglect or physical or sexual abuse against children in a timely manner.”

The Tusla service area in question covers West Wicklow as well as Dublin South West and Kildare. The report, published last week, is based on an announced three-day inspection carried out in April of this year. A decision was made to carry out the inspection following a number of risks identified in a previous HIQA inspection of the foster care service in November 2018, which revealed that staffing deficits were compromising the delivery of a safe and effective service.

According to data returned to HIQA prior to the inspection, there were 2,116 referrals made to the service in the six months prior to the inspection. Of those, only 24 notifications had been made to Gardai.

The report states that “during interviews with inspectors, the Tusla regional service director acknowledged that the number of notifications to An Garda Síochána was low. She said that a notification should be made when there was a suspicion of abuse in line with Children’s First 2017; usually at preliminary enquiry stage and that staff should not await the grounding of the suspicion of abuse. She said that she subsequently issued a memo directing staff in the area that notifications be made in line with this stance.”

The four standards judged in the report are: that all concerns in relation to children are screened and directed to the appropriate service; that timely and effective actions are taken to protect children; that children and families have timely access to child protection and welfare services that support the family and protect the child; that child protection and welfare case planning is managed and monitored to improve practice and outcomes for children.

The report states that “There were innovative and effective measures in place to divert families to external agencies where a welfare response was more appropriate. However, as children did not receive a service that promoted their welfare and protected them from harm in a responsive manner, this impacted on the timely development and implementation of safety plans.”

The report notes that “inspectors found the Tusla service area was challenged to ensure a service was consistently delivered. A number of key changes introduced in the area over the previous 12 months, were still not fully implemented at the time of inspection. These included, changes in senior management in the area, the adoption of a national approach to child protection and welfare, the introduction of mandatory reporting, changes to the national standard operating procedures and the roll out of the national child care information system (NCCIS).”

“Additionally, staffing

deficits remained high across the entire Tusla service area. All of these issues contributed to the intake service requiring a three-month crisis plan from Tusla senior management.”

Responding to the report’s findings last week, Jim Gibson, Chief Operations Officer, Tusla said: “We accept the findings of this report, however, it is important to state that Tusla has made important headway in implementing a range of measures to reform child protection and welfare services within a very challenging area. A number of positive key changes had been introduced in the area over the previous 12 months, including changes in senior management in the area, the adoption of a national approach to child protection and welfare, the introduction of mandatory reporting, changes to the national standard operating procedures and the roll out of the national child care information system (NCCIS). Management advised HIQA that these changes were underway and were still being embedded at the time of inspection. Tusla has been very clear in highlighting the current challenges around recruitment, with a shortage of social workers nationally. On this front Tusla has taken a number of positive measures including holding our first ever national recruitment open day in June and on-going liaison with third level institutions. This report also highlighted staffing deficits, with 26 vacancies at the time of inspection. However, it also acknowledged that this area had developed innovative and effective measures in place to divert families to external agencies where a welfare response was more appropriate.”

Commenting on the reports, Patricia Finlay, Service Director, Tusla said: “All referrals have now been recorded on NCCIS, and no further backlog exists. The issue has been resolved. Issues with categorisation and priority levels systems have now been resolved, with new screening sheets and processes now in place. While we acknowledge that there were shortcomings in systems and administrative practices which have largely been rectified, we are satisfied that the child protection practice provides safe and effective care for children.”



Ciara Murray and John Bermingham celebrate their wedding at Tullfarris in Blessington

# RTB calls on landlords and tenants in Arklow to get informed of new RPZ legislation

**On the 2nd July 2019, 19 new Rent Pressure Zones (RPZs) were designated in 11 counties. Among these new RPZs are the Local Electoral Area (LEAs) of Arklow. This means that County Wicklow has the following areas designated as RPZs: Bray LEA, Wicklow LEA, Greystones LEA, and Arklow LEA. The Residential Tenancies Board is calling on both landlords and tenants in Wicklow to know their rights.**

Following their designation as an RPZ, rent in these areas cannot be increased by more than 4% each year. This applies whether it is an existing tenancy or a new let. There are some exceptions to this. Properties exempt include; those that are new to the market and have not been let at any time in the previous two years, protected structures and properties that have undergone a substantial change in the nature of the accommodation. A substantial change has been defined in the new legislation and will only be deemed to have taken place where specific criteria have been met.

On the 4th of June 2019, the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2019 introduced changes to the qualifying criteria to designate an RPZ. These changes mean that a designation is now linked to more regionally appropriate average rents rather than a standard national average. For an area to be designated as an RPZ, it must meet the following criteria:

Criteria 1: The annual rate of rent inflation in the area must have been 7% or more in four of the last six quarters.

Criteria 2: The rent is above standardised average rent appropriate for that area.

Arklow LEA have a standardised average rent of €1101.73 per month. This places their rent above the average rent for the ‘Greater Dublin Area (Excluding Dublin)’ which is €879.25.

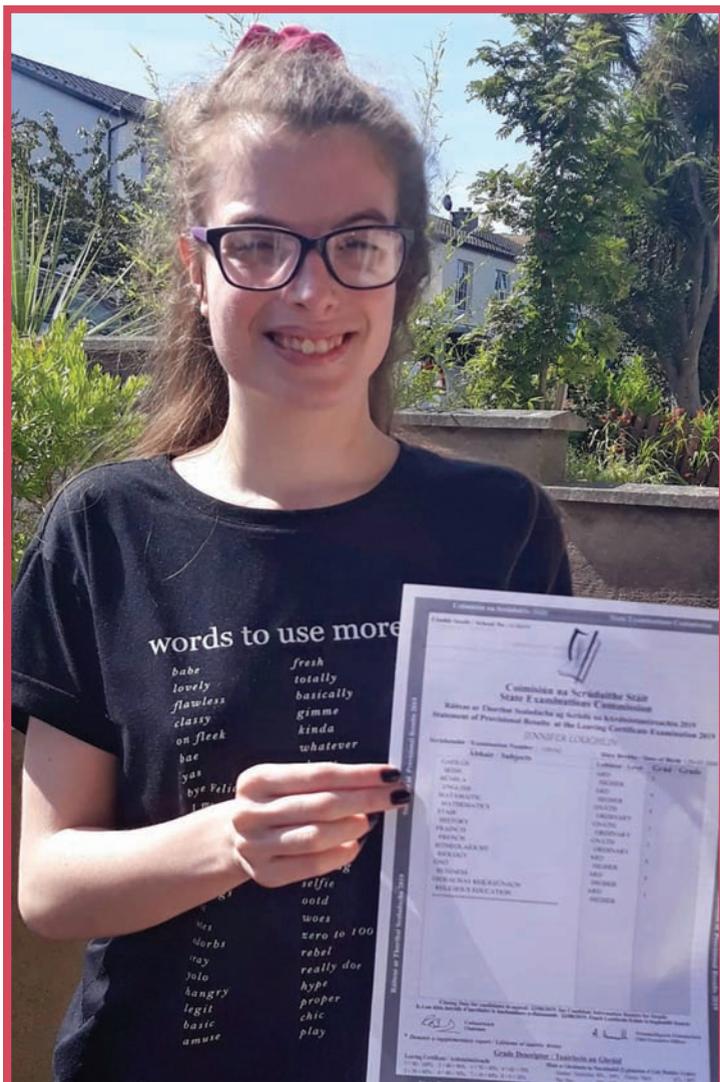
The information on RPZs is published each quarter in the RTB’s Rent Index, which is compiled in conjunction with the ESRI, and is the authoritative guide to the Irish rental market. The latest Rent Index was published on 2nd July 2019 and can be found here. All Rent Pressure Zones are in effect until 31 December 2021.

Welcoming the latest designations, Rosalind Carroll, Director of the Residential Tenancies Board said; “The

Rent Index is an important tool in helping understand and inform the sector, and it is clear that rising rents continue to put pressure on the market. However, following the release of our recent research study conducted by the ESRI, evidence shows that RPZ’s are having a moderating effect on the sector of 2.5%-3%. Therefore, I believe we should be able to see the same effects taking place within the next 12-18 months across these newly designated zones, and that is why it is so important both landlords and tenants know their rights and responsibilities, including setting the correct rent amounts in RPZs. We’re currently running a general awareness campaign about the new legislation across radio, outdoor, digital and social media, so we’re encouraging people to visit [www.rtb.ie](http://www.rtb.ie) and get informed!”

The RTB has also been given new powers to address improper conduct by landlords under the Residential Tenancies Act. The RTB can now directly investigate and sanction in cases where there are specific breaches of Residential Tenancy Law in relation to: Rent Pressure Zones; false or misleading notices of termination; and the non-registration of a tenancy. Anyone found in breach of the legislation could face sanctions that range from a warning to a fine of up to 15,000. The new legislation also requires that all notices of termination are copied to the RTB within 28 days of the tenancy ending.

Commenting on the RTB’s new powers, the RTB Director added; “We welcome these enhanced new powers that will help us more effectively regulate the rental sector. However, the ultimate goal of these new powers is not about the sanction, but to get compliance and ultimately have a more effective and well-functioning rental sector for all.”



Dominican College Wicklow student Jennifer Loughlin celebrates her Leaving Cert results.





# CLASSES & COURSES

**M**any people see time constraints and the demands of modern life as a barrier to taking up further education. However, whether a part-time evening or online course suits your schedule or you have the time to attend a full-time day class, taking a class or course can help you learn a new skill, improve your qualifications and enhance your employment opportunities. After-school care for your child is another option worth considering and gives them an opportunity to take part in a number of extra-curricular activities to broaden their horizons and make new friends.

Do you want to stay mentally active? Would you like to meet people with similar interests? If the answer is any of these questions is yes, then why not enroll in a class this autumn? Classes and courses are ideal for continuing education or pursuing an interest or hobby. A new class can help you to increase your value to current or potential employers.

Continuing educational courses are often offered as part-time courses to accommodate the schedules of full time workers who still need to learn valuable skills to further their careers or learn a new trade.

Such courses may only take a few weeks to complete, with work being done at off-hours or in small chunks. The format of the course will vary according to institution and topic, as well as by



instructor, and part-time courses are usually quite accommodating to people who work full time or who cannot travel to an on-site classroom.

Other benefits of taking part-time courses include the ability to learn new

skills and become certified in certain areas to further boost one's resumé or qualify for a certain job. Many students enroll in part-time courses to earn specific certifications for their jobs, or to prepare for a transition to a

new job. Other courses that can be taken part time may not pertain to one's career at all, but rather to a hobby or other activity. One can become certified in first aid, CPR, or other topics that can improve health and safety. Picking

up a new hobby is also an option; one can enroll in a class at low cost and commitment to see if the new activity is something he or she wants to pursue further.

An adult education program can provide many benefits, and not just academic ones. Taking adult education courses can have a tremendous positive impact on your employment prospects, in three ways. It can make you more marketable, it can lead to higher pay, and it can expand your options for where you choose to work.

One of the benefits that your adult education program may offer is the opportunity to learn some very marketable skills. There are any number of courses you can take which can provide you with specific job skills which are in high



demand. Vocational courses such as welding, nursing, medical assisting, dental assisting, machine operation, and many more, can lead to high paying careers right out of school. Even if you take only general education courses, you will still enhance your value to your current or future employer.

Another great benefit is that you could well wind up making a better salary. Most employers are willing to pay you more when you get more education.

For those who are already working, taking advanced courses can give you skills that will

make you more valuable to your employer, or to other employers, leading to higher pay and better job offers. Having skills that are in demand is the best form of job security, as employers will want to hire you. Any opportunity to improve your knowledge and skills should be seen as an opportunity to give yourself a raise.

How would you like to be able to move and not have to worry about finding a job? Well, with adult education, you can pick up skills that in demand, and when you've got these, you can work almost anywhere. Maybe where you live doesn't

really appeal to you, or there isn't much employment available. Or maybe you'd like to move to be closer to friends or relatives, or to engage in some activity which isn't practical where you live. Whatever your reasons for wanting to move, you'll be much more successful in your new location if you have job skills that employers are looking for. Even if you have no desire to move at present, it's nice to know that if you ever had to move, or wanted to, you could find a job right away because of the skills you've gained with adult education.



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The State Examinations Commission (SEC) congratulates and wishes well for the future the candidates who sat the Leaving Certificate examination in 2019 and whose results were issued last week.

The most important piece of advice that SEC can give to candidates is to register on the Candidate Self Service Portal on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) if they have not already done so. The SEC has developed the Portal (an expansion of the SEC's Online Results Service) to support faster and more efficient services to candidates and faster communication between candidates, the SEC and schools in relation to the viewing of scripts and the appeals so that it can deliver the appeal results, three weeks earlier than last year, in the week ending the 20th September.

The online services available on the Candidate Self Service Portal are: Access to examination results; Access to component marks in subjects (e.g.

oral marks; practical marks, etc.); Application to view scripts; View scripts online in subjects which were marked online i.e. Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, LCVP (Written component) and Politics & Society; Application to appeal; Access to the appeal results.

The application to view scripts, the viewing of scripts marked online, the appeal application and access to results services are being provided exclusively online this year.

### Leaving Certificate Appeals Revised Timelines:

Applications to appeal can only be made through the Candidate Self Service Portal between 5 pm, Friday

16th August and 5pm, Thursday 22nd August. In 2019 the results of the Leaving Certificate appeals will be released to students in the week ending September 20th, a full three weeks earlier than the normal time-frame (Wednesday 10th October in 2018). This fundamental re-engineering of the appeals process includes a combination of earlier releases of provisional results of the Leaving Certificate and of CAO Round 1 offers to students, bringing forward the process whereby students are able to view their examination scripts in advance of deciding to submit an appeal, having appeals examiners mark scripts on a full-time basis rather than only at evenings and weekends, and a streamlining of the overall appeals logistics.

### Access to Examination Scripts:

Under a ruling by the European Court of Justice, examinations scripts are classified as personal data and accordingly candidates can seek copies of their scripts. Data access requests for scripts may be made to the SEC but it could take up to 90 days from the issue date of the Leaving Certificate results, or longer if they appeal, before a candidate receives a copy of their script under the Data Protection legislation. By the time they receive a copy of the script, the opportunity to appeal the result will have passed. Candidates need to be aware that the only opportunity that they will have to access their



Ayyub Azmat, Lauren Carter, Aoife O'Brien, and Dylan Tarmey celebrate their Leaving Certificate results at Avondale College, Rathdrum

written examination scripts in advance of the appeal application closing date is to apply to view their script on the 20th and 21st of August. Candidates viewing scripts which were marked on paper are allowed to bring a mobile phone, tablet or digital camera with them

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"Many of last year's graduating students proceeded to the final year of an honours Degree

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"There are many opportunities for mature students such as the 'Return to Work & IT Skills' course, and other IT courses for those who want to break into the world of paid employment," said Allen.

BIFE constantly updates and introduces new programmes in response to

student demand and workplace opportunities. Bray Institute will offer a number of new courses in September:

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With the introduction of PE as a Leaving Cert subject, this is a perfect time to check out some of the many success stories from former SCFE famous **Sports, Fitness and Personal Training** students.

Former Sports, Fitness Instruction and Personal Training student Aine O'Gorman has had a fantastic international football career having played for 12 years at senior international level, with 100 caps and 13 goals for Ireland. Stephen Foley is a former Aston Villa footballer and is currently doing his teaching practice back where he started, in SCFE as part of his degree in Education and Training (DCU). Both of these super athletes are also successful Personal Trainers.

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From September till December 2019, LEO Wicklow are offering fabulous, subsidised, short courses on topics such as: Brexit Essentials, Online Video, Tax & VAT, Social Media for Business, Start Your own Business, and the flagship course, the 'Management Development Programme (MDP)'.

This in-depth Management Development Programme (MDP) is LEO Wicklow's advanced business skills training programme, aimed at business owners (as opposed to employees), who have been running their own business for a couple of years or more, and now wish to grow, consoli-

date or simply get professional advice on any aspect of running the business.

More than 450 Owner-Managers of small & medium businesses in County Wicklow have participated in this programme and have significantly increased their capabilities, and become more strategic and focused. Core modules covered include: planning for expansion, strategic positioning, sales management, pricing, management-level finance, negotiation skills, and human resource management.

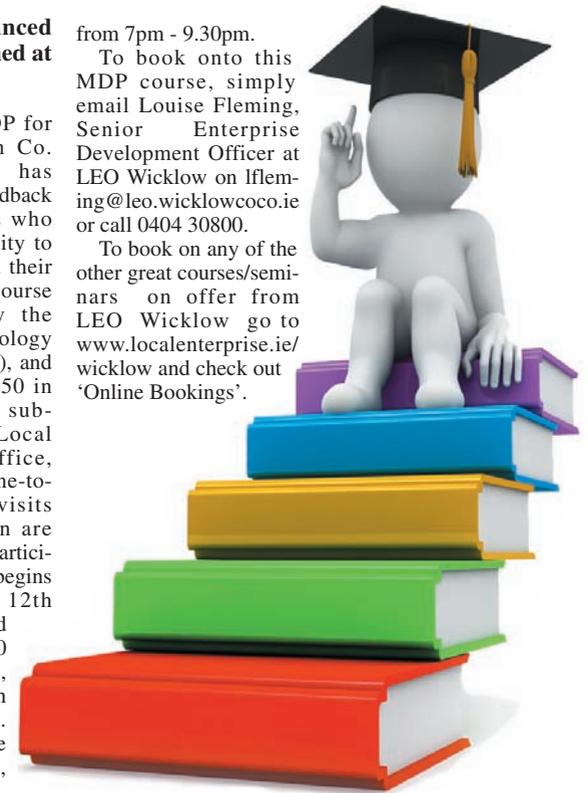
The course will be delivered by Blaise Brosnan, MD of the Management Resource Institute. Blaise has

delivered the MDP for over 20 years in Co. Wicklow and has received stellar feedback from participants who appreciate his ability to relate to them and their businesses. This course is accredited by the Institute of Technology Carlow (at Level 7), and the course fee (450 in total) is highly subsidised by the Local Enterprise Office, Wicklow. Four one-to-one mentoring visits with Mr. Brosnan are included for each participant. The course begins on Thursday 12th September, and runs for 20 Thursday evenings, finishing up on 13th February 2020. The venue is the Glenview Hotel,

from 7pm - 9.30pm.

To book onto this MDP course, simply email Louise Fleming, Senior Enterprise Development Officer at LEO Wicklow on [lfleming@leo.wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:lfleming@leo.wicklowcoco.ie) or call 0404 30800.

To book on any of the other great courses/seminars on offer from LEO Wicklow go to [www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow](http://www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow) and check out 'Online Bookings'.



## Is Bridge for you?

Now that the autumn is approaching, it's time to begin planning what you'll do for the year ahead. After all, the new year really begins in September - when the children go back to school, the final couple of fights with the lawn mower occur and you get into some routine.

You could watch some TV programme, or you may just think "this is the time I'd like to get out of the house and develop a new hobby".

Ever thought of learning bridge?

"No", you say. "That's only for old people"

How wrong you are! Bridge is a fascinating game, for all ages, available on your doorstep.

You don't need to be a mathematician or a card shark, as you can learn and play the game at your own pace. There are many parts to the game, which must be learnt slowly, but the

rewards are great. After some basic lessons, you can dip your toe in the water at your local bridge club and/or play online.

Bridge is a great social game. You will make many new friends with a common bond

Once you have had some lessons, and get out there, it generally costs an average of only €5 to play. (Note: Don't play it to make money, either, as the reward is in the "feel good" factor, rather than in your pocket).

Bridge is a great equaliser, as there are no physical or mental barriers.

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Bridge stimulates the brain, which can maintain mental sharpness in older age.

Bridge is a game for life. It can be played from 6 - 106 years old, at whatever time and level suits

you in a club, socially at home, or online.

There are numerous clubs in Arklow, Wicklow, Greystones, Bray, (and other parts of county Wicklow, such as Roundwood, Enniskerry & Newcastle) and throughout south Dublin / Dun Laoghaire area. See

[www.cbai.ie/education](http://www.cbai.ie/education) for full list. Also see

[www.bridgewebs.com/easternregion](http://www.bridgewebs.com/easternregion) for details of clubs and activities locally.

Lessons will be starting in September in the Wicklow / Dun Laoghaire area. Why not contact someone from the list, to see if bridge is for you?

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## Best time to buy a bed?

**Obvious though it might be, the best place to start when working towards a better night's sleep is your bed and buying a new bed never has been cheaper.**

Local Bray retailer Peter Flanagan of Flanagan & Kerins says "Sterling tumbled to its lowest level in over a decade. The pound fell to 92.9p against the euro, the weakest sterling has been against the Euro since October 2009. So, while the English Retailers and Exporters are under pressure with this uncertainty, we are certain that we can select the best products and offer the best bargains to our customers

Lisa Artis of The Sleep Council: advises "It's about reassessing your sleep quality and comfort levels and our simple bed MOT (Mattress Obsolescence Test) can help to determine if your bed has had its day - and night! It's a two-minute test that should be done every year after the first three to five years; and every six months after that.

"If you answer 'Yes' to three questions, you're not getting the best possi-

ble night's sleep. Five or more 'Yes' answers and it's time to buy a new bed." The good news is that with the fall in the value of the UK pound many beds are now considerably cheaper than they were last year.

Is the mattress seven years old or more? Would it be embarrassing if neighbours saw it without its covers? Does it make suspicious noises in the night? Did you have your best recent night's sleep in a bed other than yours? Are you waking up more frequently unrefreshed and aching? Do you and your partner roll towards each unintentionally in the middle of the night?

Do you have enough space to sleep comfortably? Is it sagging? Does it feel lumpy in the night?

Is the bed too small to give an undisturbed night's sleep? Is the divan or base uneven or sagging? Are the legs and castors worn out?

Said Lisa: "Research shows buying a new bed can lead to a real improvement in sleep - up to an hour extra - and if you sleep better you feel much better. Remember to buy as big as you can, spend as much as you can afford.

"The right bed is extreme-

ly important to health and wellbeing because our sleeping environment will affect the quality of our sleep - which in turn has a big effect on how well we feel, both physically and psychologically. A bed with the correct support, comfort and space will ensure you wake less, move about less, are less disturbed by your partner and are less likely to wake up feeling tired or aching."

Ideally try before you buy, as comfort and support are very individual assessments. Take your

time, spending at least 10 minutes lying down in your natural sleeping position - together if the bed's for two - it needs to be right for both of you.

Said Lisa: "Too often, people rush the bed buying experience - some spend less than two minutes trying them out! It's a huge investment and time needs to be taken to choose the right bed."

People are finally taking a good night's sleep seriously, according to The Sleep Council. A new survey by The National Bed Federation shows that 72% of replacement mattresses were 10 years old or less. The mean replacement time has dropped to seven and a half years - a big step in

the right direction for The Sleep Council which started campaigning 20 years ago for people to change their mattress every seven to 10 years. When it first began, the average mattress replacement cycle was 17 years.

Said Lisa Artis of The Sleep Council: "A good mattress is instrumental to a good night's sleep. Even one that looks OK may no longer be offering the levels of comfort or support that it should and regular mattress replacement is vital to reduce the prevalence of the house dust mites linked with many allergic health problems."

"The average person sheds a pound of skin

(454 grams) a year - much of it into our beds - and that the average adult loses around half a pint (285 ml) of moisture while sleeping each night. This is just one of the reasons why we recommend people change their mattress every seven years."

Said Lisa: "When shopping for a new mattress, we always recommend going for the biggest size you can afford. For people who share a bed, a double is often too small and couples are prone to the movements."

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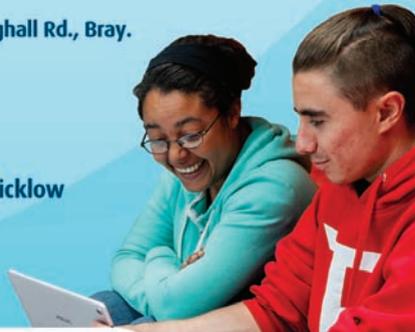
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Artist Naoise Hennessy from Carnew is pictured attending the 20th International High School Arts Festival in Tokyo where her prize-winning entry from this year's 65th Texaco Children's Art Competition has clearly got the approval of her Japanese fans.

## Carnew artist at major Tokyo exhibition

Young artist Naoise Hennessy - a 16-year old student from Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew - has returned from Japan after attending the 20th International High School Arts Festival in Tokyo at which her prize-winning entry in this year's 65th Texaco Children's Art Competition was displayed.

Travelling at the invitation of Japan's International Foundation for Arts and Culture, Naoise attended the opening of the exhibition, which took place recently at Japan's largest art museum - the prestigious National Art Center in Tokyo.

At the event, described as a 'global showcase for the world's best young artistic talent', Naoise's work - entitled 'Lifelines' - was exhibited alongside some 400 other artworks by students worldwide.

Another winning Wicklow work selected for the exhibition was a portrait by Evan Kearney (18) from Bray - one of the top winners in last year's 64th Texaco Children's Art Competition. Also exhibiting were 'Mirrored' by Jean O'Riordan (15) from Model Farm Road, Cork; a self-portrait by Justin Cole (15) from Dunclug College, Ballymena (all from 2018) and 'Lone Tree' by Joel Smyth (17) from Bangor Academy & Sixth Form College - a winner in the 2017 edition of the Competition.

## Wicklow Film Festival 2019

Wicklow Film Festival is back at Mermaid Arts Centre for a weekend of screenings and discussions between September 19th and 21st 2019. Now in its fourth year, this community film festival has gone from strength to strength, engaging local people in the selection of films that explore the transformative effect of cinema.

Originally founded by Wicklow artist Brigid O'Brien, this year's festival is a collaboration between Mermaid Arts Centre and Noel Mac Aoidh, Head of Film Department at BIFE (Bray Institute of Further Education). The theme for this year's festival is Turning Points. Six film makers will each present a film that affected their lives and that helped fashion their careers.

"Film is frivolous, serious, absurd and combines every emotion that we can experience. A good movie

can transport us to a fantastical world or wake us into action in one. We all have a favourite film or story that reminds us of a place or a person we love", said Noel Mac Aoidh.

This festival is about those films, the life changing, career changing films that helped shape the journeys of Noel Mac Aoidh, Janna Kemperman, Kate McCoullough, Sal Stapleton, Michael Donnelly and Karla Healion.

Screenings will include

BLADE RUNNER:THE FINAL CUT, the definitive final cut of Ridley Scott's legendary sci-fi classic; PERSEPOLIS, a French-Iranian adult animated film that follows a young girl as she comes of age against the backdrop of the Iranian Revolution; HOOP DREAMS, an intimate portrayal of two inner-city teenagers pursuing their dreams of NBA glory; MARS ATTACKS!, our Culture Night screening featuring flying saucers and an alien invasion in Tim Burton's sci-fi cult

classic; ALMOST FAMOUS, a coming of age story conveying a pivotal time in the 70's as the age of rock and roll is drawing to an end, and THE FALL, a tale of five mythical heroes is told in hospital by an injured stuntman to his fellow patient.

The festival is part of Mermaid's mission to promote the arts for all, and their belief that through film, theatre, music, storytelling etc. we can find meaning and broaden our minds. All screenings will take place at Mermaid

Arts Centre.

"With the glamour of the film industry it's easy to be distracted and forget the intense power of film. Film holds the possibility not just to transport us to other worlds but also to have an intensely transformative effect. Almost all of us have seen a film that fundamentally changed and altered our outlook and opinions. Films tell us a story, but it can be those stories that shed light on issues, narrate history, expose injustices and initiate social change," said Niamh O'Donnell, Artistic Director Mermaid Arts Centre.

Lineup

### THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Blade Runner: The Final Cut - 8.00pm | Post-film discussion with Noel Mac Aoidh

### FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Mars Attacks! - 5.30pm | (Free Culture Night Screening) Post-film discussion with Sal Stapleton

Persepolis - 8.30pm | Post-film discussion with Karla Healion

### SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Hoop Dreams - 12.00pm | Post-film discussion with Kate McCoullough

Almost Famous - 4.00pm | Post-film discussion with Michael Donnelly

The Fall - 7.00pm | Post-film discussion with Janna Kemperman



## My Heart is an Ocean

A new exhibition by Fiona Chan opens November 11th at Signal Arts Centre in Bray. The exhibition features a series of paintings in acrylic, watercolour and gouache. It will be on display until 24th November 2019.

'My heart is an Ocean', Fiona Chan ties the emotions she went through during a turbulent time in her life to places she has experienced personal revelations. Her paintings tell of a person seeking safety and hope during a time of illness, family discord and separation. Of going into shadows and of coming out of shadows into light.

The artist has arranged the work into a cosy, organised atmosphere of Signal Arts Centre. They relay to the viewer the feelings of enclosure and burdens in living.

Raised in Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, Chan is a visually impaired artist based in Ballsbridge. She is a Higher National Diploma graduate of Fibre arts from Ballyfermot college of Further Education in Dublin. In 2013 she had her first Group exhibition titled 'Nature through art' at Castle Espie Gallery, County Down and a group exhibition titled 'Barking dog' held at Avenue Road Gallery, Dublin 8.

Chan is known for her use of powerful imagery with delicate pragmatic use of the brush. When asked about exhibition, said that while creating the paintings she felt as though she was coming to terms with all that had befallen her during the past six years in terms of her health and personal life. Each painting was a therapeutic process in many ways to get back to a more stable way of living.

Most of the artwork in Fiona Chan's studio reflects aspects of nature under change, the elements, erosion and contain many upcycled materials. 'My heart is an Ocean' exhibition will delight guests with pleasing blends of colour, shade and emotive imagery.

Full information can be found on the website [www.signalartscentre.ie](http://www.signalartscentre.ie)



Kathrina Shine and Cathaoirleach Irene Winters at Kathrina Shine's 20/20 vision art exhibition in Wicklow Town

## BRAY TENOR'S TOUR

Bray based tenor Wayne Woodman and his 2019 Irish Tour "A Touch of Classical", with contralto Grace Foley, begins in the National Concert Hall on Wednesday 21st August and will be in the Whale Theatre, Greystones, on Saturday, 31st August, 2019; Tickets are available from the Whale Theatre, Greystones.

# Wicklow teens take home top prize at the Trinity's STEAM+ICE Final Pitch Event

SeaGreen - environmentally friendly seaweed packaging for groceries - has been declared the winning project at the STEAM + ICE Final Pitch Event at Trinity College Dublin.



Winning team members from team SeaGreen Gabrielle Corballis, Rhianna Meagher, Adam Doyle and Katie Benson.

Adam Doyle (15) and Rhianna Meagher (15) both from Bray, developed SeaGreen along with Gabrielle Corballis (16) from Killiney and Katie Benson (15) from Rathdown, in order to combat plastic waste pollution.

SeaGreen is a bio plastic made from seaweed which was developed by the group as an innovative way to tackle plastic waste pollution in oceans and landfills.

SeaGreen was developed at STEAM + ICE; a week-long incubator where young people learn STEAM (science, technology, arts, engineering and

maths) and ICE (innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship) skills, through a series of workshops.

STEAM + ICE is being run collaboratively by: Trinity Walton Club, Fighting Words, and Tangent, with funding from the Higher Education Authority (HEA).

Commenting on the winning team, Director of Trinity Walton Club and Assistant Professor in Physics, Professor Arlene Gallagher said: "I am delighted for SeaGreen and for all of the teams who took part this year. They demonstrated true scientific, creative, and entrepreneurial spirit, and this is just the beginning for these highly creative students. They are truly all

winners. "We are now in our fifth year at the Trinity Walton Club and in that time we have had over 1,000 young people come through our doors. It has been a privilege to work alongside such creative and inspirational young minds. STEAM+ICE is the bringing together of science and creative minds in a fusion of two worlds to tackle societal challenges. We are currently recruiting for our club programme and we would encourage second-level students with a curiosity in science, technology, engineering and maths to get in touch." Each of the nine teams have developed their innovation, pitch and presentation over the course of the past

week and competed in front of an audience of experts, peers and judges. The judging panel for the STEAM+ICE Final Pitch Event were: Professor Arlene Gallagher, Director, Trinity Walton Club and Assistant Professor in Physics; Gavan Drohan, Head of Entrepreneurship at Trinity College Dublin; Patrick Lynch, PhD Researcher, Trinity Robotics and Innovation Lab. Gavan Drohan, Head of Entrepreneurship at Trinity College Dublin notes that: "STEAM+ICE is a unique programme which represents a leading example of Ireland's emerging STEM educational future. Creativity,

innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit should be fostered in students from a young age. It cannot be underestimated how Ireland's continued achievement in science, technology, and the arts is bolstered through support for programmes like this." Patrick Lynch, PhD Researcher, Trinity Robotics and Innovation Lab added: "There was a very high standard of projects at STEAM+ICE. Well done to the SeaGreen team and to all of the teams who took part this year. STEAM+ICE is a brilliant programme which really fosters innovation and creativity in young people."

## Support group for rough sleepers named as Bray's Local Heroes

A group who give time and energy to help alleviate the plight of rough sleepers in Bray was recently named as the town's Local Heroes by Bray Retail Park.

Bray Area Rough Sleepers (Barss) provides supports for those with no bed for the night and topped the search for Bray's most deserving community workers.

Bray Retail Park's asset manager Sigma Retail Partners launched the Local Heroes competition as part of their 2019 'Do Well by Doing Good' corporate responsibility programme.

Barss was adjudged the most deserving of the award from a host of local entries and has received a prize of €1,000 from Bray Retail Park towards its work.

Barss is a voluntary group which helps the homeless in the town by providing assistance to help them get through the night.

Founded in November 2015, the small team has worked on the streets of Bray every night since, providing hot food, sleeping bags and clothing.

The group is seeking to increase its volunteer numbers to ensure it can continue delivering its services and it can be contacted through its Facebook page.

"Barss is a most deserving winner and we are delighted to back their wonderful work," said Emma Leonard, Sigma asset manager at Bray Retail Park.

Local woman Leah Treacy nominated the group for the prize in recognition of

the selfless work that it does.

"We are very proud to receive this award as it will raise awareness around the issue of homelessness and it's a tribute to our wonderful volunteers," said Anita Tuesley of Barrs.

Located on the Southern Cross Road, just off the N11 and just a seven-minute drive from the town centre, Bray Retail Park offers a wide range of big name brand stores, with ample car parking.

## Gail gets shortlisted for Irish Hair & Beauty Awards

The fourth Irish Hair & Beauty Awards are back for a celebration of the best professionals and businesses that operate in the country's hair and beauty industry.

The ceremony will take place at The Crowne Plaza Hotel Dublin Airport, on Sunday 25th August, when the crème de la crème of the country's hair and beauty sector will gather together to celebrate the individuals and establishments that work hard to ensure that their customers receive excellent and innovative services and treatments.

The awards seek to mark the growth of the hair & beauty sector and recognise the achievements of the individuals working within it, from hair salons and individuals to beauty training academies, teams and clinics.

Bray girl, Gail, of Gail Miller Makeup is one of the finalists in the Best Irish Freelance Makeup Designer category and will find out if she will be crowned winner and take the trophy home at the ceremony held at the end of August.

The black-tie event promises to be as glitzy and glam as the individuals and establishments it is celebrating, with a diverse range of categories, including Hair Salon of the Year, Makeup Specialist of the Year, Cosmetic Clinic of the Year, Barbers of the Year and many more.

A Spokesperson for the Irish Hair & Beauty Awards 2019, said: "The awards mark the strength, skill and innovation of those who have shown excellent commitment to customer satisfaction and have changed the industry's landscape by introducing innovative treatments and services, building extremely close and trusted relationships with their clients."



Andrew Miller, a Wicklow-based wedding photographer has won the inaugural Perfect Award from weddingphotographers.ie - Ireland's website for verified wedding photographers. The award designed to recognise the skills and talent of wedding photographers is open to all photographers working on the island of Ireland. The winning image was selected by an independent panel of judges. When selecting the image they were impressed by the spontaneity of the image and how it is clear the bridal party had a been put a ease by the photographer - they are relaxed and at ease. Pictured are Andrew and Katherine Miller with their Perfect Award.



Pictured: Michelle Nangle and baby Emily at Whitewater Bray for the launch of the 24-hour cycle challenge for Temple Street. Pic: Joe McQuillan

## SUAS Project to host an open day and demonstration event in West Wicklow

The SUAS Pilot Project which is working with upland farmers in the Wicklow and Dublin uplands, is hosting an Open Day and Demonstration Event in west Wicklow on Tuesday the 20th of August.

Ireland's Uplands are vital natural and cultural heritage sites which have been traditionally managed by upland farmers over generations. The SUAS Project aims to support upland farmers while protecting this significant heritage by remunerating them for activities which improve and protect their farmed habitats.

Organised to coincide with National Heritage Week, the event will commence in the Hollywood Community Centre at 11am where Declan Byrne, Project Manager of the SUAS Project and a number of other speakers, will give an overview of the project and the positive impact it is having.

Launched in 2018 by Wicklow Uplands Council, the 5 year SUAS Pilot Project is one of 23 European Innovation Partnership for Agriculture Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI) projects established in Ireland. To

celebrate the diversity and importance of these projects, an exhibition from the National Rural Network on all Ireland's EIP AGRI projects will also be on display in the community centre for all to enjoy.

The assembled group will then travel by bus to the nearby Granamore Commonage, which is one of the locations that was included in the first round of the SUAS Project.

The lands which are now within the boundaries of the Wicklow Mountains National Park, were formerly part of Lord Waterford Estate in County Wicklow and contain a number of interesting features such as old turf cutting banks, a small hill of blanket bog, a Mass rock, and the Douglas River and other water systems. The commonage area is being managed by ten shareholders participating in the SUAS Project through a for-

mal commonage group structure.

Those attending the event will be guided to four stops on the site to observe demonstrations related to the land management activities being undertaken as part of the SUAS Project.

Presentations and discussion will include topics such as commonage management, roadway and culvert repair, gully planting and streamside vegetation, and vegetation management practices such as controlled burning and cutting. A number of speakers will contribute to the visit including representatives from NPWS, the UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science and a number of the local farmers.

Speaking following the announcement of the event, Declan Byrne Project Manager of the SUAS Project shared,

"This event is a wonderful opportunity for farmers, upland com-

munities and everyone interested in the project, to observe firsthand some of the new approaches to hill farming and land management that SUAS promotes".

"The full schedule and the topics being covered, offers lots of informative discussion and valuable insights on hill farming practices and the preserving of our upland environments for future generations"

The free event is open to all interested parties and includes refreshments and the transfer to Granamore by bus. Appropriate clothing and footwear will be required for the site visit which is quite exposed. Due to transport logistics, advance booking is advised. Please RSVP to info@wicklowuplands.ie or 01-2818406.

For further information on the event, please visit: www.wicklowuplands.ie/suasproject

## 'Iron butt challenge' in aid of Temple Street

A 24-hour Circuit of Ireland Motorbike Challenge in aid of Temple Street took place over the weekend.

The challenge was undertaken by staff members from Whitewater in Bray, Mark Gartland, Paul Richard and Jimmy Nangle, who share a passion for motorcycles and Ireland's oldest Children's Hospital, Temple Street.

They began the journey on Saturday August 17th. The journey took them around the four corners of this island, taking in Ballycastle, Letterkenny, Clifden, Killarney, Cork, Wexford before heading back to Bray as

part of the Iron Butt challenge. It's a distance of approximately 850 miles. Each participant

covered their own expenses and all monies donated go directly to Temple Street. Their target is to

raise €20,000.

To donate, go to www.idonate.ie/CircuitofIreland4TempleStreet



Mark Gartland, Paul Richard and Jimmy Nangle at Whitewater Bray for the launch of their 24-hour cycle challenge for Temple Street. Pic: Joe McQuillan

## Vartry Rowing Club raises €14,000 for Cancer Care

The Vartry Rowing Club in Wicklow has raised €14,070 for St. Vincent's Cancer Care Foundation.

Vartry Rowing Club used the biannual Celtic Challenge last May as a platform to raise money for St. Vincent's Foundation, the fundraising body for St. Vincent's Healthcare Group which raises funds in aid of research and patient care. The Celtic Challenge is

the longest open sea race of its kind in the world and Vartry Rowing Club came second in this year's competition.

George O'Brien, chairman of Vartry Rowing Club said, "The people of Wicklow were incredibly generous in supporting us and we are very grateful

for their support in raising funds for this very worthwhile cause."

Despite all the success, Vartry Rowing club is still without its own clubhouse. George said, "Other rowing clubs around the country have their own club house and facilities and Vartry,

which is arguably one of the most successful, does not. We are petitioning Wicklow County Council for a clubhouse to form part of its plans to develop the harbour as it is a wonderful club that gives so much back to the community where it is based."



Presenting the cheque to the St. Vincent's Cancer Care Foundation's voluntary CEO John Hickey were (front) team captain Paula Keating, club chairman George O'Brien and team captain Garrett Whittington, along with (back row, l/r) Dave Collard, Thomas Corkish, Kerrylee J. Hempenstall, Leanne Manning, Thomas Hamill, Jason Dunne, Dale Flaherty, Liz Collard, Joe Quinn, Pascal Ryan, Jordan Ryan, Jim Kenny, Marie Fahy, Laurie Keogh, Hilda Cullen and Mary Doyle.

# Works commence on new Wicklow Town Library

Wicklow town's new state-of-the-art Library and Archive moved a step closer recently when two Government Ministers visited the building to mark the commencement of work at the former Ulster Bank on The Mall.



At the commencement of works at Wicklow Town's new library were Wicklow County Council's Chief Librarian Brendan Martin, Minister Eoghan Murphy, Minister Simon Harris, architect Antoinette O'Neill, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council Irene Winters, and WCC Head of Operations Michael Nicholson

Described by the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Irene Winters, as "a significant milestone in Wicklow town's development", the project will cost around €6m in total (including €1m for the purchase of the building) and be completed in late 2020.

The site and design drawings were inspected earlier this month by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr Eoghan Murphy TD, and Minister for Health, Mr Simon Harris TD.

Speaking at the event, Cllr Winters said: "The coming 12 months will see the construction of a state-of-the-art library and archive for Wicklow town and county over six floors. The fact that only two of the six floors are

dedicated to book borrowing, demonstrates how libraries have evolved from crammed rooms, containing nothing but shelves full of books, to bright spaces with a range of services. The top two floors will be particularly attractive, being dedicated to study spaces, IT areas, a community room and an art gallery."

In addition to the great services which the new library would fulfill, Cllr Winters said she was particularly pleased that Wicklow County Council had the vision to provide a purpose-built Archive. This, combined with the relocation of the central local studies collection to the County Town, would ensure the new building was a centre of excellence in every regard.

The former Ulster Bank building was purchased

by Wicklow County Council for €1m and a further €5m will be spent on converting it into a library and archive. The Council received €1m in funding from the Department of Rural & Community Development and €3m from Urban Development grants.

Minister Simon Harris praised all involved in the project while Minister Murphy said he was glad his Department could help out and hoped to be back for the opening in a year's time.

Mr Sean Quirke, Deputy Chief Executive, Wicklow County Council, took the opportunity to thank both the Department of Rural & Community Development and the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government for

their grant aid for the project. Without this funding source, he said, it was unlikely that a project such as this could be undertaken, either in Wicklow or in many other local authorities.

Mr Quirke also acknowledged the foresight of Director of Services, Michael Nicholson, who negotiated the acquisition of the building for a new library as soon as the building came on the market some years ago.

He explained how in 1925 the first Wicklow Branch Library was located at Bellevue House, The Mall, (which later became the Bay View Hotel) and then in the 1930s the library moved to the former Technical School at the Mall (locally known as the 'Tin Shed'). It had a nomadic existence from then until May 1980 when the current Wicklow Library opened its doors and it was great that after several decades in this welcoming, but limited space, to be able to announce a new chapter in Wicklow town library's colourful history, he said.

Mr Quirke said he was particularly pleased to see two former Wicklow town library staff members Noreen Tyrrell and Ann Forde in attendance. He mentioned also that in 1924, a 21-year-old Michael O'Donovan, better known as Cork author Frank O'Connor, came to Wicklow to help establish the new library at Bellevue House.



Pictured in Holyhead were Gwenda Thomas, Ross McParland, Greystones Whale Theatre, Keith Thomas, former Holyhead Mayor, Stephen Stokes (former Councillor and Mayor of Greystones), Kathleen Kelleher (former Councillor and Mayor of Greystones), Alan Williams (Holyhead Mayor), Hywell Williams (Holyhead Councillor), Carol Williams, Rob Henderson (Holyhead Town Clerk), Richard Parry (Holyhead Deputy Mayor), Nicola Henderson, Shirley Parry, Sue Williams (Sea Cadets), and Dewi Thomas.

## Greystones represented at Holyhead Festival

Greystones was represented at the Annual Holyhead Festival 2019. The weekend included a wide variety of festival events, including the Carnival Parade, evening concerts, a charity run, Breakwater Race, sea rescue display, majorette competitions and fun competitions, as well as Hearts of Oak historical re-enactment firing cannons.

The Greystones visitors were shown the Holyhead Town Theatre. They travelled to the famous harbour of Beaumaris and Holyhead Country Park, the beautiful Trearddur Bay, South Stack Lighthouse, Holyhead Maritime Museum, the Menai Straits, and Llynnon Mill - a grist mill and the last working windmill on Anglesey. Future twinning events are planned. It is hoped that the Becki IV will sail to Greystones soon. The Becki IV was the first sailboat to travel over from Holyhead to our new harbour.

Holyhead visitors will travel for the Ireland/Wales rugby match in September. And the famous Holyhead Santa will join Greystones for the Christmas lights in November. They will be accompanied by the Holyhead Male Voice Choir. Holyhead will perform in a joint concert with the Newtownmountkennedy Male Voice Choir. All the events will be supported by the Greystones Municipal District Tourism & Twinning Committee. The members are councillors Tom Fortune, Gerry Walsh, Derek Mitchell and Mags Crean



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL MHANTÁIN  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

In accordance with provisions of PART XI of the Planning Acts 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations (as amended), notice is hereby given that Wicklow County Council proposes:

To construct 17 no. Apartments and all associated works at The former Central Garage site, Parnell Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. The accommodation shall consist of the following:

- 13 no. 1 Bed apartments
- 4 no. 2 Bed apartments

In accordance with Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018, Wicklow County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination pursuant to the provisions of article 120(1) (b) (i) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018 that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

Where any person considers that the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, he or she may, at any time before the expiration of 4 weeks beginning on the date of publication of this notice, apply in accordance with the provisions of article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018, to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have such effects

Plans and particulars of the proposed development may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Housing Authority at Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow and Bray Municipal District, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow during opening hours from 9.00am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays, for a period between Monday 19th August 2019 to Tuesday 17th September 2019.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable developments of the area in which the developments would be situated may be made in writing to David Porter, Administrative Officer, Housing Section of Wicklow County Council on or before 12 noon Wednesday 2nd October 2019. Submissions may also be made by email via the following address: [part8@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:part8@wicklowcoco.ie)

Further information generally is available by contacting the Housing Directorate, Wicklow County Council, directly on 0404 20120. Details of the Part 8 process will also be available on [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie)

## Boatyard Gallery Summer Market

The Boatyard Gallery Summer Market takes place each Sunday throughout summer in Greystones, beside the Beach House, from 11am to 5:30pm.

There is a wide variety of art and craft items available: Photographs, paintings, special hand crafted gift items for children, Handmade leatherwork, jewellery. Food trucks, and, of course, the Boat Yard Gallery itself. Now that GRAPE has gone, you can come along for the same fine displays of work. Great way to spend a summer Sunday afternoon in Greystones.

## Glendalough Country Market & Car Boot Sales

This event has now moved to the 2nd Sunday of the month. Encouraging local and non-local producers of plants, vegetables, crafts etc. Open from 10am to 4pm. Bargains on practically anything from household items to garden additions, and even vintage or antique treasures. Vans must be booked in. Please pre-book indoor spaces early. Contact the Brockagh Centre on 0404-45600, email [brockaghcarboot@gmail.com](mailto:brockaghcarboot@gmail.com) if you wish to book an indoor space or if you prefer to sell outside just show up at 8am on the morning.

THE BAY HEALTH & LEISURE CLUB  
**MASSIVE PRE-WINTER SALE**  
Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August.  
Tel: 0402 32401  
T&Cs Apply

# Engineering organisations encouraged to celebrate achievements and skill

Engineers Ireland is calling on engineering organisations in Wicklow to showcase their achievements and skill by submitting an entry to the 2019 Engineers Ireland Excellence Awards, held in association with ESB.

Established in 2010 to celebrate engineering innovation and excellence, 2019 will mark the 10th anniversary of the flagship awards event for the profession. The awards are open to engineering leaders and teams who have made a significant impact on society and have demonstrated exceptional engineering vision and skill through their work.

At the Excellence Awards ceremony in 2018, the River Dargle Flood Defence Scheme was awarded the prized Local Authority Engineering Initiative Award, sponsored by Colas Bitumen Emulsions. Completed in October 2017 by Wicklow County Council and the

Office of Public Works, the River Dargle Flood Defence Scheme will provide flood defences to protect against a 1-in-100-year fluvial flood and 1-in-200-year tidal flood.

Categories open for entry at the 2019 Engineers Ireland Excellence Awards include the flagship Engineering Project of the Year Award, sponsored by Transport Infrastructure Ireland; the Geoscience Ireland Award, sponsored by Geoscience Ireland; the Local Authority Engineering Initiative Award; sponsored by Colas Bitumen Emulsions; the Heritage and Conservation Award, sponsored by the OPW; the Innovative Student

Engineer of the Year Award, sponsored by Siemens; the Engineering Education Award, and the newly introduced Sustainability Award, sponsored by Irish Water.

Nominations are also welcome in the ESB International Engineer of the Year Award category. Sponsored by ESB International, this award aims to acknowledge the contribution of the Irish engineering diaspora by recognising the excellent work of Irish engineers around the world.

Encouraging organisations from all disciplines of engineering in Wicklow to enter, Caroline Spillane, Director General of

Engineers Ireland said: "The Engineers Ireland Excellence Awards celebrate engineers at all stages of their careers and applaud the significant contribution engineers make to society. Our 13 award categories are open to engineering leaders and teams and span the wide range of engineering disciplines. I would encourage Wicklow based engineers and engineering organisations to celebrate their achievements and submit an entry to the 2019 Engineers Ireland Excellence Awards".

The deadline for entry to the 2019 awards is 2pm on Wednesday, 18 September. A black-tie ceremony to showcase, celebrate and announce the winners will take place in Dublin on Friday, 15 November 2019.



At the Excellence Awards ceremony in last year, the River Dargle Flood Defence Scheme was awarded the prized Local Authority Engineering Initiative Award.

For further information on the Engineers Ireland Excellence Awards and details on how to enter see: [www.engineersireland.ie/awards/excellence-awards.aspx](http://www.engineersireland.ie/awards/excellence-awards.aspx).

# 489 young Wicklow people on apprenticeship programmes

At present there are 489 young people on apprenticeship programmes in County Wicklow, and the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) says that increased investment is needed in Budget 2020 to support more young people into an apprenticeship and a range of other employment and training measures to reduce long-term youth unemployment.

In its Pre Budget 2020 submission 'A Fair Share for Young People and Youth Work' the NYCI, which represents youth organisations working with over 380,000 young people nationwide, is calling for an overall investment of 14.9million in education, training and apprenticeships to halve long-term youth unemployment by the end of 2020.

James Doorley,

National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) Deputy Director, speaking in at the publication of the organisation's pre-budget submission last week, said: "Census 2016 indicates that our population aged 10-24 years will increase to over one million by 2025, so we need to invest in policies, services and supports to meet the needs of young people today, while preparing for demographic pressures in

the coming years. "We welcome job growth in the Irish economy and the consistent trend of reduced youth unemployment. However we are concerned that the youth unemployment rate is still over 10% and that almost 6,000 young people are long-term unemployed (for 12 months or more). We have costed a number of education, training and employment measures which, if imple-

mented, could halve the number long term unemployed by the end of 2020," said Mr Doorley.

Among the measures proposed is an investment of €2.5m in an Access to Apprenticeship programme. "We welcome the expansion and growth in apprenticeships in the last number of years. The number of apprentices in training in 2019 was 16,000 up from 10,445 in 2016 driven by a 110% increase in the number of new entrants between 2013 and 2018," said Mr Doorley.

"We support the overall Government commitment to increase the number of

new apprentices, but more needs to be done to open up apprenticeships to young women, young people with disabilities, ethnic minorities and young people who are economically and socially disadvantaged and those who have limited formal qualifications," added Mr Doorley.

Alongside addressing youth unemployment, the NYCI Pre-Budget 2020 submission details a range of costed measures and calls for action on: enhancing youth work services; equality for young jobseekers; working to end youth homelessness.

## Legal Notice

AN CHÚIRT DÚICHE (THE DISTRICT COURT)  
DISTRICT COURT AREA OF BRAY, DISTRICT NO. 16  
THE PUBLIC DANCE HALL ACT, 1935, SECTION 2, 3  
THE COURTS (SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1961  
THE DISTRICT COURT RULES ORDER 86

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PUBLIC DANCE LICENCE

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION OF SUGARLOAF VENTURES LIMITED IN RESPECT OF THE PREMISES KNOWN AS THE POWERSCOURT HOTEL

#### APPLICANT

TAKE NOTICE that Sugarloaf Ventures Limited having its registered office at Heritage House, 23, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 being the holder of a Seven Day Publican's On-Licence intends to apply to the Annual Licensing Court, sitting at Bray District Court, Courthouse, Bray in the County of Wicklow on the 26th day of September 2019 at 10.30am or so soon thereafter as this Application may be taken, for the renewal of a Licence to use the premises known as "Killing Hollow", Powerscourt Demesne, Enniskerry in the County of Wicklow and Court Area and District aforesaid, for Public Dancing. The Applicant intends to apply for Special Exemption Orders.

Dated this 16th day of August 2018.

Signed:

Benville & Robinson, Solicitors for the Applicant,  
Riverview House, Seapoint Road, Bray, CO. WICKLOW

TO: The District Court Clerk,  
The Courthouse, Bray,  
CO. WICKLOW

TO: The Superintendent,  
An Garda Síochána,  
Bray,  
CO. WICKLOW

TO: The Superintendent,  
An Garda Síochána,  
Pearse Street,  
DUBLIN 2

TO: The County Manager,  
Wicklow County Council,  
County Buildings, Wicklow,  
CO. WICKLOW

TO: The Chief Fire Officer,  
Fire Station,  
Boghall Road, Bray,  
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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PUBLIC DANCE LICENCE

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION OF JOHN DUGGAN AS NOMINEE OF MULTILANE LIMITED IN RESPECT OF THE PREMISES KNOWN AS THE MARTELLO HOTEL

#### APPLICANT

TAKE NOTICE that John Duggan as nominee of Multilane Limited having its registered office at "Laxton", Novara Avenue, Bray in the County of Wicklow being the holder of a Seven Day Publican's On-Licence intends to apply to the Annual Licensing Court, sitting at Bray District Court, Courthouse, Bray in the County of Wicklow on the 26th day of September 2019 at 10.30am or so soon thereafter as this Application may be taken, for the renewal of a Licence to use the premises known as The Martello Hotel, formerly known as The New International Hotel and situate at Strand Road, Bray in the County of Wicklow and Court area and District aforesaid, for Public Dancing. The Applicant intends to apply for Special Exemption Orders.

Dated this 16th day of August 2018.

Signed:

Benville & Robinson, Solicitors for the Applicant,  
Riverview House, Seapoint Road, Bray, CO. WICKLOW

TO: The District Court Clerk,  
The Courthouse, Bray,  
CO. WICKLOW

TO: The Superintendent,  
An Garda Síochána,  
Bray,  
CO. WICKLOW

TO: The County Manager,  
Wicklow County Council,  
County Buildings, Wicklow,  
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TO: The Chief Fire Officer,  
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# Wicklow businesses set to exhibit at Vitality 2019

A range of Wicklow businesses including an essential oil retailer and nutrition college will be exhibiting at Vitality this September, a festival and celebration of natural health, wellbeing and fitness taking place in the RDS Dublin Saturday, 28th and Sunday, 29th September.

Vitality will bring together leading Irish and international experts in natural health, nutrition, wellbeing, fitness, and sustainability, including a range of

Wicklow based businesses such as: Irish Institute of Nutrition and Health, a nutrition college in Bray; Natural Life, a supplement retailer based in

Rathnew; Atlantic Aromatics, an essential oils retailer based in Bray; and Natural Medicine Company, a health product retailer in Blessington.

Speaking at the launch of Vitality, Alan McGrath of Health Stores Ireland, who are behind the event, said: "We're delighted to have health store representatives from Wicklow and

all over Ireland at Vitality. Over the two days we'll also have a jam-packed schedule of talks by leading Irish and international experts, cooking demonstrations, yoga and

mindfulness classes across four stages.

"The health stores industry is worth over €98million to the Irish economy per annum at retail level alone. This highlights the huge importance of the health stores industry to the Irish economy. Health stores are a staple of main streets throughout Ireland."

## PLANNING • PLANNING

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I Bridget Brady intend to apply for permission for a new single storey dwelling, domestic garage, wastewater treatment unit & polishing filter, new well, new entrance, extending existing lane and associate works at Sraghmore, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I Damien Kennedy intend to apply for permission for reclamation of land through the filling of material comprising of clay, silt, sand, gravel or stone on a site having an area of circa 1.9981 hectares for the purpose of improvement of land for agricultural use and temporary haul road from existing GAA carpark and ancillary works including portable truck wheel wash, office / chemical toilet at Ballinakill, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I Lucy Devitt intend to apply for permission for demolition of existing 7.7sqm side extension, new 39.7 sqm single storey extension to the front of existing dwelling, new 19.8 sqm single storey extension to the side of existing dwelling, two new velux to storage area in existing dwelling, removal of existing septic tank and installation of new wastewater system and soil polishing filter and associate works at Brockagh, Glendalough, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I Paula Halligan, wish to apply for permission for development of new dwelling, well, installation of effluent disposal system and all ancillary site works at Annacarter, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, during its public opening hours, and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee of 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 dwelling, garage, waste water treatment system to EPA standards, entrance and associated works at Corballis Lower, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow for L. Murphy. 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

Planning permission is sought for retention of shared domestic Biocycle wastewater/sewage treatment system at Ireland's House and Ireland's Cottage, Ballinastoe, Roundwood, Co Wicklow (Postcode A98C5Y2), for Joyce Keeley. The application includes retention of the conversion of an existing stable area to form ground and first floor bedroom accommodation for Ireland's House, and the retention of revised elevations to both Ireland's House and Ireland's Cottage. 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, 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

Ann Everard seeks Planning Permission for a Single Storey Extension to the Front and Side at 217 Redford Park, Rathdown Lower, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County 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

Planning permission is sought for the construction of a single storey flat roofed extension with a floor area of 11.5m<sup>2</sup> to the rear of a two storey three bedroom dwelling and associated site works at 4 Glenburgh Terrace, Lower Dargle Road, Bray Commons, Bray, Co. Wicklow for Jessica Pierce and Michael Healy. 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 Margaret Brady intend to apply for permission for a new single storey dwelling, domestic garage, wastewater treatment unit & polishing filter, new well, new entrance, extending existing lane and associate works at Sraghmore, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

We Michael Fanning and Elizabeth Murphy intend to apply for permission for the CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DWELLING, NEW DRIVEWAY OFF EXISTING ENTRANCE, UPGRADING OF EXISTING ENTRANCE, WASTEWATER TREATMENT UNIT, SOIL POLISHING FILTER, NEW WELL AND ASSOCIATE WORKS AT SLEAMAIN, ROUNDWOOD, CO. WICKLOW. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Mary Jane Halligan, wish to apply for permission for development of new dwelling, well, installation of effluent disposal system and all ancillary site works at Annacarter, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, during its public opening hours, and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee of 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 Carrick Villas (8 Carrick 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. 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, 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

Wicklow County Council Marjorie Hamilton seeks planning permission for Demolition of Existing Garage, New Extension to East of Existing House, Additional High Level Window to West of House in Rear Bedroom, Alterations of Existing Elevations including provision of External Access Ramp with Associated Ancillary Site Works and Widening of Existing Roadside Vehicular Entrance at 22 Mountainview Park, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and favour will be granted. Never known to fail

**B.D.; V.B.**

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

James McAteer seeks permission for a new two storey house with attic accommodation, a terrace to the rear, a new vehicular entrance and associated site works at 7 Castlefield Terrace, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County 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

Planning permission is sought for retention of existing single storey office building and parking area at Ireland's House and Ireland's Cottage, Ballinastoe, Roundwood, Co Wicklow (Postcode A98C5Y2), for Joyce Keeley. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, during its public opening hours, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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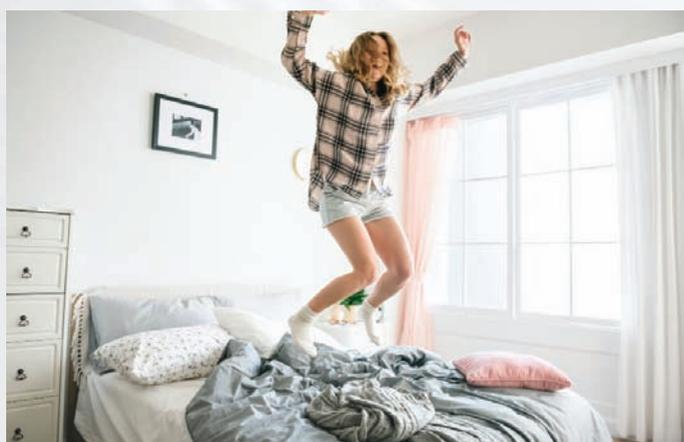


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