

# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

# COUNTYWISE

Information and news from Wicklow  
County Council  
Samhradh / Summer 2019



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## Message from the Wicklow County Council Chief Executive

**W**elcome to the summer edition of Countywise magazine. Wicklow County Council kicked off the summer by hosting a reception at Powerscourt House to welcome Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall to County Wicklow on Monday 20th May. The visit provided Wicklow County Council with a good opportunity to showcase Wicklow on the International stage.

Local Elections took place on Friday 24th May and elector turnout in the County was 55%. I welcome the thirty two newly elected members and look forward to working with them over the next 5 years.

Wicklow County Council has been busy recently awarding a total of €142,000 in Community Grants to over 300 groups across the County.

Wicklow Tourism has a host of fantastic summer events showcased on their calendar of events on the website [www.vistiwicklow.ie](http://www.vistiwicklow.ie). The spectacular Bray Air Display takes place on the 27th & 28th July, with a huge turnout expected again this year. For those of you taking to the sea, rivers and lakes please see the article on Water Safety or log onto the Irish Water Safety website [www.iws.ie](http://www.iws.ie).

Wicklow County Council has produced a series of familiarisation videos to help members of the public with accessibility arrangements for County Buildings and the five Municipal District Offices. This creative series of informative videos will greatly benefit the wider public and citizens of County Wicklow. The videos are available on the council's website at [www.wicklow/living/AccessVideos](http://www.wicklow/living/AccessVideos).

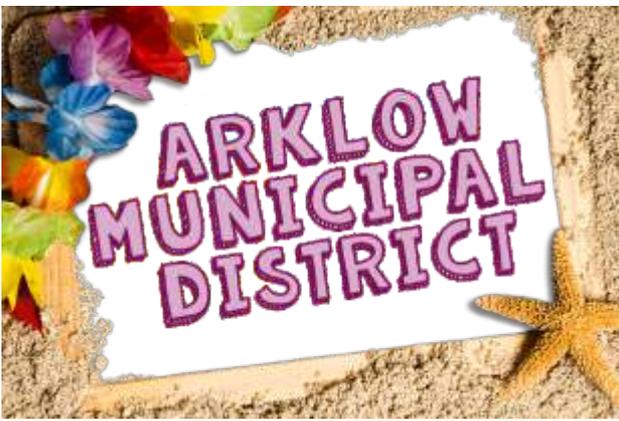
Regards,  
Frank Curran



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ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES





## Reception for Teagan Farrell

A reception was held by the members of Arklow Municipal District to honour Teagan Farrell who is a member of Arklow Boxing Club.

The reception, which took place in the offices of Arklow Municipal District was held to acknowledge Teagan's achievements in boxing, which includes four Irish titles, four Leinster titles, three Michael Andrews Titles and Golden Girl Champion in Sweden.

Cllr. Miriam Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District, welcomed family members and members from the boxing club and stated that Arklow Boxing Club was a shining example of what can be achieved in a community and Arklow is proud of Teagan, her achievements and her commitment to



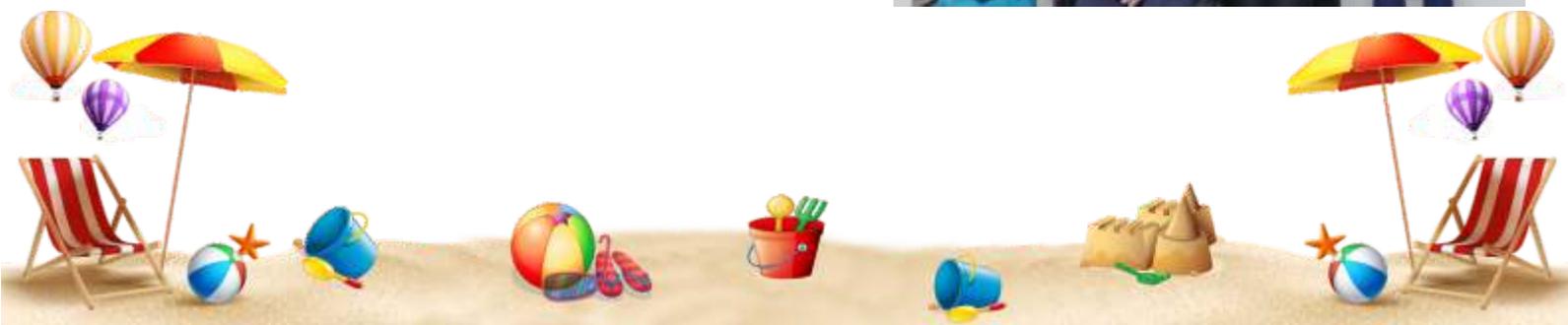
the sport which is a great example to the youth of Arklow.

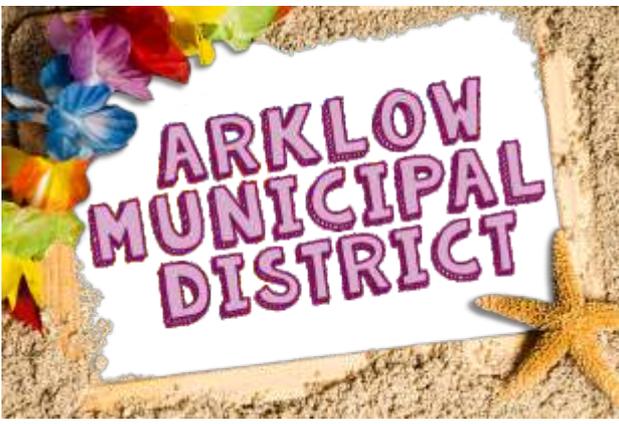
Teagan represented Ireland in the European Championships in Romania recently and took home a bronze medal. Teagan is the first ever Arklow Boxing Club member to receive a medal at a European Championship.

Teagan was presented with an engraved certificate and a token gift to commemorate the occasion.

## Spring Clean Event - Arklow Town Team

A Spring Clean event took place as part of National Spring Clean week and involved 30 volunteers including local Gardai, Wicklow County Council Staff, Councillors, Conary parishioners and the local Tidy Towns Group. They gathered 50 bags of rubbish from the 6km stretch between Pearse's Park, Arklow and the Woodenbridge Hotel which was great work on the part of the volunteers. Refreshments were provided by the Woodenbridge Hotel after the event.





## Annual Meeting

**A**t the Annual Meeting of Arklow Municipal District held on the 12th June 2019 Councillor Pat Fitzgerald was elected as Cathaoirleach for the coming year and Councillor Sylvester Bourke was elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

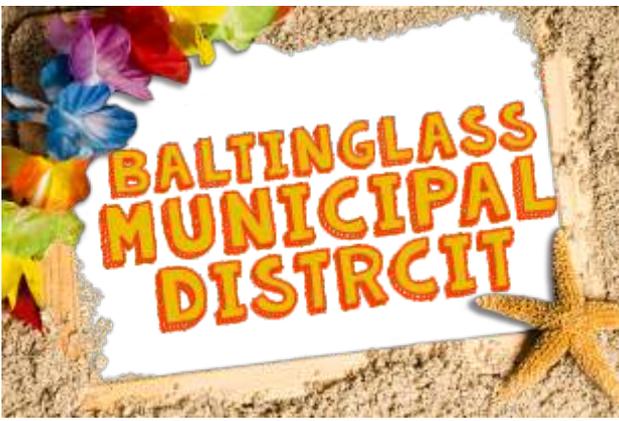
## Aughrim Supports 'Young Lungs at Play' with Launch of Smoke-Free Playgrounds

**A** new smoke-free initiative 'Young Lungs at Play' was launched in Aughrim by the HSE, in partnership with Arklow Municipal District and County Wicklow Partnership.

New 'Tobacco - Free' signs have been placed in six playgrounds, outdoor gym areas and other local amenities such as the Arklow Duck Pond and the 'Moments in Time' garden in the Arklow Municipal District area. The signs also show contact details of services that are available, free-of-charge, to all adults seeking support to quit smoking.

This initiative aims to support families and communities to create a healthy environment for their children to play. The vision is to develop shared communal smoke-free spaces that protect children from the harmful effects of second hand smoke.





## Annual Meeting

**A**t the Annual Meeting of Baltinglass Municipal District held on the 10th June 2019 Councillor Gerry O'Neill was elected as Cathaoirleach for the coming year. Councillor Patsy Glennon was elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.



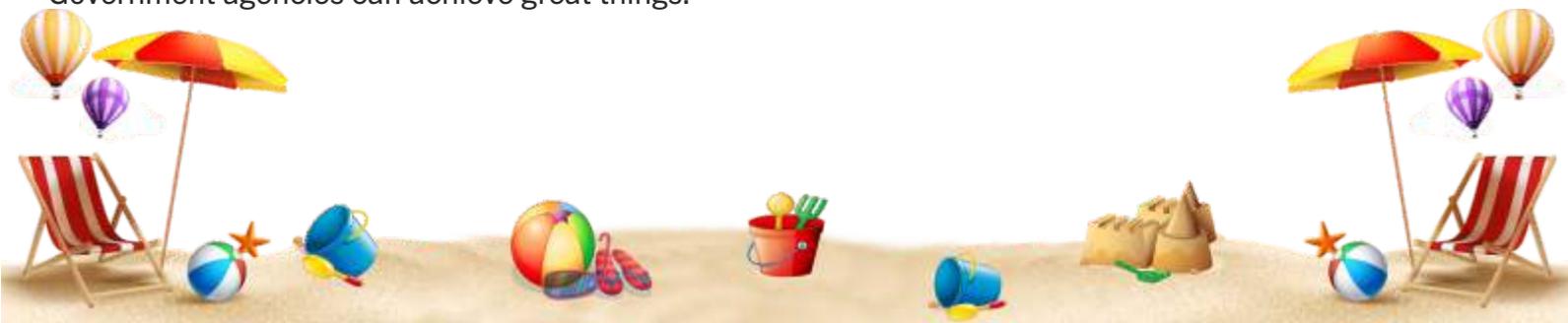
## Tinahely Walking Trails

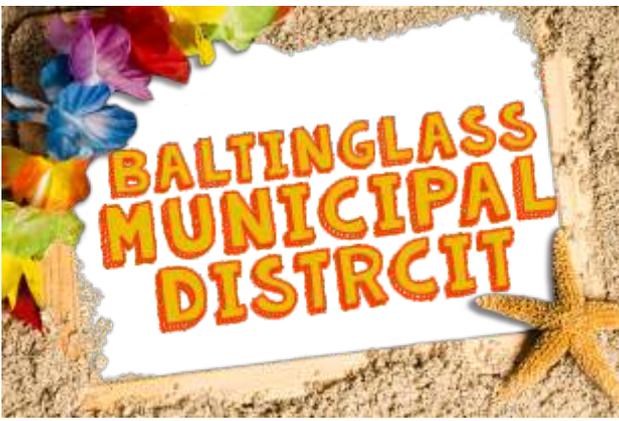
In 2004, members of the then Tinahely Area Development along with local landowners entered a unique partnership with Wicklow County Council, the Wicklow Uplands Council and the LEADER programme, then administered by Wicklow Rural Partnership. The plan was to develop a 3km walking trail along the old Woodenbridge-Shillelagh railway line which had been abandoned at the end of the second world war. The 3km walking track would link the railway bridge at Kilcommon with the railway bridge at the entrance to Tomnafinoge Woods.

From these humble origins the walking trails in Tinahely cover 45km of integrated trails surrounding the Tinahely village and providing many local businesses with visitors all year round. These trails are managed, maintained and marketed locally and funded through a range of Council funding streams. Tinahely offers a wide range of walks to the hiker to enjoy, including the Tinahely loop, Kyle Loop, Ballycumber Loop and Mangan's Loop. Details of the walks and pdfs of the map can be found on [www.tinahely.ie](http://www.tinahely.ie)



The Railway Walk is now the basis for the Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway Strategy which will see a combined walking and cycle trail from Arklow via Woodenbridge, Aughrim, Annacurra, Tinahely and finishing in Shillelagh. This brings to South West Wicklow the infrastructure to develop a vibrant tourism economy that is sustainable and environmentally sound. Communities working with local landowners in partnership with local Government agencies can achieve great things.





## Tearmann Community Garden

The Tearmann Community Garden in Baltinglass was officially opened on the 14th May 2019 and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all members of the committee. The garden is an incredible resource for the community in Baltinglass. The Tearmann Community Garden is a landscaped space covering a number of acres with a rockery, an orchard, wildlife pond, flowers and trees, accessed by a series of walkways and paths.

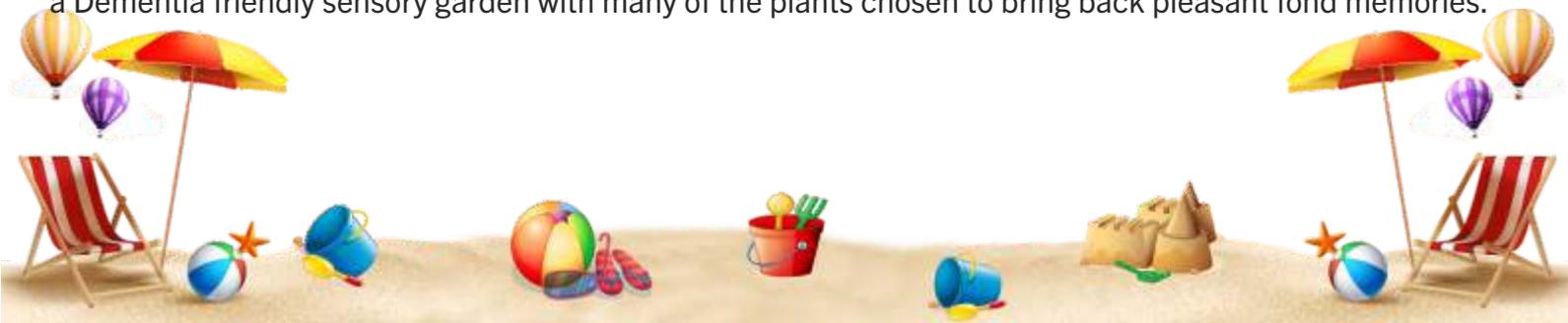


Memory is a key theme of the garden; visitors are greeted at the entrance by a visual offering of a collection of photos of scenes of Baltinglass in the 1950's as well as captured moments from local history to stimulate happy memories. Peace and contemplation are encouraged and decorated slates are dotted around



the garden with phrases that celebrate nature and creation. The slates were hand painted by a local artist. The sculptures were carved from local wood by sculptor Eammon Doyle. There is a new water feature and many of the benches were donated by local people. Decorative covered benches and an outdoor seating area are made of low maintenance recycled plastic. The garden is also a productive working space where vegetables are grown organically and sold and its ethos is very much a community space where everyone is welcome. The dementia friendly sensory garden provides nourishment for the five senses: hearing, sight, taste, smell and touch. Many of the plants have been chosen to bring back happy memories. There is a wide range of scented herbs and beautiful colourful flowers to enjoy.

A carved wooden arch with the name 'Tearmann' in traditional Irish lettering makes the space easy to identify and welcomes all ages through its gates. Going from strength to strength, its popularity as a green space, created for embracing both its biodiversity with its orchards, pond, rockeries and wild areas, as well as growing organic food. The space has educational, practical and spiritual dimensions, encouraging visitors to take time to reflect and appreciate closeness with nature. The gardens span across two acres and contain a Dementia friendly sensory garden with many of the plants chosen to bring back pleasant fond memories.





## Bray Air Display

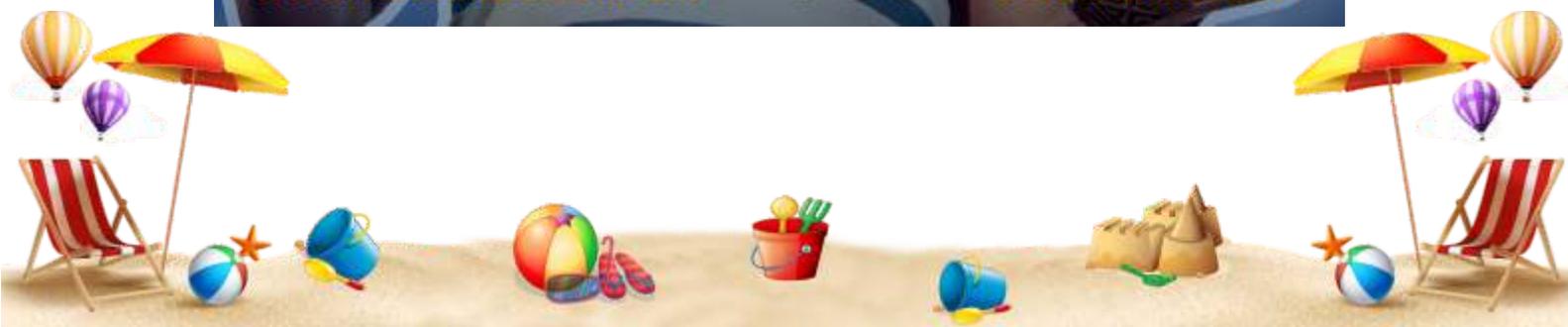
**B**uckle up for Ireland's biggest air festival. The 2019 show will bring incredible, show stopping scenes to the skies over Bray this July 27th and 28th.

Some of the best display teams and individual acts from around the world will showcase their aerobatic skills and

perform to thousands of spectators at the free weekend of turbo charged entertainment.

Highlight acts will include:

- Aerobatic superstars The Blades
- The spectacular Royal Jordanian Falcons aerobatic team
- Jaw dropping, Dare Devil displays by Ireland's Flying Dentist, Eddie Goggins and the UK's Richard Goodwin.





## Bray Town Centre

Construction work is continuing at a fast pace on the Florentine Centre. The majority of the excavation works are coming to an end. The main super structure above ground continues and steel is being erected.

## Annual Meeting

At the Bray Municipal District AGM on Tuesday 11th June 2019 Councillor Steven Matthews was elected as Cathaoirleach and Councillor Anne Ferris was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.



## Bray.ie 1 million

Bray.ie, the official tourism and community profile for Bray Town, reached 1 million visitor milestone in May 2019. The site was launched in 2011 and has helped to boost Bray's image and showcase its tourism offering.



Thank you for  
**1 MILLION**  
visits to bray.ie





## Blue Flag retained

**B**ray has regained its Blue Flag status for 2019. This is the third consecutive year that the bathing waters have achieved 100% compliance with EU standards and ensures that the stunning beach is well managed, safe and accessible for beach users.

A massive thanks must go to the many local voluntary community organisations like Bray Tidy Towns and Bray Coastcare as well as Wicklow County Council outdoor staff, Council executive and local councillors who have always been committed to ensuring high standards are maintained along Bray seafront.

## Bray Celtic Camino Coastal Route Launched

**B**ray Tourism and the Camino Society Ireland officially launched the Bray Celtic Camino Coastal Route on Wednesday 1st May in the Martello Hotel. The walk will be a distance of 30.5k from Bray to St. James Church, James Street, Dublin 1. The route will take in Shankill, Killiney, Dalkey, Sandycove etc through to Ringsend, passing Christchurch on the way to St. James Church. Along the route you can get your passport stamped in different locations. Further information can be obtained from [Bray.ie](http://Bray.ie) and [caminosociety.ie](http://caminosociety.ie)





# Bray Photo Exhibition

The Bray Seafront Art and Photography Exhibition returns this summer on:

- Sunday 14th July
- Sunday 25th August

See [www.bray.ie](http://www.bray.ie) for more details.

## Seafront Artwork

The seafront is getting some new artwork for the summer season. Check out what Subset have been up to on the South Promenade.



## Town Twinning Wurzburg

In April, Bray hosted a group of students from its twinned city of Wurzburg in Germany. The group visited Bray Town Hall and were given a lecture on the history of Bray.



## 3 for the Sea

Three for the Sea campaign aims to tackle beach plastics. This campaign is to encourage everyone to take away three pieces of plastic every time they visit the beach.





## Splash into summer in Bray

**B**ray has a new summer tourism initiative for 2019. The new initiative aims to promote the many tourism products and the fantastic family fun-filled events on offer in the much-loved seaside resort this summer.



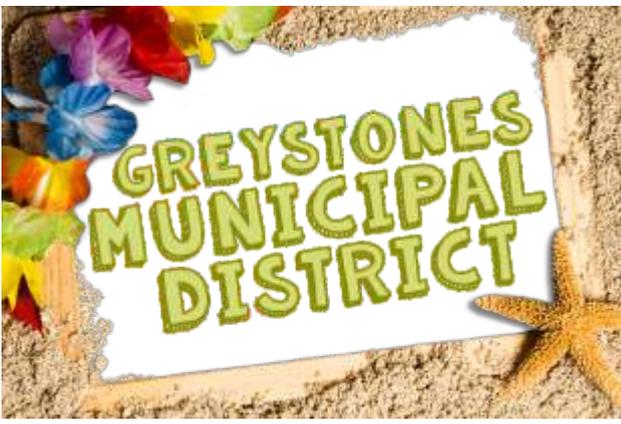
You can watch Movies by the bandstand on selected dates in July and August, enjoy all the thrills and spills of the Seafront Funfair from July 19th until August 5th, sample sizzling wings at Wings Food Fest on July 19th to 21st, be amazed by the flying skills at Ireland's biggest Air Display on July 27th & 28th, explore the spectacular views from Bray Head or be wowed with stunning fireworks as they light up the night skies on the August Bank Holiday Monday.

The great family-friendly events include:

- Sunday Summer Sounds
- Bray Seafront Art & Photography Exhibition
- Movies by the bandstand screening on selected dates in July and August
- Seafront Fun Fair returns to Bray Seafront from Friday, July 19th to August 5th
- The mouth-watering Wings Food Fest returns July, 19th, 20th & 21st
- Eyes to skies as Ireland's biggest air show the Bray Air Display returns on July 27th & 28th
- A stunning fireworks display takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, 5th August
- Heritage Week - a celebration of Ireland's culture, history, gardens, and architecture finishes off our summer events from August 17th to 25th

Visit the award-winning <https://www.bray.ie/summer2019/> for more information.





## Annual Meeting

**A**t the Annual Meeting of Greystones Municipal District held on the 11th June and Councillor Tom Fortune was elected as Cathaoirleach for the coming year and Councillor Derek Mitchell was elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

## Award winners at the 2019 Greystones Municipal District/Wicklow Times People of the Year Awards

**T**he gala presentation night was held in Greystones Golf Club in May. The awards honour people in the district who have contributed to and promoted sport, culture, community and economic activity in the district.



A Special Recognition award was made this year to Greystones Churches Together representing St. Patrick's Church, Holy Rosary Church and the Presbyterian Church. The three churches regularly work together as a single entity to organise community events and promote Christianity.





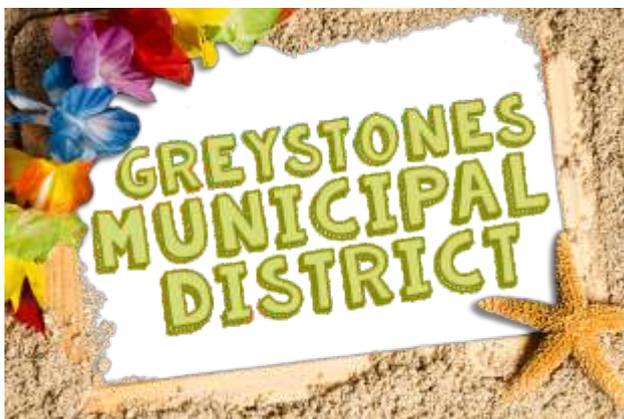
# Greystones Way Improvements

**G**reystones Municipal District staff Liam & Paul carrying out improvements to sections of Greystones Way walking trail at Dromont to Kindlestown Heights. The works included strengthening works to banks of the adjacent stream.

## Estate Management Grants

**A**pplications were invited from Residents Associations of Wicklow County Council Social Housing Estates in the Greystones Municipal District, for funding in relation to the upkeep of green areas within their estates. A total number of 13 applications were received from Residents Associations throughout the district. Representatives from each of the estates attended a function in the Civic Offices in March and were presented with cheques by the Cathaoirleach and members of Greystones Municipal District, who congratulated all involved on the leadership shown and commended them on their contribution to the upkeep of their estates.





## Community Grants and Community Pride Awards

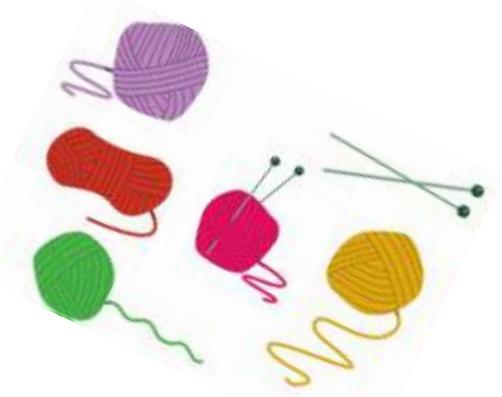
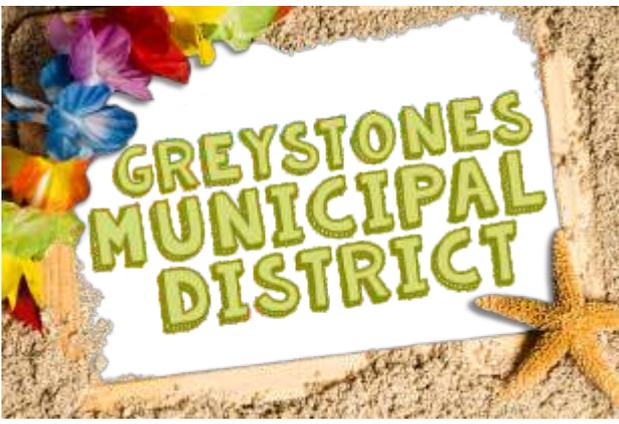
Representatives from 24 community groups and organisations attended a reception in Greystones Municipal District in April. Grants totalling €26,000 were distributed under the Community Grants and Community Pride Awards scheme in recognition of the Council's commitment to supporting local community development.



## Greystones Community Orchard

Following the completion of upgrade works on Mill Lane to improve pedestrian links between Three Trouts bridge and Mill Road, Staff in Greystones Municipal District have been working in partnership with Greystones Tidy Towns volunteers to develop Greystones Community Orchard. Tidy Towns volunteers have been very busy planting over 60 apple, plum, cherry and pear trees over the past couple of months.





## Yarn Bombers Strike in Greystones!

**T**here was an explosion of colour in Greystones over the June Bank Holiday weekend. Thanks to the creative hands of the members of ICA Delgany Guild, local fixtures were adorned with colourful knitted creations. Yarn bombing is a form of street art where everyday objects are covered in colourful knitted creations.





## Annual Meeting

**A**t the Annual Meeting of Wicklow Municipal District held on the 10th June 2019, Councillor Shay Cullen was elected as Cathaoirleach for the coming year. Councillor John Snell was elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.



## Laragh Footpath

**O**ne of the major Local Footpath Renewal Schemes undertaken by the Wicklow Municipal District was officially opened by Cathaoirleach Daire Nolan on Tuesday 30th April. The construction of this new 1.6 km long footpath provides a safe link for walkers from Laragh to Trooperstown wood. It is also considered very significant to improving Wicklow's network of trails as it provides a much needed link between the Avonmore Way, Glendalough, St. Kevin's Way and the Wicklow Way. This is also a great opportunity for visitors in Glendalough to link with Rathdrum, the train station or Avondale and its upcoming extensive development. These trails can connect the towns and villages along the way, allowing tourists to experience their rich heritage and hospitality.





# Tidy Towns

Judging for the 2019 National Tidy Towns competition is underway.

## Wicklow Town

Urban Orchard at Bachelors walk is now finished.



# Local Link Bus Service

Wicklow Municipal District has welcomed the official launch of the new Local Link Bus Service from Wicklow Town to Glendalough. This link will not only provide an essential local service but will greatly enhance visitors ability to access the wide range of tourism attractions on offer in the area.

There are up to 4 daily services scheduled from Sunday to Thursday and 6 on Fridays and Saturdays.

The bus stops at the following locations:

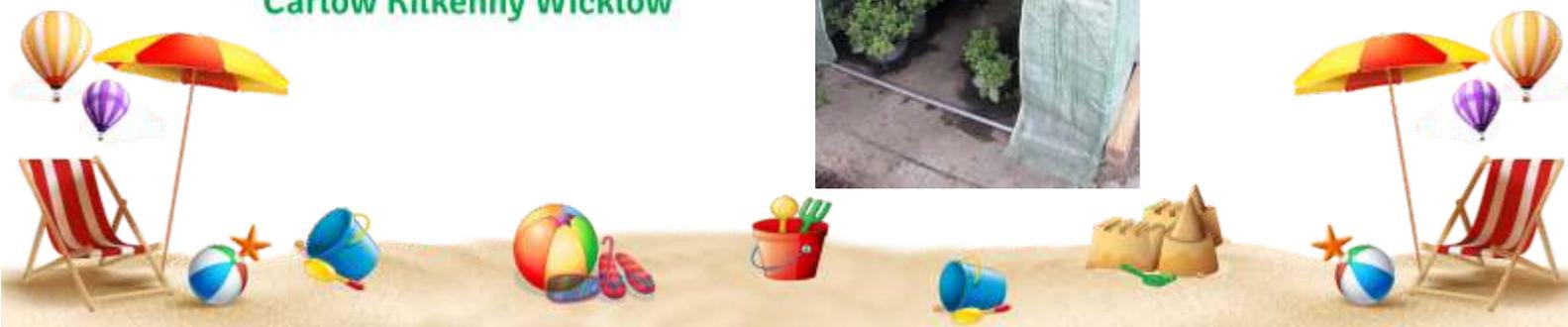
- Wicklow Town (Wicklow Gaol, Grand Hotel & Train Station)
- Rathnew
- Ashford
- Roundwood
- Annamoe
- Laragh
- Glendalough

Fares: Free Travel Pass holders travel free and Children up to 5 years travel free. Under 18/students €2. Adult Single €3.



## Glenealy

Flowers prepared and ready to be placed in Glenealy village.





## Wildflower Garden at the Murrough

The Wicklow Municipal District Members support the importance of wildflower gardens and they funded the planting of one on the Murrough which will provide a haven for bees, butterflies and other pollinators to survive and thrive in the coming year.

## RNLI Swim

The Annual RNLI 3k swim will take place on the 13th July 2019 at 11am.

This year the race should attract in excess of 200 swimmers as it is a qualifying swim for the 100th Liffey swim.



## 2019 Grants for Estate Development and Tidy Towns

The Cathaoirleach Daire Nolan presented grants to the seven Tidy Towns Committees in the Wicklow Municipal District and acknowledged the great work they do in enhancing their towns. Wicklow Tidy Towns received special mention and were congratulated for their achievement in winning a silver medal in the Category E (town population 5001 - 10,000)

Grants were presented to representatives from Residents Associations of 12 local authority estates in the Wicklow Municipal District. The committees were commended on their hard work and for giving their time to preserve and enhance their estates. It was acknowledged that volunteers are so important in our communities as they make our communities a better place to live and visit.



# Feast From the East

**D**eveloping County Wicklow as a leading food and drink location is the objective of a major new strategy launched in April by Wicklow County Council and the Local Community Development Committee.

The County Wicklow Food and Beverage Strategy 2019-2021 highlights the county's strengths and opportunities in the sector and sets out a pathway to how Wicklow can establish itself on the country's food map. Implementing the Strategy will see County Wicklow become a place for high quality food production and a key destination for food lovers.

It sets out five key goals:

- To tell the Wicklow Food Story
- To develop a Food Activity Calendar
- To increase Food Stakeholder Networking
- To get Local Food to Local Consumer
- To provide appropriate business supports to assist start up and established local food and beverage producers grow their business

The Strategy - which was launched by Minister Andrew Doyle and internationally renowned celebrity chef Catherine Fulvio at the Feast from the East Food Showcase and Buyers Event in Killrudey Estate - was drawn up by consultants James Burke & Associates on behalf of Wicklow County Council and the Wicklow Local Community Development Committee.

The Food and Beverage Strategy is key to the economic, community and social development of the county. It recognises the contribution and creativity of our food producers, is consistent with our clean green image as the Garden of Ireland and enhances our tourism offering. The Strategy achieved many of the high-level objectives of our Local Economic and Community Plan including those of sustainable development and resilience.

For further details and to access the Strategy document please visit:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Business/News/food-beverage-strategy-for-wicklow-launched-26176>



# Daily Bus Wicklow Town - Glendalough

WICKLOW  
TOWN

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GLENDALOUGH  
NATIONAL PARK



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## 183 Glendalough to Wicklow

### GLENDALOUGH TO WICKLOW

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| Annamoe, Family Fishing Pond      | 08:24 13:39 18:39 18:44 | 21:29 23:09   | 08:22 13:39 18:39 18:44 21:09 23:09   | 10:39 15:24 19:09 |
| Roundwood, Woods' Bistro          | 08:30 13:45 18:45 18:49 | 21:25 23:15   | 08:28 13:45 18:45 18:50 21:15 23:15   | 10:45 15:30 19:15 |
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### TRAIN CONNECTIONS

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\*On Request

Public Holidays will operate to the Sunday schedule.

## For more information



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Fares  
 Free Travel Pass holders travel free and  
 Children up to 3 yrs travel FREE

Any journey between Lidl and Wicklow Gaol:

| Fare Type          |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Under 18 / Student | €1 |
| Adult Single       | €1 |

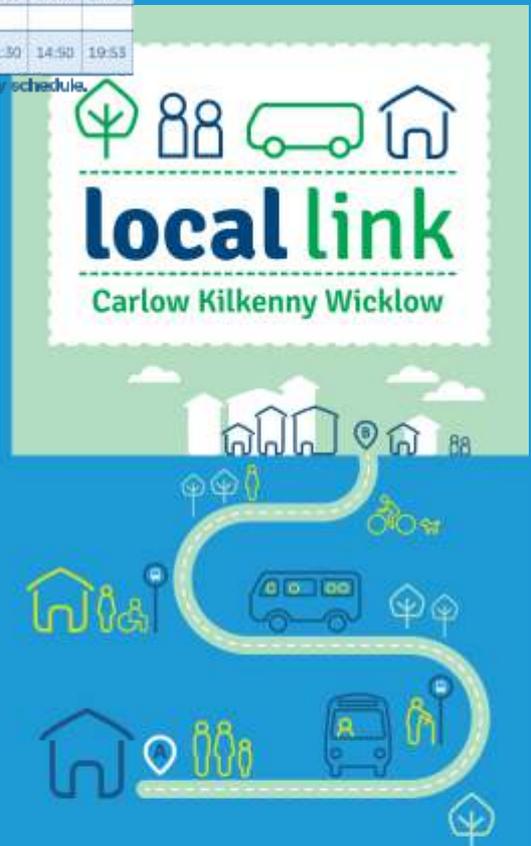
Any journey outside Wicklow Town:

| Fare Type          |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Under 18 / Student | €2 |
| Adult Single       | €3 |

All times subject to change.

Services do **not** operate on Christmas Day

Information correct at the time of print: April 17<sup>th</sup> 2019



Route 183  
 Glendalough to Wicklow

# timetable

**€150**

# On The Spot Fine If You Don't Bin It



leave  
only  
pawprints...

**Bin the Poo**  
**Bin the Poo Bag**



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Wicklow County Council



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## Active School Week

**R**ussborough House was home to the first outdoor Tug of War schools blitz during Active School week with 350 children taking part. This event was especially significant as students from West Wicklow Youth Reach graduated from the Active leadership course and coordinated the senior section.

Active school week had 1,500 students participating in the various initiatives run by the Sports Partnership. The

'One Million Step Challenge' had six schools competing to reach one million steps over the week before their teachers. Basketball skills and drills and the balance bike programme were also delivered to schools around Wicklow. Well done to everyone for taking part!



## Basketball Blitz

**W**icklow mini 3v3 Tournaments for Wicklow Primary Schools took place in April in Shoreline Leisure Greystones and in May in Scoil Chonglais, Baltinglass.

Jason Killeen, Basketball Ireland National Development Officer and Lorcan Murphy International Basketball Player coordinated the event with the sports partnership. Over 120 children took part in these tournaments and will increase the number of schools involved in September.





## Primary Schools Cross County

**A**vondale Forest Rathdrum, hosted the Wicklow Primary schools cross country in March. Over 600 children took part on the day. This is a great event that is going from Strength to strength each year!

## International Women's Day

**W**icklow sports partnership organised three boxercise blitzes in three schools around the county for international women's day. 800 teenagers from Loreto Secondary School Bray, Dominican College Wicklow Town & Scoil Chonglais Baltinglass got active as part of the 20X20 campaign, which aims to increase awareness and publicity of women in sport by 20% by 2020. Over 800 teenage girls took part on the day.



## Beach Wheelchair

**T**he Beach Wheelchair will be available for bookings on Brittas Bay North Beach from 1st June 2019 until 15th September 2019. For further information please contact Wicklow County Council on (0404) 20100 or <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Environment/Beaches-Water-Safety/Beach-Wheelchair>



*Wicklow Hospice  
Foundation*

**5k. Colour Run**

The Murrough, Wicklow Town

Sunday July 21st at 10am



# Wicklow Welcomes All

## Help to plan your visit

**W**icklow County Council has produced a series of familiarisation videos to help members of the public with accessibility arrangements for County Buildings and the five Municipal District Offices.



The focus of these videos is to assist people with learning difficulties, Autism, physical disabilities, and/or anxiety concerns in different elements encountered when visiting Council offices.

Wicklow County Council's digital initiative was part funded under the Department of Rural and Community Development's Digital Innovation Programme. The programme supports local authority led projects that demonstrate clear potential for public benefit and that can be scaled up or replicated elsewhere.

This innovative project is testament to Wicklow County Council's vision and commitment for greater quality customer service for all. These informative videos will greatly benefit the wider public and citizens of County Wicklow. It is planned to extend these productions with buildings such as the public libraries and recycling facilities and hope that other Local Authorities will follow our lead and replicate this initiative.

The videos are available on the Council's website at:

<http://www.wicklow.ie/living/AccessVideos>



**Rialtas na hÉireann**  
Government of Ireland

Funded by Department of Rural and Community Development



**W I C K L O W**

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

# Wicklow welcomes the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall



It was a proud day for County Wicklow on 20th May 2019 as Wicklow County Council hosted a special reception in Powerscourt House for their Royal Highnesses, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall to celebrate their visit to County Wicklow. The beautiful weather provided a fitting background to the reception with over 200 people, representing many sectors, including business, voluntary, charitable, sporting and celebrity, enjoying the day.



The strong links between Wicklow, Ireland and Great Britain were emphasised by the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Councillor Pat Vance, when welcoming Their Royal Highnesses to the Garden County. Councillor Vance stressed the long history between the two countries adding: "Like a lot of Irish, and indeed, Wicklow families, our relationship with our neighbours in the UK goes back a long way. As a maritime county, we have traded for centuries with our nearest neighbours. We have helped to build your cities and have fought in your army."



Emphasising Wicklow's literary links and beautiful landscape, the Cathaoirleach said he hoped that during their visit to the county the Royal couple would have a chance to enjoy the scenery that so inspired Seamus Heaney and our other great writers.





Mr Frank Curran, Chief Executive, Wicklow County Council, said: "It is a great honour to welcome Your Royal Highnesses and distinguished guests on this auspicious occasion. Whatever the outcome of the Brexit negotiations, we plan to continue to welcome visitors from the UK, our nearest neighbours, and to continue to offer the wonderful experience and friendly welcome that has been enjoyed by so many."

Mr. Curran outlined the business and tourism attractions of County Wicklow, where he remarked that Wicklow is spoilt for choice when it comes to scenery, magnificent gardens and forest trails, knowing that the amenities of our larger towns and the capital city are within easy reach, and with an estimated 39% of visitors to Ireland coming from the United Kingdom how important the tourism sector is to the County.

The Cathaoirleach presented locally handcrafted gifts to the distinguished visitors, with a traditional Shillelagh Stick to His Royal Highness and a beautiful shawl made by Shuttleknit to Her Royal Highness.



Councillor Vance proceeded to wish Their Royal Highnesses a very enjoyable time in County Wicklow and stated that he hoped they would have an opportunity to meet some of the guests and to hear about some of the wonderful achievements of those represented there.

The Royal guests signed the Wicklow County Council Distinguished Visitors Book and took some time to meet as many guests as possible.

The visit provided Wicklow County Council with a great opportunity to showcase Wicklow on an international stage. The Royal couple also visited Glenree, Killruddery, Kilmacurragh, Avoca and Glendalough during their time in the County. County Wicklow will benefit from the fantastic media coverage that follows the Royal family everywhere.



A short video showing highlights of the event, along with a selection of photographs can be found at

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Business/News/a-warm-wicklow-welcome-for-royal-visitors-26171>



# Local Elections 2019

## WICKLOW LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019



### % TURNOUT IN THE 6 LOCAL ELECTORAL AREAS

- Arklow LEA - 58%
- Baltinglass LEA - 55.6%
- Bray East LEA - 55.5%
- Bray West LEA - 52.9%
- Greystones LEA - 54.1%
- Wicklow LEA - 53.2%

**Total  
Electorate:  
100,376**



### 32 SEATS

Elected members sit on the Council for the next 5 years. At the Annual meeting they were elected onto boards and committees for the 5 year term.

### FEMALES

Wicklow County Council has 12 female elected members.

**37.5% females elected**



### MALES

Wicklow County Council has 20 male elected members.

**62.5% males elected**

The population in County Wicklow based on the 2016 Census is 142,425. This represents an increase of 4.2% on the 2011 Census population of 136,640.

The individual average population per elected member in Wicklow is 4,451.

The Bray Local Electoral Area was separated into 2 Electoral Areas - Bray East and Bray West, each consisting of 4 elected members. The Bray Municipal District comprises the Bray East and Bray West Electoral Areas. No other changes were made to the Electoral Areas in County Wicklow.



COUNT RESULTS CAN BE FOUND ON:  
[WWW.WICKLOW.IE](http://WWW.WICKLOW.IE)



# Annual Meeting



The New Council Members with Chief Executive, Mr. Frank Curran



Chief Executive, Mr. Frank Curran welcomes Councillor Irene Winters into her newly elected role as Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council.



# Your Elected Representatives

## Arklow Municipal District



Pat Kennedy  
Fine Gael



Pat Fitzgerald  
Fianna Fáil



Miriam Murphy  
Non-Party

### **Cathaoirleach Arklow MD**



Peir Leonard  
Non-Party



Sylvester Bourke  
Fine Gael  
**Leas Cathaoirleach  
Arklow MD**

Population  
26,185



Tommy Annesley  
Fianna Fáil



### Contact:

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# Your Elected Representatives Baltinglass Municipal District



Edward Timmins  
Fine Gael



Gerry O'Neill  
Non-Party



Patsy Glennon  
Fianna Fáil

**Cathaoirleach Baltinglass MD** **Leas Cathaoirleach  
Baltinglass MD**



Vincent Blake  
Fine Gael

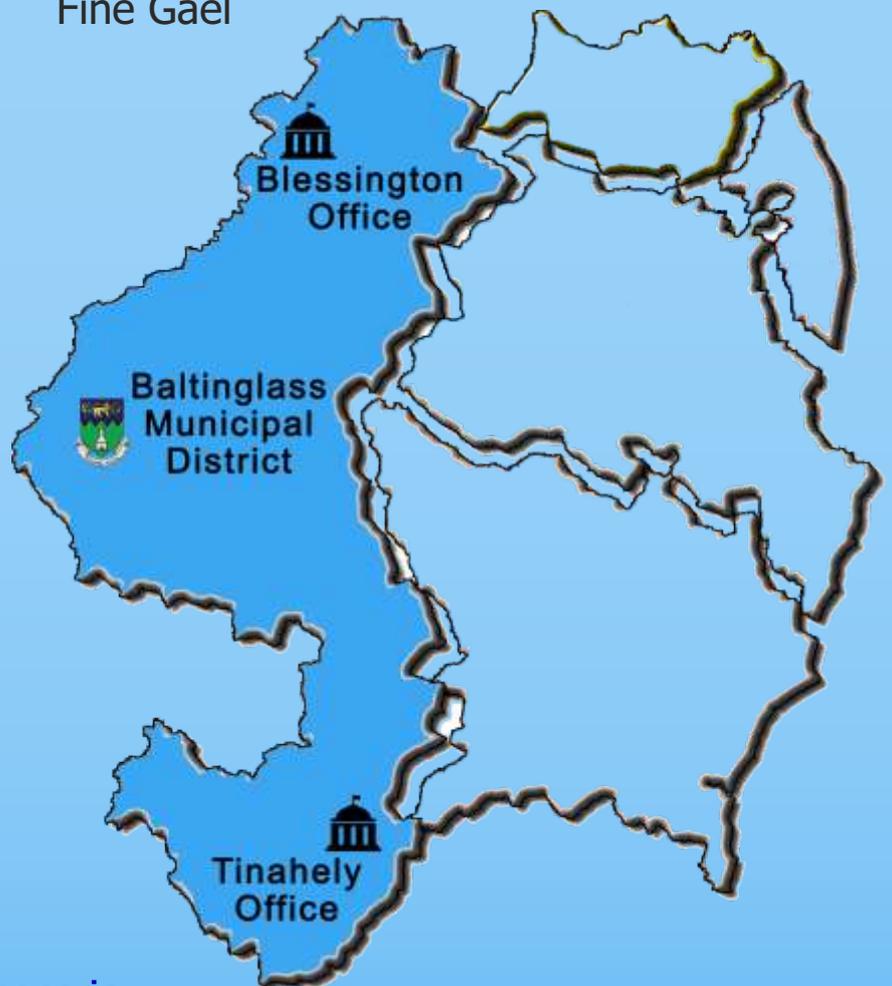


Avril Cronin  
Fine Gael

Population  
26,167



John Mullen  
Fianna Fáil



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# Your Elected Representatives Bray Municipal District

## Bray East Local Electoral Area



Steven Matthews  
The Green Party  
**Cathaoirleach Bray MD**



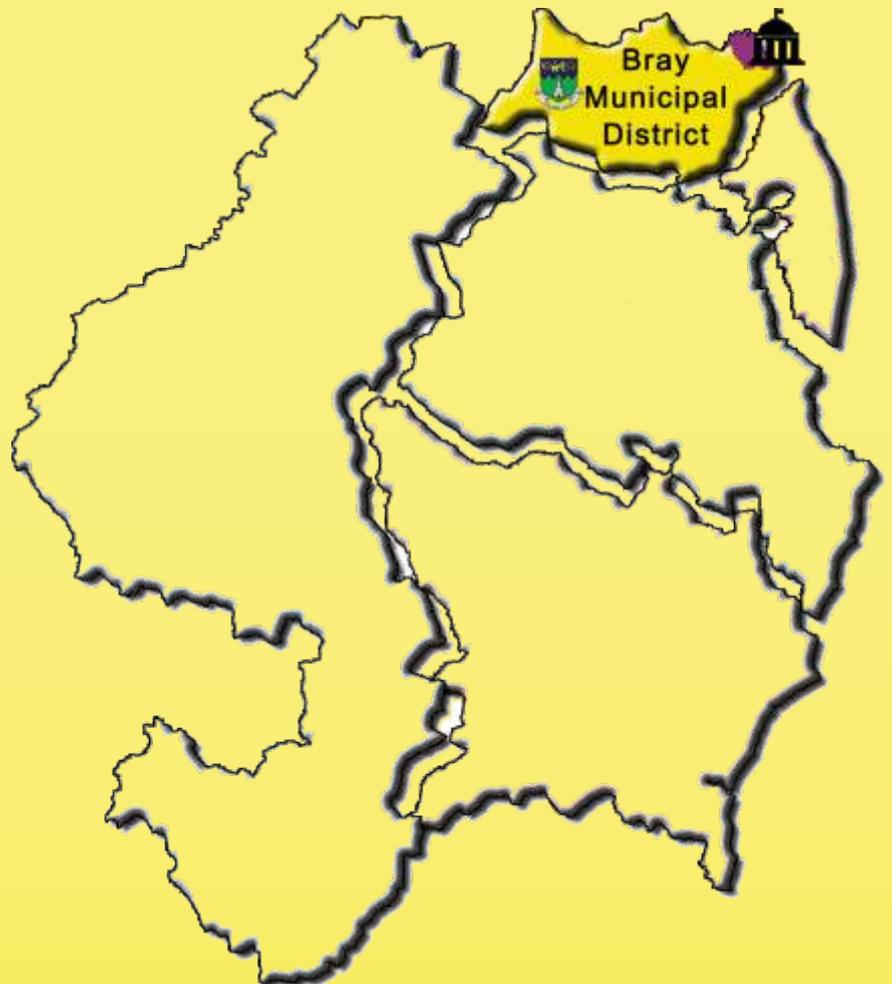
Grace McManus  
Sinn Féin



Aoife Flynn Kennedy  
Fine Gael



Anne Ferris  
The Labour Party  
**Leas Cathaoirleach  
Bray MD**



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# Your Elected Representatives Bray Municipal District

## Bray West Local Electoral Area



Joe Behan  
Non-Party



Melanie Corrigan  
Fine Gael



Dermot 'Daisy' O'Brien  
Sinn Féin



Rory O'Connor  
Non-Party



Population  
24,184

# Your Elected Representatives Greystones Municipal District



Jennifer Whitmore  
Social Democrats



Tom Fortune  
Non-Party



Lourda Scott  
The Green Party

## **Cathaoirleach Greystones MD**



Gerry Walsh  
Fianna Gael



Mags Crean  
Non-Party

Population  
26,323



Derek Mitchell  
Fine Gael

## **Leas Cathaoirleach Greystones MD**

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# Your Elected Representatives

## Wicklow Municipal District



Shay Cullen  
Fine Gael

**Cathaoirleach  
Wicklow MD**



John Snell  
Non-Party

**Leas Cathaoirleach  
Wicklow MD**



Gail Dunne  
Fianna Fáil



Irene Winters  
Fine Gael



Paul O'Brien  
The Labour Party

Population  
28,219



Mary Kavanagh  
Non-Party



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## July Events

### Knockanstockan Music & Art Festival

Presenting an exceptionally eclectic line up, a mix of talent fitting for all musical tastes and refined musical palate.



### Midsummer Party

A family fun-day to picnic, play outdoors and heal your favourite teddies in Killruddery.



### RHSI Russborough Garden Show

The Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland (RHSI) and The Alfred Beit Foundation have teamed up for the third year to host a spectacular Garden Show.



## August Events

### Tinahely Agricultural Show

The Tinahely Agricultural Show is a celebration of the richness of rural Ireland's traditions, its people and their way of life. It is a fantastic family day out with live entertainment for kids and adults and an endless list of competitions and displays.



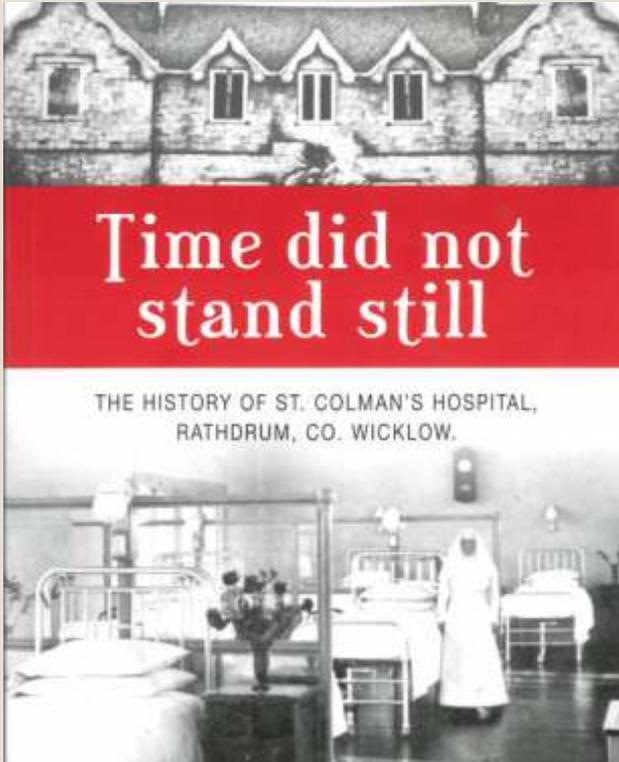
### Hollywood Fair 2019

The pre-1950s rural heritage theme of the Fair has proved a real hit with people over the past number of years. All in attendance embrace the spirit of the occasion and enjoy the spectacle of seeing each other dressed in pre-1950s attire!



# Rathdrum historian Kevin Byrne Honoured

## Famine Graveyard information panel unveiled



A new Information panel for Rathdrum Famine Graveyard was launched in May. Unveiled by local historian Kevin Byrne, it is on the route of the very popular Rathdrum Jubilee Loop walk. The panel was funded by Wicklow County Council and commissioned by the Rathdrum Playground Committee. The Wicklow County Archives compiled the contents for the panel, based on the work of Kevin Byrne in his book "Time Did Not Stand Still, a History of St. Colmans Hospital".

Kevin's generosity in allowing his book to be used for the panel, and the quality of his work, was honoured at the unveiling and a very poignant piece from his book was read on the evening:

"The Burial Ground, like many "paupers" graveyards, was known colloquially as the 'Shankyard'. It is estimated that over 8,000 people were buried here, many of whom were children - with well over 1,000 of these burials occurring during the Great Famine in the late 1840s. The bodies were taken on a cart without any funeral ceremony. A local coffin maker

constructed cheap coffins, which were placed in layers. Over each was spread just sufficient earth or sawdust, not more than two or three inches, to conceal the boards. The only ones to attend the funeral were the "paupers" who drove the cart and another who assisted in taking the coffins from the cart and slipped them into the trench. Friends outside seldom knew of the deaths in the Workhouse until long after the burial."

**(Kevin's book is available from St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum - all proceeds go to the hospital's Patients Benefits Fund).**



The Diet in the Rathdrum Workhouse on March 9th 1847.

|                        | Breakfast                               | Dinner  | Supper                                      |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| Adult                  | 7 ozs Indian meal<br>1 pint of milk.    | 6 ozs of bread<br>4 ozs blacout and<br>1 1/2 pint soup. | 4 ozs of bread<br>Same for working<br>women |
| Children 9 to 15 years | 6 ozs Indian meal<br>with new milk.     | 4 ozs of bread<br>and 1 pint of soup.                   | 4 ozs of bread.<br>1 pint of new milk.      |
| Children 2 to 8 years  | 3 1/2 ozs Indian meal<br>with new milk. | 1/4 pint of soup with<br>4 ozs of bread.                | 4 ozs bread<br>1/2 pt new milk.             |



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# SUMMER STARS!

JOIN THE  
READING ADVENTURE  
AT YOUR LIBRARY

Exciting  
Library Events

EXPLORE YOUR  
LOCAL  
LIBRARY



[www.summerstars.ie](http://www.summerstars.ie)

# Your Wicklow Libraries



**T**he Summer Stars reading programme runs in all public libraries throughout the county during the summer. Wicklow Libraries all across the county want to encourage all children to begin to read or continue to read over the summer months. The idea is that if your child is already a reader, they maintain or improve their reading skills during the summer break from school. If you have a younger child or baby, they are also welcome to join.

The idea of Summer Stars is simple; from June 15th simply sign up at your local library for the Summer Stars programme. Children will be given a reading card. Each time they read a book the reading card will be stamped. There are incentives to collect along the way including bags, pencils, bookmarks and finally a lovely medal and certificate when finished. We look forward to meeting lots of children and their families in our libraries this summer!

## Extended opening hours as part of "My Open Library" now in place in Arklow library

**O**pening hours at Arklow Library have doubled from 49 hours a week to 98 hours. The Library is open from 8am until 10pm every day, 365 days a year.

The move is part of the "My Open Library" initiative which is being rolled out nationwide in the library service. The extended opening hours in Arklow were of particular benefits to students for study time as they prepared for exams.

The "My Open Libraries" approach to public library services has been in place in a number of European countries since 2004. It extends opening hours to library members during unstaffed hours while continuing to provide regular staffed periods for ongoing delivery of the service, supporting users and developing community engagement and programming.

Wicklow County Council selected Arklow library to be its pilot. The Council had already invested €3.5m in the new Arklow library which opened in April 2016. Statistics show over 5,000 people are borrowing over 90,000 items each year. This was an increase from an average of 35,000-40,000 annually in the former Arklow library.

Anyone wishing to use "My Open Library" should call into Arklow library and register for the service. They will be given full details along with a guided tour of the facilities. Users of the service must be over 18, but those aged 16 -17 may avail of the service with consent of parent or guardian.



# Counting Swifts in Wicklow

- The Swift population of County Wicklow is being surveyed in a joint venture project between the County Council and Birdwatch Ireland. The aim is to identify for the first time, a baseline population figure for this bird in Wicklow. At two recent community workshops in Bray and Baltinglass, participants heard from Ricky Whelan, Birdwatch Ireland survey co-ordinator, about the life cycle of this fascinating bird and received copies of a new publication 'Saving Swifts' produced jointly by Birdwatch Ireland and Local Authority Heritage Officers.
- Swifts have recently arrived in Wicklow following a long migration from southern Africa. Slightly larger than a swallow, they are a "site faithful" bird, returning generation after generation to buildings in towns and villages to nest and raise young. Like many of our wild species however, Swifts are increasingly threatened through loss of nest sites and have suffered an alarming 40 per cent population decline in the past decade. Problems arise when buildings are renovated or torn down removing the Swifts nest sites and sometimes huge nesting colonies can be lost overnight.

Swifts' wings are long and narrow and are highly adapted for rapid flight. This means they do everything at speed!

Each "bolus" (ball of food) brought to the nestlings weighs just over a gram, and contains 300-1,000 individual insects and spiders.

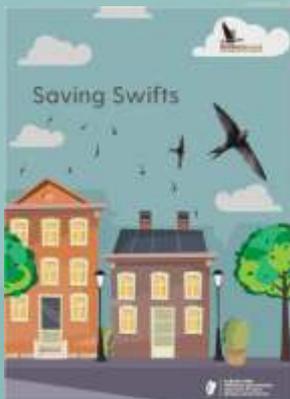
- Last year nesting sites were confirmed in Wicklow Town, Rathnew, Kilcoole, Greystones, Coolafancy, Bray, Aughrim, Kiltegan, Knockanarrigan, Coolattin and Rathdrum. It is hoped that with the participation of interested individuals, schools and Tidy Towns groups, this list can be significantly expanded this summer.
- Members of the public are being asked to contact local co-ordinator Oran O Sullivan - Tel: 087 2339280 [oran@irishgardenbirds.ie](mailto:oran@irishgardenbirds.ie) - or national co-ordinator, Ricky Whelan, by email [rwhelan@birdwatchireland.ie](mailto:rwhelan@birdwatchireland.ie) or on 085 783 2545 to report sightings. All information for Wicklow will be uploaded to the National Biodiversity Data Centre at [www.biodiversityireland.ie](http://www.biodiversityireland.ie)
- To support this initiative a new guide "Saving Swifts" has been produced by Birdwatch Ireland and Local Authority Heritage Officers. This guide contains all the information required for individuals, local groups, schools, businesses or government departments to play a role in helping this threatened species.



If you see a bird perching on a telephone wire or post it won't be a Swift, because Swifts do not perch like other, similar species.

- Swifts nest in buildings where small gaps allow access to the roof space or cavities in masonry. Their chosen nest sites are often in older buildings which are sometimes dilapidated or in need of renovation. Awareness about the presence and requirements of Swifts is essential to ensuring that their nest sites are protected as part of renovation works. This typically involves timing works to take place from Sept to May.
- Also, there are many opportunities to create new nesting sites as part of new development through installing nest boxes or nesting bricks. The information is presented in a colourful and user-friendly format and includes details on Swift ecology, reasons for declines, suggested conservation measures, nest box plans, case studies and much more

- "Saving Swifts" is available for free as a PDF from [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie) or in hard copy by contacting Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer, on 0404 20100 or email [dburns@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:dburns@wicklowcoco.ie). This initiative is part of an ongoing programme of biodiversity actions through the County Wicklow Heritage Plan, to record, protect and enhance biodiversity in Wicklow. For more see <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Arts-Heritage-Archives/Heritage>



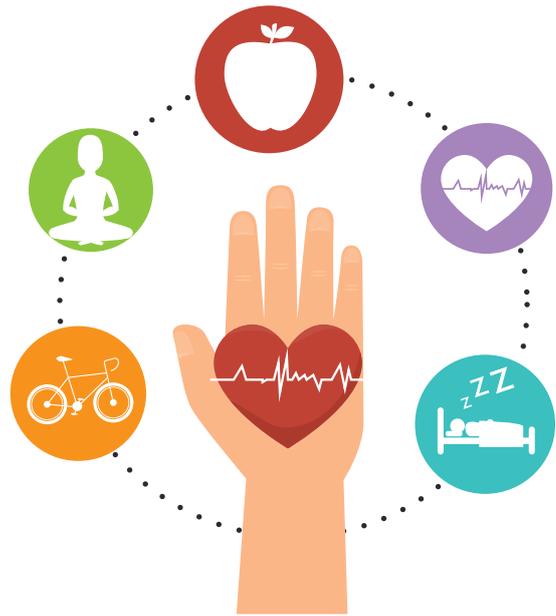
Adult Swifts can survive for two to three days without feeding, chicks can survive for five or more. This allows Swifts to survive periods of bad weather, when they can't feed.





## County Wicklow PPN and Disability Federation Meet the Candidate Events

**A**t the end of April and during the month of May, County Wicklow PPN and the Disability Federation of Ireland ran 'Meet the Candidate' events in the 5 Local Election Areas of Wicklow.



Sixty-two candidates ran in the Local Elections in County Wicklow in a contest for 32 seats. All of the candidates are seeking to influence the policies, strategies and plans that will affect peoples' lives and the communities they live in. At each meeting, the candidates had the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public and then had 10 minutes to chat in small groups to hear the hopes, dreams and concerns of the communities that they wanted to represent. At the end of the meetings, the candidates were happy to sign up to the Vision for Community Wellbeing for each Municipal District and to the Disability Federation Ireland Manifesto.

Feedback from the meetings was very positive. People appreciated the opportunity to chat in small groups with all the candidates and the candidates were appreciative of all the voluntary work that is going on at community level. Issues raised included the housing crisis, climate change and care for our environment, as well as insufficient services for people with physical and mental health challenges and their Careers. Transport was another major issue as was support and recognition for the work of voluntary groups. Photographic and video records of the meetings are on the County Wicklow PPN website: [www.countywicklowppn.ie](http://www.countywicklowppn.ie)



[www.facebook.com/CWPPN](http://www.facebook.com/CWPPN)

If your group would like to know more about Co. Wicklow PPN contact Helen Howes  
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Tel: 087 189 5145



## Co Wicklow PPN and The Heritage Office collaborate in "Let's Tell Our Stories & Preserve Our Heritage"

The County Wicklow Visions for Community Wellbeing highlight the importance that communities put on preserving their local history, culture and heritage so that it can be learned from and passed down to future generations.

To work towards that vision, Co. Wicklow PPN gave a Heritage theme to their first plenary meeting of 2019. Deirdre Burns and Catherine Wright showcased the Our Wicklow Heritage Site and spoke about their plans to update the site.

Lorna Elms from the National Museum of Ireland gave a presentation about the Irish Community of Archival Networks and how community archives not only preserve our history but often act as a catalyst for inclusive community actions and development. Lorna told groups how they could join this network and receive huge support and training to develop their own heritage websites.

Pauline from Milltown Heritage Group in Co. Galway told the meeting of the many community projects that they have been involved with since they joined the network including winning the National EYCH Heritage Week Award for their Heritage Food project.

At the end of the evening Rathdangan Community Council won a Zoom Voice Recorder, ideal for recording people's stories and Bray Medieval Project won a voucher for membership of the Oral History Network of Ireland.



### Date for your Diary

Saturday 21st September from 9am  
in The Brockagh Centre  
Co. Wicklow PPN Training Fair.

Co. Wicklow PPN is planning a day full of supports for community groups in The Brockagh Centre in the autumn. Building on the success of last year's event "Managing and Funding Your Community Group will provide workshops and practical supports on topics including: GDPR; Charities Regulation; Charities Regulator's Governance Code; Committee Skills; Social and Digital Media; Health & Safety; and Supporting Volunteers. Organisations that support community groups including, funders, trainers, insurance, the local authority etc will also be there to provide information on supports that are available to offer groups. More details will be available on the PPN Website and Facebook Page soon.

# Food Waste Recycling

European Union (Household Food Waste and Biowaste) Regulations 2015 require proper recycling of food waste





## Frequently asked questions

### I already compost food waste at home, can I still do this?

Yes you can. Your home composting bin can still be used for uncooked vegetables and fruit peelings. However you cannot place raw meat/cooked meats into your home composter.

You can use your brown bin for all types of food waste, **INCLUDING RAW/COOKED FOODS OR MEATS.**

But remember, you cannot place food waste into your general waste bin.

### Why should you use the brown bin?

- **It saves money** because you become more aware of the food you waste and is cheaper to use than your waste bin.
- **Recycling food waste is the Law.**
- **It's better for the environment** because you are avoiding sending food waste to a landfill where it produces harmful greenhouse gases.
- **It produces a high quality compost.**

### Can I use plastic bin bags in my brown bin?

No. Plastic bags are made from petrochemical plastics that do not break down during composting and contaminate the process. Please remember that if plastic is found in your brown bin, your bin will not be emptied and a contamination tag will be placed on your bin to inform you of this. You may also be liable to an on the spot fine from your local authority.

### Will the brown bin cost me more money?

The new brown bin system should not cost more money providing correct segregation of waste is taking place. Under By-laws and National Waste Policy, your waste collector must encourage recycling by offering a lesser charge for collecting your brown bin than your general waste bin.

The most expensive waste stream of all is general waste (landfill waste). There is a Government levy on waste going to landfill, therefore by putting food waste instead into your brown bin, you are avoiding this levy and saving money.

### Can I put my food waste into my general waste bin?

You are no longer allowed by Irish law to put food waste into your general waste bin.

**If you have any queries contact your waste collector or visit the national information website for more details:**

**mywaste.ie**

Details of Wicklow County Council's Waste Bye-laws can be found here:

[www.wicklow.ie/Living/WasteByeLaws](http://www.wicklow.ie/Living/WasteByeLaws)

## ARE YOU WASTE COMPLIANT?

**ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE ADOPTING SIMILAR BYE-LAWS ENSURING A CONSISTENT APPROACH TO MANAGING WASTE ACROSS IRELAND.**

In order to comply with the new Bye-Laws:

- You need to demonstrate that you are disposing of your waste in a responsible and legal manner;
- You must segregate your waste correctly.

**YOU MUST USE ONE OF THESE OPTIONS**



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# County Wicklow Older Persons Council

The AGM of the County Wicklow Older Persons Council took place in the Brockagh Centre on the 31st May. On the day Minister Andrew Doyle launched the Age Friendly Eircode fridge magnet which was a joint initiative between Wicklow and Kildare age friendly programme managers, Richella Wood and Alice Corbett. In the event of an emergency the Gardai and the Ambulance service ask for your Eircode and these fridge magnets will aid older people to access their eircode easily.

Also on the day, Deputy Pat Casey launched the new Locallink route between Wicklow and Glendalough which will provide a much sought after link between the two areas.

Guest speaker Patricia Rickard Clarke stressed the importance of people completing an EPA (Enduring Power of Attorney) while their cognitive capacity is not impacted by senility or other illness. This would ensure that the wishes of the person must be respected and not overridden by family or other interests. An advance healthcare directive should also be completed.

An advance healthcare directive, also known as living will, personal directive, advance directive, medical directive or advance decision, is a legal document in which a person specifies what actions should be taken for their health if they are no longer able to make decisions for themselves because of illness.



# Roads and Transportation News

## Parallel Relief Road, Kilmacanogue, Co Wicklow

**T**enders have been invited for the Kilmacanogue Parallel Relief Road. The tender is for the construction of a segregated service road on the southbound carriageway of the N11 at Kilmacanogue between Junction 7 (Bray South) and Junction 8 (Kilmacanogue). The Works will include carriageway widening into the central reserve by up to 3m over a distance of 1.7km, provision of two sign gantries, alterations to existing services, replacement of safety barrier and associated traffic management.

This scheme when completed will greatly improve road safety in Kilmacanogue and will stop traffic exiting the petrol station directly into fast moving traffic.

## N81 Knockroe Bends Realignment Scheme

**T**he contract for this scheme will be awarded in the month of June and work will commence before the end of summer. The proposed scheme involves the improvement of an approximate 1km section of the existing N81 at Knockroe, Co Wicklow, between Blessington and Baltinglass, just south of Hollywood Cross.

The new road alignment will significantly improve the quality and safety on the route for both local and through traffic.



# N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment

## Summary of on-site archaeological excavation works

The on-site archaeological excavation works in advance of the N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment commenced in January 2018 and were completed by October 2018. Post-excavation works are currently on-going, including all specialist analysis, radiocarbon dating and drafting of the final excavations reports. The post-excavation reporting is hoped to be completed by October 2019.



The works focused on the excavation of a recorded archaeological monument in Dragoonhill townland; namely, a medieval 'plectrum-shaped' earthen enclosure. This enclosure measured 34 x 38m, defined by a ditch with a causewayed entrance in the south-east corner. It would originally have had an internal earthen bank, but this has been largely levelled through ploughing. In advance of receipt of radiocarbon dates for the site, excavated features and artefacts indicate a medieval date; including cereal-drying kilns, pits, postholes, hearths and the remains of a probable circular house foundation. Artefacts included pottery, knives and metal-working waste. However, one of the archaeological pits in the interior of the enclosure produced evidence from a much earlier date. This pit contained 61 shards from a single Early Bronze Age pot, of a pottery type termed domestic Beaker, which dates to around 2300 - 2200 BC.



The excavation revealed that the plectrum-shaped enclosure occupied the northern half of an overall oval enclosure. Parallel furrows over the site indicate lazy-bed

cultivation in the past, which is likely to be post-medieval in date. However, much more analysis is needed to determine the sequence of the various excavation elements of the site and their relationship to each other.

An Ordnance Survey (OS) triangulation tile used by 19th-century mapmakers was an intriguing find made during the excavation. This ceramic tile (174 x 171 x 32mm) had been set in a carefully dug hole by Royal Engineer soldiers called sappers. The tile had an incised triangle with a conical hole in the centre, marking this fixed coordinate. The tile is marked as a trigonometrical station on the OS 25-inch map of 1907-9 but nothing is depicted here on the first-edition (1839) OS 6-inch map. The tile represents a secondary 'trig point' derived from a main trigonometrical station positioned atop a higher elevation in Scalp, 1.5 km to the southeast.



# Cruinniú na nÓg

## About Cruinniú

**C**ruinniú na nÓg is a nationwide initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and is presented in partnership with RTÉ and the Local Authorities. Cruinniú na nÓg is a national day of creativity for children and young people, enabling them to express and develop their creativity through a range of cultural activities such as theatre, art and music workshops, readings and screenings.

This year, Cruinniú na nÓg in Wicklow has achieved massive successes through the numerous events held across the county. Such events took place in Russborough House, Tinahely, Arklow, Blessington, Greystones, Enniskerry and Bray.

## What happened in Wicklow:



The general public response to Cruinniú in Wicklow was excellent. All of the pre-booked events were booked out in advance of the day. The walk-up events were also well subscribed. Parents were pleased that there were free cultural events that families could participate in. The good weather certainly helped the atmosphere on the day as did the inspiring and imaginative young children that the artists met and facilitated.



The Russborough House Day Event was an explosion of excitement and exhilaration with a carnival atmosphere. The day consisted of fun outdoor running events in partnership with Wicklow Sports Partnership, Leinster Rugby and Irish Tug of War. Russborough House offered an idyllic setting for a day packed with immersive and creative activities such as arts and crafts, lots of workshops, face painters and a Vintage Carnival.



The Courthouse Arts Centre had a wonderful atmosphere on the day and, with the support of Cruinniú, was able to engage artists to work with children and young people with "The Secret Garden" reading and performing and "Let's plant a seed". Blessington Library hosted Joe Brennan in a Magical Journeys Storytelling.

In Arklow Library, children could enjoy an adventure with the creatures of Whistleberry Forest in Under the Wishing Tree with Ceol Connected.

Greystones Library had a show specially designed for babies under 12 months old, exploring the "Wave" form and vibratory nature of sounds, with Eamon Sweeney and Anna Newell.

Enniskerry Library joined an interactive Lego Club making awesome Lego Technique Models.

Mermaid Arts Centre participants heard about Wicklow stories in a Fantastic Folklore Workshop with Michael Fortune and also a special movie session.

Ashford learned some of the old songs with the traditional singer Aileen Lambert .

The Forest School in Deputy's Pass and Hollywood Woods provided great outdoor activities, that also included crafts using natural materials and woodcrafts. Also children explored the nature with Birdwatch Ireland in East Coast Nature Reserve.





*Katie Taylor*

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# Leasing Schemes

## Notice to property owners/landlords/estate agents

### Do You Have a Property to Let?

**W**icklow County Council would like to lease properties from private owners to provide housing for people on the Council's List of Social Housing.

Generally one, two and three bedroom houses and apartments are sought within Wicklow County Council's administrative area and in locations where there is a general demand for housing, mainly in urban areas i.e. towns and villages throughout the county.

If you have a residential property and would be interested in leasing it for 10 years/maximum of 25 years, you can:

- Get guaranteed rent.
- Avoid losing rent during vacant periods.
- Enjoy more free time without having to manage a tenant and day-to-day maintenance.
- Escape the hassle of collecting rent and finding a new tenant.
- Avoid advertising costs.

Shorter-term 'Availability Agreements' are an option for property owners who want to enter into an agreement which has a shorter term and keep their landlord responsibilities.

### Vacant Housing Repair and Leasing Initiative

**T**he Vacant Housing Repair and Leasing Initiative is available if your property is in need of upgrading and you don't have the funds to do so. The property has to be vacant for at least 12 months prior to any application and proof of vacancy will be required.

If a property requires repairs to bring it up to standard for letting, the Council will pay for this repair work up front in return for the property being made available for social housing through a lease for a period of at least 10 years. The lease payments will be based on the scope and cost of works required to meet the Standards and the recoupment of the works costs through the lease payments, will be agreed between the owner and the local authority. The maximum costs of repairs allowable under the initiative will be €40,000.

If your property is deemed suitable under the Long/Short Term leasing scheme or the Vacant Housing Repair and Leasing Scheme, your property will be inspected. You will have to provide relevant documentation to the local authority.

Once approved, the local authority will enter into a legal arrangement with you for the use of the property for an agreed term.

### How Can I Lease My Property to Wicklow County Council?

For further information and advice on Leasing and/or Vacant House Repair and Leasing Schemes please contact the Housing Section, Wicklow County Council at [leasing@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:leasing@wicklowcoco.ie) We will advise you if we need properties in your area.

## Wicklow

...Let's talk business

# Supports for your Business

Have you ever thought about being your own boss? Here in the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow we offer you the chance to get all of the correct information and training before you start down the self-employment path. We offer a range of financial and non-financial supports, which are not only for start-ups as we can help established businesses to grow.



### Financial Supports

- Priming Grants - for start-up businesses trading for less than 18 months\*
- Business Expansion Grants - for businesses trading more than 18 months\*
- Feasibility Study Grants - aim is to help to see if your business idea is viable\*
- Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters (TAME) - to enable clients to explore & develop new export market opportunities\*
- Trading Online Vouchers - for businesses that have a limited online trading presence



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- Networking Events
- Mentoring
- Training Courses that include: Start Your Own Business Courses, Financial Management / Accounts / VAT and Tax / Accessing Finance for Your Business Courses, Management Development Programme for established businesses, Business IT Skills such as Website Optimisation, Social Media, Sales & Marketing Courses, and Topical Seminars

\*Eligibility Criteria Apply

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In the current climate with the outcome of Brexit still up in the air your local LEO offers a wide range of Brexit supports to help you get Brexit ready. Some important event dates for Brexit information include:

Friday 6th September: Brexit Mentoring with Moira Creedon.

Monday 23rd September: Brexit Mentoring with Moira Creedon.

To book in for the above events please log onto our website:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Wicklow/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>

## Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur 2019

With an investment fund of 50,000 euro, this year's IBYE competition received the highest number of applications to date. It was a tough call for the county final judges to pick the winner of each category. They selected Billy O'Neill from Aeroforms to represent the Best Idea category, Ross Lawless from CALT Dynamics to represent the Best-start up category and David Benko from Acoustic Materials (AM) to represent the Best Established category.

The runner ups in each category were Katie Brandon Byrne from Lil & Izzy Boutique in the Best Idea category, Craig Mulcahy from Construction BOS in the Best Start-up category, and Michelle Frayne from Slaney Veterinary Centre in the Best Established category.

The Regional Finals of this year's Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition, which took place on the 19th June in the Step House Hotel, Borris. Co. Carlow, saw Wicklow's Ross Lawless take home the Best Start-up award for the Region. He will go forward to the National finals where he will compete for part of the €100,000 Investment Fund.

Keep up to date with the latest IBYE news from Wicklow on Twitter: @LEOWicklow Instagram: Leo\_Wicklow and Facebook: @localenterprisewicklow



Regional Final IBYE L-R Vibeke Delahunt, Ross Lawless, David Benko, Billy O'Neill, And Tom Murphy



Tadgh Henderson, Profitsflow

## National Enterprise Awards

Arklow Company Profitsflow represented Local Enterprise Office Wicklow on the 29th of May for the National Enterprise Awards which were held in Mansion House, Dublin.

Profitsflow was established by Tadgh and Louise Henderson in June 2009. This was a time of great strain on the Irish economy due to the recession. However, through the help and support provided by the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow they now employ 6 people and provide and develop ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) software to business clients worldwide.

The National Enterprise Awards are in their 21st year and offer an investment fund of 40,000 euro.

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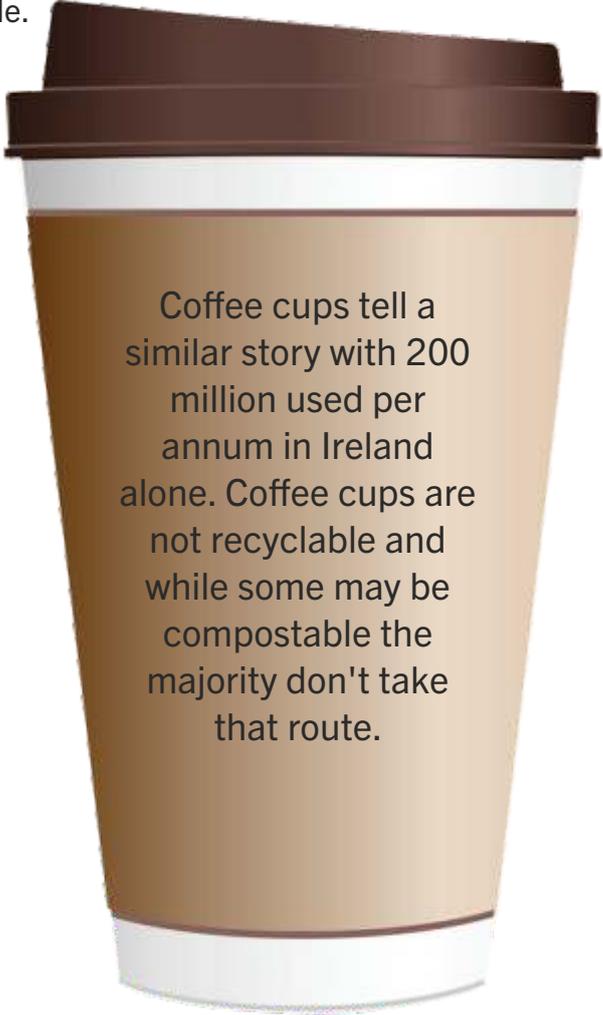
# Refill this summer and leave no trace

**A**s summer heats up we will all be looking for increased refreshments to stay hydrated. These days more often than not that hydration comes in the form of a disposable plastic bottle or disposable single use cup. Wicklow County Council is calling on everyone to rethink their use and disposal of drink containers, looking for the reuse option when possible.



## Consumption of plastic has grown dramatically in recent years.

- 500 billion plastic bottles are used every year around the globe at a rate 20,000 per second.
- Here in Ireland we have the highest usage of plastic in Europe with every Irish person using an average of 61kgs per annum.
- Less than 50% of plastic bottles get recycled and less than 7% of the bottles we use are made from recycled material.
- Pretty much all those bottles are designed to be used once and thrown away.
- It is estimated that each year between five and thirteen million tonnes of plastic end up in the oceans.
- **By 2050 the weight of plastic in our oceans will exceed the weight of living creatures in our seas**



Coffee cups tell a similar story with 200 million used per annum in Ireland alone. Coffee cups are not recyclable and while some may be compostable the majority don't take that route.

Wicklow County Council is calling on every one to plan their trip this summer to produce less waste and ensure that you leave the great outdoors of Wicklow looking its best. Why not pack a reusable drink bottle or keep cup for hot drinks. Save money by refilling a water bottle instead of buying water. Check out [www.refill.ie](http://www.refill.ie) to find locations where you can refill for free.

Before packing your bags to go home always take the time to pick up after you, making sure nothing gets left behind. Leave no trace, only foot prints. If you would like to take it to the next level why not take up Bray Tidy Towns idea which encourages every visitor to the beach to "Take 3 for the Sea" i.e. pick up and take three pieces of plastic off the beach when visiting.



Let enjoy Wicklow this summer but keep at it best for others to enjoy as well.

# Blue Flag Beaches

The international jury awarded the Blue Flag to 90 beaches and marinas in Ireland for 2019. The Blue Flag beaches in Co. Wicklow are:

- Brittas Bay South
- Brittas Bay North
- Greystones South
- Bray South Promenade



## 2019 Results

Wicklow County Council welcomed the awarding of Blue Flags for Bray South Promenade, Greystones South, Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South beaches by An Taisce in recognition of the excellent water quality and facilities available at these bathing areas.

The An Taisce Blue Flags programme demands consistently excellent water quality over a four-year period.

The maritime coastline of Wicklow is one of the county's prize assets in our tourist attraction. Our beaches combined with the harbours are a focal point for an array of activities including surfing, swimming, angling, sailing and day trippers.

The Council is delighted that, along with our four Blue Flag beaches listed above, two other bathing locations in County Wicklow have achieved excellent status. This brings the number of bathing locations in County Wicklow with the Excellent status to 6:

- Brittas Bay South
- Brittas Bay North
- Bray South Promenade
- Arklow South
- Clogga
- Greystones South

These excellent results could not be achieved without the assistance of the public. There can be pressure points on the Brittas Bay beaches outside the bathing season of 1st June to 15th September, resulting in traffic and litter problems. The local authority continues to liaise with local and community representatives. The assistance of An Garda Síochána is appreciated in this regard.



An Taisce



# SUMMER WA

Wicklow County Council has stationed Lifeguards on the following beaches from Saturday 1st June through to the end of August, on duty from 11:00am until 7:00pm.

- Bray North
- Bray South
- Greystones
- Wicklow Harbour
- Brittas Bay North
- Brittas Bay South
- Arklow South (July 1st)



Wicklow County Council appeals to all swimmers and bathers to use locations only where lifeguards are on duty this summer.



Please report any lost or stolen ringbouys to the Water Safety Development Officer, Wicklow County Council at (0404) 20236 or email [ringbouy@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:ringbouy@wicklowcoco.ie)

# WATER SAFETY



## KNOW YOUR FLAGS



### RED AND YELLOW FLAGS

These show the lifeguarded area: the safest place to swim and bodyboard.



### BLACK AND WHITE CHEQUERED FLAGS

For surfboards, kayaks and other non-powered craft. Never swim or bodyboard here.



### RED FLAG

Danger! Never go in the water when the red flag is up, under any circumstances.



## TIDES



A beach can seem like a vast playground, but the tide can come in surprisingly quickly. Many lifeguard and lifeboat rescues are to people getting cut off by the rising water. To prevent this happening to you, check local tidal information before you set out.

Always keep a look out for the tide's direction while on the beach, and if in doubt, move out!

## SWIMMING, SURFING AND BODYBOARDING

Swimming in the sea is very different from being in a pool – even small waves can take you by surprise and disorientate you.

Surfing and bodyboarding are the most fantastic fun, but are very demanding, so you need to be a good swimmer. Experience of swimming at surf beaches is a great start, as it will help you develop an understanding of the behaviour of waves.

If you're new to the sport, we suggest you get some proper training from an approved Irish Surfing Association school. Visit [isasurf.ie](http://isasurf.ie) for further information.

### ALL BOARDERS

#### Always:

- ★ follow the advice of the lifeguards
- ★ check your board for damage before use
- ★ wear your leash
- ★ stay with your board and shout for help if in difficulty.

#### Never:

- ★ go alone
- ★ ditch your board, as it will keep you afloat.

### SURFERS ONLY

#### Always:

- ★ surf between the black and white flags (if present).

#### Never:

- ★ surf between the red and yellow flags
- ★ drop in on another surfer.

### BODYBOARDERS ONLY

#### Always:

- ★ bodyboard between the red and yellow flags
- ★ wear short fins.

If you get into difficulties, stick up your hand and shout for help – but never abandon your board.



# Snámh Sábháilte

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5 Ná gabh ag snámh i ndiaidh aon ní atá ag seoladh leis



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7 Ná tabhair d'aghaidh amach cluaise



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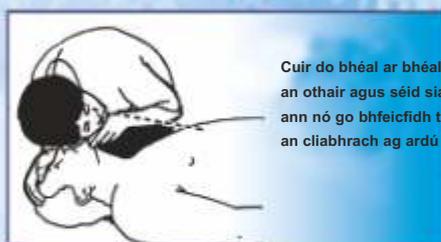
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# DRUNK WITH TIREDNESSZZZZ?

**Fighting sleep at the wheel  
is as dangerous as driving  
over the legal alcohol limit**

***TO KEEP DRIVING  
FOR ANOTHER HOUR:***

- 1. Find a safe place to park***
- 2. Take 2 cups of strong coffee***
- 3. Take a nap for no more than  
15 mins - then stretch your legs***



**DRIVER FATIGUE**  
***WAKE UP TO IT!***

# SUMMERTIME FIRE SAFETY

## GOING ON HOLIDAY

Holiday time should be a time of relaxation and fun. By taking a few fire safety precautions both before and during your holiday, your enjoyment should not be spoiled by a fire.

Before you go away:

- Turn off all gas appliances that are not required to be running while you are away.
- Turn off and unplug all electrical appliances not needed.
- Close all internal doors. Should a fire occur, it will be contained and cause less damage.
- Turn off water at the mains. Water from a leaking pipe or overflowing from a cistern could short out electrical wiring and cause a fire.
- Empty all rubbish bins and ashtrays
- Tell a relative, friend or neighbour that you are going away and leave a key with them if possible.
- Check your smoke alarms.

## COUNTRYSIDE FIRE SAFETY

- Avoid fires in the countryside.
- Put out cigarettes and other smoking materials properly before you leave your vehicle.
- Never throw cigarette ends out of car windows-they could start a fire and ruin the surrounding countryside.
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands. Sunlight shining through glass can start a fire. Take them home or put them in a waste or recycling bin.

## CARAVANS & CAMPING

A fire can destroy a tent in less than 60 seconds. Follow this advice for a safe caravan or camping holiday:

- Ensure caravans and tents are at least six meters apart and away from parked cars, to reduce the risk of fire spreading.
- Keep a torch handy for emergencies - never use lighted candles.
- Make sure you know the campsite's fire safety arrangements and check where the nearest telephone is.

## BARBECUE SAFETY ADVICE

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
  - Only use flammable liquids which are recommended for this task.
  - Keep your barbecue a safe distance from fences, sheds, bushes and anything else which may catch fire.
  - Don't take barbecues - especially disposable ones onto woodland or near undergrowth.
  - Have a container of water on hand to douse flames.
  - Don't wear loose clothing.
  - Keep pets away.
- Make sure the barbecue is fully extinguished after use. Leave embers to cool down overnight before disposal.



## STAYING IN A TENT

- Keep cooking appliances away from the tent walls as they could easily set alight.
- Never cook inside a small tent.
- Don't cook near flammable materials or long grass.
- Make sure you know how to escape by cutting your way out of the tent if there is a fire.
- Ensure everyone knows how to put out clothing that's on fire – stop, drop and roll.
- Don't smoke inside your tent.

## STAYING IN A CARAVAN

- Fit and test a smoke alarm in your caravan.
- Take special care when cooking - don't leave pans unattended.
- Turn off all appliances before you go out or go to bed.
- Use ashtrays made of a material that can't burn -and never smoke in bed.
- Don't dry clothes over the stove.
- Remove litter and rubbish near the caravan to reduce the risk of fire spreading.
- Make sure the caravan is ventilated and never block air vents.
- Consider keeping a fire extinguisher by the entrance.



## Using gas cylinders

- Don't use petrol or paraffin to light a solid fuel stove.
- Only change gas cylinders when they are completely empty and store them away from caravans and vehicles.
- Make sure the gas pipe connection is secure. If you suspect a leak turn off the main cylinder valve.

### What to do if there is a fire

- Keep calm and get everyone out as quickly as you can.
- Call the Fire Service and give the exact location. Give a map or eircode reference if possible.



# Contact Wicklow County Council...

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| Rampere Landfill and Recycling Services Baltinglass | 059 6481677                          |                   | eao@wicklowcoco.ie            |
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| Environmental Awareness Officer                     | 0404 20100                           |                   | eao@wicklowcoco.ie            |
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| Local Enterprise Office                             | 0404 30800                           |                   | enterprise@leo.wicklowcoco.ie |
| Local Sports Partnership                            | 0404 20100                           |                   | ahubbard@wicklowcoco.ie       |
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- 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

## Out of Hours Calls Service

Wicklow County Council has put in place an out of hours call service to deal with calls which are considered to be of an emergency nature and require immediate assistance outside of the normal office hours i.e. 9.00am to 5.00pm.

The service is provided between the hours of 5.00pm and 9.00am, Monday to Friday and all day Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.

Calls relating to:

- Public Water or Sewerage matters; callers will be advised to call Irish Water directly on **1850 278278**.
- For all other Council Services please phone the Wicklow County Council out of hours emergency service at **01 2916117**.
- For emergency services such as Fire Service, Ambulance or Gardai etc callers are advised to ring **112 or 999** directly.