

# Countywise



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held in honour of  
Team Wicklow**  
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# Civic Reception honours Wicklow athletes in the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2015

The Wicklow members of Team Ireland who took part in the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2015 in Los Angeles were honoured by Wicklow County Council with a Civic Reception in County Buildings in October.

Team Ireland brought home 82 medals in total, amassing 26 gold, 28 silver and 28 bronze medals, 41 placement ribbons and secured 31 personal bests.

Team Ireland was made up of 88 athletes, a 40-person management and coaching team, and 154 volunteers from across the island of Ireland.

The event itself attracted over 6,500 competing athletes, who were representing 177 different countries.

Wicklow was represented by athletes from Lakers Special Olympics Club in Bray, Blue Dolphins Special Olympics Club in Wicklow Town, Festina Lente Special Olympics Club in Bray and Sunbeam House Services who are also from Bray.

The Wicklow athletes competed in a variety of different events including 11 & 5-a-side football, basketball, athletics, golf, badminton, tenpin bowling and equestrian.

## Get Ireland Walking



Wicklow Local Sports Partnership is delighted to be working with Get Ireland Walking to roll out the Active Community Walking Programme in Carnew and Donard. Walking is the easiest way to get moving and get active, so come along and join us. You won't regret it! Walking is suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. You can tailor it to suit yourself, you can walk anywhere, at a time and a pace that you are comfortable with and for a distance that you can manage. Walking is good for both physical and mental health and you don't have to pay any fees. All you have to commit is time and effort. If you feel like walking as part of a community group, come and join us in Carnew and Donard.



**LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

Carnew – Carnew Training and Development Centre on Thursdays at 8pm

Donard – Donard Community Hall on Wednesdays at 8pm

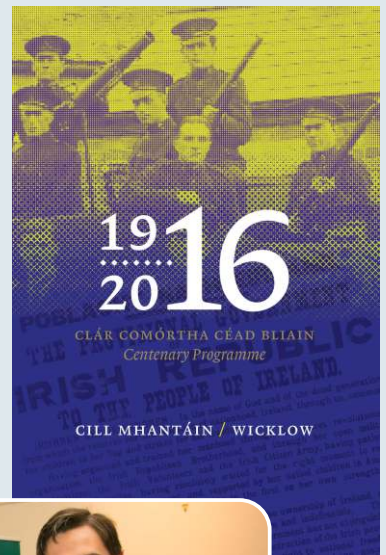
The Local Sports Partnership has relocated to Wicklow County Buildings, Wicklow Town  
Tel: 0404 20100 | Web: [www.wicklowlsp.ie](http://www.wicklowlsp.ie) | Facebook: Wicklow Local Sports Partnership | Twitter: @WicklowLSP

# Co. Wicklow 1916-2016 Centenary Commemoration Programme Launched

More than 30 individual projects and events are planned for County Wicklow to commemorate next year's 1916 Easter Rising centenary. These range from historical festivals and re-enactments to book publications, drama and more. The Co. Wicklow Programme followed extensive public consultation and was inspired by the underlying Ireland 2016 themes of Remembering, Reflecting and Re-imagining.

More details on these and other events are available on a dedicated website [www.wicklow2016.ie](http://www.wicklow2016.ie)

Launching the Programme, Minister of State, Mr. Simon Harris TD, said the plan was a credit to the community spirit which has been unleashed across Wicklow and the "can-do" attitude of local groups who are helping to make the commemorations a meaningful event for people across the county. He also commended Wicklow County Council for its proactive approach to the project.



Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr John Ryan, said next year's celebration "presents us with a once in a century opportunity to create projects and events of celebration and remembrance. Let us remember 1916, and that pivotal period in our history. Let us reflect on the past 100 years and let us re-imagine and celebrate our future legacy."



Special guest at the event was Mr. Michael Giffney Junior, son of Michael Giffney Senior who fought in the GPO in 1916 and was wounded in Henry Place and captured. He survived the Rising and died in 1951 and is buried in Rathnew Cemetery. The Giffney family are originally from Ashford.

An exhibition of memorabilia and postcards from the era are on display in Ashford Heritage and Community Centre.

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# Use of Motorways



Road users are reminded that stopping or walking on a motorway is extremely dangerous and could lead to death or serious injury. Pedestrians are among the most vulnerable road users and when exposed to vehicles travelling at speeds of up to 120km/h, the risk of death or injury is greatly increased.

The message is clear: never ever walk on a motorway. Pedestrians are at a high risk on a motorway - you're taking your life in your hands and putting other road users in danger too. Likewise, drivers who stop on a motorway can cause collisions involving their own car and potentially many others. It's unsafe and it's an offence.

An information booklet entitled 'Motorway Driving' plus a dedicated section on safe motorway use can be found on [www.rsa.ie](http://www.rsa.ie)

## Top Tips for Safe Motorway Use

- Never, ever walk on a motorway
- Never, ever stop on the hard shoulder of a motorway
- Left lane for normal driving
- Keep lane discipline
- Keep your distance
- Do not drive in the hard shoulder
- Always obey the rules of the road in respect of Motorway driving
- Prepare for your journey
- In the case of an emergency use the SOS phone and wait behind the barrier
- Always be careful and pay attention when joining a motorway
- Signal in good time before joining the motorway to let others know you intend to join the motorway
- Check your mirrors and your blind spot while on the slip road approaching the motorway.
- Give way to traffic already on the motorway
- Change your speed to fit safely and legally into the traffic in the left hand lane.



## Seasonal Reminder to Landowners

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, 2015 and 29th February 2016** 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.**

## Wicklow

## ...Let's talk business

# Keen interest in Companies Act changes for small businesses



Guest speaker David O'Connor  
with LEO staff- Sheelagh Daly & Louise Fleming

Over 120 small business owners attended a free afternoon seminar hosted by the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow on Tuesday 22nd September in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy.

The Seminar, an update on the brand new Companies Act, was ably delivered by guest speaker David O'Connor of Omnipro Corporate Consultants, who fielded many questions from the audience on topics such as conversion to the new company types, the differences between sole traders and companies, and an explanation of 'constitutions', directors' responsibilities and relevant deadlines.

The Companies Act 2014 commenced on 1st June 2015. It is the single biggest piece of legislation enacted in the history of the state. Less compliance and fewer disclosures required under the new Act should be a welcome change for SME owners. A comprehensive pack of handouts was distributed to attendees.

For queries relating to supports for small businesses in County Wicklow, and future training courses and seminars you can call the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow on 0404 30800, email [enterprise@leo.wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:enterprise@leo.wicklowcoco.ie) or check out [www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow](http://www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow)

## Wicklow Winner heading for

## 'Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur' National Final

A young Wicklow entrepreneur has won a place at the national final of the prestigious 'Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur' competition, for a chance to share a €100,000 investment fund.

James Keogh from Rathwood, is representing the region in the Best Established Business category at the national final in Dublin this December having already won €20,000 in investment and been crowned Wicklow's Best Young Entrepreneur by the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow.

Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE) competition is an integral part of the Action Plan for Jobs and is supported by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation through the 31 Local Enterprise Offices around the country.

At the IBYE Regional Final on Monday, three local business owners and new start-ups from Wicklow, all under the age of 30, went head-to-head with other county winners from Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford.

The three young entrepreneurs representing Wicklow at the Regional Final were:

- Best new business idea - Ross Lawless of CALT Dynamics
- Best start-up business - Michael Carney of Raindrop Drinks
- Best established business - James Keogh of Rathwood



Winner Regional IBYE Best Established Business James Keogh pictured with Cllr Vincent Blake, Tom Murphy WCC and Sheelagh Daly Wicklow LEO

Congratulating the finalists, the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Richard Bruton T.D. said: "Central to our plans for jobs and growth is supporting more businesses to start-up. Part of this plan is also fostering a stronger culture of entrepreneurship and promoting start-up business as a career option for young people. That is what is behind this competition to find the best young entrepreneur in each region, and ultimately Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur. I am delighted to congratulate all involved."

James Keogh now faces tough competition from 23 other national finalists, emerging from eight regional finals. The €100,000 investment fund in December is divided up across four prizes:

- Best New Idea (€20,000 investment)
- Best Start Up (€30,000 investment)
- Best Established Business (€30,000 investment)
- Overall Winner of 'Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur' (an additional €20,000 investment)

The Head of Enterprise with the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow, Sheelagh Daly, said: "We are proud and honoured to have a representative at the national final in December, as over 1,000 young entrepreneurs entered from every county in Ireland, with tough competition across each category. Our finalist, James Keogh, now has a chance of being crowned 'Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur' and to win additional investment of up to €50,000 for his business. We'd also like to congratulate all our other nominees and entrants, who 'flew the flag' for us at the county and regional finals and the Local Enterprise Office looks forward to supporting their businesses into the future."

Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Bryan Doyle, emphasized the commitment of the Local Authority to supporting new enterprise "We in Wicklow County Council, through our Local Enterprise Office, are committed to doing all we can to support the development of enterprise in the County. We recognise the importance of encouraging new start-ups, and of helping existing businesses to grow. We will continue to do all we can to ensure that there is a supportive environment for business in the county, that the required infrastructure is in place and that the quality and professionalism of the state supports at local level exceeds expectations and meets the real needs of business."

News, results and updates for 'Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur' competition, is available through [www.ibye.ie](http://www.ibye.ie), [www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow](http://www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow) and by searching #IBYE on social media.



Wicklow County Council is proud to be involved again in the Pride of Place Competition, an annual prestigious competition whose purpose is to acknowledge the fantastic work being done by communities all over Ireland (32 county Ireland) and gives Local Authorities an opportunity to participate in the heart of their communities .

The initiative is sponsored by Co-operation Ireland and Irish Public Bodies(IPB).

Wicklow County Council entered in 4 of the categories this year.

### Category 5

#### Theme - Age Friendly Community Initiative Carnew Community Care

Although a previous winner in 2008, Carnew Community Care has built on it's success and has introduced more initiatives to support and engage the Aged in the Community.



### Category 6

#### Theme - Young People in the Community Initiative Be Well Bray

Young people showing how a positive and strengths based approach to mental wellbeing can make a difference.

Be Well Bray bring a positive mental health dimension to teens and other youth groups.



## Category 7

### Theme - Community Health Initiative

#### Tiglin Ashford

Helping people overcome their drug and alcohol problems. Provides individuals with an effective and comprehensive solution to life-controlling addiction problems, including gambling, in order to become productive members of society. The Tiglin Challenge endeavors to help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well and spiritually alive.



## Category 10

### Theme - Population over 2,000

#### Wicklow Town

Ticking all the boxes with its wealth of Community Infrastructure, Social Enterprise, Social Inclusion initiatives, Environmental initiatives, Arts Festivals, Enterprise and Commerce, Health and Fitness and Youth and Community Development, Wicklow Town is this year's worthy entry in this category.



## 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, 2016 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 these should be returned to the Franchise Section, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow by the 25th November, 2015.

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)



# News from the Municipal Districts

## Arklow Duck Pond, Nature Walk & Leisure Area

Wicklow County Council has been shortlisted in the twelfth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards for "Arklow Duck Pond, Nature Walk & Leisure Area". The

2015 Excellence in Local Government Awards, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment Community & Local Government, are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland.

Wicklow County Council together with many community groups has worked to improve this area over the last number of years for locals and tourists. The Duck Pond measures 1km in circumference and is ideal for those interested in wildlife, leisurely walks or keeping fit. The area provides a diverse mix of amenities to be enjoyed by the young and old, such as interesting walks, Howard's Way Sli na Slainte, Seafront walk, crazy golf, outdoor gyms, skateboard park, playground & running track. A number of events are held in the area throughout the year e.g. a haunted Halloween Treasure Trail, Environmental Treasure Hunts, Annual Bat Walk. The public can also visit Seaview Garden which is a very attractive sensory garden planted and maintained by volunteers from local services.



## Funding of €56 thousand announced for Rural Development in Arklow & District

Well done to the Arklow REDZ group (ARG) for achieving funding of €56,000 for rural economic development in Arklow as part of the REDZ (Rural Economic Development Zone). This is great news and will help bring a new economic focus to support the local communities around Arklow.

The project aims to create jobs and develop economic and social renewal initiatives for Arklow Town and district. The application will support regeneration in Arklow – following the M11 Arklow/Rathnew upgrade works, and Arklow's inclusion in the Regional Aid Map. Arklow Town will be the hub of the REDZ zone and will build a new relationship between Arklow town and its hinterland, including Aghrim, Rathdrum and Avoca. The project will be implemented by Arklow REDZ Group (ARG) comprised of Arklow Chamber of Commerce, Wicklow County Council, Arklow Municipal District, An Garda Síochána, KWETB, LEO, Vault Arklow Youth Service, Arklow Tidy Towns, Arklow Music and Arts Group.

Objectives include promoting Arklow town and hinterland as a location for investment, building stronger linkages between Arklow and its hinterland and creating a shared mid to long term vision for the town.

## Arklow Christmas Festival

Christmas this year in Arklow will see a new, entertaining, exciting and uplifting experience for locals, visitors and returning families over the Christmas period. With such a rich musical heritage, combined with the arts and crafts culture so evident in the town, the festival will provide a perfect vehicle for all the individuals and groups to participate in a community coming together to celebrate Christmas.

The business community will have an opportunity to work with other groups to promote Arklow by taking to the streets and let everyone see the great variety of offerings available in the town. One key aspect of the festival is that it will focus on the town, from the Wexford Road to Lower Main Street and Ferrybank with one mile of live entertainment.

The objectives of the festival are:

- to increase footfall in Arklow town during December 2015
- to create a Christmas atmosphere in the town during the month of December
- to involve the many international communities living in Arklow
- showcase the musical and arts talent available in the town
- to give the retailers in the town an additional boost in the pre-Christmas period



The festival will start on November 28th with the switching on of the lights on the Christmas tree in the park in the Main Street. It is proposed to combine the switching on of the lights with a performance from a number of the choirs from the town and a fireworks display together with a choir of 1,000 voices.

Each weekend in December 5th and 6th, 12th and 13th, 19th and 20th will see choirs, groups and entertainers perform on the street, from the Wexford Road to Lower Main Street and Ferrybank. It is envisaged that this entertainment will be from 12 noon until 6pm each day.

December 13th is earmarked for a street market from 12pm to 5.30pm. The live entertainment mile will lead into the area where stalls will be set up. Local retailers will have an opportunity to have a stall and sell products and/or direct people to their normal establishment. There is an idea to use the first floor shop windows as entertainment points.

Check out the [www.arklowchristmasfestival.com](http://www.arklowchristmasfestival.com) website and Facebook page which will actively promote the festival.



## Age Friendly Ireland - Business Recognition Programme, Bray

The Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme is part of a burgeoning global movement coordinated by the World Health Organisation.

The initiative aims to deliver positive ageing, better cities and counties, more relevant local government with effective service delivery and enhanced business opportunities.

Age Friendly initiatives were pioneered in Ireland by Louth County Council in 2009 and a new organisation, Age Friendly Ireland, was established in 2014.

Bray was selected during 2015, as one of only four towns nationally, to participate in the Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme.

This programme has seen local businesses focus attention and engage with their older customers via the County Wicklow Economic Think Tank (CWETT).

Participating businesses have used informal customer surveys to elicit suggestions from their older clientele and are committed to delivering practical improvements as identified.

This largely cost-neutral programme can deliver significant benefits whilst acknowledging the contribution and purchasing power of older customers.

As with the Purple Flag Campaign (focusing on the night-time economy) the Age Friendly Programme has helped raise the profile of the town both nationally and internationally with similar Age Friendly programmes in Kilkenny and Ballina already proving very successful to their respective local economies.

The Bray Old Folks Association (BOFA) are being proactive in leveraging support across various interested parties e.g. they propose to provide a hybrid transport service via their long-term collaborators, the Order of Malta, in conjunction with the Meals on Wheels service. This idea is as much about recognising and maintaining a vital communication network as it is about food delivery to older persons.

The Bank of Ireland, Bray (BOI) initiated a very well attended digi-tutorial workshop for older customers and Allied Irish Bank, Bray (AIB) has been repeating sessions of their highly popular 'Fit' programme. This delivers computer awareness and online banking guidance to their older customers. AIB has also incorporated 'Dementia Friendly' initiatives into their staff training package.

The Martello Hotel, Bray provides reading glasses alongside their complimentary newspapers in addition to their tailored menu that offers reduced-sized portions and a half-price menu from 2pm - 5.30pm on weekdays.

As a response to customers wishes, the Bray Credit Union also provided reading glasses and has introduced extra seating incorporating chairs with arms. Boots, Eddie Rockets Diner, Hiltons Pharmacy and Costello Opticians are just a few more of the diverse range of local businesses embracing the Age Friendly initiative.

During October 2015, participating businesses will receive an Age Friendly Charter for display that indicates their designated Age Friendly champion and lists the first three actions being undertaken via the programme. Also, during the ensuing months these businesses will be subject to an anonymous, informal inspection from a 'mystery shopper'.

Liam McGarry, proprietor of The Larder and Age Friendly Champion for Bray said "the local business community is proud that we are one of only four towns across Ireland chosen for this programme during 2015. As a local retailer we are fully supportive



## Tidy Towns make for a Tidy County Wicklow

Every town in Wicklow increased its markets in the recent National Tidy Towns results for 2015. Wicklow County Council has congratulated all the dedicated local committees for their hard work throughout the entire year and wished them continued success.

The Council, through its annual Community Grants scheme supports local groups to the tune of €200,000 and many of the Tidy Town committees benefitted under the scheme this year.

The Council would particularly like to congratulate Aughrim on winning a gold medal in the competition and Arklow and Wicklow towns who both won bronze medals.

The Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr. John Ryan, added his congratulations to

everyone involved in the Local Tidy Towns committees and praised the tremendous work carried out by teams of volunteers in all the Municipal Districts. *"The dedication and commitment shown by all the groups has to be admired,"* he said.

The Council's Chief Executive, Mr. Bryan Doyle, joined in the congratulations and added that the Council was delighted to offer its financial support to assist local committees in improving their districts.

*"The success of all the town in the National Tidy Town Competition, together with the recent award winners in the Local Pure Mile competition, and the success of the REDZ project in Arklow, are good examples of local committees working in harmony with the Council, to make Wicklow the best County to live in, work in and to visit",* said Mr. Doyle.



Cllr. John Ryan, Christine Flood WCC, Katheryn Winnick and Cllr. Pat Casey at the set of the Vikings in Ashford Studios



## County Wicklow Film Commission

## Lights Camera Action - Film Industry in Wicklow set for boost after County Council initiative

Wicklow's position as the "Hollywood of Ireland" has been given a major boost by the decision of Wicklow County Council to allow for a 100 per cent reduction in development contributions for film studio infrastructure. The move will encourage the further development of film-making facilities in County Wicklow.

Councillors, who approved the initiative also agreed to make a case to central government for the raising of the cap on the section 481 tax credit scheme and are seeking an extension of the scheme to 2025, to encourage the development of much needed infrastructure for the film industry.

### The following projects were awarded funding by Wicklow County Council under the Tourism Promotion Fund to enhance the development of tourism opportunities to County Wicklow.

#### **Greystones Municipal District - €20,000** **Development of St. Crispin's Field (part of Rathdown Heritage Park)**

St. Crispin's site is owned by Wicklow County Council and contains the ruins of St. Crispin's Cell and Captain Tarrant's Farmhouse and Outbuildings. It also contains evidence of prehistoric, early Christian, medieval and post medieval settlements.

The Tourism Promotion funding will be used to construct the footpath through the site which will facilitate access to tourists visiting the monuments.

#### **Bray Municipal District - €20,000** **The Sugarloaf Way Walking Trail**

The Sugarloaf Way is a proposed walking trail from the Bray/Greystones Cliff Walk to Kilmacanogue to join the Wicklow Way. The Bray/Greystones Cliff Walk is one of the most scenic coastal walks in Wicklow and the East Coast. By connecting this walk to the Wicklow Way via Kilmacanogue and the Sugarloaf mountains it will create the opportunity for a variation in either walk (Cliff Walk or Wicklow Way) and also include a third town served by public transport for commencing or finishing the walk.

The Tourism Promotion funding will be used to fund commencement of works on the southern portion of the way and to conduct a feasibility study on the northern portion.

#### **Wicklow Municipal District - €20,000** **Upgrade of the walkways around Vartry Reservoir (Roundwood Walking Route)**

The Vartry Reservoir is a proposed Natural Heritage

Area which has developed over time a diversity of habitats, from wetland vegetation to heathland and woodland and is one of the most scenic areas in the Wicklow Mountains. Roundwood & District Community Council (RDCC) have developed a 7.2km Sli na Slainte walkway around the Lower Vartry Reservoir.

The Tourism Promotion funding will be used to continue the above works which will be undertaken on a phased basis.

#### **Arklow Municipal District - €20,000** **Arklow Pottery Visitors Centre/Heritage Centre**

The establishment of a Pottery Visitor Centre in Arklow will drive significant tourism and general footfall to the town and attract artisan businesses around pottery to establish in the town.

The Tourism Promotion funding will be used to commission a feasibility study on this initiative to ensure the initiative is sustainable.

#### **Baltinglass Municipal District - €20,000** **Blessington Greenway (Reservoir Multi User Trail)**

Blessington & District Forum (Trails) Ltd. developed a strategy for the provision of a multi user cycling/walking trail located adjacent to Poulaphouca Reservoir which will encircle the central main reservoir using current roads and trails and requiring the substantial development of additional trail. Phase one of the trail, Avonree to Russellstown, has been completed.

The Tourism Promotion funding will be used to commence Phase Two of the Multi User Trail.



# A message from the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council

Cllr. John Ryan

As Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, I am looking forward with confidence to working with my fellow Councillors and the dedicated staff of the Council. Some of the biggest challenges facing Wicklow County Council during 2015 and 2016 are the lack of housing, homelessness and job creation.

Our relentless focus on job creation continues with the implementation of the economic think tank, with a new website portal, a modern brand for our county and initiatives to boost business with a 20% reduction in development levies and a focused 100% reduction in levies for the film industry. As a Council we are committed to improving towns and villages and I'm looking forward to launching plans for the Florentine Centre in Bray, which I believe will revive the whole town. Of course everything we do must be community led, and in that regard, the soon to be published Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) will set out our strategic goals to be delivered in 2016 and beyond. By working together we can face any challenges that may and will arise.

## Co. Wicklow Play Policy Update

The Murrough Play area was further enhanced with the addition of a new BMX Pump Track, which is widely used and enjoyed by all.

Rathnew Playground - nearing completion and is due to open in November 2015.

Newtown Playground - nearing completion and is due to open in November 2015.

## Online Services [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie)

Wicklow County Council provide a number of online services through it's website. The following online services can be accessed on [wicklow.ie](http://wicklow.ie):

- ePlan Planning Search Facility



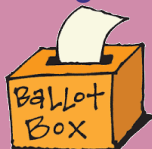
ePlan is the internet enquiries front end to the iPlan Planning Administration system for County Wicklow.

- gPlan Planning Map Search Facility



gPlan enables searching using aerial mapping.

- eReg The Register of Electors



This allows anyone who is entitled to vote to check that their name is included on the Register.

- iPaq Library Catalogue



The online library catalogue allows online borrowing, reservation and monitoring. It also provides access to subscribed resources available to library members.

- Fix Your Street



If you should come across something that doesn't work as expected which is a non emergency issue such as graffiti, road defects, issues with street lighting, water leaks/drainage issues, and litter or illegal dumping then it can be reported.

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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	0404 20100		ghickey@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
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