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# Control of Wicklow Port Transfers to Wicklow County Council

Wicklow County Council has assumed full control of Wicklow Port following the signing of the transfer order by Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Shane Ross T.D. on 30th August 2016.

Wicklow is the first of five designated 'Ports of Regional Significance' to come under local authority led governance as approved via the Government's National Ports Policy of 2013. This policy underpins the enhanced role that local authorities are increasingly required to adopt in the area of regional economic development.

Wicklow Port will retain an important regional position as a freight distribution hub with an increasing role in areas such as marine leisure and tourism. The Council will remain commercially appreciative and create the environment within which the various port-based companies can avail of the established facilities, the harbour infrastructure and land transport access in order to enhance maritime economic activity.

Speaking on the transfer of Wicklow Port, Minister Ross said: "Wicklow is a thriving regional, commercial port and the transfer will provide new opportunities for the development of marine-related activities and regional freight....offering significant potential for local employment creation. Ports of Regional Significance serve a niche market and provide an important regional and local function."

Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Bryan Doyle, welcomed the transfer: "The Blue Economy is an important pillar of the County's economic development strategy. Realising the potential of the County's maritime assets is key to that strategy. We look forward to seeing Wicklow Port continue to thrive and grow under the stewardship of Wicklow County Council."

The County Wicklow Maritime Business Development Group (MBDG) was formed as a product of the County Wicklow Economic Think Tank (CWETT) and recognises the importance of the County's maritime assets to Wicklow's economic development strategy. This is consistent with the National Strategy, 'Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth'.

Wicklow Port has an established commercial base, a diverse range of active harbour users and a maritime conscious community that wish to see their harbour thrive and grow. In support of these aspirations, the recent production of the Wicklow Harbours Baseline Study, via the MBDG, suggests the production of individual business plans for the four harbours of Arklow, Bray, Greystones and Wicklow. Such plans could then be linked to a multi-faceted maritime offering of appropriate scale, across all of County Wicklow's harbours.



# County Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg making progress!

This summer, Comhairle na nÓg held events in County Wicklow alongside 'Be Well' to connect with young people and give them an opportunity to get involved in Comhairle and to give their views on Youth Mental Health with a particular focus on Cyber Bullying.



The events were very productive:

- High energy/participation from young people
- There was a lot of discussion and knowledge from participants. There was an authentic willingness to explore the topics deeply.
- There were good promotional opportunities for Comhairle na nÓg online and in local news outlets
- At the events, some Comhairle members had a chance to share their "why" and show their interest and enthusiasm for Comhairle which was an inspiration for others to get involved.
- New people have shown interest and have joined Comhairle and 'Be Well' as a result.
- A submission was made through the PPN to the Garda Policing Plan for Wicklow.
- The Comhairle is also preparing a submission to the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy, because 'transport for young people with a disability' ranked high on their survey.

A major National initiative on the horizon for Comhairle na nÓg is a survey for young people about school around the country. The representative on the National Executive, Ellen McGrath was involved in the development of the survey over a number of months alongside other representatives from Comhairles across the country and researchers from UCC. "The survey will be taken by 5000 young people across Ireland during Comhairle AGM's" explained Ellen. "It's great being part of the National Executive and meeting people from all over Ireland who have a similar passion for young people having a say on issues that affect them."

The title of the survey is "So, how was school today?" The survey is completely anonymous and allows young people to say what they think about the way they are taught and how they learn. A report with the results of the survey will be compiled and published in early 2017.

County Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg was delighted to support and attend the launch of 'Be Well' Wicklow in County Buildings recently. The expansion of this youth led positive mental health initiative across the County was welcomed by all. With groups in Bray, Arklow, Kilcoole and Newtown already developing, it is anticipated 'Be Well' will make a positive contribution to the Mental Health landscape in Co. Wicklow.



# Funding to Protect Wicklow's Built Heritage



Wicklow Parish Church

Masonry Repair Works  
at Killmurray Church,  
Newtownmountkennedy



Wicklow County Council, through funding provided by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs has allocated almost €90,000 to built heritage projects in County Wicklow in 2016. The Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and the Structures at Risk Fund (SRF) are aimed at assisting owners in carrying out essential works to safeguard protected structures and buildings within Architectural Conservation Areas. There is an emphasis also, in supporting employment in the built heritage sector and in nurturing building conservation skills. Some of the buildings receiving support in 2016 include St. Saviours Church, Arklow, Killmurray Church, Newtownmountkennedy, Barravore Crusher Houses, Glenmalure, Wicklow Parish Church, Wicklow Town, St. Mary's Church, Blessington and Ballymurrin Farmhouse. These buildings contribute greatly to the richness and diversity of our built heritage stock in Wicklow and our associated sense of place.

For more information contact Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer or visit the Department's website to access the very useful 'Advice Series' for owners at <http://www.ahrrga.gov.ie/heritage/built-heritage/architectural-heritage-advisory-service/advice-for-owners/>



An Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta,  
Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta  
Department of Arts, Heritage,  
Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs



## Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committee commences preparation of its Six Year Strategic Plan.

In order to strengthen the strategic alignment of Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) with other relevant local structures, JPC's are required to develop a Six Year Strategic Plan. To commence the process, a stakeholder workshop was held in early March, 2016, the purpose being to bring stakeholders together and

contribute to the formation of the Plan. The role and work of the JPC was presented to the workshop as an overview and as the JPC is a collaborative committee, the importance of the JPC as a forum for consultation, discussion and recommendation on matters affecting Policing in Wicklow was highlighted. The feedback gathered from the workshop served as an additional consultative process to add to feedback collated to-date through the JPC Public Meetings.

The workshop was very well attended, representing interest sectors and geographical areas of the county. Participants were asked to consider issues and areas of concern under 4 thematic areas 1. Policing Communities, 2. Tackling Crime in Rural Areas, 3. Drug Prevention and 4. Communications, and to suggest ways to address these issues.



The Plan was adopted by Wicklow County Council at the Council meeting held on Monday the 3rd of October and it is proposed to officially launch the Plan at the JPC public meeting which will be held in Roundwood on Wednesday the 2nd of November, 2016.

# Community Led Heritage Action at Glendalough



The Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council is working closely with local people, interested enthusiasts, the School of Archaeology UCD, and state bodies on an exciting programme of ongoing activities to increase our understanding of the rich heritage of the Glendalough Valley. This collaboration led to a hive of activity in the run up to, and throughout, National Heritage Week this year.

Activities included; a two week public volunteer excavation at the main monastic site, followed by a two week UCD field school excavation. A community survey of the old graveyard, the development of a Graveyard Trail brochure and the hosting of daily guided graveyard tours by the local survey team also took place. An exhibition of historical photographs of Glendalough from the National Library of Ireland's collection, daily archaeological excavation tours, an open day demonstrating the latest digital archaeological recording techniques used by the Discovery Programme and a 'Big Dig' whereby budding archaeologists could participate in a simulated dig completed the programme of events.

The Glendalough Community Heritage Project has uncovered a wealth of material that alters our understanding of the development of settlement in the valley and highlights the benefits of combining professional expertise with community support. Archaeological discoveries include evidence of substantial timber structures, a large ditch, and several artefacts including a silver coin of King Sitric, a bronze ring pin and medieval ceramic fragments. The Community graveyard survey has digitally recorded 1400 grave markers spanning over 1000 years of continuous use by over 200 different families. This provides a rich genealogical and historical resource that has the potential to contribute greatly to future tourism and visitor development proposals. Funding for the various activities carried out this year was provided by Wicklow County Council and The Heritage Council through the County Heritage Plan allocation in association with UCD and project partners, the Discovery Programme, Office of Public Works and Wicklow Mountains National Park.

For more information contact Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer  
[dburns@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:dburns@wicklowcoco.ie) or visit Wicklow's online community heritage archive  
[www.countywicklowheritage.org](http://www.countywicklowheritage.org) and [www.glendaloughheritageforum.ie](http://www.glendaloughheritageforum.ie).





# PURE Mile Awards 2016

The PURE Mile, an environmental competition which aims to create a greater awareness of the country roads of Wicklow and South Dublin had its annual awards recently. The PURE Mile Competition encourages communities in Wicklow and South Dublin to keep a mile stretch of road and the surrounding environment litter and rubbish free. The awards and certificates were presented by, Mr. Seán Kyne, T.D., Minister of State for Gaeltacht Affairs and Natural Resources, the Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald and Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Mr. Bryan Doyle.

2016 was the seventh year of the PURE Mile competition, with the largest number of entries for the PURE Mile since it began 7 years ago with over 60 miles of road from all over Wicklow and South Dublin involved. This year is a big year for PURE as the environmental project is celebrating 10 years.

There were 13 awards presented on the night with cash prizes totalling over €5,000. The Best PURE Mile Award was presented to the Ballinafunshoge/Cullentragh Park PURE Mile Group. The Best Litter Free Award was presented to Donard PURE Mile. The award for The Best Antidumping Campaign went to the community of Kiltegan. The Best Education Award was awarded to Kilbride PURE Mile and Brittas Bay National School for their excellent research project of their local area, with Lough Dan Scout Group picking up The Best Youth Award. Ballintombay/Balinabarney PURE Mile picked up two awards on the night, one for Best Community Effort and The Best Natural Heritage. The Best Social Heritage Award was presented to Glen Heste PURE Mile.

The awards night was also the official launch of the 2017 PURE Mile Competition, and again PURE are inviting all groups and communities living in rural areas of county Wicklow to take part in the 2017 PURE Mile Competition. PURE are also encouraging special interest groups, scout groups, cycling groups, running groups, walking groups, etc., to adopt a mile of road, a woodland, an upland car park, a mountain, a trail, in an upland area and take part in the competition. PURE will supply all groups who enter the competition with bags, litter pickers and gloves and they will also remove all rubbish collected.

Anyone interested in the 2017 PURE Mile competition can request an application form and information pack by emailing [info@pureproject.ie](mailto:info@pureproject.ie) or it can be downloaded from [www.pureproject.ie/what-we-do/the-pure-mile/](http://www.pureproject.ie/what-we-do/the-pure-mile/). You can also write to; PURE Project, Wicklow Mountains, National Park, Kilafin, Laragh, Bray, Co. Wicklow and they will post out all the information or request an application form and information pack by phoning PURE on 0404 45547.

Further information on PURE can be found on [www.pureproject.ie](http://www.pureproject.ie)  
TO REPORT DUMPERS AND DUMPING LO-CALL 1850 365 121



# New video to promote Arklow's business and tourism attractions

Arklow's attractions as a centre for business and tourism are highlighted in a new video launched recently by Wicklow County Council.

The four-and-a-half-minute long video covers the Arklow Municipal District and features contributions from local representatives, business figures and others, as well as aerial shots of the locality.

The purpose of the "Arklow Municipal District – Making a Difference" project is to highlight the District as a business location and a tourist destination.

The video is available on [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie) and on [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wgkf-FZIBkQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wgkf-FZIBkQ)

Launching the video, Mr. Bryan Doyle, Chief Executive, Wicklow County Council, said: "As part of the overall strategy for economic development in the county, which is embedded in the Local Economic and Community Plan, we are committed to promoting County Wicklow as an ideal location for investment, enterprise and knowledge creation; we will do this online, through our videos, our website and social media and by way of a range of promotional material."

Speaking at the launch of the video, Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, said: "I very much welcome this initiative which showcases all that is good about the Arklow Municipal District. We need to strive to portray a positive image of our District and to assist in whatever we can in an effort to attract industry to the area with the support of the relevant job creating agencies."



The Cathaoirleach of the Arklow Municipal District, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, said the video "showcases the very best that the Arklow Municipal District has to offer: our infrastructure, our amenities and our people. It shows that we are open for business. We have all the necessary infrastructures needed to nurture economic development and incentivise job creation. Our location is a commodity that many other districts and counties would love to possess."

The launch event was also addressed by Mr. Donal Murray, Manager, Arklow Business Enterprise Centre, Conor Simpson, Regional Business Development Manager at the IDA for the Eastern Region and Mr. Daithi de Forge, Recreation Manager, Coillte.

The video was produced by Paul Carney (PC Productions) with funding from the Arklow Municipal District Economic Development Funding and the County Wicklow Economic Think Tank.





# 11 New Housing Projects Announced

Wicklow County Council has welcomed the news of formal Departmental approval of Stage 1 funding of €16,680,427 to progress 11 new housing construction projects. These projects will deliver 97 much needed housing units around the county.

Approval has been given for the following schemes:

Ard na Mara,  
Kilcoole (2 units)

Sugarloaf View,  
Kilmacanogue (20 units)

FCA Hall,  
Wicklow (7 units)

Emoclew Road, Arklow  
Phase 1 & 2  
(17 & 20 units)

Kilmantin Place,  
Bray (4 units)

O'Byrne Road,  
Bray (1 unit)

Brewery Straight,  
Rathdrum (20 units)

Chapel Lane,  
Aughrim (2 units)

Druids Brook,  
Kilcoole (2 units)

Farrankelly,  
Greystones  
Phase 2 (15 units)

Old Library,  
Arklow (7 units)



Artist impression of the Brewery Straight perspective and site layout





# WALKING GROUP

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In the interests of road safety, landowners are reminded to ensure that trees, hedges or other vegetation are maintained in such condition that they are not a hazard to road users and that they do not interfere with the maintenance of the public road. In particular, branches which jut out onto the road (including the footpath) should be cut back. Dead and unsafe trees should be removed and hedges should be cut and trimmed. It is recommended that professional advice on the condition of roadside trees should be obtained from time to time. When landowners are maintaining hedges or trees, all reasonable care should be taken to ensure the safety of road users while this work is being carried out, and that all cuttings are removed so that roadside drains are kept clear.

Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

All necessary work should be carried out between **1st September, 2016 and 29th February 2017** in order to comply with the Wildlife Acts.

Maintenance of roadside vegetation by landowners is a requirement of the Roads Act and Wicklow County Council will be taking a proactive approach in enforcing this legislation.

Seasonal  
Reminder  
to  
Landowners



## Are you registered to vote?

You should not assume that just because your name was on the Register at the last election that it is still there. In particular, if you have moved house recently or you will be 18 years of age or over on the 15th February, 2017 your name should be on the Register. IT IS UP TO YOU TO ENSURE THAT IT IS.

Application forms RFA1 for inclusion on the Register of Electors are available by downloading the form from [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie) and should be returned to the Franchise Section, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow by the 25th November, 2016.

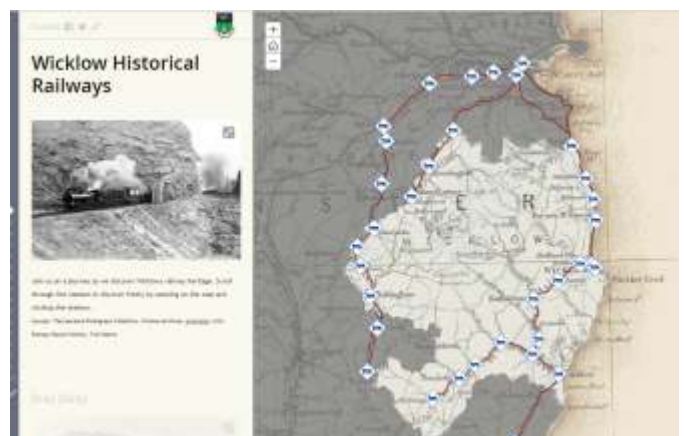
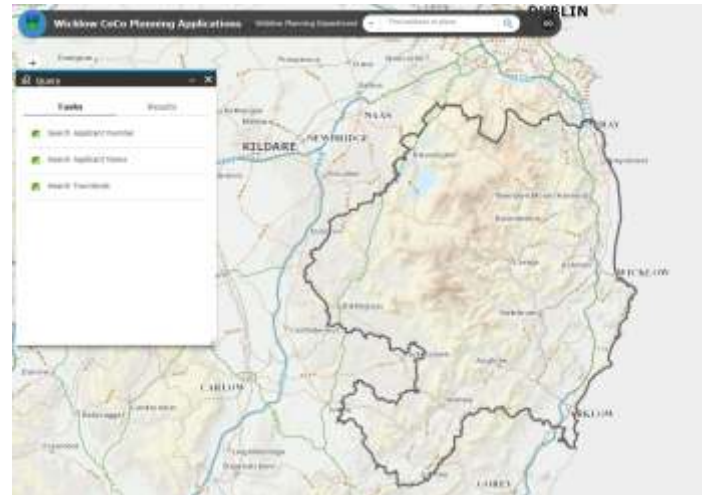
You can check the register online at the County Council's website [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie) or at [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)



# Visit our Map Zone

Did you know that Wicklow County Council offer a range of interactive maps on their website [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie)?

Categories include: Planning Applications, Landscape Categories, Wind Strategy, Wicklow's Historical Railways, Historical Sites and Historical County Comparison maps.





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## Wicklow

## ...Let's talk business

### Hollywood comes to Wicklow LEO Wicklow launch South Eastern Creative Corridor with Oscar winning stars.



All eyes were on Wicklow as Hollywood movie stars and Oscar winning directors and producers came together to help launch the 'South Eastern Creative Corridor'. The launch, which took place on the set of new movie 'I Kill Giants' in Clermont, Wicklow County Campus, marked the first step in the programme which aims to create a vibrant, viable, and growing creative Audio Visual industry cluster in the region.

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) in Wicklow, in collaboration with Kilkenny, Carlow, Wexford and Tipperary Local Enterprise Offices succeeded in winning funding under the LEO Competitive Fund to implement the 'South Eastern Creative Corridor' programme. The overall objective of the programme is to encourage and support entrepreneurs and established SMEs who can sell services or products to the film industry or are operating in the film sector, to grow their businesses, internationalise and create new jobs in the

region. The participating companies will be supported through an extensive networking, mentoring and training programme including opportunities to access finance for their business plans.

The programme was launched by Oscar winning director Anders Walter and double Oscar winning producer Kim Magnusson along with young Hollywood superstars, Madison Wolfe, Rory Jackson and Sydney Wade. Other special guests on the day included Bryan Doyle Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Michael Brougham from Enterprise Ireland, Sheelagh Daly LEO Wicklow, Breege Cosgrave LEO Wexford, Ita Horan LEO Tipperary, Fiona Deegan LEO Kilkenny, Anna Byrne LEO Carlow, Vibeke Delahunt, Wicklow Film Commission and Lorraine Bowen from The Entrepreneurs Academy who is operating the programme on behalf of the LEOs.

Lending her Department's support to the South Eastern Creative Corridor programme, the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Minister, Mary Mitchell O'Connor said: **"All of the regions in Ireland have core individual attributes that position them to be key contributors to Ireland's economic growth and employment creation. Our focus for the regions is to harness the huge potential and particular opportunities through a collaborative approach to innovative projects that will result in more jobs. With the help of the 5 LEOs in the region, the South Eastern Creative Corridor programme will build on the unique strengths of the film industry in this region."**

The vision for the programme encompasses a broad range of activities categorised as 'Creative Industry' that are related to audio visual production. Expressions of interest are being invited via the creative corridor website from enterprises / start-ups that wish to participate in the programme. One of the most exciting elements of the programme is the opportunity for applicants to avail of the €100,000 investment fund.

Commenting on the programme Sheelagh Daly, Head of Enterprise with the lead partner, LEO Wicklow, stated **"This is exciting for us and everyone involved and we are delighted to get started. We believe that the project has real potential to add value to the region, in addition to the LEO Grant Aid of €100,000, we also aim to create 40 new jobs in the region and get a minimum of 40 companies with strong growth potential to participate in the LEO mentoring programme by 2017. We are hoping to attract the best in the industry and look forward to the journey ahead, and to realizing our overall vision of creating an internationally recognized film industry cluster in the region."**

An official information event for the South Eastern Creative Corridor will take place on the 3rd November in Rathnew at the Wicklow County Campus where the best in the industry will come together to kick off what is set to be an action packed programme.



In recent years Bray Town Council has led a number of initiatives such as the Town Rejuvenation Project, Bray Litter Task Force and Bray Economic Think Tank; all of these initiatives were aimed at enhancing the town and stimulating economic activity. After much discussion it was decided that the obvious next step for Bray Municipal District Council was to consider the formation of a Town Team - based on a concept proposed by the UK Retail Expert, Ms. Mary Portas.

Bray Municipal District is delighted to pilot this new initiative which follows the standard in the UK. This was rolled out by the leading town centre management professionals, the Association of Town and City Management (ATCM). Bray Town Centre secured the prestigious Purple Flag accreditation in 2014 and successfully renewed it in 2015. The award recognises excellence in the management of town and city centres at night. Bray is one of 18 towns and cities to hold this award on the island of Ireland.

More towns and cities are increasingly looking at co-operative approaches and ways to ensure the survival of their respective town. Several are looking at the Business Improvement District Scheme (BIDS) model and others are currently supported under the Town Team initiative by Retail Excellence Ireland. Funding will be made available for feasible approved projects that are identified by the Town Team. Projects that could be undertaken under this Town Team initiative include:

- A comprehensive and free listing for every business within the district on 'Bray.ie'
- Identifying pilot projects on town performance
- User survey, business survey, footfall indicators
- Business Plan for Bray.
- Building Appearance
- Car Parking Incentives
- Vacancy Rates.



One of the primary objectives of the Town Team initiative, is to encourage more collaboration, communication and cooperation between the Local Authority and the business community. Part of the Town Team process will involve developing a Business Plan for Bray and ensuring unity of message and strategy for the town – in essence, one voice from one team for our town. The team has met on a couple of occasions at this stage and discussed items across the following four areas:- Marketing & Promotion; Infrastructure & Public Realm; Festival & Events, and Business Development.

The Town Team initiative will identify building block projects that will positively impact on an economic performance for Bray across several measures. Bray will be in a position to access best practice and to learn from other towns and cities' positive experiences.

The Town Team is cross sectoral and comprises a geographical representation of the main retail and tourist areas of Bray Town centre, as follows:

- |                                       |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Cathaoirleach of the Day            | • District Administrator |
| • District Engineer                   | • Chamber of Commerce    |
| • Bray Gardaí                         | • Tourist providers      |
| • Tanseys                             | • McDonalds              |
| • Boots                               | • Reads of Bray          |
| • Royal Hotel                         | • Castle Garage          |
| • Bray Institute of Further Education |                          |



# County Wicklow People of



Chief Executive, Mr. Bryan Doyle presenting the Community Health Award to the National Learning Network.



Chief Executive, Mr. Bryan Doyle presenting the Volunteer of the Year Award to Mr. Paul Keogh.

A group of local heroes gathered at the Glendalough Hotel on Friday 30th September to accept their 'County Wicklow People of the Year' awards.

The event was held to recognise the wonderful contributions made across Wicklow communities as well as to raise funds for Wicklow Hospice Foundation.

Chairman of the foundation Sean Dorgan congratulated all the winners. He said that the efforts of these unsung heroes helped to improve the quality of life in their communities. Mr. Dorgan said that Wicklow Hospice Foundation also wants to make a real difference in a way that really matters. He said that after a final fundraising drive they hope to break ground and ultimately open the 15-bed facility within three years. 'My own personal hope is that building will be under way this time next year', said Mr. Dorgan.

Meanwhile, the guests at the event heard from Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Pat Fitzgerald; Emma Stafford, Commissioning Editor of People Newspapers; and one of the organisers Bill Porter, before MC Christy Kenneally introduced ten remarkable winners.

It was an emotional and enjoyable evening, with the winners themselves most modest and humble throughout.

The Hospice Foundation would particularly like to thank the award sponsors i.e. Glendalough Hotel, Avon Motors, Rathdrum; Irish Public Bodies Insurance, Shoreline Leisure and the Local Sports Partnership.

Other sponsors included: Powerscourt Gardens and Waterfall, Blainroe Golf Club, Wicklow Golf Club, Glenview Hotel, Mount Usher Gardens, Avoca and Bridgewater Shopping Centre.



# the Year Awards 2016



Cllr Pat Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, presenting Canon Robert Jennings with the Heritage Award.



Mr. Michael Nicholson, Director of Services, Community, Cultural and Social Development, Wicklow County Council presents the Social Inclusion Award to the Polish-Irish Education Association



Deputy, Pat Casey T.D., presenting the 1916 Commemoration Award to Mr. David Owens.



Mr. Phil O'Rourke from Wicklow County Council, presenting Mr. Dessie O'Toole with the award for Community Spirit.



Ms. Mary Fogarty from the Bray People presenting the Community Arts Award to Mr. Paul O'Toole



Mr. Denis Carter from the Avon Motors presenting the Service to the Community Award to Mr. Seamus O'Toole.



Mr. Sean Dorgan, Chairman of Wicklow Hospice Foundation presenting the Carer of the Year Award to Ms. Margaret O'Donovan.



Ms. Lisa Cairns from Wicklow Local Sports Partnership presents Ms. Fiona Shannon with the Sports Award.



## Age Friendly Wicklow

Wicklow County Council and the members of Wicklow Age Friendly Alliance entered into a partnership in 2015 and are committed to ensuring that Wicklow becomes a great place in which to grow old. Wicklow Age Friendly Alliance recognises that older people with their life time of accumulated expertise, talents and wisdom are central to the process. Since last November there has been extensive consultation with older people around the county and this consultation has informed a draft County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy which has been submitted to members of the Age Friendly Alliance. Copies of the draft strategy are available from the office of Community, Cultural and Social Development on 0404 20208 or by email at

[agefriendly@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:agefriendly@wicklowcoco.ie)

During the consultations one of the issues highlighted was the need for information and better communication. With this in mind County Wicklow Network for Older People is hosting a seminar on Friday 18th November in the Glendalough Hotel on information provision and will feature presentations by different agencies on the day.

If you would like to attend please register by contacting Garvan Hickey on 0404 20208 or email [agefriendly@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:agefriendly@wicklowcoco.ie) Early registration is advised as demand for places usually exceeds supply and places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.



## Water Safety - beware of Portuguese Man O'War

Please exercise caution on our shores.



Large & conspicuous float up to 30cm long & 10cm wide. Float is silver-blue with red/pink tinging. rest of colony is blue purple.



### First Aid for the treatment of jellyfish stings:

- Ensure you don't get stung yourself when aiding others
- Remove any attached tentacles with a gloved hand, stick, or towel (if none of these are available use the tips of your fingers)
- Do not rub the affected area (this may result in further venom release)
- Rinse the affected area with sea-water (do not use fresh water, vinegar, alcohol or urine)
- Apply a 'dry cold pack' to the area (i.e. place a cold pack or ice inside a plastic bag and then wrap this package in a t-shirt or other piece of cloth)
- Seek medical attention if there is anything other than minor discomfort
- If the patient is suffering from swelling, breathing difficulties, palpitation or chest tightness then transfer to the nearest emergency department urgently
- These guidelines were drawn up by the Jellyfish Action Group of Ireland and Wales (which includes experts from Beaumont Poison Centre, Pre-hospital Emergency Care experts, hospital A&E consultants, local GPs, and water safety officers) and are only to be applied in Irish and Welsh waters. If travelling abroad seek advice for that specific country.



# Breakfast Briefing for Business Community

Earlier this year Wicklow County Council welcomed seventy members of the business community to a Breakfast Briefing for Business in the Druids Glen Hotel.

The then Cathaoirleach, Councillor John Ryan, welcomed the participants to the Breakfast Briefing. He outlined the purpose of the event and summarised some of the many Wicklow County Council projects and initiatives which underpin economic activity in the county, including the work of the Local Enterprise Office and of the County Wicklow Economic Think Tank. He also spoke about the rebranding of County Wicklow and the new tagline "Endless Opportunities".

The Chief Executive Bryan Doyle spoke about the Council's enhanced role in economic activity, its overall strategy and its input into and collaboration with the preparation of national, regional and local strategies. He also provided an update on the Draft County Development Plan 2016 to 2022.

Tom Melody, General Manager of Kerry Foods gave a presentation on the company, its history and its brands. With 870 employees at its Shillelagh facility, Kerry Foods is one of the largest employers in the County. Kerry Foods is a very responsive organisation and flexibility and agility are key to the company's continued success. During the course of his presentation, Tom Melody acknowledged the role that the County Council and the community of South West Wicklow, played in contributing to that success.

Over breakfast discussions were held on a number of topics. Issues raised by the business community included; review of the Council's internal and external communications strategy, a rates incentive scheme, actively pursuing improved broadband, working with the business community to promote Wicklow as a business destination, roll out of the new brand.

Feedback was generally positive and the business breakfast was acknowledged to be a good starting point.



## HAVE YOUR SAY!

## Local Area Plans are being prepared for the following areas:

**ARKLOW & ENVIRONS**  
**BRAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**  
**RATHDRUM**

A 'Consultation Issues Booklet' has been prepared for each area and along with the current plans, the documents are available to view at the following locations:

- The local library for the relevant plan (Arklow, Bray, Ballywaltrim, Enniskerry and Rathdrum)
- The local Municipal District office for the relevant plan (Arklow and Bray)
- Planning Department, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow Town
- The Council's website [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie)

SUBMISSIONS ARE INVITED ON THE PREPARATION OF THE NEW PLANS.  
LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF SUBMISSIONS IS 11TH NOVEMBER 2016 (5PM).

Submissions may be made in one of the following ways:

1. Write to: Administrative Officer, Planning Department, Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow.
2. Email to: [planreview@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:planreview@wicklowcoco.ie)

Log onto [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie) for more information and details on how to make a submission.



# Pay By Weight & Discontinuation of Bag Collections for Waste in County Wicklow



Application to be registered as a bag waste collection household.

The form is available on-line at [www.wicklow.ie/Paybyweight](http://www.wicklow.ie/Paybyweight) Paper copies of the form are available from all Wicklow County Council offices, libraries and recycling centres.

Please note that exemptions will only be made in exceptional circumstances that meet the criteria on our website [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie)

To apply for an exemption and be placed on the register go to [www.wicklow.ie/paybyweight](http://www.wicklow.ie/paybyweight) and fill in the online request form or contact the Waste Management Office on 0404 20127 or Environmental Awareness Office on 1890 222276. E-mail queries can be sent to [paybyweight@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:paybyweight@wicklowcoco.ie)

For details of pricing, etc. please contact your waste collection company.

If you produce a smaller amount of waste most waste companies also supply a smaller 140 litre bin rather than the standard 240 litre bin.

## How to lighten your General Waste Bin

Before you bin anything check to see if its **compostable** or **recyclable**. Your waste collector can provide a current list of acceptable items for each waste stream.

Remove any water or liquid from the item so it is as light as possible

Keep glass out and bring it to your bottle bank

Building rubble e.g. tiles, concrete or plasterboard, timber or metal may be accepted for a small charge at your local Civic Amenity Site



## How to lighten your Recycling Bin



To reduce weight ensure that used food containers are clean and dry

Look for goods with less packaging

Choose goods in refillable packaging such as detergents & coffee

Follow the list of recyclable materials accepted by your waste collection company (they will provide you with a list)

Leaving packaging in the shop if allowed, e.g. shoe boxes.

Invest in a refillable water bottle, coffee cup & lunch box to reduce waste when you are on the move

Look out for compostable & recycling symbols on packaging



Place a NO JUNK MAIL sticker on your letter box





# County sees increase in Tidy Towns results

## COUNTY RESULTS

**An increase of 138 points  
on 2016**

ARKLOW	303
ASHFORD	275
AUGHRIM	319
AVOCA	295
BALLYCOOG	228
BLESSINGTON	265
BRAY	286
CARNEW	235
COOLBOY	263
DELGANY	273
DONARD	275
DUNLAVIN	245
GLENEALY	257
GRANGE CON	290
HOLLYWOOD	250
KILCOOLE	241
KILTEGAN	287
KNOCKANNA	275
LARAGH & GLENDALOUGH	266
NEWCASTLE	287
NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY	266
RATHDANGAN	232
RATHDRUM	251
ROUNDWOOD	278
SHILLELAGH	216
STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY	305
TINAHELY	268
WICKLOW	304

**WELL DONE TO ALL  
THE TIDY TOWNS  
GROUPS**

Congratulations to all involved in Tidy Towns Committees in County Wicklow in the national competition. Almost all towns achieved an increase in marks this year and a number of towns had a significant increase in marks showing the huge effort made across the range of marking categories. Aughrim again achieved the best score in the county with Stratford highly commended and Wicklow commended under the county awards. Hollywood won the Endeavour Award with the biggest increase in marks in the county. Aughrim was again awarded a Gold Medal while both Arklow and Wicklow gained Bronze Medals. This year groups from across the county did very well in the special awards with Arklow winning the Diversity Award, Grangecon winning the Tree Project award and Greystones receiving Highly Commended for their entry in the Waste Prevention award.

The Environmental Awareness Office of Wicklow County Council works with tidy towns groups all across the county and would like to congratulate all of them that took part in the National Awards. There is tremendous effort put in by committees and volunteers to tackle waste prevention, biodiversity, landscaping and coming to terms with stopping litter! The national awards are not just a few hanging baskets and a couple of litter pick ups! It's about making a community and making it better through hard work every day of the year.

★	Gold Award - Aughrim	★
★	Bronze Awards - Arklow & Wicklow	★
★	County Awards - Aughrim	★
★	Stratford-On-Slaney & Wicklow	★
★	Endeavour Award - Hollywood Village	★
★	Diversity Award - Arklow	★
★	Tree Project Award - Grange Con	★
★	Waste Prevention Award - Greystones	★



# A diverse selection of 1916 memorabilia at Public Collections Event

In May, County Buildings played host to a gathering of history enthusiasts and experts, re-enactors, archivists, a paper conservator, traditional musicians and interested members of the public for the Wicklow 1916 Public Collection Day, organized by the Council as part of the Wicklow Commemorates 1916 programme. A wonderfully diverse selection of items were brought to the event, ranging from weaponry and other military garb to intensely private family documents, letters, photographs and papers. Overall, approximately 40 items were presented by members of the public. Of these, the vast majority were family items which had been passed down through the years and kept safe in the family home. A number of very personal items were shared with staff on the day such as the prison issue socks and belt and a prayer book, signed by the owner, a member of the Irish Volunteers, used during his incarceration in Dartmoor prison following his involvement in the Easter Rising. Other items relate to everyday life of the period such as the handwritten notebook of recipes compiled by a young lady and kept right up through her married years. A dancing costume handmade from Irish linen and complete with brass buttons marked with the insignia of the Irish Volunteers, was also presented. This costume, originally made by a lady in Rathdrum, helped the owner dance her way to success in many competitions in the early 1900s. A final example of the range of objects brought along on the day were a number of rifles which had been landed in Kilcoole in 1915 and kept in the locality until their use in 1916 and the War of Independence.

All of these items have now been digitized and fully documented, and will contribute greatly to the county's archival collection. Wicklow is one of the few counties to host an online community heritage archive, 'Our Wicklow Heritage' which will become a depository in the coming weeks for sharing this information to the wider public in Ireland and abroad, see [www.countywicklowheritage.org](http://www.countywicklowheritage.org). It is also intended to make the archive available to the Digital Repository Of Ireland's National collection, Inspiring Ireland 1916. The success of the day owes much to the participation by historical societies and groups from Bray, Roundwood, Greystones, Wicklow and Hollywood and the talks given by local experts; Brendan Flynn, Stan O Reilly, Ben Fagan and Brian White, along with the young musicians from Wicklow Comhltras and all the others who freely gave up their time. The Wicklow 2016 Committee would like to extend their thanks to all who participated in the Public Collections Day and hope that the people of County Wicklow continue to cherish their own histories and those of their county.



**Letter (extract) from the Unionists of Greystones to the Viscount of Powercourt Pleading for Military Protection, circa 1914**



**1916 Medal of Michael Giffney (Irish Volunteers - Giffneys originally from Ashford)**



**Dartmoor Prison issue jar, belt and socks of Peter Paul Galligan (Enniscorthy Volunteers)**



**Irish Dancing Jacket and Shawl (made by Rathdrum dressmaker Mrs. McCauley, 1916)**



**De Valera's top hat**





# County Wicklow Public Participation Network

## County Wicklow PPN Invites Communities to Talk

County Wicklow PPN ran a busy programme for member groups and interested parties in the first half of 2016 which included the organisation of three seminars.

At the "Why Early Years Learning Matters" seminar Eugene Waters of Wicklow County Childcare Committee provided invaluable information about the extended Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme, its positive effects, and its impact on school starting age. At the "Let's Talk About Housing" seminar, speakers representing Wicklow County Council's Housing and Corporate Estate Department, and the Dublin Simon Community gave comprehensive presentations on national & local policy and the housing crisis.

July's "Let's Talk About Our Rivers, Natural Waterways and Surrounding Areas" had contributors from Wicklow County Council and County Wicklow Partnership. The seminar informed groups and organisations with an interest in protecting our streams, rivers, river-banks and beaches for the ecological and recreational benefit of this and future generations.

### **County Wicklow PPN and County Wicklow Volunteer Centre Team Up to Support Wicklow Community Groups and Volunteers:**

#### **1. Mind Your Mental Health**

Mind Your Mental Health is an interactive adult learning workshop facilitated by Mental Health Ireland which includes presentations, discussions, case studies and group activities on the following:

(i) Understanding Mental Health & Wellbeing (ii) Stress & Thinking Patterns (iii) Mental Health Difficulties, Recovery & Support (iv) Minding Your Mental Health Strategies.

#### **2. Garda Vetting, Managing Your Volunteers, Insurance**

This workshop will provide all the information community groups MUST KNOW to look after themselves, their group and the people that they interact with. An experienced representative from BHP Insurance will be in attendance to provide answers on all community based insurance questions.

A number of sessions for both of these workshops will take place in November. Booking is essential and places will be limited to 2 people from each community group.

More information about County Wicklow PPN can be found on their

Webpage: [www.countywicklowppn.ie](http://www.countywicklowppn.ie) Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/CWPPN](https://www.facebook.com/CWPPN) or by

e-mailing Helen Howes on: [countywicklowppn@gmail.com](mailto:countywicklowppn@gmail.com)

Tel: 087 1895145



# Update on coastal protection works at The Murrough



The Coastal Protection works have progressed well over the Summer and will be completed soon. The walkway alongside the railway line will be reinstated. Access to The Murrough continues to be fully available for pedestrians during these works, thanks to the cooperation of Iarnród Éireann who have installed a temporary footpath adjacent to the railway line and assisted with sourcing funding.

## Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Rural towns have felt the impact of the economic challenges of recent years more acutely than cities and larger urban centres. The significant deterioration of many small towns and villages throughout the country is clearly visible in the form of empty shops, abandoned buildings, vacant lands and a generally poor environment to live in or to visit. Targeted action is needed to arrest this decline and harness the regeneration potential of towns and villages to support economic activity. Wicklow County Council recently received an allocation of €380,000 and were invited to submit applications for a number of projects which would support the revitalisation of towns and villages in the county.

A total of 11 applications have been submitted for towns and villages throughout the county, for a number of projects, including playgrounds, footpath improvements, town square enhancements, tourism projects, Library refurbishment and town plans. If successful, all projects must be completed by the 31st December.

## Wicklow leading the way as Fáilte Ireland begins roll-out of new 'Ireland's Ancient East' orientation signs



Ireland's Ancient East, Fáilte Ireland's latest initiative, extends from Monaghan to Cork and all counties in between. It invites the visitor to experience 5,000 years of history through a series of signature stories; Ancient, Sacred, High Kings and Heroes, Vikings, Castles and Conquerors, Big Houses and Hard Times, Ireland's Mystical Waterways, Maritime Gateway and the Sport of Kings.

The idea is to encourage visitors arriving via Dublin to spend "dwell time"

in the East and South East of the country, an area that has been hitherto overlooked by overseas visitors. The idea is offer visitors an opportunity to engage with real people, to share stories and to experience our lush green landscapes, our mountains and seascapes, to have fun exploring and discovering the treasures of the East.

Wicklow County Council is working with Fáilte Ireland to roll out the signage programme to give a sense of arrival to visitors as they arrive in to the county. Many of Wicklow's key visitor attractions are featured on the Ireland's Ancient East promotional material including Glendalough, Wicklow Gaol, Russborough, Powerscourt and Killruddery as well as the hidden gems such as Kilmacurragh House and Gardens. The current key promotional theme for Wicklow is "Big Houses and Hard Times" a story so eloquently interpreted in Wicklow. Powerscourt, one of Wicklow's flagship locations has been awarded Fáilte Ireland grant assistance to develop this world class destination. Wicklow Gaol is one of the first sites in the country to feature the spiral orientation signage which lists just some of the visitor attractions within an hour's drive from Wicklow Town.

Residents and weekend visitors are another important element of the Ireland's Ancient East campaign, how many of us can say that they have visited all of the sights and attractions in their own county, much less the region? So get out and explore try new experiences and adventures and become part of the story of Ireland's Ancient East.

You can learn more about Ireland's Ancient East at its dedicated website [www.irelandsancienteast.com](http://www.irelandsancienteast.com)







# SPEED LIMIT REVIEW - HAVE YOUR SAY



Wicklow County Council is currently undertaking a review of all special speed limits in the County of Wicklow and as part of this review the Council would like your views on the "Draft" Bye-Laws.

The "Draft" Bye-Laws together with associated drawings will be available for inspection at Wicklow County Council Offices during normal office hours from Wednesday, 19th October, 2016 to Friday, 25th November, 2016 at the following locations:

- **Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow.**
- **Arklow Municipal District Office, Castlepark, Arklow.**
- **Baltinglass Municipal District Office, Civic Offices, Blessington Business Park, Blessington.**
- **Bray Municipal District Office, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray.**
- **Greystones District Office, Civic Offices, Mill Road, Greystones.**
- **Tinahely Area Office, Coolruss, Tinahely**

The "Draft" Bye-Laws will also be available for inspection or download on the Council's website [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie)

Any person may submit observations, comments or objections to the "Draft" Bye-Laws from the date of the publication of this notice until the closing date detailed below and any objections received shall be considered by the Council.

Objections or submissions must be made in writing, marked "Draft County Wicklow Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws of 2017" to the Administrative Officer, Transport & Roads Infrastructure, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow or by e-mail to [speedlimits@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:speedlimits@wicklowcoco.ie).

**The latest date for receipt of objections or submissions regarding this matter is 12noon on Friday, 25th November 2016.**

# What's Scary about Halloween?

Halloween is about dressing up and having fun with your family and friends, nobody wants to end their night with a trip to the hospital. Fireworks and bonfires are dangerous and illegal and should never be played with, so this Halloween - Be Safe Stay Safe.

Traditionally bonfires were lit using wood and straw; however, with changing times many bonfires are now used as a means of disposing of waste. Waste materials such as plastic and tyres, mattresses and furniture contain chemicals which, when burned, produce toxic fumes. They are emitted into the air we breathe and are some of the most dangerous pollutants to health. They contaminate the land around the fire and the back-gardens over which the smoke passes. Once released, these toxins will persist for a long time in our environment. They cause problems to people who have respiratory diseases and some of the effects on health may be long-term.

Bonfires and using fireworks are also a significant safety risk and can lead to serious injury. In addition the costs associated with damage to private and public property as a result of bonfires can run to thousands of Euro.

## **Wicklow County Council are asking everyone to help by following a few sensible rules:**

- Do not leave material lying around that may be taken for a bonfire; many garage or garden shed items such as petrol, white spirits, diesel, aerosols, batteries, tins of paint, bottles and tyres are extremely dangerous if set on fire
- Parents, business and householders should not provide any materials for bonfires.
- Do not facilitate illegal bonfires or firework displays on or near your home or property
- Explain the dangers of illegal fireworks and bonfires to children and teenagers
- Stay a safe distance from bonfires and fireworks – wind can carry sparks long distances and can cause permanent injuries and scars
- Stay with your children and escort them on "trick or treat" visits, parties and events
- Do not buy, use or supply fireworks
- Respect the work of the Emergency Services, Council Staff and the Gardaí
- Keep pets indoors on Halloween night
- **Above All – Be Safe and Stay Safe**
- Contact the Fire Brigade by calling 999 or 112 if you see a bonfire being lit close to buildings, trees, overhead cables, underground services or car parking areas.
- You may report illegal dumping of waste to Wicklow County Council 24 hours a day to 1890 548837/ 1950 365 121 or email [litter@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:litter@wicklowcoco.ie).

**Wicklow County Council** wish to remind householders and individuals who hand over their waste for bonfire purposes at Halloween that they will be liable for prosecution under the Waste Management (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) Regulations 2009. (Waste includes household domestic rubbish, beds & mattresses, tyres, tables & chairs, carpets, washing machines, prams, garden waste, aerosol cans, televisions etc.) More information is available on [www.wicklow.ie/burning-waste](http://www.wicklow.ie/burning-waste).

**Please note: Wicklow County Council will not carry out clean ups before or after bonfires and will not be responsible for the cost of any clean ups after bonfires.**

# There's nothing innocent about a bonfire!



# Tips for an Environmentally Friendly Halloween

Encourage the children in your family to dress up - it's a fun way for them to express themselves. Get them to make their own costumes, encourage them to be imaginative - steer clear of the "black bag cloak" - choose an environmentally friendly alternative like painting an old sheet or shirt with wacky designs and colours! And don't buy a new costume! Have a look around the local charity shops...they often have used costumes and will certainly have things that can be turned into good dress-up items! These might include belts, beads, sheets, old shirts and coats, dresses or capes.



When you are buying your pumpkins, monkey nuts and sweets, choose the ones with the least packaging.



Bonfires are not just dangerous but illegal. Providing any household waste material for burning in a Halloween bonfire is committing a criminal offence. Uncontrolled burning of waste releases deadly dioxins and other chemicals into the air which is then breathed in by children and others standing by. These are deadly chemicals!



Don't forget to keep pets in a safe place away from fireworks and bonfires!

Send the kids "Trick or Treating" with your reusable shopping bag...that way they'll fit more sweets in!



Why not have traditional Irish Halloween Games on the night? Bobbing for apples, telling ghost stories, making pumpkin lanterns, etc. (lots of ideas on the Internet).

Above all - have a fun,  
safe Halloween!



# Contact Wicklow County Council...

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<b>General enquiries</b>	<b>0404 20100</b>	<b>0404 67792</b>	<b>cosec@wicklowcoco.ie</b>
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Baltinglass Municipal District			BaltinglassMD@wicklowcoco.ie
- Blessington	045 891222	045 865813	
- Tinahely	0402 38174		
Bray Municipal District	01 2744900	01 2860930	BrayMD@wicklowcoco.ie
Greystones Municipal District	01 2876694	01 2877173	GreystonesMD@wicklowcoco.ie
Wicklow Municipal District	0404 20100	0404 67792	WicklowMD@wicklowcoco.ie
Arklow Recycling Centre	0402 32759		eao@wicklowcoco.ie
Avoca Recycling Centre	087 2288132		eao@wicklowcoco.ie
Bray Recycling Centre	01 2116666		eao@wicklowcoco.ie
Rampere Landfill and Recycling Services Baltinglass	059 6481677		eao@wicklowcoco.ie
Wicklow Recycling Centre	0404 64120 (LoCall 1890 222 276)		eao@wicklowcoco.ie
Arts Office	0404 20155		wao@wicklowcoco.ie
Civil Defence	0404 67402	0404 67294	mrichardson@wicklowcoco.ie
Community, Cultural & Social	0404 20208	0404 20113	dce@wicklowcoco.ie
Enterprise & Corporate Services	0404 20158	0404 20112	cosec@wicklowcoco.ie
Environment - General Office	0404 20236	0404 67792	env@wicklowcoco.ie
Environmental Services	0404 20185		env@wicklowcoco.ie
Waste Management	0404 20127		env@wicklowcoco.ie
Litter Line	(Lo Call 1890 548 837)		
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Fire Services - HQ Fire Prevention & Administration	01 2862929	01 2861535	firehead@wicklowcoco.ie
Freedom of Information	0404 20158	0404 20112	foi@wicklowcoco.ie
Heritage Officer	0404 20191	0404 67792	dburns@wicklowcoco.ie
Housing & Corporate Estate	0404 20120	0404 67792	housing2@wicklowcoco.ie
Law Agents	0404 20122	0404 20144	lawagents@wicklowcoco.ie
Local Enterprise Office	0404 30800		enterprise@leo.wicklowcoco.ie
Local Sports Partnership	01 2878184		ahubbard@wicklowcoco.ie
Motor Tax - Wicklow	0404 20118 (Lo Call 1890 333 339)	0404 20293	motortax@wicklowcoco.ie
Motor Tax - Bray	01 2744937	01 2744955	motortax@wicklowcoco.ie
Motor Tax - Blessington	045 858031	045 891248	motortax@wicklowcoco.ie
Planning	0404 20148	0404 69462	plandev@wicklowcoco.ie
Register of Electors	0404 20161	0404 20112	franchise@wicklowcoco.ie
Revenue	0404 20128	0404 20140	finoff@wicklowcoco.ie
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Wicklow Family History	0404 20126	0404 67792	wfh@eircom.net
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## Libraries

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- Arklow 0402 39977
- Aughrim 0402 36036
- Ballywaltrim 01 2723205
- Bray Eglington Rd. 01 2862600
- Baltinglass 059 6482300
- Blessington 045 891740
- Carnew 053 9426088
- Dunlavin 045 401100
- Enniskerry 01 2864339
- Greystones 01 2873548
- Rathdrum 0404 43232
- Tinahely 0402 38080
- Wicklow 0404 67025

## Recycling Centres

### Free Recycling

<b>THE MURROUGH</b> Wicklow Town phone: 0404 64 120 / 1890 22 22 76 <b>OPENING TIMES:</b> Monday-Thursday 9.00am-4.30pm Friday 9.00am-3.30pm Closed for lunch Mon-Fri from 1-2pm Saturday 9.00am-1.45pm	<b>ARKLOW</b> (beside the NCT, Emoclew Road) phone: 0402 32 759 / 1890 22 22 76 <b>OPENING TIMES:</b> Monday-Thursday 9.00am-4.30pm Friday 9.00am-3.30pm Saturday 9am-1.45pm	<b>BRAY</b> Beechwood Close, Boghall Road, Bray. phone: 01 2116666 / 1890 22 22 76 <b>OPENING TIMES:</b> Monday- Friday 9.00am-4.00pm Saturday 9.30am-2.00pm
<b>AVOCA</b> Ballymurtagh, Avoca (between the Meetings of the Waters and Avoca) phone: 087 22 88 132 / 1890 22 22 76 <b>OPENING TIMES:</b> Tuesday-Thursday 9.00am-4.30pm Friday 9am-3.30pm Closed for lunch Mon-Fri from 1-2pm Saturday 9am-1.45pm CLOSED MONDAYS	<b>RAMPERE</b> Baltinglass Phone: 059-6481677 - Only a limited number of materials taken <b>OPENING TIMES:</b> Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4.00pm Friday 8:30am -3.00pm Saturday 08:30-1:00pm	<b>TINAHELY</b> Tinahely Community Recycling Centre, Fitzgeralds Depot, Lugduff, Tinahely. Phone: 087 1482468 <b>OPENING TIMES:</b> Thursday-Friday 10 am - 1 pm, 2 pm - 4 pm Saturday 10 am - 1 pm

We do not accept un-segregated waste

Material must be clean, separated and placed in the correct containers

We now accept paint and paint cans at the Bray & Arklow Recycling Centres

### Materials accepted at all the centres:

Glass, Plastic Bottles & Containers, No plastic film, Newspapers & Magazines, Steel Food Cans & empty Aerosol cans, Aluminium/ Drinks Cans, Cardboard, Paper bags, Beverage Cartons (Tetrapaks), Mobile phones & chargers, Greeting Cards, Diaries, Calendars, Light Bulbs, Textiles, Batteries, Smoke Alarms, Waste Motor Oil, Large and Small Scrap Metal Items, Electrical Goods of any kind.

There is no charge for these goods.  
For more information contact: 1890 222276  
[eao@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:eao@wicklowcoco.ie)