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#BRAYAIRDISPLAY

Bray Air Display Line Up

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Full Line-up announced for
award-winning
#BrayAirDisplay, 22nd &
23rd July 2017

Awe-inspiring aerobatic acts from across Ireland and Europe to take to the skies

You won't want to miss the 12th annual Bray Air Display 2017, an aerobatic extravaganza supported by the Irish Aviation Authority, which will take place across the weekend of Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July. The full line-up of Irish and international display teams has been revealed, and it includes some of the most skilled aerobatic performers from across the world. Incorporating 22 aircraft and 12 jets the award-winning Bray Air Display is a must-attend summer event.

Bray Air Display 2017 line-up:

- Royal Jordanian Falcons
- F-18 jet, Spanish Airforce
- Catalina flying boat
- The Blades
- Patrouille Tranchant
- Norwegian MIG & Vampires
- British Spitfire & Mustang
- The Irish Air Corps
- Black Knights
- Irish Historic Flight Foundation
- The Ravens
- The Fireflies
- The Strikemasters
- The Viggen
- Irish Parachute Club
- Aer Lingus 321
- Aer Lingus DC-3
- Irish Coast Guard Search and Rescue

As well as the incredible display in the skies over Bray there will be a food and craft village featuring artisan food and specialist craft stalls as well as musical entertainment, and a family fun fair. Or why not take to the skies to experience the thrill and exhilaration of a helicopter pleasure flight on either day.

Visit www.brayairdisplay.com and follow on Facebook and Twitter for more event updates.



Council delivers new playground for Kilcoole



Wicklow County Council's latest Playground project represents a Capital investment of €200,000 for Kilcoole. The new playground was recently opened by the Cathaoirleach of Greystones Municipal District, Cllr Jennifer Whitmore, which was attended by hundreds of excited children and their parents, who expressed their delight that this long awaited facility had finally come to fruition.



The playground contains 9 specialised areas including trim trail activity circuit, Junior Play area and an inclusive play area all spread over a large site at Lott Lane, Kilcoole, with special emphasis on equipment that can be used by children with restricted mobility.

Speaking at the opening, Cllr Whitmore paid tribute to the Council for providing this wonderful facility for the many thousands of children in the ever-increasing population of Kilcoole, and she welcomed the inclusion of items of equipment that can be used for children, regardless of their mobility, and that this was an example for other similar projects. She acknowledged the co-operation of the Doyle family, in providing the site for the playground.

Michael Nicholson, Director of Services with the Council, thanked the Crawford Group who designed and built the playground and he added that the playground was one of a number of such facilities that the Council were providing in the current year, in line with the Council's Play Policy, and the objectives of the Local Economic and Community Plan. He paid tribute to all the staff of the Community, Culture and Social Services Directorate of the Council, the Greystones Municipal District, and the staff of the non national roads direct Labour crew for their assistance with the project. He also acknowledged the support of the elected members of the Greystones Municipal district and all the elected members of Wicklow County Council.

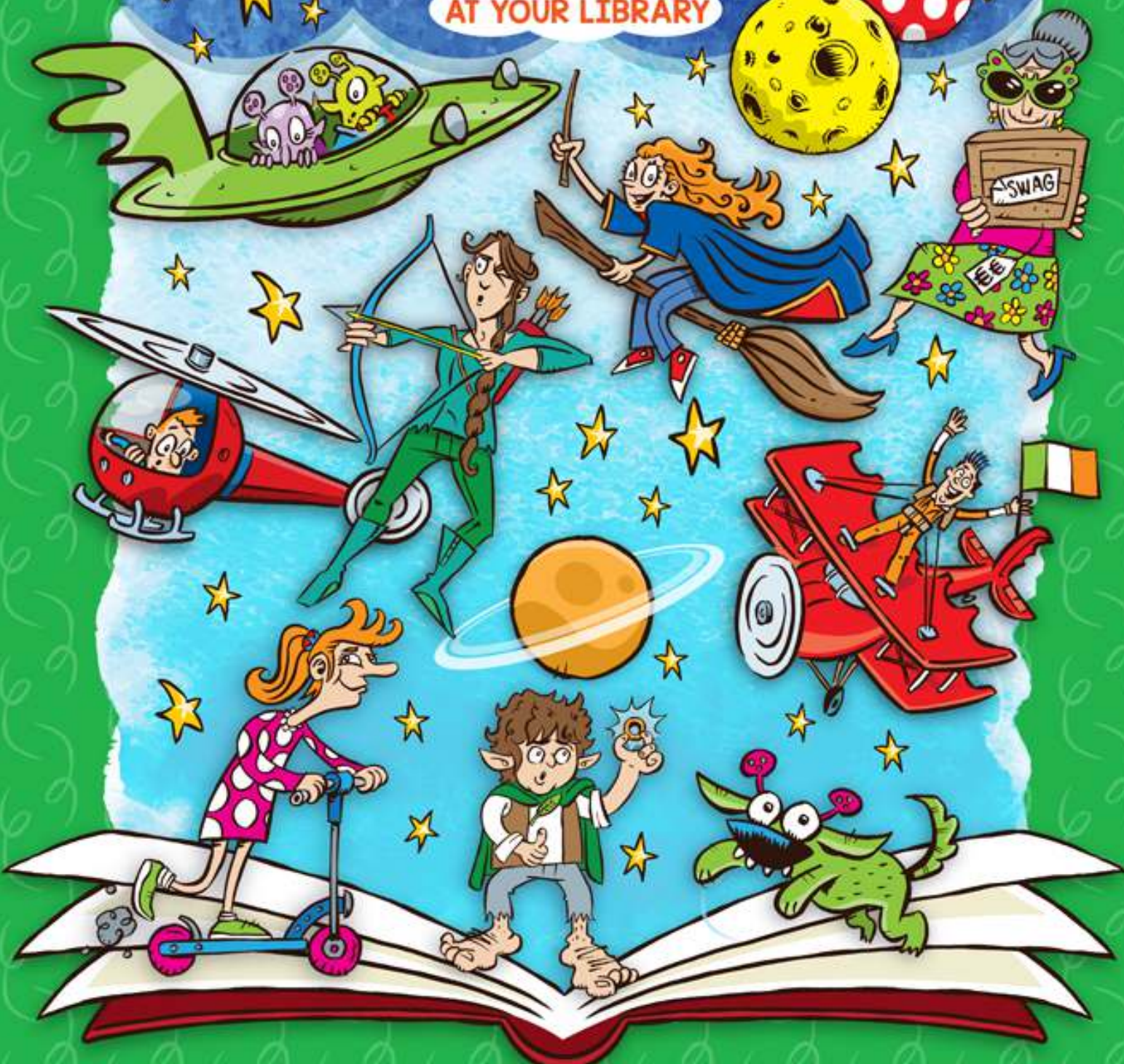


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Beach Awareness Activities



To celebrate the award of four blue flags for Wicklow Beaches this year Wicklow County Council has organised a series of fun educational marine workshops for kids in the libraries this summer. Marine Dimensions will provide the workshops on behalf of Wicklow County Council in libraries adjacent to our beaches. The workshop involves a touch pool and display and has proved very popular with children when offered before.

Wicklow retained its blue flags in Brittas Bay beaches north and south and Greystones south beach. The County gained an additional flag in Bray. The flag for Bray reflects the achievement of higher water quality standards due to upgrading of waste water collection and treatment in Bray and surrounding areas by Wicklow County Council and Irish Water.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	AGE	Local Agenda 21 Funded Group
MONDAY	1st August	11.00 am- 1.00 pm	<i>Marine Experience Touchpool & Display</i>	Arklow Library 0402 39977	Open	Marine Dimensions
TUESDAY	2nd August	11.00 am- 1.00 pm	<i>Marine Experience Touchpool & Display</i>	Wicklow Library 0404 67025	Open	Marine Dimensions
THURSDAY	3rd August	11.00 am- 1.00 pm	<i>Marine Experience Touchpool & Display</i>	Ballywaltrim Library 01 2723205	Open	Marine Dimensions
FRIDAY	4th August	11.00 am- 1.00 pm	<i>Marine Experience Touchpool & Display</i>	Greystones Library 012873548	Open	Marine Dimensions
MONDAY	17th August	11.00 am- 1.00 pm	<i>Marine Experience Touchpool & Display</i>	Eglinton Rd Library 01 2862600	Open	Marine Dimensions



Booking the library events is essential. Please contact the Library for Booking.

This is part of the Wicklow County Council Blue Flag Beach Awareness/Education programme.

Beach Treasure Hunt Sheets are available on www.wicklow.ie or from Arklow, Ballywaltrim, Bray, Wicklow & Greystones Libraries.

Further information: Phone 1890 222276



An Taisce



Green Coast Award

Wicklow Wins 4 Blue Flags & 1 Green Coast Award Flag for 2017

Wicklow County Council has secured 4 Blue Flags for its beaches at Brittas Bay North, Brittas Bay South, Greystones South and Bray South Promenade beaches. They also secured a Green Coast Award for Arklow South Beach. Bray South Promenade regains

Blue Flag status, having not flown the Flag since 2000. These Awards were presented to Cllr. Stephen Matthews, Cathaoirleach Bray M.D, Michael McNamara and David Forde of Wicklow County Council by Senator Jerry Buttimer at an awards ceremony held at the Royal Cork Yacht Club in Crosshaven, Co. Cork on Monday the 22nd May, 2017. An Taisce – The National Trust for Ireland is responsible for the operation of the Blue Flag programme in Ireland on behalf of the Foundation of Environmental Education (FEE) and also the Green Coast Awards. The Blue Flag is one of the world's most recognised eco-labels. The programme aims to raise environmental awareness and promote sound environmental management of beaches, marinas and inland bathing waters around the world.



The Green Coast Award recognises beaches for their clean environment, excellent water quality and natural beauty. An important aspect of the Green Coast Award is the involvement of Clean Coast groups of which there are now over 500 comprised of thousands of volunteers throughout the island. These volunteers participate in community clean-ups and coastal enhancement projects at their local beaches throughout the year.

Calls for caution near water as ten drown monthly



Although 40,000 people live less than 100 metres from the coast and some 2 million people live within 5km of the coast (40% of the population), the majority of drownings, some 62%, actually occur inland at our rivers and lakes. 80% of drownings occur within the victim's county, relatively close to their respective homes.

Drownings can happen quickly and silently so this summer:

1. Swim at Lifeguarded waterways, listed at www.iws.ie/bathing-areas/map.372.html
2. Swim with others, never alone
3. Swim close and parallel to shore, within your depth
4. Avoid sudden immersion in cold water as "Cold Shock" can be fatal
5. Watch out for submerged hidden hazards - get in feet first
6. Ask locally about dangerous currents and swim only where you know it's safe
7. Kids are naturally curious about water so make sure to supervise them closely at all times
8. Never use inflatable toys in open water – they can drift out beyond your comfort zone
9. When walking the shoreline watch out that you don't get trapped by incoming tides
10. Wear a lifejacket when boating or angling
11. Water activities are risky if you're not trained – if you plan to get in, on or under the water, get onto www.safetyzone.ie to get recognised training.



Wicklow County Council Signs The Healthy Ireland Charter

Wicklow County Council has officially signed the Healthy Ireland Charter and become a member of the Healthy Ireland Network.

The purpose of the Healthy Ireland Network is to establish and grow an empowering national movement that treats health and wellbeing as an individual and collective responsibility, to support and advocate for the goals and vision of Healthy Ireland and to ensure the message is spread, understood, and acted on throughout Ireland.

This Government-led initiative aims to create an Irish Society where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health, and where wellbeing is valued and supported in every level of society.

It is a goal of the Local Economic and Community Plan and the Wicklow Local Sports Partnership Strategy to ensure integrated delivery of services aligned with the HSE on implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategy: A Framework for Improved Health & Wellbeing 2013 – 2025.

Further information on the Healthy Ireland Strategy and the Healthy Ireland Network can be found on www.healthyireland.ie.



Greystones Municipal District News

The members of Greystones Municipal District decided to fund the following projects from their discretionary budget for 2017.

- Contributions to the Tidy Towns groups in Newcastle, Kilcoole, Delgany and Greystones to assist the volunteers in the wonderful work which they do throughout the district.
- Upgrade and improvement works on Mill Lane and Bow Lane Greystones to improve pedestrian walking routes.
- Footpath Improvement works at Seamount Drive, Newcastle.
- Provision of improved pedestrian crossing facilities on the R761 at Coláiste Craobh Abhann, Kilcoole.
- Funding towards assessment and refurbishment of national monument at St. Crispins Cell, Rathdown, Greystones.
- Support for Dog Fouling initiative in Kilcoole by funding dispenser for bio degradable bags for dog waste.
- Contribution of €10,000 towards County Wicklow Wicklow Hospice.
- Contribution towards County Wicklow Volunteer Centre.

Arklow Municipal District News

The upgraded playground at South Green Arklow was recently officially opened and blessed.



The 100th birthday of artist and writer George Campbell RHA was commemorated in May by Arklow Municipal District by the unveiling of a plaque at St Patrick's Terrace, Arklow.



Counsellor of the Spanish Embassy, signing the Arklow Municipal District Visitors book at the unveiling of a plaque to mark the birth place of George Campbell RHA on the 10th May 2017.

At the Annual meeting of Arklow Municipal District held on the 14th June Cllr. Tommy Annesley was elected Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Miriam Murphy was elected Leas Cathaoirleach.





The President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins signing the Arklow Municipal District visitors book at the opening of the Shekina Exhibition in Glenmalure on Friday 9th June 2017.

The official Opening of the Rathdrum to Avondale footpath on Friday 9th June 2017.



The Avondale All Stars were presented with the first ever “Cathaoirleach's Special Recognition Award” in Arklow Municipal District.

Recent Infrastructure projects completed within the Arklow Municipal District include:-

- Footpaths in Parnell Park, Rathdrum.
- Speed Cushions at Woodlands Park, Arklow.
- Footpaths at Ashleigh Close, Arklow.
- Resurfacing of the entrance into Woodview Park, Avoca.
- Installation of two ramps at Blackberry Glade, Arklow.
- Installation of two ramps in Ballinaclash.
- Footpaths on the Wexford Road, Arklow.
- Completion of the footpath from Rathdrum to Avondale.
- Installation of ramps in Main Street, Avoca.
- Footpaths in Rathdrum, Main street.

Bray Municipal District News

Upcoming works in Bray

The Bray Municipal District Councillors recently agreed a programme of Public Realm Works to help maintain and improve the footpaths, pedestrian signals, traffic calming ramps and open spaces in the District. This programme will include:

- €100,000 to be spent on footpath repairs covering 17 areas of the district including, but not limited to:
 - Vevay Road
 - Parts of Strand Road
 - Novara Avenue
 - Eglinton Road
 - James Connolly Square
 - Church Hill, Enniskerry
- €56,000 on Pedestrian Signal Upgrades at Putland Road, Fassaroe, James Everett Park and Castle Street
- €30,000 to be spent on traffic ramp repairs and improvements at various locations including:
 - Parnell Road
 - Davitt Road
 - Greenpark Road
 - Lower Dargle Road
 - Boghall Road
- Additional €29,000 to be spent on grass cutting across the district.

Bray Seafront Playground named one of Ireland's best!



A recent article in the Irish Times listed Bray Seafront's playground as one of the top 50 nationwide! A popular spot year round, this amenity has colourful and fun play equipment for a variety of ages as well as seating for the grownups.

Bray Beach Awarded a Blue Flag



Cllr. Steven Matthews, former Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District: "I'm absolutely delighted for Bray to regain the Blue Flag status. Bray Seafront is well managed, has good accessibility for all users and offers a good range of facilities for everyone. Achieving the highest standard for water quality is often the biggest hurdle to overcome in winning Blue Flag status. Wicklow County Council outdoor staff, Council executive and local Councillors have always been committed to managing and maintaining Bray seafront and this award is well deserved for the hard work put in over the years. A big thanks must also go to Bray Tidy Towns and Bray Coastcare."

River Dargle Boardwalk Opened



The River Dargle Boardwalk was officially opened on Saturday the 20th May 2017 by our Cathaoirleach Steven Matthews. This boardwalk is dedicated to the late Councillor Jane Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Bray Town Council, 1982, in recognition of the contribution made by her to the town.



for a better night out

Baltinglass Municipal District News

Road Improvement Schemes have begun in the Baltinglass Municipal District area. Works on the L8367 Lacken Gap, L8317 Frynestown, L8292 Tuckmill Lower, L8342 Scalp Lane and the L8353 Tougher have been completed on time, thanks in part to the prevailing weather conditions.

Works are ongoing on the L8315 Toberbeg and should be finished before the end of the summer. Other road improvements have been scheduled and will progress throughout the year.

Footpath Renewal Schemes have been identified with the first two projects located at Main Street, Shillelagh and outside the National School in Carnew. In order to reduce disruption and ensure the safety of school going children and their parents, works will commence over the summer months.



Estate Development Grants

Over €5,300 was made available to Residents Associations through the Estate Development Grant fund for 2016. A presentation was made to the groups in two locations – Civic Offices in Blessington and in Tinahely Library, with the kind assistance of the Library Service. The presentation night provided the groups with an opportunity to discuss ideas and share details of successful projects. The cheques were presented by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Edward Timmins, along with the District Administrator, Susan Nichols. Both presentation evenings were well attended by staff, residents and elected members from the area. Baltinglass Municipal District would like to thank the Residents Associations for their hard work in the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the various housing estates in West Wicklow.



West Wicklow has its own Hollywood hills and they are attracting stars from both the silver screen and the small screen. The Vikings visit regularly to film on the lakeshore and surrounding areas, while an episode of 'Who do you think you are' was filmed recently at the old graveyard in Tournant near Dunlavin.



The photograph above shows a well known character who, along with his friends, were spotted recently in and around Blessington. They seem friendly enough and appear to be under the control of the hardworking Blessington Tidy Towns group. Hopefully the Tidy Towns judges will look favourably on the addition of minions to the area!



Knockananna Tidy Towns group has also been hard at work coming up with innovative ways to improve their local area. They have provided a book station, in the form of a replica telephone box, where both young and old readers can bring a book or take a book. Local volunteers made the replica and located it on the site of the original telephone box. The book station is stocked with titles for both adults and children. This novel idea of reuse and community spirit has captured the attention of national media, with the box being discussed on Today FM and various online outlets.

Baltinglass Municipal District Public Realm Funding 2017

€168,750 was made available to the members of Baltinglass Municipal District which was to be used for projects to improve public realm infrastructure. The matter was carefully considered by each elected member, with support provided by officials of Baltinglass Municipal District. It was agreed that a donation of €10,000 would be made to the Wicklow Hospice Foundation from each Municipal District.

Baltinglass Municipal District strives to ensure that the best value for money is achieved on all expenditure. The elected members also wished to make a positive impact on the resident's of West Wicklow with the amount of funding available. Following some discussion, it was agreed that new public lighting would be provided at the entrance to Deerpark in Baltinglass, along the Newtownsaunders Road in Baltinglass, at Soldier's Bench in Carnew and at Rockview Lane in Lacken at an approximate cost of €51,000.

An additional amount of €66,000 was set aside to construct or improve footpaths at Knockananna, Shruhan in Baltinglass, Carrig Glen in Blessington and along the Naas Road in Blessington. The importance of road safety is a strong concern for all councillors resulting in this significant contribution. These works will be carried out in addition to the projects already allocated under the Footpath Renewal Scheme.

Funds of €22,000 were provided for traffic calming measures on Main Street, Shillelagh and a review of road junctions in Carnew with the Aughrim Road and the Coollattin Road. €2,000 was allocated to provide a new 'Welcome to Coolboy' heritage style sign at the entrance to the village. A donation of €10,000 was made to Carnew playground, to enhance works being carried out there.

Wicklow Municipal District News

Several projects will avail of Public Funding from the Wicklow Discretionary Fund 2017:

Tidy Towns

At the April meeting of the Wicklow Municipal District the Elected Members congratulated the Tidy Towns Groups for all their hard work. The Members of the Wicklow Municipal District also approved the allocation of funds of €11,000 from their Discretionary Fund to the Tidy Towns group to support their efforts.



Award Winning floral displays at Bachelor's Walk Wicklow Town

New footpath in Newtownmountkennedy

Works on the footpath from Moneycarroll to the Newtown GAA Club have been ongoing for the last month. This project, undertaken by Wicklow Municipal District direct labour staff, will be completed in the coming weeks and will offer a safe walking route for children attending the GAA activities in the Club. In addition it will improve safety for the large number of local residents who walk regularly along this stretch of road. Wicklow Municipal District wishes to thank the Newtown GAA for their co-operation and also acknowledge the generosity of local landowners who assisted greatly in allowing this project to proceed.



Town Twinning

- Würzburg, Germany



Würzburg is a small but very beautiful city of 124,000 residents known for its distinctive Baroque and Rococo Architecture and set among vineyards in the heart of the Franconian wine region.

Würzburg's Irish connections date back to circa 686, when the Irish Missionaries, Kilian, Kolonat and Totnan travelled to Würzburg and the Franconian region to convert the reigning dukes to Christianity. The missionaries were martyred in 689.

On the 1st November 1999 the sister city partnership between Bray, Wicklow and Würzburg was established. This strong thriving relationship was built on educational links between initially St.

Kilian's Community School, Ballywaltrim, Bray, and Matthias-Grünewald-Gymnasium in Würzburg. Educational links have also been established between Coláiste Craobh Abhann, Kilcoole and Riemenschneider School and more recently with Loreto in Bray. In March 2018 a group of teachers representing Würzburg and lower Franconia, will participate in an Erasmus Programme, hosted in conjunction with Bray Institute of Further Education.

Throughout the years of our partnership, Wicklow and Bray have developed strong friendships with the people of Würzburg, and business, social and cultural exchanges. The Mainfranken Messe which is held every second year, presents an excellent opportunity to promote tourism and business in County Wicklow. One of the interesting cultural linkages developed with Würzburg, is a touring exhibition of photographs taken by the playwright John Millington Synge (by kind permission of Trinity College). Synge studied music in Würzburg, the exhibition which shows photographs taken by Synge during his travels around Wicklow was put together by the President of the German Irish Society of Würzburg, Mr. Matthias Fleckenstein.

The Irish German Society of County Wicklow was established to build on the links with our partner city and with Germany generally. Membership is open to all Wicklow residents who are interested in learning more about Würzburg, through talks, social events and annual visits.

The Society is pleased to announce that it will be hosting a talk by His Excellency, Michael Collins, Irish Ambassador to Germany on 21st August, at Bray Town Hall. If you are interested in attending the talk or joining the Irish German Society of County Wicklow please contact George Jones, President: gjjones@eircom.net or Christine Flood, Joint Secretary: cflood@wicklowcoco.ie



Celebrity Gardener Diarmuid Gavin Launches The 2017 Wicklow Gardens Season



“What amazes people when they come to Ireland, and especially to Wicklow, is the range of plants that can be grown here, plants that have been sourced from all corners of the planet. Because of Wicklow’s temperate climate, with very few extremes of hot or cold, wet or dry, you could be anywhere around the world just by looking at the plants that grow here.” Says Diarmuid Gavin, who was this year’s guest speaker at the launch of the 2017 Wicklow Gardens Season.

The launch was organised by Wicklow County Tourism, in partnership with the Office of Public Works, and was recently held at the National Botanic Gardens at Kilmacurragh.

Wicklow is home to some of Ireland’s most beautiful and exciting gardens. Visit world renowned Mount Usher in Ashford, the National Botanic Gardens at Kilmacurragh, Killruddery Gardens or Powerscourt Gardens, recently voted No.3 in the World’s Top Ten Gardens by National Geographic.

Wicklow is also home to some amazing smaller gardens, garnering international acclaim and media attention for Wicklow, highlighting the immense creativity of its designers. June Blake’s Garden, Hunting Brook Gardens, and secret gardens like Knockanree or Wrens Wood all possess outstanding natural beauty with a diversity of planting and garden design, each distinctive in its own right. The RHSI Garden in Russborough House has breathed new life into the old garden’s original layout and dimensions, restoring it to its former glory and attracting many visitors.

“It’s not without reason that Wicklow is called the ‘Garden County.’ With its varied and diverse landscapes, mild climate, rich deep, often acid soils, Wicklow is one of the best places in Britain and Ireland to garden”, says Seamus O’Brien, head gardener at Kilmacurragh. “The county’s coastal scenery is stunning and many Wicklow gardens make the best use of a ‘borrowed view’ of mountain, sea and rolling green and unspoiled countryside”.

Well over twenty gardens are opening their doors to visitors and garden enthusiasts over the next few months. While some open all year long, others for just a few days during the season or by appointment only. Wicklow is truly a world class destination for garden lovers, and Wicklow residents are blessed to have such wonders on their doorstep.

For more information, please go to: www.visitwicklow.ie/wicklowgardens

Wicklow County Tourism launches #MyWicklow campaign



“#MyWicklow is an invitation and an opportunity for everyone to share with the world what makes Wicklow such a fantastic place to visit”

Wicklow County Tourism is launching a new extensive promotional campaign in partnership with key tourism providers around the County. Following on the tremendous success of the last year’s campaign, the focus for 2017 will be on #MyWicklow.

#MyWicklow is about why Wicklow is so special for visitors and residents: great outdoor activities, amazing heritage, world class gardens, fantastic foods and flavours, and so much more. Wicklow is unique, and through #MyWicklow, we want to invite the people of Wicklow to showcase what makes Wicklow so special!”

“We’re calling to everyone living or visiting Wicklow to post on social media their favourite Wicklow places, favourite Wicklow activities, favourite Wicklow Foods or favourite Wicklow stories” says Fred Verdier, Manager of Wicklow Tourism. “#MyWicklow is an invitation and an opportunity for everyone to share with the world what makes Wicklow such a fantastic place to visit.”

“The power of social media is very real and #MyWicklow gives us an opportunity to harness some of that power” says Valerie O’Toole, Deputy General Manager at the Brooklodge & Macreddin Village. “If we all work together, this campaign has the potential to literally reach millions throughout the world!”

The Board of Wicklow Tourism is committed to give extensive resources to this campaign and the initial work is proving extremely successful, with social media content reaching hundreds of thousand social media accounts worldwide.

“Smartphones and social media have given us the tool to shout about Wicklow, and there is no better people than the people of Wicklow to sell this amazing county.” noted Pat Mellon, Chairman of Wicklow Tourism. “Tourism in Wicklow is a vibrant industry generating tremendous employment and revenue for the County. Through #MyWicklow, everyone has the power to support, help and grow this vital industry!”

For further info, go to www.visitwicklow.ie or call 0404 20070

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Call for Proposals

- Culture Night 2017

Wicklow Arts Office is now inviting proposals for participation in 2017 Culture Night. Wicklow Arts Office has repeatedly delivered extraordinary, innovative and engaging events for the public year on year and we hope that this year will be better again.

Culture Night 2017 takes place FRIDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2016.

This call is open to artists, performing groups, galleries, museums, sports clubs, libraries, arts centres, craft workers, studios and workshops, theatres, public spaces, broadcasters, schools, community groups, local authorities, Government Departments, state agencies and public bodies, transport companies, universities, shops and many more.

This year we are also interested in working with commercial companies who feel they may have something to add to Culture Night. We are also paying particular attention to the scheduling of the events to try and avoid overlap that can reduce audiences for all so we would ask you to be flexible in your proposed event time. We are also keen to have organisations promote and support events in their area so please feel free to coordinate with other organisations in your area to provide the best.

If your group or venue is interested in participating, we would love to hear from you and talk about your proposal. All Culture Night events must be free of charge and priority will be given to those events happening exclusively for Culture Night.

The closing date for funding applications is Thursday the 7th of July 2017 at 4pm. Funding and decisions will be made by Wicklow County Arts Office and applicants will be contacted by the Arts Office as soon as this has been completed. If your organisation does not require funding please feel free to submit your event for inclusion in the programme until 12th August.

Guidelines and further information are available at www.wicklow.ie under Other Services/ Arts Office. If you wish to receive an application or have any queries on the application process please contact Lian Bell at lian.bell@gmail.com or 0404 20155.



County Wicklow LEADER Programme 2014 – 2020

County Wicklow Partnership is seeking Expressions of Interest from communities looking for funding. This is a two stage process involving

1. Submission of Expressions of Interest (EOIs)
2. Submission of Application

Should you wish to submit an EOI under a call you must do so by the **15th of September, 2017**. Only EOIs deemed eligible will be invited to submit a full application.

CWP are calling for EOIs for projects from communities and groups under the following themes:

- Social Inclusion (Community Facilities and community initiative type projects)
- Rural Environment (Access to Biodiversity, outdoor trails & Rural Recreation type projects)

The first call for Expressions of Interest is now open and the themes and amounts available are;

Type of Project	Maximum Grant	Budget Allocated
Community Facilities and initiatives	€200,000	€500,000
Access to Biodiversity, outdoor trails & Rural Recreation	€200,000	€500,000

The deadline for submission of EOIs under this call are as follows:

Time: 17.00 pm
Date: Friday 15th of September, 2017
Email only to: leader@wicklowpartnership.ie

A series of public meetings were held around the county to provide information on this call.

CONTACT CWP FOR A COPY OF THE EOI FORM

If you require assistance in completing this form please contact CWP on 0402 20955 or email leader@wicklowpartnership.ie



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




 The European Agricultural Fund
 for Rural Development:
 Europe investing in rural areas

Katie Taylor

Third Level Bursary

2017

Sports Scholarship

€1,500 per year

Closing Date For Application

15th September 2017

For more details see www.wicklowlsp.ie
or contact us wicklowlsp@wicklowcoco.ie



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**Wicklow
Local Sports Partnership**

Comhpháirtíocht Áitiúil Spóirt Chill Mhantáin

#GetOutInWicklow

A win for Carnew in Wicklow County Council schools debating competition.



Colaiste Bhríde took the honours in the final of Wicklow County Council's schools environmental debating competition which took place in Clermont College on Tuesday the 23rd of May. Sixteen teams from twelve schools competed in the competition this year over five rounds since October last year. The final came down to a closely fought match between Coláiste Chraobh Abhann and Coláiste Bhríde with the later taking the prize for 2017.

The two teams were given a very challenging motion "Origin Green is green washing a farming industry that is unwilling to clean up and reduce its impact on the environment". Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, while welcoming the two teams spoke to the students noting that public speaking is an important skill, invaluable in many career paths and that the participating students would now have a head start over fellow students because of their participation in this competition. Coláiste Chraobh Abhann proposed the motion while Coláiste Bhríde opposed it. Coláiste Bhríde were represented by Max Moroney as team captain, Laura Ivers and Laura Gallagher. Coláiste Chraobh Abhann was represented by Hyrum Scott as team captain, Lucy Short and Sophie Heaton. Sophie Heaton won the award for best speaker on the night selected by the five adjudicators on the judging panel.

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald presented the winning team from Coláiste Bhríde with their prize and also gave the award for best speaker on the night which went to Sophie Heaton. The prize for the winning team came from the Calnan and Anhoj forge in Russborough House. Pottery by Jenny Kelly from Wicklow Town was presented to the best speaker and all six speakers from the two teams.

Wicklow

...Let's talk business

Are you Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur 2018?

Prize Fund of €50,000 available to support Wicklow entrepreneurs, aged between 18 and 35, to set up and grow their business.

The search is on to find Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE). Coordinated by the Local Enterprise Offices, this nationwide competition is across three categories: Best Business Idea, Best Start-Up Business (under 18 months) and Best Established Business (over 18 months).

Every entrant into the competition from the county will be invited to attend an 'Entrepreneur Bootcamp' in October where they will be given tips and advice on how to develop their business or new venture. The Wicklow county final winners in the Best Start-Up and Best Established Business categories will receive investments of up to €15,000 each with two runners-up receiving up to €5,000. The Best Business Idea winner will receive an investment of up to €7,000 and the runner-up will receive up to €3,000 of investment. These winners will then progress to the Regional Finals early next year and hopefully represent Wicklow the national IBYE finals to be held in March 2018.

To enter the 2018 competition, young entrepreneurs between the ages of 18 and 35 are being asked to visit the IBYE website at www.ibye.ie, to submit their application online. The closing date for entries is Friday, September 29th and there are no entry fees. Further information is also available from the Local Enterprise Office, Wicklow on 0404 30800.



www.ibye.ie

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Local Enterprise Office

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2018

Could you be Ireland's
Best Young Entrepreneur
for 2018?

Find out by entering at
ibye.ie
before 29.09.17



SME are urged to get ready to start trading online and avail of the Trading Online Voucher Grant!

The Trading Online Voucher aims to encourage small businesses to develop their online presence through a website or digital marketing strategy by availing of a grant of up to €2,500. Businesses must be trading for a minimum of 12 months.

To support businesses to avail of the scheme, LEO Wicklow runs a number of Trading Online Seminars during the year where business owners get some top tips from social media guru Noel Davidson for selling online, followed by an explanation of the Trading Online Voucher Scheme and application process. Before you can apply you will need to attend one of our free Trading Online Seminars. The next seminar will be on Wednesday 6th September in Wicklow County Campus.

For more information on the voucher and to book your place please go to:

www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow.



Social media guru Noel Davidson

Autumn Winter Training Programme will be available for booking from mid-August.

LEO Wicklow is putting together a diverse programme of high quality business skills courses on offer this Autumn. Courses include two Start Your Own Business Courses, 'Accessing Finance for your Business Course', a 'Tax & VAT' course as well as a 'Bookkeeping' and a 'Bookkeeping using Excel' course.

In addition to the above LEO Wicklow will also run a number of daylong courses in Social Media for your Business at both beginners and intermediate level, Increasing Traffic to your Website: Search Engine Optimisation courses to make sure that your business ranks high in the search engines and a two day course on how to make your own online videos on a tight budget.

Take a look on www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow from mid August.

Wicklow's New Approach to Dog Fouling!

An audio device system for tackling chronic dog fouling is being trialled by Wicklow County Council in Greystones, Blessington, Wicklow and Arklow at key locations used by dog walkers. The project is being implemented by Wicklow County Council together with four local Tidy Towns groups who are highlighting it with Facebook campaigns on the problem.

“Wicklow Tidy Towns & Wicklow County Council ask you to clean up after your dog & bin your litter” is the message walkers will hear when they take a walk in one of Wicklow's favourite Dog walking trails, along the Murrough.



“Wicklow Tidy Towns & Wicklow County Council ask you to clean up after your dog & bin your litter”

82% reduction in Dog Fouling can be achieved!

The initiative has already been tested and proved a huge success in various locations countrywide including Dublin, Athlone, Mullingar, Wexford and Galway where a reduction of more than 80% in dog fouling incidents was achieved in some locations during the period audio devices were used.

The audio message is activated by movement and requests passers-by to clean up after their pets. The system has been developed by www.riteview.ie

Wicklow County Council has rolled out the audio devices in four locations on a trial basis during May/June 2017. If successful the technology may be used in other locations in the future.

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On The Spot Fine If You Don't Bin It



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Bin the Poo
Bin the Poo Bag



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Wicklow County Council



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The AGM of the County Wicklow Older Person's Council took place on the 26th May at the Brockagh Centre, Laragh.

Minister Simon Harris launched the County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2017 -2022.

Future Proofing Ireland - The National Age Friendly Programme Managers from across all of Ireland met in City Hall Dublin to progress Age Friendly Strategies in Ireland. This global trend will present both

challenges & opportunities and the Local Government led Age Friendly Programme, working collaboratively with all key stakeholders, is working to ensure that Ireland will be ready and prepared to respond to those needs and changes as they emerge.



A message from the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council Cllr. Edward Timmins



I am honoured to be the Chairman of Wicklow County Council.

One of my priorities is to ensure that Wicklow is receiving its fair share of national funding. With the help of staff and my fellow Councillors I hope to improve the share of the pie that Wicklow receives.

On specific projects I want the council to make progress on walking and cycling routes. For example the new river board walk in Bray, the proposed river board walk in Baltinglass and the lake walk at Blessington. There is a trend and a wish for people to have more access to nature.

I also want us to develop a literary trail. We have a vast history of literary associations in this county, and many from today.

I look forward to meeting and working with the people of Wicklow in the coming year.

Have your say on your Local Area Plan



Since adopting the new County Development Plan in 2016, the Forward Planning section of the Planning Department have been busy drafting new Local Area Plans for some of the bigger settlements within the county.

Local Area Plans (LAPs) set out the objectives of the planning authority for the development of land and include objectives for land use zoning, infrastructure, community facilities, design standards and environmental / heritage protection for that settlement.

The consultation stages of each plan offer members of the public the opportunity to express their views and make submissions on issues they would like to see addressed in the next land use plan for their area.

At the May Council meeting the Rathdrum LAP was made and came into effect on the 4th of June. Through detailed consultation with members of the public, elected members and public bodies, the Rathdrum LAP was developed from the outset to meet the needs and expectations of the town therefore putting the elected members in the position where they were able to adopt the draft plan without further amendments.



Over the coming months the LAPs for Arklow, Bray and Newtownmountkennedy will be prepared offering you the opportunity to have your say on the next land use plan for your area.

Keep up to date on www.wicklow.ie/local-area-plans-town-plans or phone 0404-20100 for more information. You can also 'Like' our Facebook page to receive regular updates!

Climate Change

The scientific community and governments across the world are in agreement - the climate is changing. Climate Change is no longer just a theory to be dealt with by future generations – its impacts are with us today.

Our weather is what happens day to day and as we all know, the changes from one hour to the next, or one day to the next can be very different in Ireland. The climate is a different matter. Climate can be described as the average weather over a period of time.

Climate change means a significant change in the measures of climate, such as temperature, rainfall, or wind, lasting for an extended period – decades or longer. Our climate in Ireland is changing. Six of the ten warmest years on record have been in the last 30 years. In that time our average temperatures have increased and rainfall in the west and north has risen while on the east and south of the country rainfall has decreased. We have less frosty days and more storms.

So it is time to take action.

At all levels of government - from the EU to National policy to Local Government – new policies and plans are being put in place to cope with and hopefully prevent some of the impacts that climate change will have on our way of life.

There are two broad areas of change that we all need to embrace. These are through 1) Climate Change Mitigation, and 2) Climate Change Adaptation.

Climate Change Mitigation is about changing how we live, move, consume and manufacture so as to reduce and/or eliminate the production of harmful greenhouse gases. It includes how we best use our land, how we use and produce energy, what we waste and how we use natural resources.

Climate Change Adaptation is dealing with actual or expected impacts of climate change involving practical actions to manage risks, protect communities and strengthen the resilience of the economy. (e.g. from sea level rise or flooding). This includes exploiting opportunities, such as a longer growing season or drier summers.

Local authorities play a key role in both limiting the causes of climate change (mitigation) and adjusting to the impacts (adaptation) of these changes.

Update

Wicklow County Council has set up a Climate Change Adaptation Team to plan for how we adapt to the changes and ensure that our families, businesses and communities continue to grow and prosper. The team includes people from all sections of Wicklow County Council.

Adaptation measures will include technical and engineering solutions, for example, how we build our houses and roads. There will need to be 'green' ways to develop while protecting ecosystems and habitats, and using our special environments to protect us as well, such as reinforcing natural defences like sand dunes or wetlands. But we'll also need to plan for people and how we all behave - things like individuals using less water and carbon fuels and farmers planting different crops.

But climate change is everyone's responsibility. Many little changes and actions add up to be significant. Fundamentally it is about the choices you make in how you live, move, consume and produce. Wicklow County Council will be working with local people, groups and organisations and businesses to build what is called 'climate resilience'.

In many cases the changes are no-cost behavioural ones, some require small investment with quick returns, and others will require longer term investment. We will have to stop doing certain things and do other things differently. The adaptation and mitigation required is not just about energy but also goes to the management of greenhouse gases associated with land use, food production and consumption, and industrial gases. We cannot do much about natural sources and forms of global warming gases (e.g. volcanoes, water vapour); however we can address those associated with fossil fuels and land use.

More information on what you can do is available on:

- www.irelandsenvironment.ie
- www.climateireland.ie
- www.BeGreen.ie
- www.change.ie
- www.met.ie/publications/IrelandinaWarmerWorld.pdf
- www.LiveGreen.ie
- www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/takeaction/
- www.greenhome.ie
- www.epa.ie/climate/communicatingclimatescience/whatisclimatechange/whatcanyou/udo/
- www.askaboutireland.ie/enfo/irelands-environment/Change/faq/climate-change/



County Wicklow Public Participation Network

Over the coming months Wicklow PPN are continuing their "Let's Talk About..." information and community engagement series. "Let's Talk About...Community Development" will be an introduction to community development structures, plans and processes relevant to Wicklow, with a particular focus on Wicklow's Local Community Development Committee and the notable plans and funding streams this body coordinates.

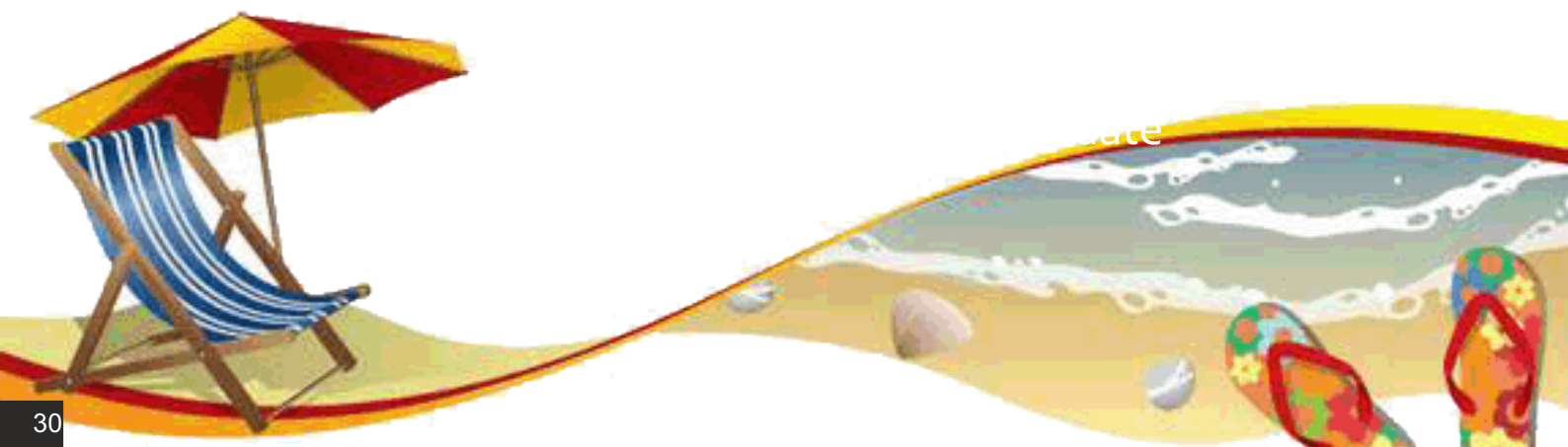
The "Let's Talk About...Disability #Wicklow4All" event is a planned collaboration between Disability Federation Ireland and Wicklow County Council. Organisers are currently inviting people with disabilities who live, work or socialise in the greater Bray and/or Greystones areas to attend a workshop on examining and proposing solutions to physical access; access to local services; raising awareness of key issues. This workshop will be supported by Bray Area Partnership's Disability Network.

For more information on these two events please see the Wicklow PPN Facebook Page.

At Wicklow County Council's recent community awards ceremonies in Arklow, Wicklow, Baltinglass and Bray Municipal Districts, Wicklow PPN gave a brief presentation on the Network and the many great reasons to join. We were delighted to have this opportunity and will look forward to presenting at the Greystones Municipal District ceremony soon.

Wicklow PPN also received great interest and support from the elected members of Arklow, Baltinglass and Wicklow when it presented at their Municipal District meetings on its role and function, and on practical ways in which they can work together in the future. In addition, the PPN enjoyed presenting to the large gathering at Arklow's Social Inclusion Network Directory launch on May 18th and at the Wicklow Enterprise Town event run by Bank of Ireland. Events like these help raise the Network's profile and increase membership as more groups recognise the benefits of joining.

For more information about Co Wicklow PPN contact Helen: Mobile 087 189 5145 or E-mail: countywicklowppn@gmail.com Web: www.countywicklowppn.ie



National Playday

This year Wicklow County Council incorporated Street Feast with National Play Day promoting play and encouraging communities throughout the County to organise energetic and fun play activities outdoors in their neighbourhoods. We want to hear the laughter of children reverberating from the four corners of the county.

Wicklow County Council in collaboration with the Department of Children and Youth Affairs celebrated the annual 'National Playday' by hosting a 'Playday' event on Sunday 11th June in conjunction with Street Feast Celebrations. Play Day highlights the very essence of play for children and young people and encourages parents/guardians and communities to take a positive approach in developing neighbourhoods where children and young people are seen and heard.

The aim of National Play Day is to help increase public awareness of the importance of play in supporting children's physical and social development. The idea of the day is to create an opportunity for outdoor play at street, neighbourhood and community level. National Play Day provides the opportunity for Local Authorities to encourage children and their families to experience play in their own locality.



Street Feast 2017

"Helping your Community become a better place to Live, Work and Play."

Street Feast is the National Day of street parties and community celebrations and took place on Sunday 11th June 2017. This year Wicklow County Council incorporated it with National Play Day promoting play and encouraging communities throughout the County to organise energetic and fun play activities outdoors in their neighbourhoods. We want to hear the laughter of children reverberating from the four corners of the county.

Communities from one end of the County to the other got out their picnic baskets, the soggy egg sandwiches or favourite pot-luck dish, knocked on their neighbours doors and got together in the street or on the green for a day of fun.

People rediscovered their inner child and played games with the children that they used to play when they were young.

Information on Street Feast can be found on www.streetfeast.ie





Summertime Energy Saving Tips

Just because it's summer and the days are likely to be warmer and longer, doesn't mean that we shouldn't be watching our energy usage and doing our best to cut down – saving money and protecting the environment. Here are just a few summertime tips to help you on the way.

Spend time outdoors. Spending more time outdoors means you can turn off indoor electronics, and in the process, you will have fun going to the beach, the park, the movies, a local event or just sitting in the garden! Turn off and unplug all electronics like the TV, computers, tablets and chargers before leaving the house.

On the cooler summer days, make sure to keep the curtains open. The sun can heat up a room very quickly and even in Ireland the summer sun can warm up a room nicely rather than wasting money on heating. Keep them closed on warm sunny days during the summer season to keep rooms cooler.

Use energy efficient light bulbs. Compact fluorescent (CFL) and light emitting diode (LEDs) bulbs are more efficient than traditional incandescent bulbs because they use less energy – up to 85% less. All light bulbs need to be recycled once they burn out. Use Wicklow County Council Recycling Centres.

Cool Food for Summer! While we all enjoy the lighter summery meals and salads, we need to remember to avoid placing hot items in the fridge – let them cool to room temperature first. A fridge uses more energy to cool the space inside when something warm is put into it. Keep the fridge and freezer doors closed whenever possible.

Use energy efficient appliances. Microwaves, pressure cookers, or outdoor grills use less electricity than stoves and ovens. Heat up the food, not the house. You can also use a clothes-line instead of a dryer. When purchasing new products, look for energy efficient labels.

Use the right size pot on the cooker. A 6 inch pot on an 8 inch ring loses 40% of the heat! Use a programmable timer switch on the immersion to save wasting energy by heating water when you don't need it! If you have natural gas it's the cheapest way to heat water, unless you install solar panels!

Solar power your laundry. Skip the dryer and go for an old-fashioned clothes line. You can't beat free energy from the sun – just make sure there is no rain in the forecast. And remember to only run the washer when you have a full load! Summer is the perfect time to turn off our dishwashers and tumble driers and let our clothes and dishes dry naturally.

Shower Power Take a shower rather than a bath. A typical shower uses only one fifth of the energy of a full bath. Although some power showers can consume more water than a bath, trading baths for an average shower in the summer is a great way to improve your energy efficiency. Consider fitting an eco-friendly shower head, which can reduce water consumption by up to 60% without greatly affecting the quality of a shower. For an average family of four this can save nearly €100 on heating and water bills a year.

For more tips and information check out:

- www.seai.ie/Power_of_One/Energy_Saving/Top_Tips/
- www.electricireland.ie/news-media/article/news/2015/05/14/summer-energy-saving-tips-infographic
- www.berireland.ie/energy_saving_ideas_tips.html
- www.switcher.ie/blog/gas-electricity/summer-energy-savings-five-top-tips/

Wicklow County Council

Parking Byelaws 2017



Following a period of public consultation, in which over 250 submissions were considered, Wicklow County Council has now updated Bye-Laws in relation to parking countywide. The towns covered by these Bye-laws include Bray, Greystones, Wicklow and Arklow.

The Wicklow Parking Bye-Laws 2017 were adopted by Wicklow County Council members at a meeting held on 12th June 2017 and come into effect on Monday, 28th August 2017.



A copy of the updated Bye-laws are available for inspection, during office hours, at the public counter at the following locations:

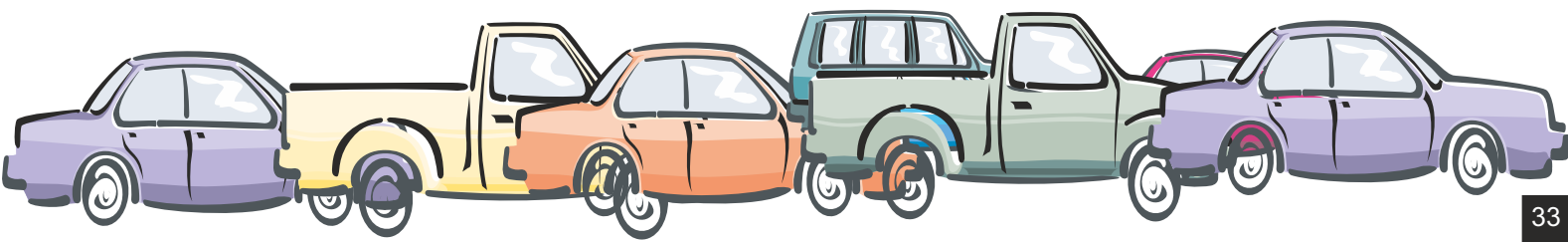
- Roads & Transportation Services Section, County Buildings, Wicklow
- Bray Municipal District Offices, Bray
- Greystones Municipal District Offices, Greystones
- Arklow Municipal District Offices, Arklow
- An online copy is available for viewing on www.wicklow.ie.

Some of the benefits and changes included in the Bye-laws:

- 15 minute grace parking at commencement of parking in all areas – this will greatly facilitate all users and allow ample time to obtain requisite parking ticket from nearby machines. This will also hopefully accommodate quick stops at local shops and businesses and facilitate members of the public at school drop offs etc
- Pay Parking times now commence at 10am in areas of Greystones, Wicklow and Arklow. Bray town remains unchanged
- Wicklow Town – Reduction of daily charge to 50c per day at Murrough Car Park and additional pay parking at areas in St Dominick's Rd and Monkton Row
- Arklow Town – All day parking now available at Castle Park and also River Walk

Members of the public are reminded that these Wicklow County Council Parking Bye-Laws 2017 will come into effect from 28th August, 2017 only and current guidelines and regulations in relation to parking remain in place until that date.

The assistance of all members of the public in compliance with Wicklow County Council Parking Bye-Laws 2017 is appreciated.



Arklow Harbour to benefit from funding award under Fisheries Local Action Group Scheme

Arklow Harbour is to benefit from a fisheries funding scheme backed by the EU and the Exchequer.

Wicklow County Council submitted three projects under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMF) Operational Programme and have been successful in all three.

The funding will support the following projects at Arklow Harbour:

- Storage facilities for fishermen
- Fishermen hoist upgrade and associated training
- Restoration of the lightship "SKUA" lantern

Over a three year timeframe, an investment totalling €253,750 will be provided for these projects, with Wicklow County Council contributing €76,125. The grant aid consists of equal co-funding between EU and the Exchequer amounting to a total of €177,625.

The Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County, Cllr Pat Fitzgerald, stated: "I welcome this investment of funding in Arklow Town's Harbour as it will enhance this local marine facility and will support the local fishing industry and the fishermen".

The Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed TD, recently announced the details of a range of successful projects that will deliver a total investment of €3.6m under the Fisheries Local Area Action Group (FLAG) Strategy for Ireland's seven coastal regions. The FLAG Scheme is co-funded by the Exchequer and the EU under Ireland's European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) Operational Programme 2014-2020.

Knockananna & Rathcoyle Villages To Benefit From Funding For Local Safety Measures & Play Areas

Two County Wicklow villages – Knockananna and Rathcoyle – are to benefit from a Government-funded rural development plan.

The funding is part of the CLÁR programme which is supported by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and forms part of the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development.

Funding is only applicable to a small number of designated town lands in the most remote areas of the county. It is a targeted capital investment programme for particular rural areas which have experienced significant levels of depopulation.

Wicklow County Council is delighted to be in the position to announce €33,300 in funding to support rural communities to improve public safety around their facilities, as well as funding to develop or improve play areas in rural communities.

€27,000 has been granted for the provision of public lighting for the footpath linking Knockananna village to the GAA grounds and €6,300 will go towards the purchase and replacement of a flashing amber safety light in Rathcoyle.

Mr. Bryan Doyle, Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, said it was the aim of the Council to provide children in rural areas with places where they can play safely and enjoy their childhood. He thanked the many communities involved who have been working and fundraising for a long time to support these projects.

Tidy Towns, Estates and Environmental Awards 2017

Each year Wicklow County Council holds an awards ceremony to recognise the great work being done by community groups to protect and enhance our local environment particularly during the summer months. We can all see the results of work done in our towns and communities.

The 2017 Tidy Towns, estates and special environmental awards are now open for entry. There are a variety of awards open to different groups, some specific to a category of group that can enter while other are open to all. The volunteers in Tidy Towns groups and residents association undertake a huge effort each year to present our communities at their best. Schools, businesses and groups such as Coastcare often also have a key role in protecting local environmental resources. The awards are an opportunity to showcase the best in County Wicklow. Environmental award categories include Waste Minimisation, Wildlife and Natural Amenities, Landscaping, Built Environment, Sustainable Tourism/Recreation, Coastcare, Communal Gardening, Water Conservation, Schools and business awards.

If your community has undertaken a suitable project why not enter the competition. More information is available on www.wicklow.ie and any if you have any questions please contact the environmental awareness office on 0404 64120 or by email at eao@wicklowcoco.ie.



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Motor Tax - Wicklow	0404 20118 (Lo Call 1890 333 339)	0404 20293	motortax@wicklowcoco.ie
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Wicklow Family History	0404 20126	0404 67792	wfh@eircom.net
Wicklow Film Commission	0404 30800		wfc@wicklowcoco.ie

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 they will be directed to ring 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 **999** directly.



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- Carnew 053 9426088
- Dunlavin 045 401100
- Enniskerry 01 2864339
- Greystones 01 2873548
- Rathdrum 0404 43232
- Tinahely 0402 38080
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