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RENTS - 'THIS IS A CRISIS!'

The Government's Affordable Housing targets for Wicklow have been branded a 'disgrace' by Sinn Féin TD John Brady. The plan will see a mere 30 Affordable homes built in Wicklow per year.

With some of the highest house prices in the country, and mortgage rates set to increase in the next while, the cost of rent in Co. Wicklow has doubled in the last decade, to the point where new tenants are paying an average of €2,000 a month. A situation that is already in crisis is set to deteriorate even more.

According to Daft.ie's Rental Report for the first quarter of 2022,

rents in Dublin's commuter counties rose 8.8% year-on-year. In Wicklow, rents were on average 10.4% higher in the first quarter of 2022 than a year previously. The average listed rent is now €1676, up 106% from its lowest point.

Deputy Brady said: "Serious questions need to be asked here. Despite the Minister for Housing's rhetoric about believing in home ownership: Between now and 2026 he is only

funding a tiny amount of genuinely affordable homes to purchase. This government promised action on the housing crisis, instead what we are witnessing is the emergence of a dud project.

"The delivery of a mere 30 affordable houses per year up until 2026, across the whole of the county of Wicklow will not even come close to scratching the surface of current demand. It appears that



Minister Simon Harris and Tanaiste Leo Varadkar at the Bray Institute for Further Education last Wednesday for a roundtable meeting with local businesses, with Principal Ray Tedders, and Deputy Principals Louise Fortune and Gabriel Allen. See story on page 4. Pic: Michael Kelly

this government does not possess the capacity, the empathy, or the wherewithal to process just what the implications of a housing crisis entails for ordinary people.

"And in our county of Wicklow, the high purchase and rental cost of property leaves us in a situation where new tenants will be facing rental cost increases of 9% on top of what were already exorbitant costs. The cost of a three-bed semi-detached home in Wicklow now is an average of €342,000, and in North Wicklow it is now running at over €540,000. Prices are being driven by our county's proximity to Dublin, yet the coalition government feels no responsibility towards the people of County Wicklow who are mired in a crisis of the government's making.

"Large numbers of

people, who in the past, would have hoped to get onto the property ladder, now find themselves in a catch 22 situation where they are marginally above the threshold for receiving social housing supports yet are deemed to be earning too little to qualify for a mortgage, forcing them into a rental market that is set up to fleece them.

"In many parts of the county we now have large residential developments taking place. The major difficulty is that much of this development is completely unaffordable to ordinary Wicklow people.

"This government's affordable targets are merely a box ticking exercise that will do nothing to help address the crisis, and by its failure to address the crisis, the government is in effect contributing to the crisis. We need at

least 4,000 affordable purchase homes a year. The best way to

deliver these homes is through Local Authorities and Approved

Housing Bodies." Responding to Daft's **Continued on Page 7**

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Members of the Wolohan family who took part in Darkness into Light in Arklow.

€10,000 worth of equipment stolen in Arklow break-in

Liam O'Toole of Avoca Landscapes is offering a €2,000 reward for information that leads to the return of his equipment that was stolen from his home shed in Arklow last week.

The break-in occurred during the night between Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th May, and €10,000 worth of tools and equipment were stolen. Items stolen include a Husqvarna 572 chainsaw, and STIHL TS 420 14" Consaw, as well as Liam's Yamaha YZF250 motocross bike.

Gardai are understood to be investigating the theft. Similar burglaries have occurred in the Arklow and Gorey area in recent weeks.

Liam is asking anyone with information about the stolen items to contact him on 083 1818 250.



Soup & sandwiches

The last Soup and Sandwiches Lunch before the summer will take place on Tuesday, 17th May in the Swann Hall in St. Patrick's Church, Greystones from 12.30pm until 2.00. Everyone welcome. Suggested donation of €5 for Ukraine.

Laragh Active Retirement

The active retirement group meets every Tuesday morning from 11am - 12pm in the Brockagh Centre. So if you fancy a chat, a cuppa and some light exer-

cise, dancing and music come along on Tuesdays. "We always welcome new members to join our group. We would like to encourage anyone who loves arts & crafts to share your skills with other members, come along and join us. If anyone would like to offer their services or share their skills with the group please contact us by calling Denise on 0404 45600, email brockagh.office@gmail.com or drop in to the centre."

Social evening at East Wicklow Business Network

The East Wicklow Business Network is holding their inaugural social gathering on Friday, 20th May for a social evening at Greystones Sailing Club. Sponsored by local business, Wicklow Wolf, who will showcase their fine product on the evening, this event is open to members and prospective members of the network. The East Wicklow Business Network seeks to connect people from businesses across Greystones, Delgany, Kilcoole, Newcastle, and Newtownmountkennedy and expects this event to provide an opportunity for people with an involvement in businesses to meet and network with each other. This is a social event so they welcome people attending to bring their partners or friends. Spaces are limited so you recommend registering soon to avoid disappointment.

There is no charge for this event, but registration is required and you can do that on eventbrite.ie - search for Spring Networking Evening.

It's Biodiversity Week in County Wicklow

National Biodiversity Week is currently underway (13th-22nd May) with a busy programme of activities and events taking place across County Wicklow.

These events are focussed on connecting people and nature, communicating the importance of biodiversity and motivating people to play their part in protecting it.

This year sees a welcome return to in-person events and the Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council is pleased to promote a varied and family friendly programme with activities to suit most interests: from bees and barn owls, to swifts, wetlands, and coastal dunes.

Events are taking place from dawn to dusk, weekdays and weekends, as follows:

Tues 17th : Barn Owls in Wicklow - Talk in Arklow Library 7pm

A talk by John Lusby, Birdwatch Ireland on the ecology of barn owls in Ireland. Hear more about the Wicklow Barn Owl project and how you can get involved to help these iconic birds. Venue: Arklow Library, Main St Arklow, 7- 8 pm. In-person event. No booking needed.

Thurs 19th: Swift Walk - Rathdrum 7 pm

Oran O'Sullivan leads this outing to observe swifts in flight, find out more about the fascinating life cycle of this summer migrant, and learn how you can help by creating and maintaining suitable habitats and submitting sightings. Meet outside Rathdrum Library building for a gentle looped walk around the town. No booking needed.

Sat 21st: Love Your Wetlands - an Tairseach, Wicklow Town 10.30am-1 pm

Join the An Taisce EU-LIFE Team to discover how freshwater ponds act as reservoirs for local biodiversity. Event includes a brief talk followed by a visit to the wildlife pond on the organic farm. Great opportunities to see the diversity of wildlife that the pond supports while learning how to use aquatic wildlife to classify your own pond.

Register to attend at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/love-your-wetlands-tickets-329839668327>

Sun 22nd: Dawn at the Dunes - Brittas Bay 5 am

Arise with the birds on this early morning walk to welcome the sunrise at Brittas Bay, immerse in bird song, visit coastal habitats and learn more about conservation efforts underway as part of the Brittas Bay Conservation Project, supported by NPWS and Wicklow County Council. Led by Alan Lauder ecologist. Meet at 5 am in South Beach Car Park for a gentle walk and talk, duration c. 1.5 hours.

As well as events, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) hosts the 10th annual Biodiversity Photographer of the Year competition running throughout May; the Backyard Bioblitz and the Biodiversity Scavenger hunt as well as links to a host of online resources.

Visit www.biodiversityweek.ie for details, for more on Wicklow biodiversity events contact Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer on dburns@wicklowcoco.ie.

Over 1,000 participate in Darkness into Light in Wicklow Town

It may have been 2 years since Wicklow Town hosted Darkness into Light in person but in the early hours of Saturday 7th May over 1,000 people walked through the streets of Wicklow Town all dressed in yellow in aid of a very important cause, to raise vital funds for an essential charity, Pieta House.

The organising committee consisting of members of Wicklow & District Lions Club plus staff and students from Coláiste Chill Mhantáin were out of their warm beds by 3am and at their various points of duty by 3.15am.

The excitement started to build with some lively music by Fergal Canterbury and some wonderful warm up dance steps from Laura Griffin. Tony Lyons and Geraldine Mooney looked after the welcome and formal introductions.

Geraldine Mooney of the organising committee said "The helpers on board were exceptional from the members of Wicklow and District Lions Club, Staff and Students of CCM, Wicklow Gardai, Order of Malta, Wicklow Fire Brigade, Wicklow County Council, Laura and Fergal and so many more. Thanks also to the Brass Fox and Comhaltas for the use of their premises and also to Johnson's Coffee for supplying the coffee at the end of the walk. The general

comment afterwards was this was an amazing successful event for a very worthy cause that touches every person. It was a wonderful happy atmosphere. Roll on 2023, we will be back!"



Darkness Into Light participants in Wicklow Town

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‘Slow progress on new Educate Together school’

Sinn Féin TD John Brady has said that slow progress is being made to deliver a new school for North Wicklow Educate Together Secondary School (NWETSS).

He said that actions need to be intensified to ensure a suitable site is chosen and the process of building the long-awaited school commences.

"Since the North Wicklow Educate Together School in Bray opened in August 2016, they have been treated appallingly by the Dept of Education and Skills. The school has been caught in the middle of a complete fiasco, not of their making. They had been told by the Department that a site had been identified for their new school on Novara Avenue on the grounds of Bray Institute of Further Education (BIFE). Over the last few years no movement was made in progressing the new school on that site due to many concerns, including how the site was chosen in the first place," said Deputy Brady.

"The Department of Education and the School Building Unit have now started looking at alterna-



John Brady TD

tive locations to the site at BIFE and have stated that they are now examining all options. They have commenced a site identification process in the greater Bray area and have identified one site that they believe has potential for the new school.

"To advance negotiations with the owners of the site the Department is currently seeking clarification on a number of issues which would impact on the deliverability of this site in a timely manner.

"A second site option has been brought to the attention of the Department which they believe may be suitable as a permanent location for the school. A technical assessment is currently being carried out on this potential site option.

"The Department has confirmed to me that they have signed a seven-year lease on the old Ravenswell School which is currently being used by NWETSS in 2020. This can be extended by an additional three years. Whilst this provides a safety net for the school, the new school building needs to be delivered long before that.

"Whilst some public representatives are still pushing for the new school to be collocated on the BIFE site, I believe we now need to move beyond that and focus on the sites that have now been identified.

"Otherwise, this scandalous process will drag

on for many years to come. The process to date has completely failed pupils, teaching staff and taxpayers. Millions of Euros have now been spent on renting and refurbishing temporary accommodation for the school, whilst progress on developing a new school building completely stopped due to what can only be described as a very questionable process in which the BIFE site was chosen as the location for the new school building.

"That process that led to the BIFE site being selected needs to be fully investigated, however in the meantime all energies need to be focused on delivering the long overdue school for NWETSS."



Georgina Byrne, Mary Byrne, Cliona O'Halloran and Aine Dunne who participated in Darkness Into Light in Arklow.

Greystones Cancer Support 'bursting at the seams'

Independent Councillor Tom Fortune has called on Wicklow County Council to assist Greystones Cancer Support in finding new premises to meet the demands of the area's growing population.

The group currently operates from La Touche Place, however Cllr Fortune said it is now "bursting at the seams" and that a new facility is badly needed.

He has asked the Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council Brian Gleeson to arrange a meeting with the developers and the relevant directors from the Council to find a solution.

"In light of the massive amount of houses being built in Greystones and

the greater Greystones area, can we sit down with the developers and arrange the use of a facility that they can use which would give them more room and ability to do what they do?" Cllr Fortune asked the Chief Executive at last week's meeting.

Cllr Fortune described the matter as "massively urgent".

"I can't put into words the work these people do, and I ask that this be addressed urgently," he said.



Cllr Tom Fortune

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A chara,

Putin, the Russian, has given me this opportunity as a constant objector to the murder of innocent children before they are born, and to the mass destruction of my area Kilcoole to make comment. When I heard of the outpouring of condemnation by the Irish people to the killing of innocent children, it gave me great confidence of being elected for the first time.

I intend to once again stand as an anti-abortion candidate in the next general election. How much more innocent could a child be than when they are waiting to be born?

The Irish Government has also condemned the illegal destruction of Ukraine. I too, have condemned and objected to the destruction of Kilcoole. The Regional Plan of 1999 made Kilcoole and Newtownmounkenney a Green Belt. This plan was made legal in the 2000 Planning laws. No matter how often I objected, the authorities ignored me. Putin now is ignoring all-comers; the law is the law, whether Irish or international. Rathdown Lower is the boundary of Greystones and Kilcoole.

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Harris hosts business roundtable at BIFE with Tanaiste

Fine Gael Minister Simon Harris TD today hosted a roundtable meeting with local businesses, the Bray Chamber of Commerce and an Tanaiste Leo Varadkar at the Bray Institute for Further Education.



Minister Simon Harris and Tanaiste Leo Varadkar chat with Santina Kennedy of Powerscourt Distillery and Cllr Melanie Corrigan.

Minister Harris said: "I wanted to hear from Bray business leaders first hand the challenges and opportunities they face and receive an update from the Minister for Enterprise and Tanaiste as to what Fine Gael is doing to support business post covid.

"The past two years have been tough for entrepreneurs and local business and while there has been a range of initiatives by Fine Gael in government to get local businesses back on their feet, it is important that these be recalibrated to meet the new challenges we now face".

Minister Harris continued: "The Bray Institute for Further Education is an excellent example of



Minsiter Simon Harris, Shay Hiney, Collette O'Loan and Elaine Harding with Tanaiste Leo Varadkar at Bray Institute of Further Education. Pic: Michael Kelly

the type of collaboration I want to promote between business and education locally. As Minister for Further Education and Apprenticeships I gave an update on my work to

expand the range of Training for local workers and businesses to increase the skills cluster in the North Wicklow area. I believe BIFE, is key to

expanding the range of opportunities and I wanted to hear from local businesses regarding their training needs for the years ahead as we embark on a massive programme

of investment in Further Education and Training locally. I want to thank the Bray Chamber of Commerce, the Tanaiste and BIFE for participating in today's event".

Varadkar and Harris meet with Kilcoole Erasmus students



Minister Simon Harris and Tanaiste Leo Varadkar meeting students at Colaiste Chraobh Abham

As part of Tanaiste and Enterprise Minister Leo Varadkar TD's visit to Co. Wicklow last Wednesday, he and Minister for Higher Education Simon Harris TD met Kilcoole Students and their guests from Estonia and Slovenia participating in the Enterprise Erasmus+ Programme.

Minister Harris said: "I want to thank Principal Oliver Stack and teachers Laura O'Driscoll and Leanne Coleman for their invitation to Colaiste Croabh Abhainn. I also want to welcome the students from Estonia and Slovenia who have come to Kilcoole.

"Colaiste Croabh Abhainn have developed with local businesses a programme at promoting sustainability and enterprise. The students have been innovative and their project shows the potential for collaboration between enterprise and education providers.

"In my own role as Minister for Further and Higher Education I have sought to build on the strength of collaboration between local enterprise and education providers in Wicklow and I have met with CCA Leaving Cert students previously to outline to them the changes afoot to provide new pathways for school leavers to 3rd level and the career of their choice".

Minister Harris was also joined by Tanaiste Leo Varadkar who discussed the importance of the European Union and how the Erasmus+ programme demonstrates the benefit of Ireland's decision to join the European Union 50 years ago last week.

Minister Harris also went on a tour with Principal Oliver Stack of



Cllr Tom Fortune, Vice Principal of CCA Laura O'Driscoll, Leanne Coleman, Jeremiah Scott, Shauna Healy, Tanaiste Leo Varadkar, Principal Oliver Stack, and Minister Simon Harris at Colaiste Chraobh Abham

CCA's new temporary additional classrooms and received an update on the expansion of the school.

"Colaiste Croabh Abhainn has an excellent leadership team who have stepped up to meet the area's rapidly expanding school needs. The school is to increase its enrolment to 1000 students over the

coming years and it is important that the school's permanent extension proceeds as rapidly as possible.

"I continue to work with and support the school to secure the delivery of its permanent extension and the CCA community can be assured this continues to be a top priority for me."



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St Cronan's BNS Principal Maeve Tierney, with Sharon Wells, Elenor, Robert and Paul O'Kelly, at the opening of the AOK Sensory Room in memory of Aaron O'Kelly.

AOK Sensory room opened at St. Cronan's BNS

St Cronan's Boys National School in Bray officially opened their AOK Sensory room last Wednesday afternoon.

The AOK room is a sensory room for children with Autism spectrum disorder (ASD), funded by the O'Kelly/Wells family on behalf of Aaron O'Kelly, a former pupil of St Cronan's BNS who tragically passed away suddenly from sepsis just before his 13th birthday.

Sensory Rooms are specially designed to cater to helping people with autism to feel calm and focussed. The rooms do this through the layout and their use of calm lighting and objects. For children with autism, spending time in a sensory room can help to improve their motor skills, visual and auditory processing, communication and co-ordination skills.

"Aaron was a kind and beautiful child that had a sense of fairness and brought light into the world with his big smile and non judgmental personality," said Sharon Wells.

The room is dedicated to Aaron's memory and his love of making children laugh. His own brother Robert and many others have already benefited from the calmness this room provides.

Dare to be brave for sick children

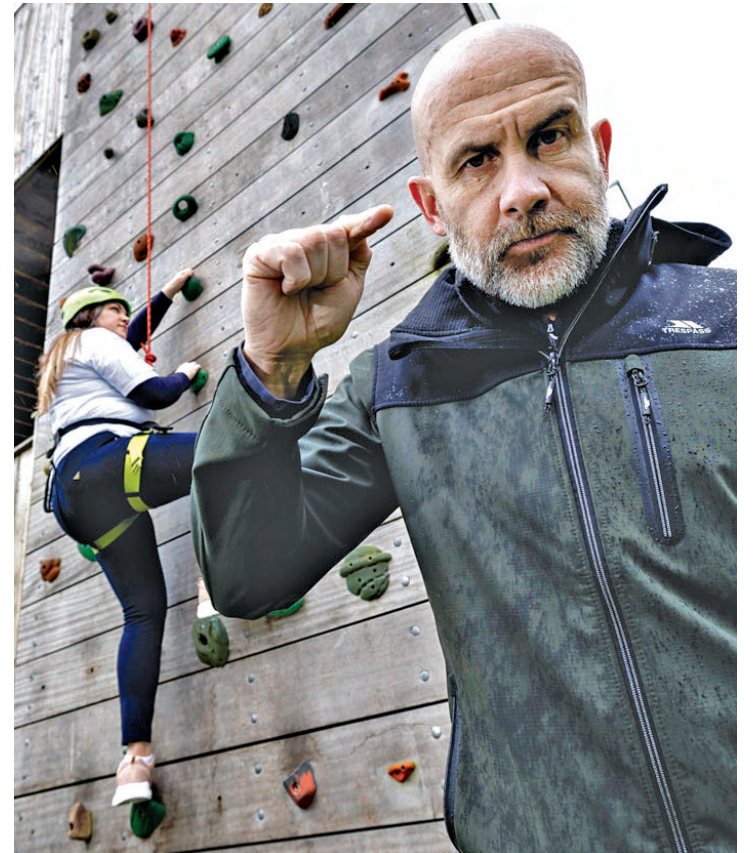
Ray Goggins, former Special Forces Operator and now Chief Instructor on RTE's Special Forces: Ultimate Hell Week, is calling on people across Co. Wicklow to be brave this year, by taking part in Children's Health Foundation's new 'Dare to be Brave' adventure series, which will raise vital funds to support sick children and their families in Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin, Temple Street, Tallaght and Connolly.

Events are taking place in Blessington and Glendalough as part of the series of adrenaline-inducing events which will take place between May and August 2022, and will provide participants with exciting, once-in-a-lifetime experiences:

- May 26th - 27th - Air, Land & Water Assault Course Challenge - Blessington, Co. Wicklow
- June 20th - 23rd - Croke Park Abseil Challenge - Croke Park, Dublin 1
- July 21st - 23rd - 24 Hour Wilderness Survival Challenge - Glendalough, Co. Wicklow
- August 24th - 27th - Skydive Challenge - Edenderry, Co. Offaly

Participants can sign-up to take part in all challenges, or they can choose which of the challenges they want to take on throughout the summer. Additionally, people can take on the challenges by themselves, or they can take part as a member of a team. Why not dare your friends or colleagues to be brave with you?

Funds raised by the 'Dare to be Brave' adventure series will go to support the vital, life-saving work that happens in CHI hospitals and urgent care centres every day. Each year, hundreds of thousands of sick children cross the doors of CHI hospitals and urgent care centres at Crumlin, Temple Street, Tallaght and Connolly. For these children, the hospital can be a scary place, especially when they are unwell. Every day, the children in CHI hospitals and urgent care centres summon an incredible amount of



Ray Goggins, former Special Forces Operator, calling on the people of Wicklow to be brave to raise funds for Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin, Temple Street, Tallaght and Connolly

bravery and Children's Health Foundation is committed to supporting the hospitals and urgent care centres to continue their vital and life-saving work.

Speaking at a 'Dare to be Brave' photoshoot recently, Ray Goggins said "I am delighted to team up with Children's Health Foundation to help spread the word about the exciting new series of 'Dare to be Brave' adventure challenges. This series will raise money that will help so many sick children and families

from right across Ireland. As a proud Ambassador for the series, I would like to call on everyone to be brave this summer, get out of your comfort zones, and take on one or more of the challenges."

Denise Fitzgerald, Chief Executive at Children's Health Foundation said, "Taking part in our 'Dare to be Brave' adventure series is a fantastic way to raise funds for sick children, whilst enjoying unique, once-in-a-lifetime experiences. We see brave children every day receive

treatment in CHI hospitals and urgent care centres. By daring to be brave and taking part in this campaign, you will be supporting sick children, and I have no doubt your bravery will help save lives. We want to say a massive thank you to our wonderful ambassador Ray for getting involved with this campaign."

For more information, visit www.childrenshealth.ie/daretobebrave or email daretobebrave@childrenshealth.ie

Europe Day tribute to the late Alan Gillis, former IFA President and MEP

Senator Victor Boyhan last week paid tribute in the Seanad to Mr Alan Gillis.

Senator Boyhan told the Seanad that Mr Gillis was an engineer by profession, but a "Farmer by choice."

"In the early 1960s, Mr Gillis bought a farm in Kill, County Kildare, and soon decided he wanted to pursue farming full-time but required more land to fulfil that ambition. He set his sights on magnificent farm in Ballyhook, Grangecon, Co Wicklow, close to Senator Boyhan's own grandfathers farm in Grangecon.

"Alan Gillis will be missed by

his many friends and his huge network of colleagues, he was a farmer, churchman and a politician. He advocated strongly for farm families, was faithful too and proud of his Church of Ireland roots and loved a good political argument," said Senator Boyhan.

"Alan maintained a strong interest in agriculture from European Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) to Dáil, Seanad and Oireachtas Committee debates on Agriculture.

"When I was first elected to Seanad Éireann one of the first

letters of congratulations that I received in Leinster House was from Alan congratulating me on my election to the Agricultural Panel with the opening line, "I won't give you advice on agriculture" but went on to outline on 12 foolscap pages his ideas for progressive farming and the need for improved agricultural training. I remember the key line - "better farming practices, better animal husbandry and better cultivation, will yield better results for us all." That was Alan's message!

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'A cry for help' from Arklow traders

A letter from Arklow business owners to Wicklow County Council has been described by councillors as "a cry for help".

Roadworks and construction works including a new garage, new houses, and the wastewater treatment plant are all happening at the same time in Arklow, causing a significant decrease in footfall for businesses. Now, one road has been opened up which has alleviated the situation for some of the traders seriously affected. Cllr Behan said the letter was sent around the same time as the Council received the award for Council of the Year at the annual LAMA All Ireland Community and Council Awards.

"To me it was a cry for help," said Cllr Behan. "I am delighted

we won awards and I congratulate everybody associated with it. But when you match the awards with the reality of what people who are financing this Council through their rates are experiencing on the ground, I think it's quite serious. The points they raise should be addressed and listened to. This is a matter for the Chief Executive, as far as I am concerned. He needs to step up and he needs to say what is he doing about this, in particular about the issues that small retailers have raised, not only in Arklow but also in Wicklow Town directly as a result of works done

by Wicklow Council. The reality is these people are losing money badly after having two very hard years. They thought they were going to get back into some kind of normal trading and in fact it is being prevented."

Arklow Councillor Tommy Annesley said that a section of the Main Street had been "virtually caged off" by the works, and that this had been unexpected.

"Nobody told me they were going to be putting fencing around particular shops", he said. "I want to help the Arklow traders and help Wicklow County Council going forward. I

don't want anyone to think that what is going on in Arklow is acceptable, because it is certainly not acceptable to the traders. But they realise that the work going on is essential.

"When you get up to the bridge, it is just gridlock. When you come down again, you have the main street under construction. There are several premises that are getting face lifts as well, so there's a lot of work going on in Arklow that hasn't happened for the last three decades. This is very welcomed by everyone but there was a communication problem in not keeping traders informed about it."



Gorse fire at the start of predicted heat wave in Curtlestown, Enniskerry, last week. Pic Shayne Phelan

2022 Wicklow County Tourism map is now available

After two years with no print the popular tourism map created by Wicklow Tourism has been published again.

The 2022 edition has been updated to include the changes and updates that have happened over the past two years.

Over the next weeks and months, 50,000 copies of the map will be widely distributed around Wicklow, Ireland and beyond.

Anyone wishing to get a copy of the map can order online at email info@visitwicklow.ie. For large orders of map, please get in touch with the office of Wicklow Tourism at the same email.

"We are absolutely delighted to have our tourism map back after two years" says Brian Gleeson, Chairman of Wicklow Tourism and Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, adding: "The map is always eagerly awaited by the trade and visitors, and offers a fantastic snapshot of the diversity of things to see and do in Wicklow."

The production of the map is made possible thanks to the support of the local tourism trade advertising on the map. Any monies raised are dedicated to the promotion and development of Wicklow as a tourism destination.



Natasha and Zara from Sorrel & Eve Restaurant with the new Wicklow Map

Arklow Cancer Support encourage visitors

Now that the roadworks on St Mary's Road are complete, Arklow Cancer Support would like to extend a warm welcome to anybody who has been newly diagnosed or affected by cancer in any way to pop in if you need support where a warm welcome awaits you or we can arrange an appointment.

"We are offering one to one counselling face to face or remotely for cancer patients or family members. We also offer bereavement counselling for anyone affected by cancer.

"Our volunteer to drive programme taking patients for their daily radiation therapy. (We are still complying with Covid regulations with sneeze screens fitted in our vehicles for safety of our cancer patients and driver.

"A women's group meeting will be held in our Centre at 8 St Mary's Road on Thursday 19th May at 7.30 pm all welcome who are affected by cancer. This meeting will be facilitated by Sarah Lawlor who is currently working in Palliative Care, she is a registered mental Health Nurse with training in cognitive behavioural therapy and Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction. You do not need to be a registered client to attend this group meeting. Please contact our office for further details.

"Our art, Social media course, sound meditation, reflexology, lymphoedema support, Wig Fitting, Bra & Prosthesis support, drop in Friday are all in operation or if you just feel like having a listening ear we are here for you. Our opening hours are 9am to 2pm daily and our contact details are 0402-23590 or 085 -1100066 or email us on: arklowcancersupport@gmail.com."

RENTS - 'THIS IS A CRISIS!'

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Rental Report, Deputy Brady said "This is a crisis. These shocking rent increases are not accompanied by similar hikes in wages and with the cost of living through the roof, people are struggling to meet these rises.

"Far too many workers and families here in Wicklow are worrying every day about how they will pay their rent. This should not be happening.

"Clearly the 2% cap in rent pressure zones isn't working, while those living outside rent pressure zones are feeling the full force of the market rises. The government must stand up for renters here in

Wicklow and ensure that rents are cut drastically, so that they are at levels that are affordable for people on ordinary incomes. We need a ban on rent increases on all existing and new tenancies, and we need the government to put money back in renters' pockets through a refundable tax credit worth a month's rent.

"The Government must also accept that we need to see affordable cost rental units delivered at scale. At least 4,000 units per year to meet affordable rental demand."

National housing charity Threshold said that the rent increases are "the culmination of successive housing policies which

have been over reliant on the private sector to provide housing.

"While the government's 10-year housing plan may bring relief in the long-term, more immediate action is needed to relieve the burden on renters.

"It is encouraging to see the Housing Commission begin its work, in particular its recent conference considering the insertion of the right to housing in the Constitution - however more immediate action is required from the Government to address the increased costs facing private renters, compounded by the impact of inflation and the rising cost of living."



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Musicians flock to Wicklow for Fleadh



Amy Condren, Wicklow Miners, first place u15 Mandolin

The Wicklow Fleadh Ceol took place on Saturday 7th May in Dominican College in Wicklow Town.

Children and senior musicians from across the county flocked to the town celebration of the return Irish traditional music after 2 years of cancelled competitions and Fleadh events.

Competitors ranged from under 10 to senior age brackets and branches from Bray CCÉ, The Boathouse Wicklow Town, Wicklow Miners of Avoca, Anne Devlin CCÉ Aughrim, Roundwood CCÉ and Tinahealy CCÉ all featured in the 2022 winners table.

The vast amount of work put into the event by the Wicklow Comhaltas County Board, headed by secretary Tracey Maguire, led to a greatly successful day from start to finish. Following the competitions, a celebration session was hosted in Fitzpatrick's bar and lounge on main street Wicklow, with musicians from across the county sharing tunes and songs together once again.

Musicians who placed first or second in their category will progress to the Leinster Fleadh Ceol which takes place in Portlaoise between 8-10th July.

Very best of luck to our Wicklow musicians in the Leinster Fleadh.



Siún, Erin and Elsa Byrne, Wicklow Minors, numerous medal winners



Hannah Leeson, The Boathouse, first place u12 Ladies English Singing



Boathouse CCE, Groupa Ceol winners u12 & u15

24hr 4 Compass Point Motorcycle Challenge for Temple Street Children's Hospital



Paul, Mark, Mick and Jimmy at Burr Point, Co. Down

Starting from Bray, Paul Picard, Mark Keating from Whitewater, Mick Gartland and Jimmy Nangle completed a gruelling challenge on Saturday 7th May to raise funds for much needed lifesaving medical equipment for the young patients at Dublin's Temple Street Children's Hospital.

Starting at 4am, they traveled over 1600kms in less than 24 Hours reaching from the North to South, East and Western most points of Mainland Ireland. The Compass points (for the purposes of this ride) were Malin Head, Co. Donegal, Burr point, Co. Down, Dunmore Head, Co. Kerry & Brow Head, Co. Cork.

The Iron Butt Compass Gold Challenge is a difficult 1,000-mile journey incorporating the North, South, East and Western most points of Mainland Ireland. The distance between these locations is not 1,000 miles so they needed to add additional mileage to increase the distance travelled. They journeyed all sorts of roads - motorway, major roads, minor roads, gravel track and mountain passes.

"This ride has it all, an amazing experience," says Mark Keating, Executive Director of Whitewater.



Paul, Mark, Mick and Jimmy at Dunmore Head, Co. Kerry

Funding available to upgrade Community Centre facilities

Community groups and organisations in Wicklow are invited to apply for a new round of funding for the upgrade and refurbishment of community centres, Minister Simon Harris TD has said.

Minister Simon Harris said: "Fine Gael wants to build stronger and safer communities by making our towns, villages and parishes across Wicklow better places to live, work, run a business and raise a family.

"My colleague, Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has announced that registration is now open for a new €15 million capital fund for the upgrade and refurbishment of Community Centres.

"The Community Centre Investment Fund will provide grants of between €10,000 up to a maximum of €300,000. Funding is available for capital works such as improvements to communal facilities such as kitchen and toilet facilities, energy retrofitting, new windows / doors / heating systems, works to address safety concerns and works to improve disability access.

"All interested applicants in Wicklow must register online at gov.ie/CommunityCentresFund. Registration for the fund must be completed prior to submitting a formal application. The formal application process will open on Tuesday

7th June and closes on Thursday 14th July 2022.

"Minister Humphreys has also announced that her Department will host online information sessions on Wednesday 18th May 2:30 - 4pm and Wednesday 1st June 2:30 - 4pm.

"I would strongly encourage local groups and organisations in Wicklow to attend these information sessions and learn about the application process and criteria before submitting their formal application. Applicants can also register to attend an information session at gov.ie/CommunityCentresFund.

"Completing these two important steps will help to ensure your organisation is well placed to submit a strong application to this fund."

Minister Humphreys said: "Our local community centres & parish halls are the heart of our towns, villages & parishes. Many of them need improvement works and that is why I have put this new fund in place.

"I am encouraging all community groups to look at this fund and think about how they can use it to improve their own local parish hall or community centre."

PLANNING YOUR CHILDCARE

There are many reasons why parents choose childcare for their children. For some it facilitates a return to work, training or education while others may simply want to see their child enjoy the socialisation and developmental benefits associated with quality childcare.

There are many issues you need to consider when choosing the right childcare for your child, but the most important consideration is that you are happy and comfortable that you have made the right decision. The right choice is the one that meets your child's emotional and developmental needs and also meets your lifestyle needs. Good Childcare will ensure that

your child is stimulated in their environment and most importantly with qualified professionals. Before choosing your preferred childcare provider you should feel that your child will enjoy taking part in a programme of activities that are appropriate to his/her own development. The childcare you choose should be reliable and be able to facilitate your working

arrangements. As a parent you should want an enjoyable place where your child will have fun while learning and discovering their own potential under the guidance of professional and experienced carers.

The childcare facility should work with you as a parent, in every aspect of your child's happiness and development and involve you in your child's child-

care life and ensuring that any issues that arise are discussed openly. As well as having a lot of fun parents want a place that offers a safe and secure environment for their most precious thing in life. Each childcare facility should fulfil its statutory obligations in terms of notification to the HSE, health and safety requirements, staff/child ratios and available space. Before committing to a certain childcare always do your homework, check out these facilities, ask around and ensure that this is the best place for your child. Always ensure that the facility can provide written policies and procedures for the daily running of the childcare service.

For children, friendships are crucial as is how they feel about themselves and how they are accepted by others. Childcare is a perfect way for children to learn to interact, share and make friends.

Childcare is not just about your child being looked after, a childcare facility should make sure that the family is also very important and they

should be able to show parents how they are included when plans and decisions are being made that affect children in the service.

There are a variety of options available when it comes to arranging childcare for your children. What suits you best depends on practical issues such as the hours that you work or study, where you live and the availability of places, as well as any personal preferences you may have for choosing a home or centre-based environment for your child.

When choosing childcare it is important to take an honest look at what is best for your child's personality and your parenting style. There are many different types of services to choose from and it really is up to you who you think will suit your family, your lifestyle and your child.

These types of services include crèches, nurseries, playgroups, Montessori schools, etc. Typically a crèche provides care and education for children from infant to 5 years, and many also offer care for older children. It will

usually open from 7.30 am to 6 pm all year round. It will offer a range of services including full day care, part time care, Montessori classes, playgroup, and after school club. It often offers break-

off/collection services.

Depending on your needs, you can choose, full or part time care, or sessional childcare. You will find that some services have adopted a specific philosophy regarding early childhood educa-

tion, such as Montessori while others combine several approaches to pre-school development.

Most of all a childcare service should be chosen because it works with you in partnership in every aspect of parenting.



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Nicola McCumiskey and her dog Tucker who took part in Darkness Into Light in Arklow. Pic: Michael Kelly

Pop-up pool coming to West Wicklow

Swim Ireland's first Pop-Up Pool has landed at Donabate Portrane Community Centre on May 3rd, and additional pools will be coming soon to Wicklow and Sligo, Swim Ireland has announced. Every 12-weeks the Pop-Up Pools will move new locations on its journey around Ireland.

It's understood that the pop-up pool will be coming to Blessington in September.

The first of its kind in Ireland, the pop-up pool will bring swimming to communities across the island. Swim Ireland want to improve the opportunity and experience for all swimmers, and so, supported by Sport Ireland, they will bring their innovative solution to the very real problem hitting the headlines - where can you access swimming when your local pool is at capacity or too far away?

The pool holds 45,000 litres of water in a 12m by 3.4m steel structure. The water is heated to a toasty 30 degrees and the pool is sheltered from the elements in a hard sided and heated marquee.

There are changing rooms onsite, a ramp and a hoist; this accessible pool of water is the ideal place to learn to swim, hone your skills or just remember how great it feels to block out the world and dip your head in the water.

With an ambitious target of 750 swimming experiences a week, Swim Ireland will have school swimming, evening and weekend swimming lessons, community groups and private hires available, the opportunities are endless.



Testing out the new pop-up pool at Donabate Community Centre.

Speaking at the launch Minister Chambers stated "This is a really novel way of delivering swimming opportunities in communities. I want to congratulate Swim Ireland on having the vision to consider such an innovative project and was delighted to provide grant funding to deliver the facility."

"I am committed to increasing participation in sport and swimming is one of the best forms of physical exercise for developing and maintaining high levels of

physical fitness and is a sport which people can participate from a very early age and throughout their lives.

"Delivering new permanent swimming pools can be costly and take considerable time though and this new 'pop-up' facility provides an excellent solution by delivering swimming opportunities at a number of locations at a relatively low cost. I certainly look forward to getting feedback from Swim Ireland in the months ahead on how the new initiative is work-

ing."

Swim Ireland CEO Sarah Keane added 'We are delighted to get the Pop-Up Pool up and running, this project is something we have been working on for quite some time and to see it come to fruition is really exciting. At Swim Ireland our vision is for 'An Island of Swimmers' and we hope that by bringing the Pop-Up Pool to the people, that we can teach thousands to swim and give them the experience and opportunity to see swimming as a skill and something they can participate in across all life stages. We also see the pop-up pool as a first step in supporting the development of the National Swimming Strategy, a major part of which will focus on swimming infrastructure indoors and outdoors."

Speaking on behalf of Sport Ireland, CEO Dr. Una May said "This is a fantastic initiative by Swim Ireland that brings with it an opportunity for everyone to get involved in swimming, regardless of their ability or experience in the pool. I want to commend Swim Ireland for their innovative approach and getting this project off the ground. On behalf of Sport Ireland, I wish them every success with the first Pop-Up Pool this Summer."

Wicklow Archers host Irish Open Field Championships



Liliana Pierce, 1st place in the Youth Women Instinctive event

The Irish Open Field Archery Championships took place in Dargle Valley, Enniskerry, on May 7th & 8th.

This was the first time since 2019 that Wicklow Archers has hosted the open, which saw 55 archers from across the Republic and Northern Ireland competing in the two-day event, shooting 24 targets per day of mixed sizes and distance, on a course mapped out around the Wicklow Archers field range.

Field archery presents the challenge of gauging marked and unmarked target distances, as well as dealing with uphill and downhill shots, light and shade, and changing weather conditions which

can affect not only the archers, but their equipment as well.

The course itself was designed by accomplished Wicklow archer Rohan O'Duill and designated as World Record Status (WRS), meaning successful scores could be submitted for global record consideration. The open also featured a head-to-head team event on day one which - after a tense few rounds - was awarded to Team NI.

Club President, Tom Fox explains: "There's always a real buzz around open competitions as they're open to Irish and international archers. So it was great to invite our friends from the North to shoot with us and enjoy the club's facilities."

"I was delighted to see lots of new members and younger archers taking part too. We've welcomed a lot of new people to the club over the last while through beginner's courses, and their enthusiasm for archery was really shown here today."

"Wicklow Archers is a community-based club

supporting the growth and promotion of all forms of archery. We support social inclusion and equality, and believe archery should be open to everyone. This is something we strive for in our coaching and facilities. We have multiple venues for different styles of archery, and hold regular club, county and national competitions. This helps us promote the recreational and competitive aspects of archery, and support those trying to achieve the highest standards in the sport."



In the Men's Longbow event were (left to right); Padraic Donnelly (2nd place), Alan Callister (1st place), and Marcus Finch (3rd place)



In the Women's Recurve event were (left to right); Cat Hendry (2nd place), Miriam Donohue (1st place), and Chiara Crowley (3rd place)



Alan Convery (2nd place, Men's Compound), Adam Taylor (2nd place, Men's Recurve), Shay, Mark Nesbitt (1st place, Men's Recurve), Robert Mallon (1st place, Men's Barebow), and Dean Hamilton (1st place, Men's Compound)

Making connections and building community in Newcastle

Often described by estate agents as a “quiet, sleepy, leafy back water near the sea”, Newcastle is a thriving, community pulsating with all kinds of activity. At the recent AGMs of the Residents’ Association and the village’s Community Centre, it was proposed to establish a Village Forum to co-ordinate all the activity and groups and create an information focal point.

The Newcastle Village Forum’s activity and effort is seen as essential to maintain, direct and nurture the positive efforts in enhancing and protecting our local environment for future generations to enjoy. It will bring together all groups so that communications are improved and that inhabitants develop a very effective voice in any plans for the development of the village.

The inaugural meeting, held on Monday April 25th, was well-

attended by residents and some local representatives. The greatest necessity was quickly and unanimously identified as establishing good communication networks between the many groups, activities and organisations. The first step towards achieving this was seen as establishing a network between local groups and organisations, with visible and effortless communication being the key to success.

The new forum will be modelled on a similar forum successfully established some years ago in Newtownmountkennedy.

It is proposed that groups report at a monthly meeting that will be held on the second Monday of the month. With so many ideas and suggestions of what needs to be done, there exists “a real need to harness and co-ordinate groups in order to progress the village”, said Jane Smith, Chairperson of Newcastle Community Centre.



Philip McGaley, Chairman of the Residents’ Association observed that “not all residents are aware of what is available or being done in the village. It is essential this is resolved for the Forum to be a success.”

One attendee commented that with so much going on in Newcastle that it would be great if

there was a “calendar of events” published online and on a village noticeboard. This would ensure widespread publicity for current events while “promoting better understanding and support for and by existing groups, as well as preventing unintended overlap of events”, she observed.

The interim committee consists of – Philip Mc Galey, Chair, Hugh O’Rourke, Treasurer, Mary Woodnutt, Secretary, Jane Smith and Diana James, PR.

To find out how you can become involved, please contact: Philip McGaley (087 2666568) philip@towermedia.ie



Wicklow event to celebrate National Africa Day 2022

Wicklow Local Authority in conjunction with the Africa Irish Society of Wicklow (AISW) has announced its plans for Africa Day 2022, which will include African music, dance, education and more.

The main event in Wicklow will take place on 21st May, at Burnaby Park, Greystones from 12pm to 5pm. Members of the Africa Irish Society of Wicklow (AISW) have prepared a great lineup of events that will include Educational workshops and exhibitions of various African countries. DJ. Spazq will be on the turntables keeping the crowd on their feet while Gomba Educare will be facilitating cultural programmes through music, drumming, storytelling and entertainment. The amazing Rhythm Afrika Band will be providing African tunes and Abood will be beatboxing, and the versatile No Wahala Dance Crew will perform various dances performed across the continent of Africa. Last but definitely not least

the public will get the chance to learn various phrases within the African context in Irish language.

Schools have also been invited to celebrate through hosting activities which centre around a positive image of Africa for the week of 23rd - 27th May.

Africa Day, which officially falls on Wednesday, 25th May, celebrates the richness of African cultures and the contribution of people of African descent to Irish life. Africa Day celebrations are organised by Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs in partnership with African embassies in Ireland and local authorities and non-governmental agencies around the country.

AISW chairperson, Catherine Kayya Murphy says: “The Africa Day celebration event on May 21st

in Greystones will be a free family fun day which guarantees great vibes and fun. We look forward to sharing the different cultures from the African continent with the people of Wicklow.”

This year will see Ireland’s largest-ever Africa Day programme, with events being held in all counties. Africa Day 2022 will see the return of in-person events for the first time since 2019.

Minister for Overseas Development Aid and Diaspora, Colm Brophy TD, said: “Ireland has been enriched in so many ways by the presence of a vibrant African community. Ireland’s arts, culture, business, community development, sport and so much more have been strengthened by people of African origin or descent. Africa Day is about recognising that contribution and celebrating the culture and potential of the continent as a whole.”

“After two years of online events, this year will see the welcome return of in-person events nationwide. Irish Aid’s partnership with local authorities will bring the fun of Africa Day to communities around the country. I am delighted that Africa Day 2022 is set to be our biggest-ever Africa Day celebration.”

If interested in taking part, joining, representing and/or working with AISW please contact AISWgroup@gmail.com.

For more information visit AfricaDay.ie or see the Africa Irish Society Wicklow Facebook page.



Emer O'Neill celebrating Africa Day last year in Bray

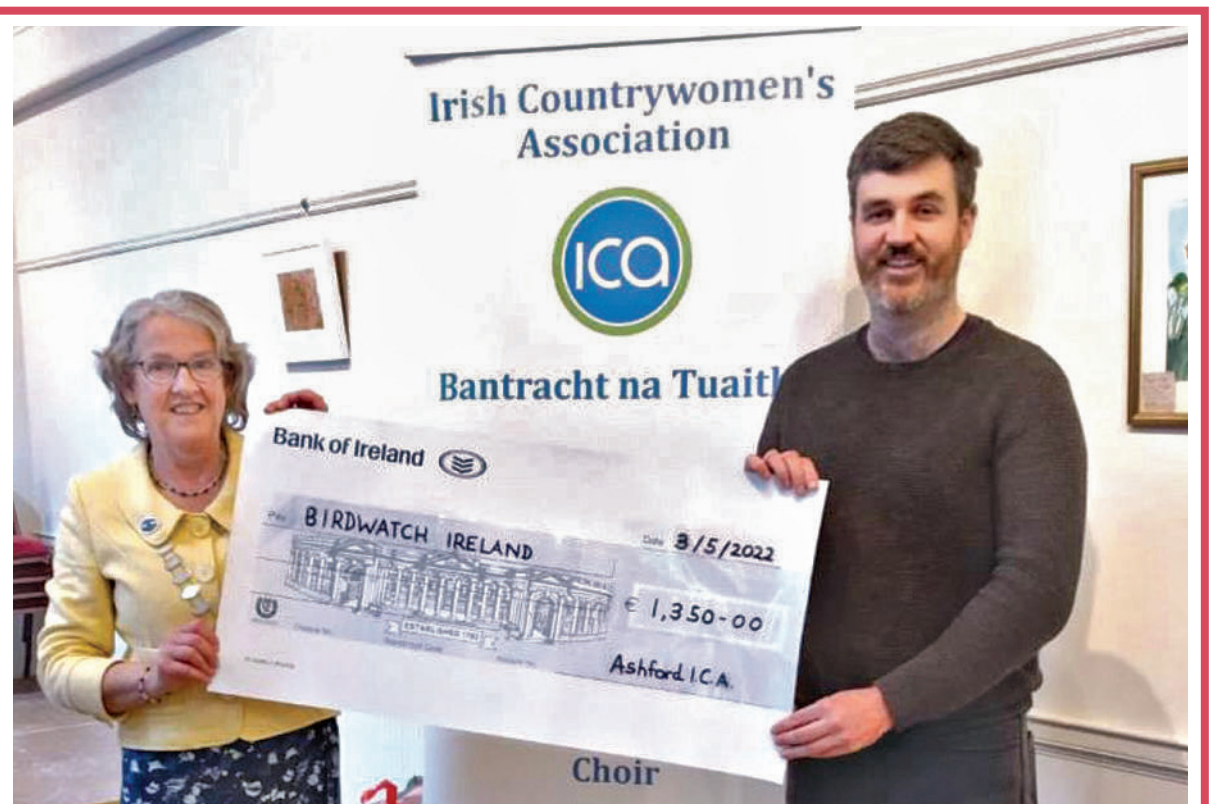
Heritage Trail walk in Wicklow for Ukrainian community

On Saturday next 7th May, the local Ukrainian community in Wicklow Town were invited to take part in a guided walk of the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail.

This lovely gesture to the local Ukrainian community followed on from an initiative of Peter Byrne, President of the Wicklow Rotary Club, who asked the organisers of the weekly walks if it would be possible to provide this walk for the newest visitors to our town.

The walk was led by John Alvey and Jim Clarke, who were assisted by an interpreter to ensure that those taking part developed a meaningful knowledge of the Heritage Trail, which details the history of Wicklow Town from the landing of St. Patrick in 432, to the end of the Civil War in 1923.

Among the key parts of the local history, were: The story of the construction of St. Patrick’s Church and its historical context; The ruins of the Franciscan Abbey and the significance of this site; A visit to the Church of Ireland, burial place of Robert Halpin, Wicklow’s most famous son and a visit to his birthplace; The Halpin Monument, Fitzwilliam Square.



Ashford Irish Countrywomen’s Association (ICA) fund raise each year for a nominated charity. BirdWatch Ireland was chosen for 2021/2022. Recently, Anne Newton (President of Ashford ICA) presented a cheque for €1,350 to Brian Burke (Conservation Officer at BirdWatch Ireland). The money is earmarked to support new signage and interpretative material around the Little Tern colony at Kilcoole. This is the largest colony in Ireland, with over 200 nesting pairs in 2021. Little Terns can be observed during summer months, from May through to early August, where they nest on the beach about 1.5km south of Kilcoole train station. The nesting area is fenced off for the duration of the breeding season to protect eggs and chicks from harm and disturbance. Wardens are present on site and are happy to talk to the public and can facilitate groups with prior notice.

Ashford ICA meets at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month (except in July and August) in the Community and Heritage Centre in Ashford. Newcomers are always welcome. Details are available on Facebook.

Gaelcholáiste na Mara are Money Quiz champions



Pictured are Eamon Crowley (President, Banking and Payments Federation of Ireland), Conor De Búrca, Tiarnán De Hál, Alexandru Muntean, and Brian Hayes (CEO, Banking and Payments Federation of Ireland)

The students and staff of Gaelcholáiste na Mara are celebrating once again, with two of their students having recently been crowned National Champions in the European Money Quiz 2022. This was a remarkable achievement for the two Gaelcholáiste students involved - Alexandru Muntean and Conor De Búrca - given that there were almost 2000 participants from schools right around the country involved.

The European Money Quiz is Europe's biggest financial literacy competition for 13 to 15-year-old students, attracting up to a million plays annually via the Kahoot! platform.

Launched alongside the European Money Week campaign in 2017, the European Money Quiz is part of the European Banking Federation's financial literacy initiatives, spotlighting the importance of financial education for young people to lead a better and more secure life.

The Irish final was hosted by the Banking and Payments Federation of Ireland in April, with the winners being tasked with the responsibility of representing Ireland in the European equivalent - where they pitted their wits against the National Champions from Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey.

The boys from Gaelcholáiste na Mara proved more than worthy competitors at this level by finishing 3rd overall - which emphasizes their competency in this area. Their Business Studies teacher Tiarnán De Hál is exceptionally proud of their achievement - "They are two exceptionally diligent and inquisitive students that are a pleasure to share a classroom with - as, indeed, are all their fellow Business Studies students here at the school."

"To be crowned National Champions was a worthy honour in itself - but to place third in Europe was, as we would say here in the school, ar fheabhas ar fad!"

'Minister for Education must assist Wicklow schools to take in Ukrainian children'

Social Democrats TD Jennifer Whitmore has called on the Minister for Education and government TDs to work with schools in Wicklow to help take in Ukrainian children fleeing war and living in Wicklow.

The call comes after Deputy Whitmore was in contact with residents in Wicklow seeking to help Ukrainian families get a school place for their child.

Speaking on the matter, Deputy Whitmore says, "I have been in touch with a number of residents in Wicklow assisting Ukrainian families who found it difficult to get a school place for their child in Wicklow schools. While eventually a place was secured, it was very difficult for them. The problem stems from the fact that schools that are at maximum capacity, and that includes most schools in Wicklow, cannot offer additional places outside of the normal enrolment process."

"I have asked the Minister on a number of occasions if she will assist schools to work around this issue. In her response, Minister Foley has stated that her department has issued guidance to schools on supporting students from Ukraine that enquire about enrolling and that where children of school-going age have arrived already and want to access the school system right away, schools that have capacity locally will welcome those children in the usual way. However, we all know that most schools in Wicklow, particularly in North Wicklow, are at max capacity and so they are not getting the assistance needed to take on Ukrainian children."

"The Department of Education needs to amend existing rules to allow for an intake of students outside of the existing system and make the whole process simpler for schools and Ukrainian families. A new mechanism is needed to allow schools to facilitate the influx of Ukrainian children fleeing war in Ukraine, who have come to live in Wicklow."

"Schools want to embrace these children but the current system is too slow to facilitate the influx of demand. These children urgently need a place to continue their education, learn English and to make new friends while taking part in their local community. It's important for their development and it's important for their families as they seek to integrate into their local area. I will continue to raise this with the Minister and will continue to liaise with families and schools to see what can be done to address this."

"In the meantime, I have also called on the Minister for Education to provide English classes over the summer for Ukrainian children to prepare them for the upcoming new school year in September. The Minister has confirmed children can access English classes through the summer education programme for pupils with complex special educational needs and those at greatest risk of educational disadvantage for summer 2022. However, I am also concerned about capacity in this programme and will be following up on this further," concluded Deputy Whitmore.

Harris celebrates Europe Day with Colaiste Cill Mhantain students

Fine Gael Minister Simon Harris TD joined Colaiste Cill Mhantain students last Monday to celebrate Europe Day.

Colaiste Cill Mhantain Transition Year students participated in the European Parliament Ambassador School Programme where they presented their own research on the European Union and what it means to them to Minister Harris and the Luxembourg Ambassador to Ireland Florence Ensch.

Minister Harris said: "I am delighted to be able to join today

with Colaiste Cill Mhantain students to celebrate Europe Day as they outline what Europe means to them and what they believe the priorities should be for the European Union in the years ahead. The importance of the European Union as a Peace Project is all the more highlighted against the backdrop of the terrible war in Ukraine. The students demonstrated a clear understanding of this, citing the importance of countries working together to solve climate change as major challenges such as these cannot be tackled by countries in isolation."

"In addition to discussing the future of Europe students also raised with me changes to the CAO being brought forward by my Department and the expansion of accessibility to college for

a wider cohort of students. I outlined to the transition year students the expansion of post leaving cert courses and apprenticeships in the years ahead being undertaken by my own department."

"I want to thank the Colaiste Cill Mhantain TY class for inviting me to celebrate Europe Day with them and wish them well in their projects."



Minister Harris celebrating Europe Day with students and staff from Colaiste Cill Mhantain

St Killian's students attend UCD outreach day

Minister for Further and Higher Education and Wicklow Fine Gael TD Simon Harris last Monday met with students from St Killian's Bray at the UCD outreach day.

Minister Harris said: "It was great to meet St Killian's students at the UCD outreach day. I was delighted back in October to launch UCD's Power2Progress Programme at St Killian's in Bray and it was good to get feedback from the students as to how the programme is working in practice."

This transformative programme seeks to introduce second level students to the potential of Higher Education and the work environment. The programme facilitates each of the 21 schools to ask their senior cycle pupils to select subject areas in which they would benefit from additional tuition. This tuition is provided by UCD student teachers, on-site, in schools, after school hours.

"I would like to pay tribute to the work and initiative of Professor Judith Harford and her team in UCD who developed this magnificent programme with the backing of the Z Zurich Foundation and Rethink Ireland and wish all St Killian's 6th Leaving Cert students the very best in the months ahead."



St. Killian's students meeting Minister Harris at UCD Outreach Day. Photo by Naoise Culhane



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHILL MHANTÁIN
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND
NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION ORDER BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA OF THE WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL COMPULSORY PURCHASE
(CHAPEL ROAD PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME) NO. 1 ORDER 2021

An Bord Pleanála has, on the 22nd day of February, 2022, made a confirmation order confirming, with modifications, the above-named compulsory purchase order as respects the land described in the Schedule hereto. The said order, as so confirmed, authorises the County Council of the County of Wicklow to acquire the said land compulsorily.

The Order as so confirmed will become operative at the expiration of three weeks from the date of publication of this notice.

A copy of the order as so confirmed and of the map referred to in it (as modified) may be seen at all reasonable hours at the following locations:

- Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow.
- Greystones Municipal District Office, Mill Road, Greystones.

On working days between the hours of 9:30am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 4:00pm and the documents may be viewed online at www.wicklow.ie/living. This website also contains a link to practical information on the review mechanisms of compulsory purchase order.

An application for judicial review of the decision of the Board under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) as amended by the Rules of the Superior Courts (Judicial Review) 2011 (S.I. 691 of 2011) may be made to the High Court within eight weeks of the date of publication of this Notice in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as substituted by section 13 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006.

Leonora Earls,
Director of Service,
Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

Dated this 16th day of May 2022

SCHEDULE PART I

Land other than land consisting of a house or houses unfit for human habitation and not capable of being rendered fit for human habitation at reasonable expense							
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190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	1.1	0.0140 (0.0346)	Delgany	Public Road	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	1.2	0.246 (0.608)	Delgany	Public Road	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	1.3	0.003 (0.0074)	Delgany	Public Road	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	1.4	0.063 (0.156)	Delgany	Public Road	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	1.5	0.103 (0.255)	Kindlestown Upper	Public Road	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	1.6	0.003 (0.0074)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	1.7	0.078 (0.1927)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road / Grassed Area	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	1.8	0.222 (0.5486)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road / Grassed Area	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	1.9	0.011 (0.027)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road / Grassed Area	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	1.10	0.079 (0.195)	Kindlestown Upper	Public Road	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	2	0.041 (0.101)	Delgany	Public Road	Peter Crossan, Arches, Carysfort Woods, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	3.1	0.021 (0.0519)	Delgany	Public Road	Mary & Michael Donohue, Brookside, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	3.2	0.001 (0.0025)	Delgany	Garden	Mary & Michael Donohue, Brookside, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	3.3	0.0004 (0.001)	Delgany	Garden	Mary & Michael Donohue, Brookside, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	4.1	0.0527 (0.130)	Delgany	Public Road / Grassed Area	Elizabeth & Bernard Burke, Araglin, Riverside, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Elizabeth & Bernard Burke, Araglin, Riverside, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	4.2	0.006 (0.0148)	Delgany	Garden	Elizabeth & Bernard Burke, Araglin, Riverside, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Elizabeth & Bernard Burke, Araglin, Riverside, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	5	0.024 (0.059)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	McMenamin Hand Limited, 62 Wellington Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	6	0.010 (0.0247)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	Margaret Gillespie, The Nurseries, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	7.1	0.028 (0.0692)	Delgany	Garden	William & Rosemary Hamill, Southlands, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		William & Rosemary Hamill, Southlands, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	7.2	0.023 (0.0568)	Delgany	Public Road / Grassed Area	William & Rosemary Hamill, Southlands, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		William & Rosemary Hamill, Southlands, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	8	0.005 (0.0124)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	Christine & Marc Hamilton, La Touche Lodge, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.

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190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	9	0.026 (0.0642)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	Timothy Farrelly, 10 The Poplars, Kindlestown Lower, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	10	0.047 (0.116)	Delgany	Garden	Patrick McCusker, Drumbure, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Patrick McCusker, Drumbure, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	11	0.013 (0.0321)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	Eklad Limited, Drury Court, Drury Street, Dublin 2.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	12	0.041 (0.101)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	Ken & Sheenagh Sullivan, Lakeside House, Ballyvalley, Killaloe, Co. Clare.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	13	0.013 (0.0321)	Delgany	Public Road	DRES Properties, Third Floor, Donnybrook House, 36-42 Donnybrook Road, Dublin 4. Elizabeth O'Connor, Melwood, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. Karidon Developments Ltd. 3rd Floor Donnybrook House, 36-42 Donnybrook Road, Dublin 4.		DRES Properties, Third Floor, Donnybrook House, 36-42 Donnybrook Road, Dublin 4. Elizabeth O'Connor, Melwood, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. Karidon Developments Ltd. 3rd Floor Donnybrook House, 36-42 Donnybrook Road, Dublin 4.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	14	0.013 (0.0321)	Kindlestown Upper	Public Road	T.J. Tracey Son Limited, Windgates, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	15	0.0002 (0.0005)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Ann & Ian Barton, 11 Dromont, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Ann & Ian Barton, 11 Dromont, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	16	0.028 (0.0692)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road / Grassed Area	Peter Donnelly, San Antonio, Ard Brugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	17	0.001 (0.0025)	Kindlestown Upper	Public Road	Rita Jane Colavincenzo & Simon Wilson, Kindlestown Cottage, Lower Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	18	0.004 (0.0099)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Paul & Sarah Byrne, Rose Lodge, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Paul & Sarah Byrne, Rose Lodge, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	19.1	0.001 (0.0025)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Ann & Raymond Barry, 10 Beechbrook Park, Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Ann & Raymond Barry, 10 Beechbrook Park, Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	19.2	0.001 (0.0025)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Ann & Raymond Barry, 10 Beechbrook Park, Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Ann & Raymond Barry, 10 Beechbrook Park, Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	20	0.002 (0.0049)	Kindlestown Lower	Private Driveway	Derrick & Sharon McGovern, Little Orchard, Chapel Road, Kindlestown Lower, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Derrick & Sharon McGovern, Little Orchard, Chapel Road, Kindlestown Lower, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	21.1	0.004 (0.0099)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	21.2	0.002 (0.0049)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	21.3	0.001 (0.0025)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	22	0.004 (0.0099)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Michael & Frances Denny, Coole Lodge, Chapel Road, Kindlestown Lower, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael & Frances Denny, Coole Lodge, Chapel Road, Kindlestown Lower, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	23.1	0.003 (0.0074)	Kindlestown Upper	Private Driveway	Gerard & Deirdre Quigley, Goodbrooke House, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Gerard & Deirdre Quigley, Goodbrooke House, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	23.2	0.012 (0.0297)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Gerard & Deirdre Quigley, Goodbrooke House, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Gerard & Deirdre Quigley, Goodbrooke House, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	24.1	0.015 (0.0371)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	Ronan & Ailbhe Brennan, Cleeve Hill, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	24.2	0.012 (0.0297)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Ronan & Ailbhe Brennan, Cleeve Hill, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Ronan & Ailbhe Brennan, Cleeve Hill, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	25.1	0.002 (0.0049)	Kindlestown Upper	Private Driveway	Marie Whelan, Sonoma, Upper Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Marie Whelan, Sonoma, Upper Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	25.2	0.003 (0.0074)	Kindlestown Upper	Public Road	Marie Whelan, Sonoma, Upper Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	26.1	0.001 (0.0025)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Michael Noble, Castlefield House, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael Noble, Castlefield House, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	26.2	0.002 (0.0049)	Kindlestown Upper	Public Road	Michael Noble, Castlefield House, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	26.3	0.001 (0.0025)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Michael Noble, Castlefield House, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael Noble, Castlefield house, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	26.4	0.004 (0.0099)	Kindlestown Upper	Public Road	Michael Noble, Castlefield House, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	27.1	0.0004 (0.001)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Ronan & Roisin O'Caoimh, Glencarrig House, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Ronan & Roisin O'Caoimh, Glencarrig House, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	27.2	0.002 (0.0049)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Ronan & Roisin O'Caoimh, Glencarrig House, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Ronan & Roisin O'Caoimh, Glencarrig House, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.

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190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	28	0.022 (0.0544)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Raymond & Audrey Smith, Glencarrig Lodge, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Raymond & Audrey Smith, Glencarrig Lodge, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	29.1	0.009 (0.0222)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Renee & Paul Sutton, The Stables, Blacklion, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Renee & Paul Sutton, The Stables, Blacklion, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	29.2	0.013 (0.0321)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	Renee & Paul Sutton, The Stables, Blacklion, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	30	0.016 (0.0395)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road / Grassed Area	Nigel Clarke Developments Limited, Clough, Gorey, Co. Wexford.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	31.1	0.012 (0.0297)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	31.2	0.003 (0.0074)	Kindlestown Upper	Private Driveway	Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	31.3	0.008 (0.0198)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1132	32	0.014 (0.0346)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	Felicity & Paul Murphy, 1 Coil Na Carraige, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. Ingrid & John O'Connor, 2 Coil Na Carraige, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. Aiden & Jacqueline Fallon, 3 Coil Na Carraige, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. Bridget & Killian Fitzgerald, 4 Coil Na Carraige, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	33.1	0.008 (0.0198)	Kindlestown Lower	Private area	The Electricity Supply Board, 62 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2.		The Electricity Supply Board, 62 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	33.2	0.021 (0.052)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road/ Private Area	The Electricity Supply Board, 62 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	34	0.002 (0.0049)	Kindlestown Upper	Private Driveway	Robert Kelly, Amigo Farm, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Robert Kelly, Amigo Farm, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	35.1	0.003 (0.0074)	Kindlestown Lower	Grassed Area	Cornerpark Estates Limited, Chapel Road, Blacklion, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Cornerpark Estates Limited, Chapel Road, Blacklion, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	35.2	0.01 (0.0247)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	Cornerpark Estates Limited, Chapel Road, Blacklion, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.

SCHEDULE PART II

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		Hectares (Acres)	Townland	Description of Property			
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	1.9T	0.0003 (0.0007)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road / Garden	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	4T	0.022 (0.0544)	Delgany	Public Road	Elizabeth & Bernard Burke, Araglin, Riverside, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Elizabeth & Bernard Burke, Araglin, Riverside, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	5T	0.0012 (0.003)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	McMenamin Hand Limited, 62 Wellington Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	7T	0.019 (0.0470)	Delgany	Garden	William & Rosemary Hamill, Southlands, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		William & Rosemary Hamill, Southlands, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	10T	0.021 (0.0519)	Delgany	Garden	Patrick McCusker, Drumbure, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Patrick McCusker, Drumbure, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1101	13T	0.017 (0.042)	Delgany	Garden	DRES Properties, Third Floor, Donnybrook House, 36-42 Donnybrook Road, Dublin 4. Elizabeth O'Connor, Melwood, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. Karidon Developments Ltd. 3rd Floor Donnybrook House, 36-42 Donnybrook Road, Dublin 4.		DRES Properties, Third Floor, Donnybrook House, 36-42 Donnybrook Road, Dublin 4. Elizabeth O'Connor, Melwood, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. Karidon Developments Ltd. 3rd Floor Donnybrook House, 36-42 Donnybrook Road, Dublin 4.

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		Hectares (Acres)	Townland	Description of Property			
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	18T	0.017 (0.042)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Paul & Sarah Byrne, Rose Lodge, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Paul & Sarah Byrne, Rose Lodge, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	19.1T	0.003 (0.0074)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Ann & Raymond Barry, 10 Beechbrook Park, Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Ann & Raymond Barry, 10 Beechbrook Park, Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	19.2T	0.003 (0.0074)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Ann & Raymond Barry, 10 Beechbrook Park, Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Ann & Raymond Barry, 10 Beechbrook Park, Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	20T	0.003 (0.0074)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Derrick & Sharon McGovern, Little Orchard, Chapel Road, Kindlestown Lower, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Derrick & Sharon McGovern, Little Orchard, Chapel Road, Kindlestown Lower, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	21.1T	0.009 (0.0222)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	21.2T	0.006 (0.0148)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	21.3T	0.002 (0.0049)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Mathew & Serena Jebb, Ardsilla, Chapel Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	22T	0.005 (0.0124)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Michael & Frances Denny, Coole Lodge, Chapel Road, Kindlestown Lower, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael & Frances Denny, Coole Lodge, Chapel Road, Kindlestown Lower, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	23.1T	0.001 (0.0025)	Kindlestown Upper	Private Driveway	Gerard & Deirdre Quigley, Goodbrooke House, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Gerard & Deirdre Quigley, Goodbrooke House, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	23.2T	0.009 (0.0222)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Gerard & Deirdre Quigley, Goodbrooke House, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Gerard & Deirdre Quigley, Goodbrooke House, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	24T	0.011 (0.0272)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Ronan & Ailbhe Brennan, Cleeve Hill, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Ronan & Ailbhe Brennan, Cleeve Hill, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	25T	0.002 (0.0049)	Kindlestown Upper	Private Driveway	Marie Whelan, Sonoma, Upper Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Marie Whelan, Sonoma, Upper Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	26.1T	0.001 (0.0025)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Michael Noble, Castlefield House, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael Noble, Castlefield House, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	26.2T	0.003 (0.0074)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Michael Noble, Castlefield House, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael Noble, Castlefield House, Convent Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	27.1T	0.002 (0.0049)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Ronan & Roisin O'Caoimh, Glencarrig House, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Ronan & Roisin O'Caoimh, Glencarrig House, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	27.2T	0.003 (0.0074)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Ronan & Roisin O'Caoimh, Glencarrig House, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Ronan & Roisin O'Caoimh, Glencarrig House, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	28T	0.014 (0.0346)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Raymond & Audrey Smith, Glencarrig Lodge, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Raymond & Audrey Smith, Glencarrig Lodge, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	29T	0.010 (0.0247)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Renee & Paul Sutton, The Stables, Blacklion, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Renee & Paul Sutton, The Stables, Blacklion, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	30T	0.002 (0.0049)	Kindlestown Lower	Garden	Nigel Clarke Developments Limited, Clough, Gorey, Co. Wexford.		Nigel Clarke Developments Limited, Clough, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	31.1T	0.007 (0.0173)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	31.2T	0.001 (0.0025)	Kindlestown Upper	Private Driveway	Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	31.3T	0.014 (0.0346)	Kindlestown Upper	Garden	Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Michael & Evelyn Cawley, Creeslough House, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	32T	0.001 (0.0025)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	Felicity & Paul Murphy, 1 Coil Na Carraige, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. Ingrid & John O'Connor, 2 Coil Na Carraige, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. Aiden & Jacqueline Fallon, 3 Coil Na Carraige, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. Bridget & Killian Fitzgerald, 4 Coil Na Carraige, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	33T	0.019 (0.047)	Kindlestown Lower	Public Road	The Electricity Supply Board, 62 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2.		Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.
190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	34T	0.002 (0.0049)	Kindlestown Upper	Private Driveway	Robert Kelly, Amigo Farm, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.		Robert Kelly, Amigo Farm, Chapel Road, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.

BIFE Art & Design Graduate Exhibition 2022

The eagerly awaited BIFE Art and Design Graduate exhibition returns in person on Tuesday 24th of May.

Bray Institute of Fine Art Practice, Further Education is delighted to present its annual Art & Design Graduate Exhibition for 2022. This exhibition is an opportunity for creative students achieving certificates and diplomas to showcase their works and processes.

Work on display comes from a variety of courses including Art Portfolio Preparation, Art Craft and Design, Design students and

Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Furniture Design, Architectural Design and Technology, and 3D Game Design.

The exhibition is open to the public from 10.00 - 16.00 Wednesday 25th May. 10.00-21.00 Thursday 26th May and 10.00-13.00 Friday 27th May.

BIFE offers influential courses to Art and Design students and

aims to develop the necessary knowledge, commitment, and creative skill for students to engage in the many facets of the Art and Design World.

Head of Art and Design, Karen Ryan commented 'BIFE is a leader in developing the next generation of artists and designers and launching them on their careers. Art and design continue to be a strong

unifying element within any community and with society opening post covid I would strongly encourage everyone to come to view the work and interact with the students.'

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

For further details see www.Bife.ie.

Kilcoole students hopeful of Junk Kouture world final place

On 5th May, Colaiste Chraobh Abhaan's entry for this years Junk Kouture "Ditzy Discs" took to the stage at the Grand Final of Junk Kouture in the Bord Gais Energy Theatre Dublin.



Model Sadhbh Murphy with dress designers Oliwia Ninard and Ella McAulay with teacher Gareth McRory from Colaiste Chraobh Abhaan

The girls spent the entire day in the theatre perfecting their performance, working on make up and preparing for a visit from the judges. Model Sadhbh looked extremely glamorous in the dress and received endless compliments from everyone including Louis Walsh who said it was one of his favourites!

Nine designs were selected on the night to go to the world finals in Abu Dhabi. One more design will be selected as a wildcard to represent Ireland in the world final. This will be announced via social media on Thursday 19th May straight after a TV show on Junk Kouture on RTE 2 that evening.

The girls are extremely excited and hopeful for the chance to be selected as a wildcard. If they are, a voting system will begin and every vote the girls get will be one step closer to the world stage. Dress name: "Ditzy Discs" Model: Sadhbh Murphy Other girls on the team: Oliwia Ninard and Ella McAulay



Cinema at Mermaid Arts Centre presents The Duke

(Cert: TBC), Monday 23rd May, 8pm, €9/7. English with English subtitles

In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year old taxi driver, stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the Gallery's history.

Kempton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly - he had long campaigned for pensioners to receive free television. What happened next became the stuff of legend. Only 50 years later did the full story emerge - Kempton had spun a web of lies. The only truth was that he was a good man, determined to change the world and save his marriage - how and why he used the Duke to achieve that is a wonderfully uplifting tale.

Kim Hayden Student Showcase

Sunday 29th May at 2pm (doors 1.30pm). This event is SOLD OUT. Register at www.whaletheatre.ie or call the booking office on 01 2010550 for waiting list

Singer / Songwriter Kim Hayden & finalist from (RTE'S The Voice of Ireland) started her Online Singing School back in 2020 in the middle of the Covid Pandemic.

For the past 2 years Kim has been coaching and mentoring her Rising star students! Finally with Shows back to normal they are ready to take to the stage and perform in front of a real live audience. Kim describes all her students as "extremely hard-working / driven and super talented, which is exactly what the music industry expects, I am super excited to see them shine bright on "The Whale Theatre Stage". The Matinee performance will be a Showcase of talent to lift the spirits for summer. Also Kim will be performing during the afternoon under her new joint venture 'Dream A Lot' with partner Composer/Producer Gus Crawford Collins performing some of their works for Film and TV. An afternoon of music not to be missed.



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190092-DBFL-XX-SX-DR-C-1102	35T	0.004 (0.0099)	Kindlestown Lower	Grassed Area	Cornerpark Estates Limited, Chapel Road, Blacklion, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.		Cornerpark Estates Limited, Chapel Road, Blacklion, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

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Grainne Duffy and her dog Cleo who took part in the Darkness Into Light walk in Arklow.

Greystones clergywoman stands in 'solidari-tea' with Zimbabwe communities

A Greystones supporter of Christian Aid is celebrating the success of communities in Zimbabwe overcoming drought, hunger and extreme poverty, through projects that help them earn a living, such as the growing and harvesting of hibiscus – a plant that can be used to make herbal tea.



Agnes Machona with bowl of red peppers

Rev Rosemary Lindsay, a long-time supporter of the international development agency, is raising a cup of tea this Christian Aid Week (15th-21st May) to say 'cheers' to women farmers like Agnes Machona, who comes from a drought-prone region of Zimbabwe and is now able to earn a living to support herself and her children.

Christian Aid's local partner in Zimbabwe has helped Agnes to grow and harvest hibiscus flowers because the plant tolerates drought, as well as helping her find commercial buyers for her crop.

Rev Rosemary is standing in 'solidari-tea' this Christian Aid Week to highlight the agency's work in eastern Zimbabwe, which has helped 27,000 people cope with poor rainfall made worse by rising temperatures caused by climate change.

Agnes Machona (37) and her husband have three children. To support the

family, her husband works in the construction industry in Botswana while Agnes stays at home to work their farm and raise their children. Severe drought in recent years has caused Agnes' crops to fail and she recalls a time when there was so little food that she had to cut back to just one meal a day, even though she was breastfeeding. She was losing weight and couldn't produce enough milk to feed her baby.

Agnes is not solely

reliant on the income she earns by selling her hibiscus tea. Christian Aid's local partner has also installed a solar-powered water pump to irrigate a community garden, enabling Agnes and the other women in her community to grow vegetables for consumption and surplus to sell for cash.

Across Ireland this Christian Aid Week, thousands of people will fundraise and donate to support Christian Aid's

work to support people living in some of the poorest countries in the world as well as countries coping with conflict, drought, risk of famine and the impacts of climate change.

Christian Aid Ireland Chief Executive Rosamond Bennett said:

"Some of the poorest people in the world are living on the frontline of the climate crisis. Extreme weather wreaks havoc on harvests, pushing millions further into poverty. Drought left Agnes and others in her community struggling to feed their families but today they are thriving, thanks to the support they receive from Christian Aid's local partner in Zimbabwe. This success is made possible by the generosity of our supporters and with their continued help this Christian Aid Week, we can reach even more people like Agnes."

For more information and to donate to support our work this Christian Aid Week, please visit

<https://caweek.ie/Donate> or telephone 01 496 7040 to make a telephone donation.

PLANNING

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Name: Mr Thomas Mackey Jr. Address: Moanavawn, Dunlavin, Co Wicklow W91 P522. Details: Planning permission is sought for change of use (removal of condition 2 of PRR 03/8818) from restricted use as a dwelling to use by all classes of person. 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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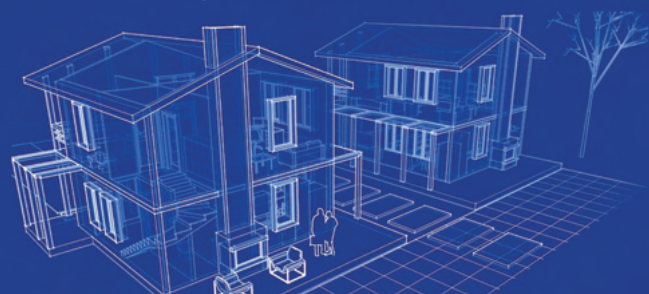
I, Rachel Sillery, wish to apply for permission for development of new dwelling, well, installation of effluent disposal system and all ancillary site works at Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making 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.



Rev Rosemary Lindsay

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Bike Week in Wicklow

Over 25 events are taking place in Wicklow for National Bike Week 2022 which began on Saturday, May 14th and will run until Sunday May 22nd. The theme for this year is 'Click into Gear'.



National Transport Authority CEO Anne Grham with pupils of Stanhope Street Primary School launching Bike Week.

Wicklow Sports Partnership Coordinator, Aisling Hubbard, said: "Bike Week offers a great opportunity for the public to get out and enjoy the beautiful outdoors that Wicklow has to offer. It doesn't matter if you are an avid cyclist or a complete beginner, we have something for everyone."

In partnership with the National Transport Authority, Bike Week is a celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling. Cycling, as a mode of travel, is on the increase with more people choosing to cycle for shorter journeys, making it more important to have your bike in working order.

To coincide with all of these great activities, beginner and intermediate Bike Maintenance Workshops will be taking place in Blessington, Greystones and Wicklow Town. These workshops will teach cyclists how to change tubes and tyres, tune the gears on their bike and how to make adjustments to their brakes, so they work and feel right specified to their needs. Each participant will leave the workshop with a free puncture repair kit and tyre lever.

Speaking about Bike Week, Cllr.

Shay Cullen, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, said: "We are encouraging everyone to drive less and cycle more where possible. Events like Bike Week help inform and educate cyclists so they can be as safe as possible on the roads."

There will be a vast variety of activities happening across the county from Cycle to Zen to Learn to Cycle programs. There really is an event suitable for everyone.

"It's great to see events like Social Cycles and Family Cycles happening back again as it helps members of the local communities to meet up and socialise in a fun and healthy way," said Wicklow County Council Chief Executive, Brian Gleeson.

Spaces for each event can be booked via the Wicklow Sports Partnership Eventbrite. For a full schedule of events and links to booking check out www.wicklowlsp.ie

Bike Week 2022 Schedule

Ongoing

Virtual Pedal for Your Medal

Monday, May 16th

7PM Cycle to Zen - The Avon, Blessington

Tuesday, May 17th

10AM Cycle to Zen - The Avon, Blessington
10AM Cycle to Zen - Bandstand, Bray Seafront
6:15PM Beginners Bike Maintenance Workshop - The Sports Room, Wicklow Town
5PM Bike Maintenance Workshop - Meridan Shopping Centre Greystones
7PM Beginners Bike Maintenance Workshop - The Avon, Blessington

Wednesday, May 18th

10AM Cycle to Zen - Burnaby Park, Greystones
6PM-8PM MTN Bike Taster Session - Carrick MTN, Glenealy
5PM-7PM Fatbike Adventure rentals - Belmont, Bray
7PM Cycle to Zen - The Avon, Blessington

Thursday, May 19th

3:30PM Child and Family Cycle - Russborough House
7PM Intermediate/Advanced Bike Maintenance Workshop - The Avon, Blessington
6:15PM Beginner Bike Maintenance Workshop - The Sports Room, Wicklow Town
5PM-7PM Fatbike Adventures rentals - Belmont, Bray

Friday, May 20th

10AM Cycle to Zen - The Avon, Blessington
7PM Cycle to Zen - Burnaby Park, Greystones
5PM-7PM Fatbike Adventures Rentals - Belmont, Greystones

Saturday, May 21st

10AM Social Cycle - The Sport Room, Wicklow Town

Sunday, May 22nd

12PM Family Cycle - Russborough House along the Blessington Greenway



BirdWatch Ireland's Brian Burke from the Garden Bird Survey has been busy colour-ringing Great Spotted Woodpeckers in various places around Wicklow including the ECNR, Kilpedder and Ashford. Brian is appealing for any sightings of those colour rings. Many people have been getting visits of Woodpeckers to their garden feeders up until recently and the adults may well bring their fledged birds to feed on the nuts in the coming months so keep an eye out for rings and send any sightings to birdwatchwicklow@gmail.com. (Photo - David Menzies)

Wicklow Active Retirement Association

Wicklow Active Retirement Association have been having a busy time lately and are glad to be able to meet again regularly on Tuesday mornings in the Pastoral Centre at St. Patrick's Church. Line Dancing has resumed and the choir has started up again on Friday afternoons at 3pm.

A group of 30 travelled to Kilkenny recently for a four-night stay. Trips were arranged each day and a marvelous time was had by all. They visited Jerpoint Abbey and many other interesting places.

All members are looking forward to the next holiday in September.

A members' lunch will be held on 24th May and there will be a trip to the Bord Gais Theatre on 26th May to see Anything Goes.

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