

COUNTYWISE

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SUMMER FESTIVALS

Welcome to the summer edition of Countywise magazine. The summer has kicked off in style and the Vartry trails looked absolutely fantastic when officially opened by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar on Saturday 9th June. Congratulations to the Roundwood and District Community Council and Councillor Shay Cullen for all their work on this project.

Wicklow Tourism was well represented at the Bloom Garden festival and I am delighted to see the Dementia garden coming to Arklow on a permanent basis.

Other fantastic summer events include the launch of the Round Ireland Yacht race, the Taste of Wicklow Food Festival on 30th June/1st July and the spectacular Bray Air Show on 28th/29th 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.

Wicklow County Council has also been busy recently with it's main functional areas, with Minister Eoghan Murphy turning the sod on a 42 house scheme at Kilbride Lane, Bray. Construction has commenced on the Florentine centre in Bray which will transform the Town Centre and the Chinese Ambassador launched the Chinese Wicklow Tourism Brochure at Powerscourt House, Enniskerry. There is, of course, much more happening in County Wicklow and I hope this issue gives you a flavour of some of it.

Regards, Frank Curran



Chief Executive of
Wicklow County Council
Frank Curran

It has been a tremendous honour for me to have served as Cathaoirleach for the past year. I want to thank each of the 31 Councillors for the courtesy they have shown me and the support they gave me during my year as Cathaoirleach. The Cathaoirleach needs the support of all the staff, and I thank the Chief Executive Frank Curran and former Chief Executive Bryan Doyle for all this support.

Wicklow is on the up. We are progressing. We must always be guided by the principal of what is best for Wicklow, its people and the people who visit here. We are lucky to live in and represent this place. It is a privilege.

This edition of Countywise shows many examples of the great work being carried out in the County. There are many exciting projects underway and in the planning process. We have listened to all our stakeholders and the projects we are developing reflect the wishes of the community at large. The Council, your Council, is working in the Community, with the Community, for the Community. I want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Summer and to encourage all to participate in all the local festivals planned for the Summer months.

Regards, Councillor Edward Timmins



Outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Edward Timmins with Councillor Pat Vance, recently elected Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council and Frank Curran, Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council

ARKLOW

SIMPLY BLOOMING

The Arklow Duck Pond, Nature Walk & Leisure Area, has been announced as the new permanent home for the Dementia: Understand Together show garden.

The garden, 'Moments in Time', was one of the key attractions at Bord Bia's Bloom in Dublin's Phoenix Park over the June bank holiday weekend, and was designed by Newtown Saunders Ltd, TrinityHaus and Sonas. It is an initiative of the Dementia: Understand Together campaign, led by the HSE in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland and Genio, which aims to create an Ireland that embraces and includes people with dementia, and which displays solidarity with them and their loved ones.

The announcement was made following an invitation by the Dementia: Understand Together campaign for applications from publicly-funded organisations and residential care centres nationwide to take ownership of the garden after its time at Bord Bia's Bloom had come to an end.



Key to the successful application by Arklow Municipal District is the involvement of an active and engaged local community and in particular the Lily of the Valley Day Centre, Arklow Tidy Towns, the Arklow Bay Hotel and the Arklow Town Team.

There is a wide range of initiatives already underway in the town to support people with dementia and their carers, and with this garden will add to existing local efforts to reduce stigma and enhance supports for people with dementia in creating a more dementia-inclusive community.

The campaign has published its Top Tips for a Dementia-friendly Garden for members of the public online at www.understandtogether.ie/bloom which includes recommended plants to stimulate memory such as daisies, carnations and hydrangeas. The Dementia: Understand Together campaign is funded by the HSE and The Atlantic Philanthropies and began in 2015. The campaign website offers a comprehensive information resource on dementia, including a service-finder detailing county-by-county the dementia supports and services available. Support packs, including posters, leaflets and badges, can be ordered also.

Visit www.understandtogether.ie or Freephone 1800 341 341.



ARKLOW TOWN TEAM

The Arklow Town Team has chalked up a list of successes since it was established in January 2017. The remit of the Town Team is to encourage more collaboration, communication and co-operation between the Local Authority and the local community. The Town Team process involves ensuring unity of message and strategy for Arklow – in essence one voice, from one team, for the town.



The Team consists of community representatives, business leaders, clergy, Council management and the Gardaí. You can keep up to date through the Arklow Town Team Facebook page.



Members of the public are also invited to play their part in the Town Team's work by submitting ideas, suggestions or projects which would help to enhance the town. All community input is valued. Comments and suggestions can be submitted to arklowtownteam@wicklowcoco.ie

REVISED OPENING HOURS

Arklow Municipal District wishes to advise the public of the revised opening hours which recently came into effect. The public counter will remain open during lunch time and close at 4.00pm each day. The revised opening hours will be Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm.

Phones will continue to be answered between 9.00 am and 5.00pm

FREE WI FI FOR ARKLOW



Launching Free Wifi in Arklow Town, a joint venture between Virgin Media and Arklow Municipal District



CIVIC RECEPTION FOR MARY NOLAN HICKEY

Mary Nolan Hickey was honoured by the Cathaoirleach and Members of Arklow Municipal District who hosted a Civic Reception in her honour. Mary has become a hero locally and nationally after completing a lap of Ireland to raise money for the RNLI. 1,506 miles were covered on her epic lap of the land, which equates to 53 marathons in 94 days.

2018 is Mary's 50th year in athletics, which includes being the only Irish woman to complete all 38 Dublin Marathons. She has also completed a Marathon des Sables in Morocco which is known to be the toughest footrace on earth.

Councillor Tommy Annesley presented her with the Cathaoirleach's Special Recognition Award for 2018.

Arklow Municipal District introduced the annual Cathaoirleach's Special Recognition Award in 2017 to recognise an outstanding contribution from an individual or group. The recipient is chosen by the Cathaoirleach.

TWINNING

Arklow Twinning Committee and Arklow Municipal District welcomed delegations from Chateaudun in France and Aberystwyth in Wales in May.

The visit celebrated the 35th anniversary of Arklow twinning with Chateaudun.



The visit commenced with a welcoming reception hosted by the Cathaoirleach and Members of Arklow Municipal District.

It also included visits to Servier, Russborough House and Mount Usher Gardens. A discussion on Social Inclusion was also held in Arklow Library with participants from Arklow Social Inclusion Network, Chateaudun and Aberystwyth.

A Seminar was held with the main topic of discussion being "How can twinning improve our knowledge of European values at local level?".

ARKLOW BLOOMS FOR 2018 FLOWER BASKET SCHEME

Arklow will be in bloom again this summer following the launch of a new Flower Basket Scheme for 2018. In excess of 200 baskets have been purchased by businesses, an increase of 30% on 2017.

The aim is to improve the image of the town. Research has shown that this type of scheme can bring many social and environmental benefits to a town.



A watering system is currently being installed on Upper Main Street, Main Street and Lower Main Street. Arklow Tidy Towns will also be assisting with watering baskets throughout the summer months.



CIVIC RECEPTION FOR ARKLOW BOXING CLUB



A Civic Reception was held by the members of Arklow Municipal District in May for Arklow Boxing Club.

The reception, which took place in the offices of Arklow Municipal District, was held to acknowledge the club's achievements this year, including four National Champions (two Male and two Female), five Leinster Champions, four Leinster Silver medallists and a Michael Andrews Competition Champion and one Silver in the same event.

The club also has two Wexford Box Cup winners which attracted entries from several nations. Arklow Boxing Club was established 48 years ago and has developed substantially over the years. Many Irish Champion boxers have come through this club since then.



COMMUNITY AWARDS

Councillor Christopher Fox commended all groups who had participated in Wicklow County Council's Community Awards Scheme 2018.

The Community Awards Scheme is an annual grant scheme open to community and voluntary groups in the county with an overall allocation of €200,000. Helen Howes, (County Wicklow Public Participation Network) informed groups about events and activities that Co Wicklow PPN are working on to support community groups in Bray as well as the rest of the county.

Community groups in the Bray Municipal District can expect to be invited to attend two workshops to identify and develop their vision for community wellbeing for this and future generations. A training fair is being organised and will take place on Saturday September 8th in the Brockagh Centre.

Groups will be able to attend workshops and get information about charities regulation, the governance code, GDPR, volunteer management, garda vetting, social & digital media and much more. Experts will be on hand to talk about insurance for community groups as well as funding supports, community finance and lots of other initiatives to support community groups in their work.

Groups were particularly interested in the new Co Wicklow PPN Funding Handbook. This is an online resource book for Co Wicklow PPN members that provides information, advice and tips to access funding as well as listing over fifty funding streams. Information on the criteria for funding, who should apply, the usual timeframe for the grants and the contact details form part of this great resource which members will be able to access on the PPN website at the end of the month. More information about Co Wicklow PPN can be found on their website: www.countywicklowppn.ie or on their Facebook Page.



Pictured at the Bray Municipal District Presentation of Community Awards, in Bray Town Hall, Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District, Councillor Christopher Fox with the representatives from groups who won awards.

MURALS IN BRAY

This is a new project for invigorating 'grey space' around the town adding colour and vibrancy sponsored by Bray Municipal District some examples of these are.

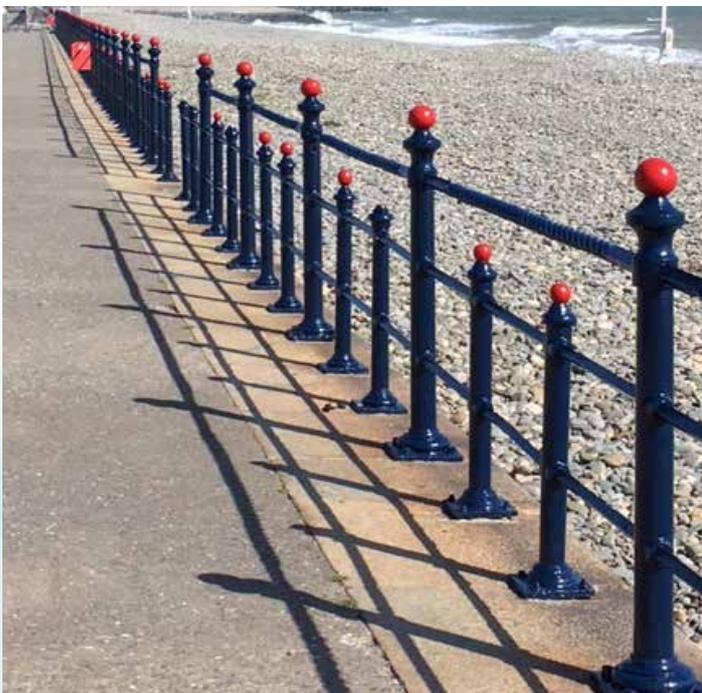
- The boundary at the Carlisle Grounds
- The seafront buildings



SEAFRONT RAILING, BRAY PROMENADE

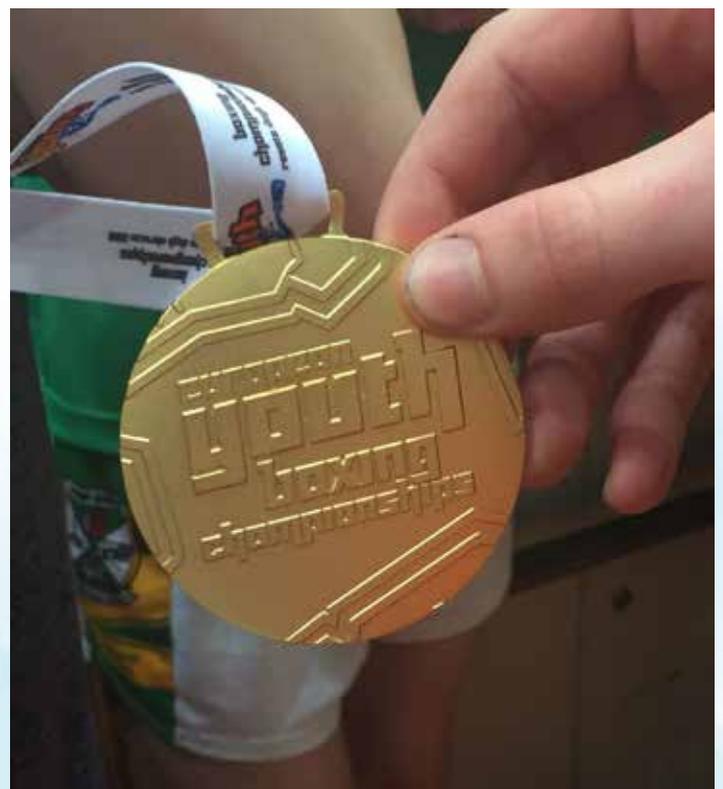
Wicklow County Council commenced the repainting of Bray's seafront railings in the summer of 2017. These Victorian metal railings stretch for approximately 1km along Bray's promenade.

Just under half the work was completed in 2017, with works recommencing in April 2018 on the final phase. Works are scheduled to be completed later this summer.



DAINA MOOREHOUSE EUROPEAN GOLD MEDAL

A homecoming was held in Ballywaltrim Community Hall in April to recognise Daina's achievements in winning European gold. This was her second European Boxing Title in nine months. Daina won all four of her fights in Italy to claim the European Youth Championships.





BLESSINGTON HAS A NEW TOWN TEAM

Blessington has a new Town Team set up with the aim of creating 'One Vision One Voice' for Blessington. Its first objective will be the carrying out of a town Health Check which will lead to a Vision Statement and Action Plan.

Building on Blessington's success in being selected as Leinster's Most Enterprising Town in 2017, Wicklow County Council and Blessington and District Forum are using the opportunity to involve other interested parties in establishing Blessington Town Team. Other groups involved in the Blessington Town Team are the Tidy Towns and the Business Network along with the Gardai and Education from the Public Sector.

The Team's work will be carried out in a spirit of genuine partnership and will build on the many strong and successful structures and partnerships which already exist in the town. It is envisaged that rather than replacing these, each of them will continue to grow, and hopefully strengthen, in tandem with the new Town Team.

At its recent meeting, John Horan, who is championing the development of the Greenway linking the town with Russborough, was selected as Chairperson of the Team.



Jason Mulhall of Blessington Tidy Towns is the Vice-Chair and Michael Sargent, from the Blessington and District Forum, is Secretary of the Team. The Secretariat will be at the Council's Offices in the town and all six Councillors from the Municipal District are Team members. Local Council officials will participate also and will provide support and expertise to the Team.

The first element of the Team's work will be the carrying out of a comprehensive Town Health Check. It is envisaged that residents and businesses will be invited to provide ideas and suggestions as part of that process.

In order to ensure that the Team can begin its work on behalf of the community in Blessington as quickly as possible, a number of Working Groups - and Team members to lead them - have been identified as follows:

- * Public Realm and Tidy Towns (Jason Mulhall)
- * Planning and Infrastructure (Michael Sargent)
- * Healthy Blessington (Kilian McGreal)
- * Business (Lead to be decided)
- * Culture and Heritage (Michael Doyle)
- * Greenway and Tourism (John Horan)





Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Councillor Edward Timmins, warmly welcomed everyone and congratulated all those involved in the tremendous success.

“This exciting achievement for the town was a culmination of a huge amount of hard work by the local enterprising town committee with strong support from Blessington forum, the local business community and the Baltinglass Municipal District working collaboratively to ensure that when the judging took place, Blessington’s vibrant community spirit, it’s business potential and fantastic local amenities were showcased to their fullest potential,” he stated.

BLESSINGTON ENTERPRISE AWARD WINNERS HONOURED WITH CIVIC RECEPTION

A Civic Reception to mark Blessington winning the Most Enterprising Town in Leinster was held by Wicklow County Council in April.

Blessington took the prize in the Bank of Ireland National Enterprising Town Awards last November.

The town had been chosen as County Wicklow’s representative in the 3,001 to 7,000 population category. Baltinglass Municipal District, in conjunction with Blessington and District Forum, was the lead group in formulating the town’s application.

The Civic Reception in County Buildings was attended by members of the Blessington community and their guests who represented the various local groups involved in the Enterprising Town Award win.

Speaking at the event, the Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Mr Frank Curran, also outlined the Council’s strong commitment to encourage and support enterprise throughout the County and welcomed the close collaboration between the Blessington Community leaders and Wicklow County Council and Baltinglass Municipal District.

Minister for Health, Deputy Simon Harris, also joined in the congratulations to Blessington. Also in attendance at the Civic Reception were fellow Wicklow TDs Andrew Doyle and Pat Casey and County Councillors’.

It was clear to all that Blessington is a great place to live, work and play, with many positive attributes and a fantastic sense of community. The Award affirms what the residents of Blessington already know - Blessington is a very Enterprising Town.





GREYSTONES PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS



An Cathaoirleach of Greystones Municipal District, Councillor Derek Mitchell accepted the Award of Recognition for the Council's commitment to public health by the Association for the Study of Obesity on the Island of Ireland (ASOI) at the group's annual conference in the Royal College of Surgeons in May.

The ASOI Committee felt that Wicklow County Council was particularly deserving of this award in recognition of its commitment to public health and



the translation of research evidence into practice on the ground with the support of the "No Fry Zone" initiative.

Wicklow County Council has been recognised for being the first council in Ireland to include an objective in its County Development Plan excluding any new fast food/take-away outlets from being built or from operating within 400m of schools or playgrounds.

This ASOI Award recognises Wicklow County Council for taking this important step forward in helping to tackle obesity.



The 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 lifetime Achievement Award was also presented this year to Dermot Macaulay in recognition of over 25 years service as a volunteer in Greystones Coastguard.



BLUE FLAG FOR GREYSTONES SOUTH BEACH

Cathaoirleach of Greystones Municipal District, Councillor Derek Mitchell and Municipal District Administrator Myra Porter raising the 2018 Blue Flag at South Beach Greystones. South Beach has again retained its Blue Flag status as a result of compliance with a set of stringent criteria from bathing water quality to environmental management and education, as well as safety and services.



HOUSING ESTATE FUNDING APPLICATION

Applications 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 11 applications were received from Residents Associations throughout the district.

Representatives from each of the estates attended a function in the Civic Offices in May 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.



STUDENTS FOCUS ON ACCESSIBILITY



Members and staff of Greystones Municipal District were delighted to welcome pupils from Coláiste Chraobh Abhann, Kilcoole to the Council chamber in County Buildings on Friday 25th of May. The Transition Year Innovation and Change class presented and shared their research on disability access in Kilcoole. Wicklow County Council Accessibility Office, Laura English congratulated the students on their research and advised them of the Council's policy and procedures in relation to accessibility.



NEW MUNICIPAL OFFICE OPENS

Wicklow Municipal District has been re-located to the Town Hall, Market Square and is now open to the public. The Council Chamber is now located on the ground floor of the building making it accessible to all. At the first Wicklow Municipal District meeting held in the newly refurbished Town Hall all the members saw it as a positive addition to Wicklow Town.

The Town Hall is one of the oldest buildings in Wicklow and was known originally as Market House. The date of construction is not known but it certainly stood there in the late 1600's. Minute book records show that a portion of the building was used as a free school in the early 1690's and that the Market House was also in operation at the time. The building was also the site for the first electricity utility company in the town. Monthly, quarterly and Christmas markets were a tradition in this location, the Market Square.

After the granting of the Towns First Charter on 30th March 1613 the running of the town was in the hands of a number of freemen who chose a Portreeve (Mayor) and Burgesses. When Wicklow's powers were extended, by the granting of a second charter in 1688 it was decided to purchase a mace as a symbol of increased status. A Mace made by renowned Dublin, silversmith, Joseph Walker in 1696 was purchased in 1712. Clearly depicted on the Mace are the emblems of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

TEAM AIRBOTS REPRESENTS WICKLOW



Wicklow Municipal District is very happy to support and encourage the young people in our community with projects and ventures such as the HYDRO DYNAMICS challenge this and would like to congratulate "Team Airbots" Lucy McCann, Mya Neiland, Kiah Savage, James Grant, Senan Sloan Kelly, Hugo Sloan Kelly, Cillian Findlay Byrne and Anna Mooney on their achievements.



WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WELCOMES VOLVO ROUND IRELAND YACHT RACE 2018

This years HYDRO DYNAMICS challenge was all about water – how we transport, use, or dispose of it. These children are to be commended for their entry where they decided to examine and create an awareness in relation to how airports dispose of water collected at security stations in Airports all over the world. They visited Dublin Airport and saw how the water is disposed of and they were shocked that it is all put down the drain.

Their solution is to make binning stations around Dublin Airport that the bottled water can be poured into and then the bottle shredded and recycled. This water can then be used to wash floors, windows, planes or for the toilet water.

With this project the children were overall winners at their regional completion held in Galway in February and completed in the UK and Ireland finals in Bristol where they were crowned 1st Place in the Core Values category of the competition.

The success of their project brought them to represent Wicklow and Ireland in Detroit in April where they competed against 108 other teams and achieved a 2nd Place Award for "Gracious Professionalism" in the Core Values category.



"Taste of Wicklow" commences Saturday evening the 30th June and continues until the 1st July in the lovely surroundings of the Abbey Grounds

This event organised by Wicklow Town & District Chamber of Commerce is now in its 6th year and has become the biggest food festival on the East Coast and it gives the local food producers the opportunity to showcase their products.

There is a wonderful line up with Local Wicklow TV Chef, food writer, author and proprietor of Ballyknocken House & Cookery School, Catherine Fuvio, Merrion Hotel Chef Paul Kelly, and a host of other local chefs.

Wicklow Town is set to enjoy all the cooking demonstrations, food and craft stalls, music and kids entertainment, face painting and much more.

Please see www.roundireland.ie/events and Facebook at: [wicklowsailing](https://www.facebook.com/wicklowsailing) for full details. www.tasteofwicklow.i

Wicklow is expecting a significant tourism boost for the county as a result of the Volvo Round Ireland Yacht Race which starts in Wicklow Bay on June 30th.

This is the 20th race, which is run every two years by Wicklow Sailing Club and is the only international sports event held regularly in Co Wicklow and is being supported by Wicklow County Council.

In the sailing world the Volvo Round Ireland is one of the world's most prestigious offshore yacht races, considered even more challenging than the Fastnet Race. Sailors come from all over the world to compete in this race.



In 2016 some of the most famous and fastest yachts in the world gathered in Wicklow. Local people and visitors could enjoy the sight of all the boats berthing in Wicklow Harbour for days beforehand.

On Saturday 30th June there will be fun for all the family in and around the South Quay area and the Black Castle area for the Volvo Round Ireland Festival. Entry is free to the festival which will feature bouncy castles and rock climbing, food stalls and ice cream along with drumming workshops.

There is a great line up of events around the sailing club from 28th June to 6th July: from live music to historical talks, art exhibitions to cookery demonstrations.



AN TAOISEACH VISITS WICKLOW

Vartry Reservoir Trails was officially opened by An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar on Saturday 9th June 2018.

The project consists of the construction of a 200m boardwalk bridge at Mullinaveige, Roundwood and 900m of trail development to link to the existing trails at Knockraheen. This is the final link that will complete the Upper Vartry Reservoir Loop Walk and will link the area with Roundwood village.

The Vartry Reservoirs are a proposed Natural Heritage Area. The trails have been restored around the beautiful Annex Lake and the Lower Reservoir, making this one of the most picturesque walkways in the country. The works will also make this loop walk safe for all to enjoy by rerouting the walk off the R755 road. It is expected that this route will become part of a county wide grid of interconnected walks.

The project was driven and completed by a very dedicated and competent group. Funding of €76,000 was received for this project from the Department of Rural and Community Development. This was just one of the rural regeneration funding schemes which include Town & Village Scheme and CLAR. These schemes are hugely important to the socio-economic development of County Wicklow. The benefits of projects like this are:
Economic – tourism and Ireland Ancient East;
Placemaking – making places attractive to live in and to visit Social - Healthy Ireland – physical and mental well-being of walking and being out in nature.



This walk will develop an enhanced product in a sensitive cultural and natural area. It will raise awareness of the natural and built heritage of the county. There is the potential for economic spin-offs that will increase employment in the area and bring visitors into the village of Roundwood. Socially it will bring communities together in providing a safe location for community recreational events. These works will also make the trail more accessible to those with disabilities and those with buggies.



Launch of Public Libraries Strategy

Mr Michael Ring TD, the Minister for Rural and Community Development, officially launched the ambitious new five year strategy for Public Libraries in the Lexicon Library, Dún Laoghaire, in June.

“Our Public Libraries 2022– Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities” is a progressive strategy which aims to improve access, use and visibility of the library as a community hub, and develop the library as a focal point for community and cultural development. It lays out a vision over a number of strategic programmes + library buildings, digital development, opening hours, access, funding, staff and stock.

Wicklow County Council Library Service is already a lead player in a number of the initiatives specifically mentioned, including “Work Matters” and the extension of self service initiatives to all full time libraries in county Wicklow.

The five year strategy is a joint initiative of the Department of Rural and Community Development, the County and City Management Association (CCMA) and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA). Mr. Frank Curran, CE of Wicklow County Council has been a leading contributor to the document, as a member of the LGMA Libraries Development Committee.

Library membership has recently been made free to all nationally, whereas Wicklow County Council had the vision to provide free library membership since 1999. This has resulted in the service in Wicklow growing over the past 20 years.

In addition to the Wicklow public having 13 libraries and a mobile library, throughout the county, recent national initiatives have resulted in a number of free online services. These include e-books, downloadable audio books, e-languages, e-magazines and e-comics. The national online catalogue allows the public to request a book from anywhere in Ireland and collect it at your local library. Log onto www.wicklow.ie to see the many services available.

The library strategy document is available on the Department’s website www.drzd.gov.ie





VOLVO ROUND IRELAND YACHT RACE 2018



RACE STARTS SATURDAY JUNE 30TH AT 2PM

VOLVO ROUND IRELAND FESTIVAL

#VRI2018 FREE ENTRY

Thursday June 28th

'Meet the Sailors' Party

Live music by "The Chosen Few" 7pm @WSC

Friday June 29th

Rock-a-Round Ireland Party

BBQ & Live music by "Black Slade" 8pm @WSC

Saturday June 30th

Family Fun Day at the Black Castle

Climbing Wall

Bouncy Castle and Obstacle Course

Food Festival & Stalls

Pure Fitness Inter-Club Challenge 10am - 12pm

Abseiling on the cliff - Travalhawk

Drumming Workshops with Afro Eire Drummers

Volvo Car Display

Emergency Services Display

Giant Outdoor Screen Showing...

Soccer World Cup Quarter Finals at 3pm & 7pm

Daytime film shows & Live footage of the
Volvo Round Ireland Race



Saturday 30th (Evening) & Sunday 1st (All day)
A Taste of Wicklow in The Abbey Grounds.
*Entry fee required to the Taste.

Monday July 2nd

Photo / Art Exhibition 7pm @WSC

Tuesday July 3rd

Historic Evening Wicklow Historical Society
8pm @WSC

Wednesday July 4th

Independence Day Party & BBQ 8pm @WSC

Thursday July 5th

Chef's Theatre with Tomasz Wrobel of The
Lighthouse Restaurant. Sukhi from Sukhi's India,
making authentic Indian cuisine. 7pm @WSC

Friday July 6th

Sailors Prize Giving Party Music & BBQ @WSC

For full details of all events, please check our Facebook page and our website www.roundireland/events
Tweet us [@WicklowSailing](https://twitter.com/WicklowSailing) [#WarmWicklowWelcome](https://twitter.com/WarmWicklowWelcome) [#DestinationWicklow](https://twitter.com/DestinationWicklow)

CHINESE AMBASSADOR LAUNCHES WICKLOW TOURISM BROCHURE

The strong links between Wicklow and China and what both had to offer each other were emphasised by His Excellency Ambassador YUE Xiaoyong, Chinese Ambassador to Ireland, at a function in Powercourt House on Monday night.

Ambassador Yue was in the Enniskerry venue to launch the Mandarin Chinese version of the Wicklow Tourism Brochure. He congratulated Wicklow County Council and all involved in the launch of the China brochure saying that "It highlights what Wicklow is rightly proud of, its natural scenery, a rich cultural heritage, lively outdoor activities and world class golf courses."

Speaking about efforts to bring China, the largest developing economy in the world, and Ireland, Europe's fastest growing economy, closer together, he said: "We are both courageously embracing globalization and seizing opportunities with it".

He cited China's Belt and Road initiative as an example of enhancing international co-operation and indicated President Xi Jinping's comments at the Boao Forum in Hainan that China would continue to increase openness and expand cooperation. Ambassador Yue praised Wicklow County Council's relationship with one of the most open and dynamic provinces in China – Hainan.

Hainan, he said, was developing as a pilot zone for integration with the global economy including the development of the natural environment, an international tourism centre and major national strategic logistics zone. Visitors from 59 countries will be able to visit Hainan without a Chinese visa, subject to booking requirements. Ambassador Yue



commented on the fact that three beef processing plants in Ireland were approved by Chinese authorities to export Irish beef to the huge Chinese market and spoke of the many opportunities becoming available to Irish businesses as China further opens its vast market. Referencing a great Chinese poet, he said it was time to "seize the moment".

In July 2017 the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Edward Timmins, and the Vice Governor of Hainan Province, Mr MAO Chaofeng, signed a friendship agreement between Hainan Province and Wicklow, committing to cooperate and facilitate mutual exchanges in areas such as Tourism, Education, Science, Agriculture, Forestry and Culture. In November of 2017 the Cathaoirleach led a delegation to participate in a major tourism event in



Hainan. "The invitation to the Hainan International Tourism Island Carnival and the 2017 Hainan World Leisure Tourism Expo was the inspiration behind the creation of this brochure", he said.

The brochure was initially prepared for the purposes of promoting Wicklow at the Hainan event but



reprinted to celebrate the 2018 EU China Year of Tourism and the fact that direct flights from Beijing and Hong Kong to Ireland are due to commence in June of this year.

After a short video showcasing the highlights of the Wicklow visit to Hainan, Cllr Timmins told Ambassador Yue that "we hope to learn through engagement with our friends in Hainan and in China to become 'China ready'...and how we can go about making you feel valued, entertained and welcomed, to the extent that you will come back again and again". Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Mr Frank Curran said he was sure all would agree that the brochure was an excellent calling card and a great way of promoting County Wicklow and Ireland in China.

He added that "Tourism is one of the key drivers of the economic development policy for County Wicklow, along with film and food and beverages. It is the combination of these three drivers that make a visit to Wicklow a unique experience". Mr Curran spoke about Wicklow's high-quality accommodation and excellent food and drink including Wicklow lamb, artisan cheeses and a unique range of beverages from Black Castle Lemonade, to Wicklow Way Wines, a variety of craft beers, whiskey and gin. He said that "the incredible great houses and gardens of Wicklow such as the world renowned Powerscourt House and gems such as Kilmacurragh National Botanic Gardens add to our very special offering. "

Entertainment on the evening was provided by two talented local musicians, harpist Rachel Duffy and flautist Sadhbh Byrne, along with a troop of young Irish Dancers from the Lisa Marie Berry School of Dance and traditional Chinese Lion Dancers.



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NEW HOUSING SCHEME FOR BRAY

42 families can look forward to a fresh start next year after the sod was turned on a new housing scheme at Kilbride Lane, Bray.

The ceremony was performed by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr Eoghan Murphy TD, together with the Leas Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Councillor Pat Vance, Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District, Councillor Christopher Fox and Chief Executive, Mr Frank Curran.

Welcoming the development, the Minister said: "Today is further progress in a vigorous programme of development by Wicklow County Council which will provide accommodation for over 197 households on the Council's social housing list over the next two years.

"The Council currently has 16 schemes at various stages of construction and tendering and funding of over €51.6m has been sanctioned by the Department for these schemes. The Council has a further 21 Schemes with potential for a further 434 units in the pipeline for its Capital Programme out to 2021. The development of this 42-house scheme is another good news story for Wicklow.



Mr Frank Curran, Chief Executive, Wicklow County Council, welcomed the commencement of the development, other streams of delivering new units to address the Housing crisis are well advanced, including Part V units on new developments and units being delivered in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies.



Wildlife in Wicklow's Gardens Poster



Wicklow is known as 'The Garden of Ireland' and is fortunate to possess a wealth of gardens big and small. This year, in celebration of National Biodiversity Week 2018 the Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council has teamed up with www.irishgardenbirds.ie to produce a new poster on the theme of Wildlife in Wicklow Gardens and what you can do to help.

Gardens have the potential to be hugely valuable as havens for wildlife. Planting for birds helps them to thrive, ensuring that they have nesting material, food and shelter throughout the year from early Spring to Summer, Autumn and Winter.

Planting species suitable for pollinators (bees, hoverflies, butterflies and moths) is a win-win for both the gardener and the insect. To survive and grow, many plants depend on bees to pollinate their flowers. Adult bees sip nectar from plants; it's sweet and sugary and gives adult bees lots of energy. They also collect a powder called pollen. This is where the

bees make a great trade with the plants by moving pollen from flower to flower; the plants can set seed which means they can make new plants. Extra pollen that sticks to the hairy underside of the bee and is rolled up in a ball and brought back to feed the baby bees in the nest. Fruit which we like to grow and eat, such as apples, pears, strawberries, tomatoes and blackberries, all depend on bees for pollination. So do important food crops such as oilseed rape and clover.

The poster is full of useful information and is ideal for use by householders, gardeners (of all abilities), schools or Tidy Towns groups. A copy of the poster has already been distributed to all primary schools in Wicklow along with details of a School Art Competition on this theme. Download a copy of the poster at www.countywicklowheritage.org or provide your contact address to Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer on dburns@wicklowcoco.ie T: 0404 20100 for your free postal copy.

ROAD SAFETY

SAFE CROSSING PLACES FOR PEDESTRIANS

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

ZEBRA CROSSING

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

Drivers

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

Pedestrians

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

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS

Pedestrian lights consist of a set of traffic lights for drivers and a set of light signals for pedestrians. Usually there is a push button for pedestrians. When you press it, the traffic lights will turn to red after a short while.

- Do not cross while the 'wait' or 'red man' light is showing.
- Cross with care when the 'cross now' or green man' is showing.

- If there is a central island at the pedestrian lights, the 'green man' or 'cross now' sign will let you cross only as far as that. You must then press the push button at another set of lights to cross the rest of the way.
- For vision-impaired pedestrians, an audible bleep signal and/or a vibrating panel on the push button may be in place to indicate when it is safe to cross.

PELICAN CROSSING

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

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

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

UNCONTROLLED CROSSINGS

At all uncontrolled crossings i.e. raised crossing points pedestrians should use the Safe Cross Code. Don't cross the road in the area in front of a truck as this is a truck driver's blind spot.



REMEMBER

If you can't see the driver,
they can't see you.





Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

Tony Harbison, of Bray based company Asistec collects award at the National Enterprise Awards with Minister for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, Pat Breen T.D. & Sheelagh Daly, LEO Wicklow. The Local Enterprise office offers assistance such as mentoring, management development and grant aid to Micro Enterprises (ie less than 10 employees). Eligibility and terms and conditions apply.

Check out the LEO website www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow for phone the office on 0404 30800 to find out more.



Mary Byrne Bomar Aromatherapy



Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office



Tadhg Henderson & Team, Profits Flow



Susan and Rachel McQuaid, Once Upon A Dinner

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We're ready if you are

At your Local Enterprise Office, Wicklow (LEO)

You'll find a hub of expert advice, information and practical supports to help you with this next important step. And we're right here on your doorstep!

Tell us about your plans and we'll match you with the relevant services, resources and progression pathways to enable your business to grow and realise its full potential, and yours.

Visit www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow and let's talk business!

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THE FOOD ACADEMY PROGRAMME

Eight food and beverage producers from Co Wicklow, all Food Academy graduates, now have their products listed in Supervalu Stores in Baltinglass, Blessington, Greystones, Wicklow, Charlesland, Arklow and Bray.

Each of the eight businesses have participated in a number of workshops and mentoring sessions since September of last year as part of the Food Academy programme. The Food Academy, which is a collaboration between the Local Enterprise Office network, Bord Bia and Supervalu works with and nurtures small businesses on their journey from start up to getting their products on Supervalu shelves.



Giving Small Producers a Big Chance

Oifig Fiontair Aitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

Bord Bia
Irish Food Board

So check out the dedicated Food Academy section in Supervalu for the best of Wicklow Produce from the following dedicated Wicklow based producers.

COOLATTIN CHEDDAR BY TOM BURGESS

Tom Burgess has been producing top quality milk from his pasture fed cows in West Wicklow for twenty years. Tom wanted to develop a product which reflected the outstanding quality of this milk. This desire led to the creation of Coolattin Cheddar - an award winning raw milk cheese made exclusively from summer milk.

The art of cheesemaking pivots around the producer's ability to work in partnership with nature. This journey starts with the soil. Wicklow has some of the most fertile land in the world which, sustainably managed, produces lush clover rich pasture, the ideal diet for cheesemaking milk.

Once cows are milked, the milk is pumped directly into the cheese vat, where it begins its magical transformation. The traditional 'pasture to cheddar the same day' cheesemaking process allows Tom to capture the maximum amount of nutrients and unique taste profiles, that simply cannot be achieved when the milk has been cooled and stored prior to processing.

The alchemy of cheesemaking relies on working with microorganisms and enzymes to convert the milk into cheese. Tom maintains that "These microorganisms and enzymes are the real rock stars of cheesemaking, we merely try to guide the process to produce the optimal results.

The interaction between proteins and enzymes continues as the cheese is slowly matured in carefully controlled conditions. This creates an award-winning gourmet experience of flavour, texture and aroma which develops slowly from sweet fruit, to a full nutty note."

You can find out more about Coolattin cheddar online at the following addresses:

Website: www.coolattincheddar.ie

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CoolattinCheddar

Twitter: @CoolattinC



CRAFT BEER FROM WICKLOW BREWERY BY LEIGH AND ASHLEY WILLIAMS

Wicklow Brewery was set up in 2014 when Leigh & Ashley Williams owners of the popular Mickey Finn's Pub in Redcross who were looking to stock a range of craft beers, which were growing in popularity, but found it difficult to find suitable suppliers. After much research, they decided to build their own Brewery in a building adjacent to Mickey Finn's Pub and so Wicklow Brewery was born.



Four years on, Wicklow Brewery are producing a range of genuine craft beer, which is brewed and canned in the Brewery in Redcross and which has won major International Awards. The Wicklow brewery range of beer is now on tap in over 50 venues in Co Wicklow including most hotels and off licence outlets. They are also bottling product and are rolling the product nationwide and extending distribution to the retail sector via Supervalu's Food Academy.

They use their own well water and zero chemicals to create their range which is brewed in small batches to enhance taste and character.

Further information on the Wicklow Brewery product range can be found by checking out the product online

Website : www.wicklowbrewery.ie

Facebook: www.facebook.com/wicklowbrewery

Twitter: @WicklowBrewery

Instagram: www.instagram.com/thewicklowbrewery

MELODY STREET FOODS BY MATT BYRNE

Matt Byrne left Ireland with his girlfriend, Finn, in 2010 to eat their way around Asia and settle in Sydney, Australia. Both foodies, they agree the best thing about their trip was all the different flavours, tastes and textures at each meal. Melody Street Foods began in a tiny kitchen by the beach on Melody Street in Sydney, Australia, where Matt spent his spare time cooking up a storm; the result of which was unique spicy, natural, and versatile slow-cooked tomato-based sauce. Bursting with natural ingredients such as turmeric, fresh ginger, fresh chilli and cumin – Melody Sauce makes your meal sing!

Matt and Finn said goodbye to Sydney and returned to Ireland in 2016, married with two toddler boys, settling by the sea again; this time in Wicklow Town. Family, friends and anyone who tastes it just loves the very special flavour of Melody Sauce.

With the help of the learnings and mentoring provided through the SuperValu Food Academy, in 2017 Matt learned how to bottle his love for food and flavour and bring it to the supermarket shelf. He now creates handmade, slow-cooked batches of Melody Sauce and the flavoured mayonnaise, Melody Mayo, in a kitchen on Penny Lane in Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow. Where possible Melody Street Foods sources ingredients from local Irish suppliers, including local fruit and vegetable shops.



Melody Street Foods' range appeal lies not only in its taste and the goodness of its natural, fresh, locally-sourced ingredients; its versatility means it pairs well with a variety of foods and can be enjoyed at every meal.

To learn more catch up with Melody Street Foods online:

Web: www.melodystreetfoods.com

Instagram: www.instagram.com/melodystreetfoods

Twitter: @melodystfoods

MONT™ PILSNER LAGER BY MICHAEL COWAN

MONT™ 'The Irish Pilsner' was launched in late 2015, after winning GOLD at the Alltech Dublin Craft Beer Cup. MONT™ was founded by ex-Red Bull marketing director Michael Cowan, as Ireland's highest brewery, and only specialist lager brewery, based at Manor Kilbride on the edge of the Wicklow Mountains National Park.



In just over two years on the market, MONT™ has won a hatful of international & domestic awards, including two World Beer Awards in 2017, as 'Country Winner' for its Pilsner Lager and its Brand Design. In February 2018, it was named one of Ireland's Top 100 Hot Start-ups, by Enterprise Ireland and The Sunday Business Post.

MONT™ is positioned as 'Ireland's super-premium lager, taking on the big corporate imported lager brands such as Peroni and Tiger. It is stocked in many of Ireland's leading hotel & restaurant venues, including Ballymaloe House and Dylan Hotel, and is now being exported to Europe and Asia, reinforcing their Origin Green credentials as 'Irish Mountain Beer'.

For further information check out
Website: <http://www.montbeer.com>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MontBeer>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/montbeer.ie/>
Twitter: @MontBeerIE

NUTRIQUICK HEALTHY MEALS BY DEAN SINEY

NutriQuick is a food company producing health, nutritionally balanced ready meals in Blessington. Established in 2016 the company specialises in producing portion controlled nutritious and tasty meals. Promoter Dean Siney and his team share a passion for good healthy food and their goal is to improve health & wellbeing by producing convenient, healthy meals.

Through 2017 and 2018, the meals have grown in popularity amongst top athletes and busy professionals and the company have expanded their distribution from their online shop to retail outlets and are now supplying Supervalu in Wicklow and beyond making it easy customers all over the country to enjoy a delicious NutriQuick Meal.

Each NutriQuick meal is cooked, portioned & packed for the customer's convenience, saving valuable time, money and effort. Dean states: "At NutriQuick, we know the time hassle and cost of trying to prepare healthy meals daily/weekly and also the consequences if you don't that's why providing a quick and nutritious meal to all our customers is our goal".



For additional information about Nutriquick products check out
Website: www.nutriquick.ie
Facebook: www.facebook.com/nutriquick
Twitter: @nutriquick
Instagram: @nutriquick

SUKHI'S INDIA - INDIAN SPICE MIXES BY SUKHI

After many years cooking her favourite Indian dishes for family and friends, Sukhi was encouraged to make her homemade Pakora and Masala spice mixes available to help others create tasty and authentic Indian dishes at home in their own kitchens.

And so Sukhi's India was born in June 2017 with the intention of sharing with the public, Indian recipes popular in India and firm favourites of Sukhi's family.



It is Sukhi's assertion that cooking Indian food shouldn't be completed, her recipes have been passed down through generations of her family who come from the Punjab region of India and they stem from a time when the focus was on making good honest wholesome food using simple techniques and ingredients.

As Sukhi says "My Indian food is simple, quick and tastes great, I hope that by using my mixes you too can enjoy creating delicious Indian food as much as I have".

You can link up with Sukhi on social media at the addresses below

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sukhisindia/
Instagram: @sukhismasala.

LE PAYSAN ARTISAN PÂTÉ BY THIERRY PEUROIS

Thierry Peurois grew up close to Saint-Malo in Northern France where his parents ran a traditional "Boucherie-charcuterie" business selling raw and prepared meat products. In October 1996, shortly after arriving in Ireland, the Frenchman set up Le Paysan deli and restaurant putting Greystones on the map as a foodie destination for the first time.

Thierry ran the successful deli/restaurant for over a decade before branching out into a range of prepared products. Thierry's food philosophy is simple but rooted in a strong family tradition to deliver quality freshly made produce using the best of local ingredients. Today, Thierry is using the best of Irish ingredients to produce a range of Artisan Irish, free range / local pâtés.

Operating from a customised production facility in Wicklow town, Thierry is producing a scrumptious Irish Free Range chicken liver pâté and a delectable Vegetarian pâté which are now stocked in Supervalus throughout Wicklow and south Dublin.



"Our new pâtés have been extremely well received by the consumers. It is also a pleasure to reconnect with so many who have enjoyed Le Paysan products over the years" says Peurois.

You can follow the Le Paysan story on Facebook @lepaysan and Twitter LePaysan@LePaysanWicklow

ROHAN'S SAUCES BY ROHAN O' DUILL

Rohan's Sauces are made by Rohan O'Duill, an Irish chef with a simple philosophy "live a balanced life, no mumbo jumbo diets, look after your body and eat good food." These pasta sauces are packed full of healthy and hearty vegetables with a minimum amount of salt and no added sugar or any other artificial ingredients often found in other sauces.



Produced in small batches in Bray, Co Wicklow, the sauces are an ideal way of ensuring that children (and adults!) get their daily vegetable intake with each jar of Rohans sauces containing 4.5 portions of vegetables.

You can find out more about Rohans Sauces at:
www.rohanssauces.ie
Instagram@Rohanssauces



Now that we have whetted your appetite stock up on all of the above at the Food Academy section of Supervalu stores in Baltinglass, Blessington, Greystones, Wicklow, Charlesland, Arklow and Bray. If you have a food business and would like to learn more about the the food Academy and other supports available from the Local Enterprise, please email Business Advisor, Annette Rowsome on arowsome@leo.wicklowcoco.ie or by phoning the Local Enterprise office on 0404 30800

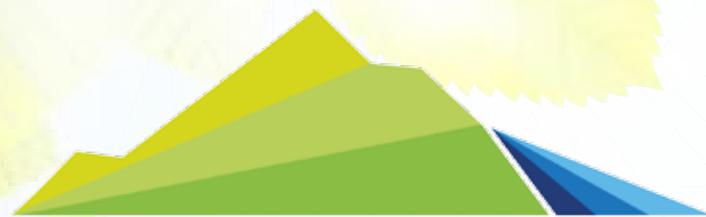
NEW BUSINESS SUPPORT RESOURCE NOW AVAILABLE

A new business support resource which provides information on companies and other key data is now available from Wicklow County Library Service.

The service is being provided by Irish company, Vision-net, and will allow online access to all the latest company, business and director information in Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK.

All data is sourced from the Company Registration Office in Ireland, the UK Companies House, the Courts, National Newspapers and the Insolvency Service.

Available documents include Audited Company Accounts, Changes in Directors, Allotments of Shares, Credit Ratings and Mortgages or Charges. Information is updated daily. This is a valuable addition to the suite of free online resources already available to Wicklow library members.



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ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Vision-net can be accessed anywhere via the Business & Employment tab on the Library Section at www.wicklow.ie.

Vision-net was first introduced to Arklow library as part of its Work Matters programme. This initiative promotes the public library as an avenue for research and education, regarding business.

Business and employment books, journals, newspaper reports and wire feeds are available. In addition to public access computers, or personal laptop/wi-fi usage, there is a community room space for meetings.

People can also learn about support available for jobseekers, develop new skills to boost cv or job application, or research funding sources for small businesses.

WEST WICKLOW POETRY BUS

A tour with a twist was inaugurated in West Wicklow last Saturday, 26 May. The West Wicklow Poetry Bus departed Blessington Library at 10 a.m. with six poets from the PoulaPoetry group aboard along with a singer-songwriter and an audience of twenty or so curious locals.

PoulaPoetry is a group of amateur poets from west Wicklow set up in 2017 with a view to encouraging each other's writing and promote greater engagement with poetry in the area. With the help and encouragement of Wicklow County Council Library Services.

With weather on their side, the first stop, as would have been expected, was the shore of Poulaphouca reservoir, specifically at the site of the old Burgage cemetery, looking out at where the townland of Ballinahown. As the audience walked a short distance from the bus towards the water, local fiddle player, Lile Ní Chonchubhair, was there playing a tune to welcome everyone and set the tone for the day of surprise and reflection. Four poets, Johnny Carroll, Bridget Malone, Paul O' Connor, and Marian Murphy read their poems about the impact of the reservoir on the people who lived there. Lile, the fiddler, added to the atmosphere again by playing a slow air and singer-songwriter, Barry Kinane finished the performances at this stop with his song, 'Ballinahown', from his album 'The Hills Above the Valley'.



The day continued, with stops for readings and songs at Humphreystown House, the King's River, Dunlavin library, Russborough and Blessington itself. Along the way, the group were also introduced to various waiting locals, including members of the Christian community at Humphreystown House, who gave a short history of the house. Librarian, Maura Greene, at Dunlavin library was happy to have her colleague, poet and librarian, Emma Smith, read her poem about the quiet and light-filled atmosphere of the library. The blacksmith and sculptor, Michael Calnan, read two poems by John Lysaght in the hippodrome at Russborough.

Returning to Blessington, Sheila Naughton read her own take on growing up in the town, 'Written on the 65', from the perspective of the younger generation, the group remembered their deceased and much-missed member, William Shortland, by reading his witty poem about the Credit Union building.

Organiser, Paul O Connor, was pleased with the success of the day and was delighted to hear that people had fun and enjoyed the experience.

The 'Surprised By Place' exhibition of the poems and accompanying photographs will be open to the public at Blessington Library for the first two weeks of June. Drop in and choose your favourite. And add your name to the passenger list for next year's West Wicklow Poetry Bus.



STREET FEAST

Wicklow County Council and the Wicklow Local Sports Partnership teamed up again to present Street Feast as part of National Play Day. The aim was to promote play and encourage communities to organise energetic and fun play activities outdoors in their neighbourhoods.

Groups were encouraged to keep their play equipment, so they could continue to host active play sessions on a regular basis. Street Feast is back again this year and any neighbourhood hosting a

No time is spent better than helping your community to become a better place. Having the freedom to step outside your own front door and kick a ball around, skip, or play a game of tag is nothing new. Most children now have far less freedom to play outside than their parents or grandparents did. Although the world may have changed for today's children, their need for play has not.

The act of play allows children to use their creativity while developing imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. As more and more studies shed light on this fundamental element to healthy childhood development, our communities must become more child and play friendly.

Street Feast is a day of local lunches across Ireland hosted by you and your neighbours. They can be anywhere - out on the street, in a local park or in your front garden. The play element for children is incorporated into Street Feast.





Wicklow
Local Sports Partnership
Comhlatháiríocht Aithiúil Spóirt Chill Mhainne

A wonderful afternoon was had at the Grand Opening of the Vartry Reservoir Trails on Saturday 9th June 2018 which was opened by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar.



Wicklow Local Sports Partnership attended and presented An Taoiseach with a branded T-shirt.





Gaelic4Teens project is predominately a coach education initiative where coaches are brought through a series of educational workshops based on the teenage player.

Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA) approached Wicklow Local Sports Partnership who agreed to be a lead partner in this project and will assist with the identification of target areas, promotion, recruitment of players and delivery of training courses such as Safeguarding Awareness Course and Basic First Aid Course.

Three teams from County Wicklow are participating in this programme. They include Baltinglass, Tinahely and Rathnew.

The overall aim is to develop programmes to address transitions and drop out from physical activity and sport.

COURSES

Buntus Start is a comprehensive physical activity programme for children aged 2-5 years old. It has been designed for use in pre-school settings so that pre-school and playgroup leaders can provide a wide range of learning opportunities for young children to develop their fundamental motor skills, manipulative skills, co-ordination and balancing skills and develop a positive attitude to physical activity



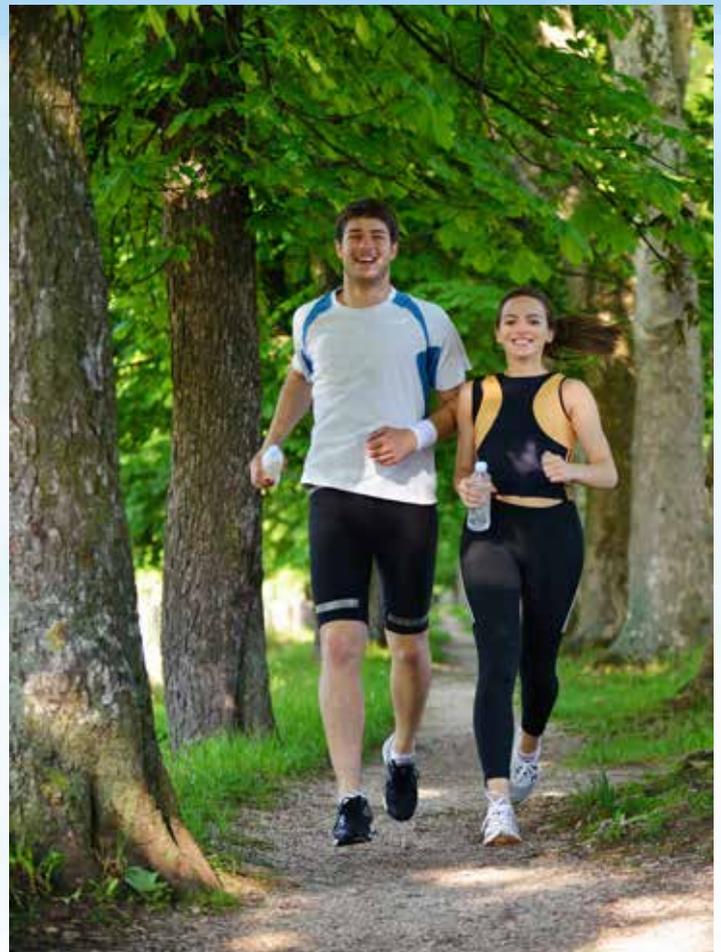
Buntus Start offers a combination of adult-initiated and child-led activities and enables adults to choose and plan appropriate activities as well as giving children opportunities to freely select and explore.

PARKRUN



Wicklow LSP is delighted to support parkruns. There are now two Parkrun's, one in Russborough and one in Avondale House, which takes place at 9.30am every Saturday morning.

Bray Junior parkrun takes place at 9.30am every Sunday morning. All Parkrun's are free, run entirely by volunteers and all are welcome.



Disability Action Groups

Representative groups of people with disabilities are now established in the North and South of the county. The Wicklow Local Authority Access Group usually meet in Wicklow on the third Tuesday of every month. Disability Action Together for North Wicklow usually meet on the third Wednesday of every month in Bray.

Both groups have identified a list of actions for the coming months, including:

- Coordinating a Make Way Day campaign locally (aimed at making the general public more aware of the physical obstacles people with disabilities face, including parked cars on footpaths, sandwich boards on the street and overhanging branches)
- Conducting accessibility audits of local towns, alongside council engineers, to identify areas where improvements are needed
- Lobbying for Changing Places facilities to be opened in County Wicklow, including the new library in Wicklow Town.

Changing places are larger than standard accessible toilets. They provide a ceiling track hoist and adjustable changing bench to ensure people with disabilities and older people can be changed with dignity with they are out and about in their local communities.

If you are interested in joining or hearing more about any of the above, please contact: lauraenglish@disability-federation.ie or call 086 820 6736



Did you know?.....

Ireland ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) in April of this year. Ireland was the last countries in the EU to ratify the convention and one of the last in the world.

Disability activists had lobbied Government on the issue for over 10 years and look forward to working to ensure the convention is fully implemented over the coming years.



Tempted to throw Litter from the car window in County Wicklow?



Whether it's a plastic bottle, a disposable coffee cup, fast food wrapping, crisp packet or any other type of litter, Wicklow County Council will be watching roads in all parts of the county using CCTV.

Fines upwards from €150

will be issued to all drivers of cars from which it is identified that litter has been thrown and prosecution will be taken where fines are unpaid.



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL TARGETS ROADSIDE LITTER

CCTV is to be used by Wicklow County Council to catch culprits in the act for a new campaign targeting the problem of roadside littering from cars.

Funding was secured from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment under the anti-dumping initiative to purchase cameras.

These will be installed in all five municipal districts and will rotate between different locations to catch people in the act of throwing items from car windows. The vehicle owners will be fined where littering from a car is captured on camera.

Prosecutions will be undertaken for non-payment of fines. Plastic drink bottles, drink cans, disposable coffee cups, fast food wrapping, cigarette packets, crisp and sweet wrapping are all too common in roadside ditches and verges. They are a product of fast-paced, consumption on-the-go lifestyles.

Roadside littering from cars is a serious blight in all parts of the county in both urban and rural communities. As the judging season for the National Tidy Towns competition approaches and the PURE Mile competition for rural areas, it is worth noting that the groups of volunteers who undertake these projects have raised the issue of litter from cars.



Many of the groups have commented that the problem is growing as people increasingly consume on-the-go in their cars. They also say that after cleaning a stretch of road they will often find the same type of litter in the same spot a day or two later.

There are a small minority who repeatedly offend as part of their daily or weekly routine. These people will be particularly easy to catch as the Council can identify where they litter and how frequently they do so.

National Spring Clean in April again demonstrated the scale of the problem. There were over 150 clean-ups across the county. The Council collected the bags of litter from groups with the biggest event producing almost 300 bags filled with roadside litter along one five mile stretch of road.

The removal of litter from Co. Wicklow roads takes up a significant amount of time for all involved, diverts funding from other important services and in some cases on national and regional routes, requires personnel to implement road traffic management to allow for safe collection of the litter.

The offenders look to dispose of their waste just as quickly as they consume with little regard for the communities they pass through and in some cases live in themselves. A pristine kept car can be marred by contempt for Wicklow's beautiful environment.

The waste doesn't disappear but will be with us for hundreds of years unless picked up. Some of it, including the cans and bottles, could easily be recycled. The coffee cup waste could be prevented with a reusable coffee cup in the car.



In 2017 Wicklow County Council used funding from the anti-litter initiative to catch people dumping and the number of fines issued and prosecutions increased. Projects planned for 2018 will result in more offenders being caught.

Those who litter from cars will now be firmly in the sights of the Waste Enforcement team of Wicklow County Council. It is hoped that 2018 will again be a year where we see increased numbers getting caught, but also a year where we see roadside littering decrease, protecting our county and our local communities.





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 aircode reference if possible.



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Summer just got a whole lot hotter as Bray Tourism launches its summer tourism campaign. Again, this year the strategy will promote Bray as the ultimate summer destination with a whopping 20 events throughout the season and also highlight that there's so much to discover in the much-loved seaside resort.

From watching Outdoor Movies under the stars, to enjoying all the fun of the fair at the Seafront Fun Fair, from tasting finger-lickin' chicken wings at Wings Food Fest, to experiencing Ireland's biggest Air Display. This summer Bray is packed full of incredible experiences that you can't get anywhere else, why not come explore us!

The Bray Air Display returns on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July 2018 where visitors will be treated to gravity-defying manoeuvres, flyovers and aerobatic performances that will leave you speechless. So far this year's line-up includes over 40 aircraft including the Red Arrows.

As well as the incredible display in the skies over Bray there will be plenty of family fun which includes a fun-fair, live music, food and craft markets and you even experience a breath-taking helicopter ride over Bray.

See www.brayairdisplay.com for more information

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SUMMER WA

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



New Hut at Wicklow Harbour 1st June 2018.



This season sees the addition of three pupose built Lifeguard huts at both Brittas beaches and Wicklow Harbour, in addition to the new surf rescue boards purchased for both Brittas beaches last season.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!!

WATER SAFETY

Swimmers...did you know?

62% of all drownings occur at inland water sites.

Water temperature is 16°Celsius and less in many inland sites and is 13°and less at sea.

Cold Shock is the greatest contributing factor to drowning.

Stay Safe By:

- Swim at Designated Bathing Area with Lifeguards on Duty.
The Bathing season runs from the 1st of June to the 15th of September.
- If there is no Designated Bathing Area near you, then swim at known traditional bathing areas where there are Ringbuoys erected that can be used if someone gets into trouble.
- Swim within your depth - stay within your depth.
- Use local knowledge to determine local hazards and safest areas to swim
- Always ensure that the Ringbuoy is in its yellow box before entering the water.
- Make sure that the edges are shallow shelving so that you can safely and easily enter and exit the water.
- Wear a wet suit if you are not used to the cold water
- Stay Away From The Edge if you consume alcohol – 30% of Drowning Victims have alcohol in their systems.

The majority of drownings, 62%, occur inland where river and lake beds can be difficult to see and therefore extremely difficult to determine if you are swimming within your depth.

The onset of cramp, combined with the panicked realisation that you are out of your depth can have tragic consequences and be compounded further by the muscle cooling effect of longer periods in open water.

If you see someone in difficulty, these simple steps may save a life:

- Shout to the casualty and encourage them to shore. This may orientate them just enough.
- Reach out with a long object such a branch or a piece of clothing but do not enter the water yourself.
- Throw a ringbuoy or any floating object
- Call 112 for the coast guard.



WICKLOW RETAINS FOUR BLUE FLAGS



Blue Flag for 2018 were awarded to Bray, Greystones, Brittas Bay North and South Beach. The awards were presented to Wicklow County Council staff at a ceremony in May 2018, by Eoghan Murphy, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government. A Green Coast Award was also awarded to Arklow Beach.

Congratulations are due to all Wicklow County Council staff involved in the daily cleaning and management of the beaches, water quality sampling and reporting, management of maintenance works including the repair work required after Storm Emma.

Thanks also to the lifeguards, and to all groups who have helped with Beach Clean-ups and Clean Coast initiatives in the past year.



Water Safety

14 Steps to Safe and Enjoyable Swimming



1 Don't swim alone.



2 Don't swim just after eating.



3 Don't swim when you're hot or tired.



4 Don't swim in strange places.



5 Don't swim out after anything drifting.



6 Don't stay in the water too long.



7 Don't swim out to sea.



8 Swim parallel and close to the shore.



9 Do what the Lifeguard tells you.



10 Never use air mattresses.



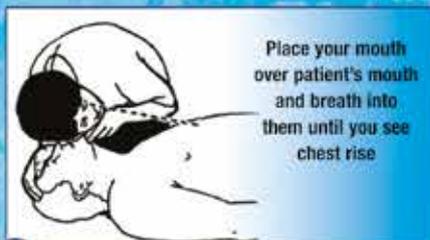
11 Pay attention to signs on the beach.



12 Don't be a bully.



13 Learn to use equipment before trying it out.



14 Learn Basic Life Support.

Place your mouth over patient's mouth and breath into them until you see chest rise



REMEMBER THESE RULES - ENJOY YOURSELF - COME HOME SAFELY



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The AGM of the County Wicklow Older Persons Council took place in the Brockagh Centre Laragh in May. It was a memorable event with guest speakers former TD Liz McManus and Queen of the Plough Anna May McHugh.

A walkability study of Arklow took place which proved to be a great experience. This was one step on the road to making Arklow an Age Friendly Town. County Wicklows application to become a member of the World Health Organisations Age Friendly programme has been accepted Comhairle na nÓg.

The members of Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg have once again outdone themselves with a presentation at Leinster House regarding their cyber bullying charter. The Wicklow Comhairle have won the "one to watch" prize at the Aldi Foróige youth awards for their work on cyberbullying.

**Comhairle na nÓg -
for young people who
want to make a difference**



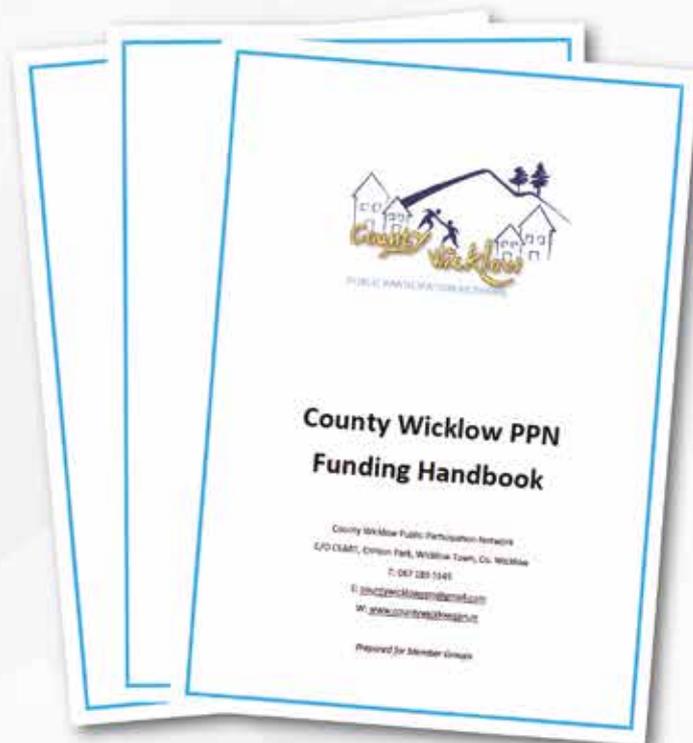


One-Stop Shops For Your Funding & Training Needs Latest news from Co. Wicklow Public Participation Network (PPN)

Have you heard the latest great reason to join Co. Wicklow PPN? Members now have access to Wicklow PPN's online funding handbook. This resource outlines over 50 funding opportunities specifically for community & voluntary groups, as well as tips and advice on how to make an application. And the best part is that the information will be kept up-to-date! Access to the handbook will be through the PPN website's 'Members Only' page.

Mark your diary now as Wicklow PPN will be hosting a Training Fair Day on September 8th, at The Brockagh Centre, Laragh. There will be workshops and information stalls on the following: Charities Regulation; The Governance Code; Code of Ethics in Sports; Social & Digital Media; Recycling; Volunteer Management; Garda Vetting; Child Protection; Community Group Insurance; Community Finance; Community Funding; Community Education; and much, much more.

Pre-registration required.



For more information see:

www.countywicklowppn.ie and www.facebook.com/CWPPN/

Remember, membership of Wicklow PPN is free!

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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:

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



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