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POBLACHT NA H EIREANN. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty: six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no one who serves that cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valour and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on Behalf of the Provisional Government,
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New Arklow Library & Municipal District Offices Officially Opened

The new Library and Municipal District Offices were officially opened in Arklow as part of a major project in the town centre costing €5m.

The library offers a range of facilities, apart from books, such as audio visual materials, free internet and wi fi access, research and study space, relaxation space and facilities for special events and meetings. Also included is a range of Polish books, made possible by a very kind financial contribution from the Polish embassy.

During the month of April, Arklow library had 8,849 visitors and 1,150 new members. Membership is free in all 13 branch libraries throughout the County.



The offices house the headquarters of Arklow Municipal District and provide services and facilities for the public in the heart of the town. The new building is located on the site of the old Dunnes Stores on the Main Street.

The Arklow Library and Municipal District Office building scooped the Cultural Project of the Year award for Coady Architects at the recent 2016 Irish Building & Design Awards.

The awards recognise and acknowledge the best building and design projects over the past 12 months.



Donal Murphy Photography

Arklow Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Wicklow County Council has welcomed Irish Water's commitment and progress in securing a €30m Wastewater Treatment Plant for Arklow.

Irish Water is now preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with a view to submitting a planning application in early 2017 for the proposed site at North Quay, Arklow.

The provision of a Wastewater Treatment Plant will end the current practice of discharging untreated waste water into the Avoca River.

It will benefit Arklow and surrounding areas and provide an opening for future progressive development in the area, along with increased employment opportunities.

The provision of this long-awaited facility will also encourage business, increase competitiveness and tourism and provide benefits to the Arklow area in terms of health, and improved water services for all.

The plant will allow for increased housing provision both social and private which will be a requirement as employment levels increase.

Arklow is one of seven large towns identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as having no wastewater treatment.

Arklow Water Treatment Plant at Ballyduff



Irish Water, in partnership with Wicklow County Council, officially opened the new state-of-the-art water treatment facility which will provide a safe and secure water supply for Arklow town and its environs. The project involved an investment of over €10 million and has been ongoing for the last ten years. Capacity has increased, which will support both future growth in population and business development in Arklow.

Let's Keep Wicklow Tidy

Every year, hundreds of tonnes of waste are dumped on our roads and ditches, fields and scenic routes. This costs all of us good money which should be spent in better ways. It's estimated that picking up dumped rubbish costs ten times more than if it was handled correctly in the first place.

Waste costs money - There are no cheap get out clauses. If you are caught, there will be an even heavier price to pay.

Remember - littering and dumping is always caused by people - people who do not think or care about the dangers and destruction it causes.

Illegal dumping in the landscape is a cause for serious concern and a growing problem for many communities. Dumping is illegal, unsightly and unnecessary, causing serious problems to habitats, species, and human health. It pollutes our water courses, damages soil nutrients, encroaches on habitat space, kills insects and animals, and is a threat to both the people who live in the area and recreational users.



Last year Wicklow County Council received over 2000 complaints relating to dumping/litter offences. All complaints are fully investigated by our team of environmental wardens, leading to fines and prosecutions.

Wicklow County Council's Environmental Enforcement Team had eighteen successful court prosecutions under the Waste Management Act last year, with individuals fined up to €3,000 plus €1,500 in costs. There were 200 on-the-spot fines issued by the Council's team of environmental wardens patrolling

the county for litter offences, including dog fouling, litter thrown out of car windows and more serious instances. Other offenders and property owners were forced to clean up their waste.

Our enforcement team works tirelessly to keep County Wicklow clean

Litter is waste in the wrong place, which ruins the appearance of our towns, villages and countryside. Litter has many forms and many sources, from a sweet wrapper or cigarette butt thrown on the street, to a dumped bag of rubbish, a fly-tipped load of demolition rubble or a dog-fouled public space.



PURE (Protecting Uplands & Rural Environments) is an environmental project established in September 2006, to combat illegal dumping/fly-tipping that occurs in the Wicklow/Dublin uplands.

The PURE project is a unique regional initiative - Wicklow County Council works with our neighbouring counties, as well as Coillte, the National Parks

& Wildlife Service, and a number of community based organisations to halt incidents of illegal dumping/fly-tipping. The PURE project also provides a range of support projects and education programmes. Check out their website www.pureproject.ie

Five Steps To Better Waste Management

- Check out our five FREE RECYCLING CENTRES at The Murrough (Wicklow), Bray, Arklow, Avoca and Rampere (Baltinglass). A wide range of materials can be recycled free of charge. Over 3,000 tonnes of materials were recycled at the centres last year. You might not have known that we take all electrical goods free or that we take polystyrene packaging and large and small scrap metal items like old ironing boards or bikes.
- Bring glass bottles, jars and drinks cans to your nearest bottle bank facility. Please keep these sites clean, having respect for the local community and businesses that provide space.
- Only use waste collectors who can produce a permit for waste collection. Bogus collectors will dump your waste illegally. A cheap or handy option can lead to a heavy fine for you. Don't be fooled by a cheap price or sob story.
- Home composting or using an organic waste collection is the solution for 30% of the typical household's waste, including your garden and food waste.
- Inform yourself about waste materials. For information about waste management, disposal options for different waste materials and available services, contact the Environmental Awareness Office in Wicklow County Council.



Environmental Awareness Office
Wicklow County Council
The Murrough Environmental Centre,
Email: eao@wicklowcoco.ie
Tel: 1890 222278 / 040464120



PURE Project - Protecting Uplands
and Rural Environments
Web: www.pureproject.ie
To report dumping call 1850 365121



The Irish Farm Film Producers Group (IFFPG) will be holding collection days for farm plastics in Wicklow in May and June 2016.

Irish Farm Film Producers Group (IFFPG) is the national farm plastics recycling compliance scheme. They provide a recycling service for farmers nationwide to ensure that national recycling targets, as set by the government are met. They operate collection bays, as well as providing a farmyard collection service. In excess of 25,000 tonnes of farm plastics are sent for recycling by IFFPG yearly, which equates to a national recycling

rate of over 70%. They are a not for profit body, which is primarily funded by a recycling levy that they charge to their members, with additional funding through a weight based collection charge that farmers pay.

IFFPG will be holding collection days in County Wicklow during May and June, see the list below.

For more information, visit the IFFPG website: www.farmplastics.ie

Baltinglass

Quinns

23rd May

Roundwood

Fortune Plant Hire

24th June

Kilmacanogue

Marrakesh, Kilmurray

25th June(9-3)

All locations will be open from 9am - 5pm unless stated.

42 New Homes On The Way For Bray

Wicklow County Council recently approved the development of 42 housing units on land at Kilbride Lane, Bray.



4 New Homes Allocated In Blessington



Wicklow County Council is continuing its delivery of housing units through the Council's Acquisition Programme after purchasing and allocating a further four houses in Woodleigh Park, Blessington.



Partnership Between Wicklow County Council & Túath Housing Results In 32 New Homes



Thirty-two new homes in Newtownmountkennedy, purchased by Túath Housing in partnership with Wicklow County Council were officially opened in March.



The opening was marked by the planting of a tree by the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr. John Ryan.

Glenbrook Heights is an example of partnership in practice between Wicklow County Council and Túath Housing Association using Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) funding made available by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.

The purchase represented the largest approval from the 2015 CAS allocation both in terms of number of units delivered and level of funding provided.

The collaborative efforts of Túath, Wicklow County Council, Dwyer Nolan Developers and the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government led to the successful delivery of this high standard accommodation in October 2015.



Over €570,000 Allocated To Community Groups

As part of its ongoing commitment to Local Community Development throughout the County, Wicklow County Council has recently allocated in excess of €570,000 to 445 different groups, organisations and individuals under its various grant schemes.

The grant schemes, operated annually by the Council, include Community Grants, Sports Club Grants, Support for Artists, 1916 Commemoration Grants, Ballynagran Grants and Tourism Diaspora Grants.

Chief Executive of the Council, Mr. Bryan Doyle, acknowledged the support of the members of the Council in making a significant financial provision for the various grant schemes in the 2016 Budget.

Bray Florentine Centre Site

Progresses To Planning Application Stage

Members of Bray Municipal District have given their support to proceed to design and planning stage of a 13,000 square metres retail and cinema development at the heart of Bray's Main Street. A workshop meeting of Bray Municipal District agreed by a strong majority to commence the design of the retail and cinema development to planning stage. The centre will have access from the Main Street, Quinnsboro Road and Florence Road. The development is estimated to cost €24M.



It is envisaged that the configuration of the development will consist of two anchor stores of 3,000 square metres and 900 square metres each, four retail units of 700 square metres each and four restaurants of 500 square metres each, a six screen multiplex cinema and undercroft parking. The final configuration will be determined by the retail mix achieved. The principal aim of the scheme is to complement the existing retail offer, and in the process reinvigorate the shopping experience in Bray. The presence of the cinema and

restaurants will add vibrancy to the town's evening economy, which is of significance to Bray as a Purple Flag town.

Larry Brennan, Savills' Director of Retail, addressed the recent workshop, along with Jim Duffy of ADD architects. The presentation focussed on the figures showing growth in retail sales, indicating that the market is rebounding and showing an upswing in occupier demand. This coupled with the shopper friendly design proposed, will ensure the success of the scheme and enable Wicklow County Council to attract development partners.

Planning documentation and an Environmental Impact Statement will be lodged with An Bord Pleanála by summer 2016 with a decision on the application by the end of the year. Wicklow County Council will engage with possible investment partners this year, and would hope to have an open competition to select a partner towards the end of the year. It is envisaged, subject to planning consent, that the centre will be open for Christmas 2018.



Riverside Boardwalk For Bray

Bray is to get a riverside boardwalk as part of the final element of the River Dargle Flood Defence Scheme.

The boardwalk, similar to the one along the River Liffey in Dublin city centre will be incorporated into the wall beside the Fran O'Toole Bridge. It will connect Castle Street to the People's Park and be a welcome added amenity for Bray.

The boardwalk forms part of the final large works package for the River Dargle Flood Defence Scheme which was signed off recently. This part of the Scheme runs from the People's Park to the Railway Bridge on the Little Bray side of the river.

Commencing imminently, the works consist of curved sheet piled walls approaching the Railway Bridge which will be faced with masonry and the construction of footpaths in this area. Additionally, there will be a stone-faced sheet-pile wall along the Lower Dargle Road from beside the Fran O'Toole Bridge to the Peoples Park.

It is expected that this work will be completed by September 2016.

The work is very timely because part of the existing inner wall alongside the Lower Dargle Road was severely undermined and collapsed during a storm just before Christmas 2015.

When completed, Bray will be protected from a 1 in 100 year storm, including all the floods that would have ravaged the town in the twentieth century, and a 1 in 200 year tidal event.



New Public Square Opens In Greystones Harbour



A new Public Square in Greystones Harbour is now open to the public.

Provided as part of the Greystones Harbour Development Project, the Square includes seating, lighting and tree planting while also providing easier access to the Bray-Greystones Cliff Walk.

Together with the public plaza and clubhouses, the future building of the boardwalk and new public park, will provide another excellent tourism product for the county of Wicklow and add to the economic and tourism potential for the town and district of Greystones.

As well as the opening of the public square, the keys of a new clubhouse were handed over to the Greystones Rowing Club.

The Greystones Harbour Project is a Public Private Partnership between Wicklow County Council and Sispar.

Recent Projects Completed In Greystones

Greystones Municipal District recently completed a number of projects. These projects were suggested by the members of Greystones Municipal District and were funded from their discretionary budget for works within the area.

The Municipal District discretionary fund is earmarked for public realm enhancement projects throughout each district, including additional public lighting, footpath and road safety measures.

Recent projects include provision of a footpath through the park in Newcastle, provision of footpath, lighting and furniture in Burnaby Park, a footpath to improve access to St. Crispins Cell, picnic benches at Greystones playground and flood lighting at all pedestrian crossings.



New Playgrounds Opened In Newtownmountkennedy & Rathnew

Two new playgrounds – at Newtownmountkennedy and Rathnew – have been officially opened by Wicklow County Council.

Amongst the facilities provided for children in Newtownmountkennedy are a zip wire, trampoline, swings, tunnel and playhouse. In Rathnew, along with swings and a storytelling chair, there is a Teen Area with kickabout, basketball, skate and BMX park, parkour and a hangout shelter.



Michael Kelly Photography

Opening Of The McElheron Chamber



The contribution from the McElheron family to local politics in Arklow was honoured at the official opening of the new McElheron Chamber in the Arklow Municipal District.

The McElheron family served on Arklow Urban District Council & Arklow Town Council for over 70 years. The McElheron Chamber will be used for the monthly meetings of Arklow Municipal District.

The event was attended by members of the McElheron family, current and former Councillors, TDs, the Chief

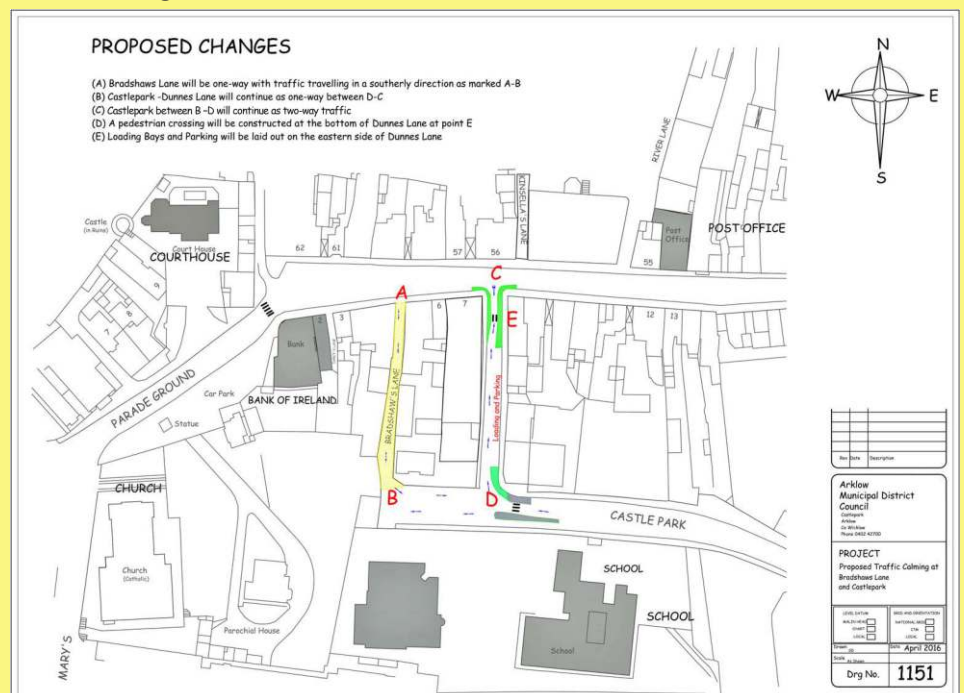
Executive of Wicklow County Council, current and former staff and clergy.

Proposed traffic calming measures in Arklow Town

In accordance with Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994, as amended, Arklow Municipal District propose to introduce the following traffic calming measures in Arklow Town:-

- Make Bradshaw's Lane one way - with entry from the Main Street.
- Change the road markings on Dunne's Lane to incorporate parking spaces and a loading bay.

A map showing the proposed changes will be available for inspection at the Arklow Municipal District Offices up to and including Tuesday 7th June 2016 during normal office hours. Submissions and observations in relation to the above proposals may be made in writing to the undersigned, on or before Tuesday 7th June 2016.



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Map also available on www.wicklow.ie



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Centenary Commemoration in County Wicklow

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1916 Centenary Commemoration Events in County Wicklow

Sunday May 22nd - Bray - Guided tour to sites in County Wicklow associated with 1916

Commencing in Bray, the Bray Cualann Historical Society will host a Historical Tour of county Wicklow. This will consist of a guided bus tour to sites in County Wicklow associated with 1916 -1921. Just some of the locations will include Wicklow Gaol, Glendalough House and Woodenbridge.

For this and other events, contact Brian White on 087-2309185 or email

brayhistory@gmail.com

Bray Cualann Historical Society will host a walking tour of historic Bray. This will include a visit to St. Peter's Cemetery to the graves of former members of the Irish Volunteers, plus former homes and locations synonymous with the period 1916 - 1921.

Friday June 2nd - 5th - Kilcoole

'Kilcoole Remembers 1916' - Kilcoole is synonymous with the Kilcoole gunrunning of August 1914. All the community will become involved with this festival. A Summer school will explore the social impact of 1916. Luisne Spiritual Centre, Kilcoole, will be the location for reconciliation & discussion. Highlights of the festival will be a constructed replica of the GPO and a re-enactment of Easter 1916.

July 2016 - (exact date TBC) Annamoe

Annamoe Historical Group will erect a Robert Barton / Erskine Childers memorial. Barton and Childers were double first cousins and were two signatories of the Anglo Irish Treaty in 1921. Glendalough House, near Annamoe was home to the Barton / Childers family.

August 10th - 14th - Hollywood Fair

The annual weekend festival event takes place with emphasis on targeting the diaspora. The Hollywood Fair generally takes on a 1950s theme, but 1916 will be emphasised in this year's festival.

See www.thehollywoodfair.com for more details.

October 2016 (Date TBC)

Creation of poetry and song to commemorate 1916 through local students, culminating in a National Concert Hall performance - in collaboration with author Marina Carr et al. Via Wicklow County Council Arts Office.

Book Publications

Nun's Cross Parish Bi-Centenary Committee will publish a history of their church (1817-2017) by art historian, Patricia Butler. Nun's Cross Church Architect, Francis Johnston, also designed the GPO. The church also has links with John Millington Synge and Roger Casement, as members of their families are buried in Nun's Cross cemetery.

The Old Bray Society will publish a book by historian, Henry Cairns, on county Wicklow 1913 -1923, from the foundation of the Irish Volunteers to the end of the Irish Civil War. The society intends to present a copy of the book to each school in County Wicklow. Chapters will include Wicklow people who took part in the 1916 Rising, the 1918 General Election and Cumann na Mban in County Wicklow.

Roundwood Historical & Folklore Society will produce a commemorative booklet on 1916, including articles and memories of people and events of that period. It will also include articles on the participation of Wicklow people in the War of Independence. Editor will be local historian, Martin Timmins.

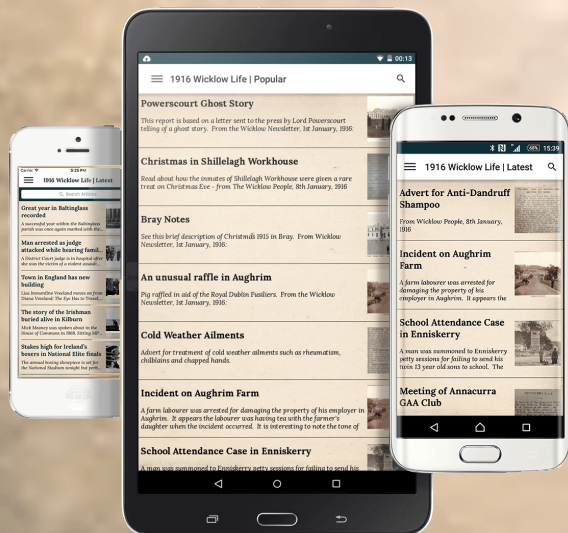
Freedom: A 1916 Story



This ten minute stop motion film tells a story of the Easter Rising in Dublin in 1916. Commissioned by Wicklow County Council as part of their 1916 : 2016 Commemoration programme.

<https://vimeo.com/155991543>

Step into County Wicklow 100 Years Ago



Weekly updates of social events of 100 years ago. This app will continue to be updated throughout 2016.

The app **1916WicklowLife** is now available to download free of charge on android phones or tablets from the Playstore and on apple phones or ipads from the App Store.

The website version of the app can be found on www.1916WicklowLife.ie

Active Wicklow

Get Active in Blessington

28th & 29th May

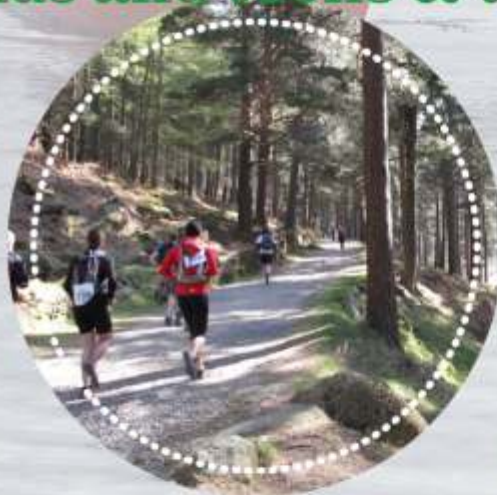
★ 28km Cycle around Blessington Lake

★ Horse Trekking

★ Water Sports

★ Low Ropes, Archery

★ Trail running events for
kids and teens & adults




County Tourism

Visit wicklowlsp.ie for more info and booking
details

Wicklow

...Let's talk business

Need Finance to Start or Grow your Business?

If you are running a business with less than 10 employees, LEO Wicklow may be able to help you access the finance you need to support your plans for growth.

GRANT FUNDING

Aimed at businesses that are manufacturing with export potential, or that are internationally traded services, BUSINESS EXPANSION/PRIMING GRANTS are provided for developmental activities (such as employing people, marketing and capital investment). The maximum grant that can be applied for is €80,000 or 50% of what you intend to spend (whichever is the lesser). 25% of the grant is repayable. To find out if you are eligible to apply, please contact us by telephone or email to arrange an appointment with a Business Advisor.

Aimed at businesses in most sectors that have been trading for more than 12 months and already have a basic website but wish to improve it in order to drive sales in their business and / or sell online, TRADING ONLINE VOUCHERS are provided for a range of purposes including developing an online shopping cart, developing an online sales strategy, Search Engine Marketing/Optimisation, improving User Interface and User Experience. The maximum grant that can be applied for is €2,500 or 50% of what you are intending to spend (whichever is the lesser). To find out more come along to our next TRADING ONLINE SEMINAR on **Tuesday 6th September 2016**, or contact Ross Murphy at rmurphy@leo.wicklowcoco.ie.

LOAN FUNDING



Not sure what lenders are looking for when assessing your loan application? Need some insight into what you should include in an application, and what types of loan funding are most suited to your needs? THE BUSINESS LOAN WORKSHOP is available every month free of charge and is suitable for anyone thinking of applying for a business loan. To book your place on the next workshop go to our website www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow

If you are having difficulty accessing a loan for your business, you might want to consider a MICROFINANCE IRELAND LOAN. Loans are between €2,000 and €25,000 and are available to all business sectors. LEO Wicklow will work with you to develop your business plan and put together an application to Microfinance Ireland. To find out more please contact us to arrange a meeting with a Business Advisor.

Contact Us:

By Telephone: 0404 30800

By Email: enterprise@leo.wicklowcoco.ie

Drop In: Wicklow County Campus, Clermont, Rathnew, Co Wicklow

Website: www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow

Council welcomes 3 new Elected Members

At the Council meeting held on the 7th March 2016 Mary Kavanagh was co-opted as a Member of Wicklow County Council to replace the late Councillor Pat Kavanagh (RIP). Councillor Mary Kavanagh is an independent member.

At the Special Council meeting held on Monday 14th March 2016, Gail Dunne (FF) and Michael O'Connor (SF) were co-opted as a Members of Wicklow County Council to replace the recently elected Dail Deputies Pat Casey (FF) and John Brady (SF).

Contact details for all councillors can be found on the back page.

Wicklow's 5 newly elected TD's



Deputies Simon Harris, Pat Casey, John Brady, Stephen Donnelly and Andrew Doyle receiving a presentation from Cathaoirleach John Ryan and Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Bryan Doyle.



Are you over 55?

**You can make County Wicklow a good place to grow old in.
Is your town/village a safe and sociable place to live in?
Do you have access to the health and public services that you need?**

**Do you have input into decisions about your locality?
We would like to hear your views on these and other important aspects of everyday life.**

You are invited to submit your input into the development of an age friendly strategy for County Wicklow. Please contact us by e mail at agefriendly@wicklowcoco.ie or by phone 0404 20208. We are seeking your input to ensure that the strategy reflects the views and opinions of older people from around the county.

The Age Friendly programme is part of an international effort co-ordinated by the World Health Organisation. The programme enables older people to contribute to their localities and communities and recognises that older people with their life time of accumulated expertise, talents and wisdom are central to the process.

Everyone hopes that as they grow older they will be supported to stay in their own home, be listened to and taken seriously, be able to work or volunteer, enjoy a good social life, and have access to good information and healthcare. Neighbourliness, a sense of belonging, feeling safe, feeling valued-these are the things everyone wants in their lives. The Age Friendly programme is a way of making those things becomes a reality for our counties and communities.

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Young Voices. Local Issues.



Wicklow's Comhairle na nÓg has kicked off 2016. The Comhairle is a group of young people who meet monthly in a Council style set up, who are passionate about enhancing the voice of young people in Wicklow. In a new initiative they have handed out over 1,000 surveys to young people across the county to find out their views on topical issues such as health, housing and youth facilities. The results of the survey will inform the Comhairle's work plan for the year, and will also be brought to senior decision makers in Wicklow to show them what young people feel about Wicklow.

Results of the survey were launched in County Buildings on the 9th May and are shared on Facebook www.facebook.com/WicklowComhairlenanOg

Responsible Dog Ownership

- Keep your dog under control at all times (to prevent sheep worrying and nuisance - have consideration for others - Guide dogs, elderly, children etc. and keep your dog on a lead in a public place).
- Make sure your dog has collar identification and a registered microchip (this will help re-unite you with your pet if lost or stolen).
- Clean up after your dog if it fouls in a public place - It is an offence under the Litter Pollution Acts not to clean up after your pet and you could be liable to fines from €150 +
- Have your dog neutered unless you intend to breed it
- Buy an annual licence for your dog
- Microchip and register your dog
- Feed your dog according to its size, age, and lifestyle
- Worm and de-flea your dog regularly
- Exercise your dog regularly
- Consider purchasing pet health insurance for your dog
- Vaccinate your dog and have an annual veterinary check-up for your dog



Dog Licence

All dog owners must have a current dog licence for each pet. Licences are available from any Post Office at a cost of €20.

Lifetime licences (€140) and General Dog Licences (€400) are only available from the Water & Environmental Services Section, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow Town. Tel: 0404 20296 or env@wicklowcoco.ie

Microchipping

From the 31st March 2016 all dogs are required to be microchipped, their details registered on an approved database, and their owners must have a certificate from the database to prove this. Further to this from this date it is illegal to sell, supply, buy or even take ownership of a dog that does not have a certificate of microchip registration from an approved database. If in any doubt you should contact your vet or veterinary nurse.

Lost and Found Dogs

If you have lost your dog or found a dog, please contact the dog pound.

ISPCA / Wicklow County Council Dog Pound, Sharpeshill, Ballygannonmore, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow. Tel. 0404 44873

Phones will be manned during opening hours. There is an answer machine outside these hours.

Dog Wardens

086-2771695
086-3846430

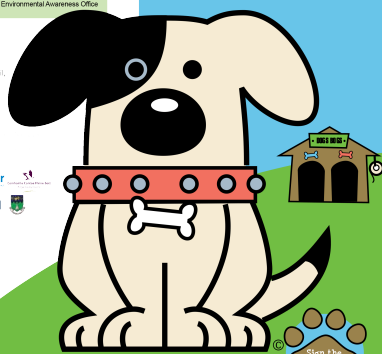
Opening hours of the Dog Pound

Monday - Friday 11.00am - 12.30pm
and 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Dogs for Rehoming

Please contact the pound directly if you wish to rehome a dog. Dogs for rehoming are also available on the following website.

www.ispca.ie/rehoming



Green Dog Walkers
A friendly way to tackle dog fouling issues

Green Dog Walkers

Green Dog Walkers is a non confrontational friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling. If you see someone wearing the Green Dog Walker armband / bag dispenser, it means they have taken the 'pledge' to:

- Always clean up after their dog
- To carry extra doggie bags
- To gladly give you a bag for your dog

Would you like to get involved in this initiative as an individual or a Community Group? For further information please contact Wicklow County Council Environmental Awareness Office at Lo Call 1890 222276 or email eao@wicklowcoco.ie

Recent Sheep Kills



An alarming number of attacks on livestock have occurred on farms throughout the county over recent months. Marauding dogs have carried out these attacks. In almost all attacks these dogs are domestic pets that have strayed out from towns.

The attacks have resulted in the death and worrying of sheep. When dogs worry pregnant ewes, this can cause the miscarriage of their lambs and during the lambing season ewes are obviously more vulnerable.

It is the dog owners' responsibility to ensure their dog is under control and does not attack sheep or livestock or indeed humans or other animals. You may not be aware of the serious consequences if your dog attacks or worries livestock.

As the Owner:

- You will be convicted of an offence and liable to a fine and/or a prison sentence
- You will have to compensate the farmer for all costs and losses he has suffered
- Your dog could be shot by a farmer if he considers it has been involved in worrying or attacking livestock

Loose or stray dogs should be notified to the Dog Warden and local Gardai.

So, dog owners, please keep control of your pets at all times and do not allow them to stray. This will keep the dog alive, livestock safe and could save you a whole lot of money in compensation, fines and legal costs.



Water Safety

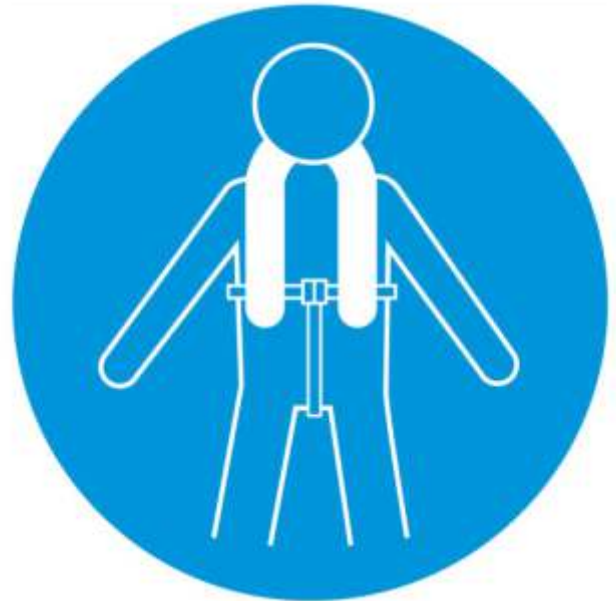
Personal Floatation Devices

What is a Personal Floatation Device?

This is a generic term used to describe lifejackets and buoyancy aids. The main difference between lifejackets and buoyancy aids is that a lifejacket is designed to turn an unconscious person face up on entering the water. A buoyancy aid is not guaranteed to do this and is as the name describes, an aid to keeping you afloat.

Wearing Personal Floatation Devices

It is vital to wear a buoyancy aid or a lifejacket when afloat or if your activity takes you near the water. You must ensure that it is the correct size, properly fastened and that you understand how to operate it. In sports like jet skiing, water skiing, dinghy sailing, windsurfing and canoeing, wearing the right personal floatation device (PFD) will give you the confidence to enjoy your activity even when you are in the water. For other activities wearing an appropriate PFD can provide extra time for the search and rescue services to find and rescue you. See www.iws.ie for more information



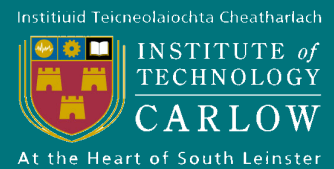
**You must always wear your
Personal Flotation Device ('PFD')**
**Caithfidh tú do Ghaireas Snámhachta
Pearsanta ('PFD') a chaitheamh i gcónaí**

*Funded by the Irish Government under the National Development Plan 2007 - 2013 and part-financed by the European Union through the European Fisheries Fund (EFF).
*Arna rianúint ag Rialtas na hÉireann faoi bhann Náisiúnta Forbartha 2007 - 2013 agus páirteáilúinthe ag an Aontas Eorpach tríd Chiste Iascaigh na hÉireann (EIF).



Wicklow County Campus, Clermont House, Rathnew

IT Carlow Providing Third Level Education for Wicklow



'Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire!' - W.B. Yeats

Did you know that The Institute of Technology Carlow offers 3rd level degree courses in Wicklow County Campus, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow?

To find out more, don't miss the Wicklow County Campus- IT Carlow Open Evening on Monday June 20th from 6pm until 8pm.

Delivered locally in Clermont House, Rathnew, IT Carlow offers Degrees and Masters in Humanities, Business and Law, to name but a few.

The open evening provides the opportunity to discuss courses on offer with lecturers who deliver these programmes.

All higher education at the Wicklow County Campus is delivered and validated by IT Carlow.

Please log on to www.ITCarlow.ie/III to find out more about the extensive range of programmes on offer at the Wicklow County Campus - IT Carlow, Clermont House, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow.

Please call 0404 67125 if you want to discuss any programme in more detail or email wicklow@itcarlow.ie

County Wicklow Economic Think Tank

The County Wicklow Economic Think Tank (CWETT) is a collaborative initiative between local business, Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Local Enterprise Office. The CWETT Action Plan was developed in order to drive and maintain economic activity and increase employment in the county.

The formation of the Maritime Business Development Group (MBDG) is just one of the positive actions being delivered under Objective 5 of the CWETT Action Plan: 'Sustain and where possible grow traditional sectors in the county'. The aim of the MBDG is to capitalise on the maritime infrastructure in County Wicklow and to identify and assess opportunities to take full advantage of the marine resources available.

The MBDG recently engaged a consultant to undertake a baseline study of Wicklow's harbours whose research involved significant consultation with 47 organisations and 75 individuals.

A key aspect of the baseline study is the consideration of the four harbours in relation to one another and their situation in the broader regional, national and European context.

The study assesses the current status of each harbour and considers; hydrography, navigation, weather, infrastructure, amenities, access, environment, maritime economic, community and leisure activities, the harbour's relationship to the town in which it is situated and the plans, ambitions and aspirations of local stakeholders.

The study identifies challenges in relation to harbour facilities, access and maintenance. Therefore, delivering the full potential of Wicklow's harbours will require leadership, strong cohesive management, cooperation and collaboration between harbours.

Pursuing some of the opportunities identified will require vision and independence but will lift Wicklow's harbours to a new level, and on an exciting path for the future.



Coastal Protection At The Murrough, Wicklow Town

Works on the coastal protection at the Murrough in Wicklow were scheduled to start on May 10th, and may take up to 20 weeks to complete, subject to weather conditions and health and safety requirements. Every effort will be made to maintain access to the amenity during the course of the works.

Wicklow County Council would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Office of Public Works, in particular Minister Simon Harris, and also the cooperation of Irish Rail in advancing this project.



Glór Na Casca Gardens Of Remembrance

As part of Wicklow County Council's 1916/2016 centenary programme, Five Glór na Cásca commemorative gardens have been created in locations throughout the county. The gardens have been created within each of the five municipal districts and are located in Bray, Greystones, Wicklow Town, Rathdrum and Knockananna.

Each Garden of Remembrance has an engraved replica of the 1916 Proclamation, a flagpole with Tricolor and seven trees that represent the seven signatories of the Proclamation.

The Bray garden was opened on April 21st at The People's Park, Bray, by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr John Ryan, in the presence of a delegation from the Defence Forces.

The Cathaoirleach unveiled a commemorative stone which is inscribed with the Proclamation in Irish and English. The Defence Force members then read the Proclamation and raised the Tricolor. The event concluded with a piper's lament.



County Wicklow Public Participation Network

Community & Voluntary Groups Participate in Local & National Decision Making

County Wicklow Public Participation Network (PPN) was formed in August 2014. County Wicklow PPN is made up of a diverse range of Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental groups from all across the county.

County Wicklow PPN facilitates the representation of community groups and organisations on committees and bodies within the local authority, as well as on other collaborative bodies and committees throughout the county that influence local decision-making. Some of the bodies which the PPN currently has representation on include- County Wicklow Local Community Development Committee; County Wicklow Joint Policing Committee; Wicklow Local Authorities' Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), Housing & Corporate Estate SPC, Transport Water & Environmental Services SPC, Community Cultural & Social Development SPC, Economic Development & Enterprise SPC, Wicklow County Childcare Committee, County Wicklow Children & Young People's Services Committee, County Wicklow Local Sports Partnership, Wicklow County Tourism, County Wicklow Volunteer Centre, Wicklow County Community Directory Development Group and Bray Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force. County Wicklow PPN ensures the input of local knowledge and expertise into these decision-making and policy-making bodies and provides opportunities for the wider community to make valuable contributions.

Over the past nine months County Wicklow PPN was involved with many public consultation events to gather the voice and opinion of the community. These included the County Wicklow Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) and the County Wicklow LEADER Local Development Strategy. The PPN also made their own submissions to both of these Plans. In November, the PPN Resource Worker facilitated consultations with older people on Community Support & Health Services and on Safety & Security as part of the Age Friendly Strategy. This information informed the upcoming Wicklow Joint Policing Committee six year Strategic Plan. More recently, the PPN submitted their members concerns to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform on the discussion paper "Commissioning Human, Social and Community Services."

County Wicklow PPN acts as an information hub and provides members with news about funding, group insurance, community events, training, and job opportunities. There is also a two-way flow of information between PPN members and the PPN Reps who sit on the wide range of bodies and committees outlined above. Representatives provide regular updates to members from the meetings they attend, while also encouraging members to inform them of any relevant local issues that they wish them to raise.

More information about County Wicklow PPN can be found on their

Webpage: www.countywicklowppn.ie Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/CWPPN or by e-mailing: countywicklowppn@gmail.com

Safe Crossing Places for Pedestrians

The following places should be used to cross the road safely.



Zebra Crossing

This is marked by yellow flashing beacons. The actual crossing area is marked by black and white 'zebra' stripes.

Drivers

- Must stop to let you cross.
- Must slow down and be prepared to stop as they approach the crossing.
- Must stop behind the stop line if there is one and must not enter any part of the crossing.
- Must not overtake or park within areas covered by zig-zag markings on either side of the crossing.

Pedestrians

- Do not have the right-of-way over traffic until you actually step onto the crossing.
- Never step onto the crossing if this would cause a driver to brake suddenly.
- Must not cross within the area marked by zig-zag white lines if these are provided on either side of a zebra crossing. If they are not provided, you must not cross within 15 metres of the crossing.
- If there is a central island, treat each side as a separate crossing.
- Always watch carefully for approaching traffic.
- Place one foot on the crossing to indicate that you wish to cross.

Pelican Crossing

At this crossing, an amber light will flash for a short period after the red light for drivers goes out. Similarly, the 'green man' light for pedestrians will flash for a short time before changing to the 'red man' light. A flashing amber light at a pelican crossing gives priority to pedestrians.

Traffic Lights

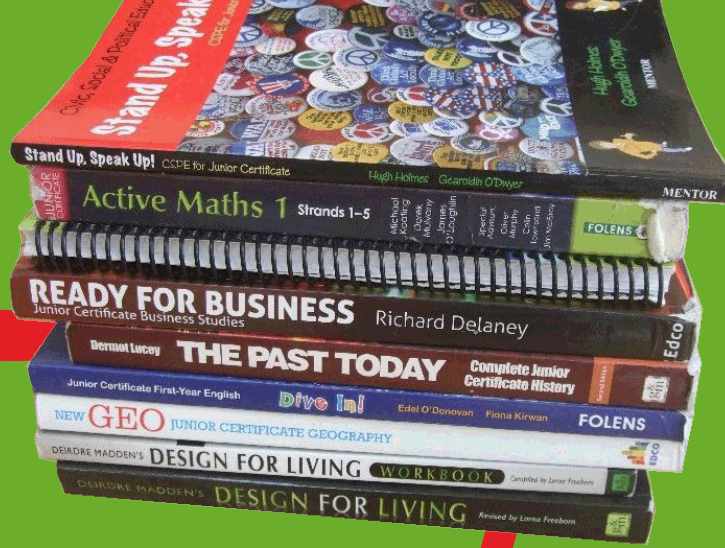
If you are crossing at traffic lights, but there are no signals for pedestrians, check the lights in both directions. When the traffic on the road you wish to cross is governed by a red light, cross carefully. Look out for traffic that might be turning onto the road you wish to cross and remember that some traffic lights allow traffic to proceed in some lanes when other lanes are stopped. Be especially careful at junctions with filter lanes.

Uncontrolled Crossings

At all uncontrolled crossings i.e. raised crossing points pedestrians should use the Safe Cross Code.



We Want Your Used School Books



This is the fourteenth year that Wicklow County Council will have Second-hand School Bookshops at the Recycling Centres in Bray, Wicklow and Arklow. All the books are sold in aid of charities and make several thousand Euros for their causes. Thousands of books are kept in circulation each year through reuse by students in the county. As well as the sale of books, old schoolbooks not on the current curriculum are recycled as high quality paper along with copybooks and loose leaf pages.

Wicklow County Council wants your used school books.

We will accept any type of school book or textbook for reuse or recycling including college textbooks. We also take copies, workbooks and college notes for recycling - please separate these from books. You may leave books at any of the Recycling Centres during opening times. Don't leave it too late to bring us your used books. As the end of the school year and exams approach, get them sorted and bring them to us. This year we will also have school uniforms available at some of the centres so bring us your good quality used uniform clothes as well.

During the months of June to September Wicklow County Council operates a School Bookshop at some of our recycling centres. Books may be purchased for a small cost of €2 to €5. Exam papers are free.

As well as the environmental benefits of reusing schoolbooks, there are financial savings to be made by families in these difficult times through the purchase of second hand books with the other added value of helping funds for charity at the same time. Wicklow County Council will continue to support families through the School Bookshops at the recycling centres.



For more information, contact Environmental Awareness Office, Wicklow County Council, The Murrough Recycling Centre, Wicklow. Phone 1890 22 22 76 or email eao@wicklowcoco.ie

No Coins, No Problem! Park By Phone With Parking Tag

Paying for parking in Wicklow is now easier than ever with Parking Tag. Available in Arklow, Greystones and Wicklow Town, Parking Tag allows you to pay for parking using your mobile phone instead of paying at the meter.

The Parking Tag service, operated by Payzone, allows registered motorists to instantly park and pay by mobile app, SMS or phone call. For those who park often, registering for an account is the easiest way to pay.

For those who park less frequently, Parking Tag has recently launched a new service allowing unregistered motorists to make parking payments. Unregistered payments can be made by sending an SMS and following instructions to charge parking to a credit or debit card. Vodafone and 3 customers have the added option of charging parking to their mobile phone bill or credit.

Motorists availing of any of the Parking Tag payment options can also extend parking time without the need to return to their car. There is even a handy SMS reminder option which can be sent 10 minutes before parking time expires.

Detailed instructions of how to register and how to pay are available on www.parkingtag.ie and zones are visible on meters and local signage in each area.

N11 Wins Irish Building & Design Award



Engineering Project of the Year was won by BAM Ireland for the N11 Arklow/Rathnew /N7 Newlands Cross Flyover.

The awards recognise and acknowledge the best building and design projects over the past 12 months.

The presentation ceremony, hosted on the 22nd April by event organisers CMG, was attended by more than 500 people from the world of architecture, engineering, construction and design.



Contact Wicklow County Council...

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- Blessington	045 891222	045 865813	
- Tinahely	0402 38174		
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Bray Recycling Centre	01 2116666		eao@wicklowcoco.ie
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Wicklow Recycling Centre	0404 64120 (LoCall 1890 222 276)		eao@wicklowcoco.ie
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Motor Tax - Blessington	045 858031	045 891248	motortax@wicklowcoco.ie
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- Baltinglass 059 6482300
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- Carnew 053 9426088
- Dunlavin 045 401100
- Enniskerry 01 2864339
- Greystones 01 2873548
- Rathdrum 0404 43232
- Tinahely 0402 38080
- Wicklow 0404 67025

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FG - Shay Cullen	086 7275000
FG - Irene Winters	087 2443610
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