

Mayor's Message



With summer in full bloom, I am delighted to see so many people enjoying our beaches and parks daily, with visitors and Fingal residents alike making the most of outdoor amenities across the county.

Recently three of our beaches in Fingal were awarded blue flags, Balcarrick in Donabate and South Beach in Rush becoming new recipients

and Velvet Strand in Portmarnock retaining its status once again. For those of us who like to enjoy the beaches during bathing season, this is brilliant news! Well done to everyone in the council and our community for making this happen.

Fingal County Council has recently published a Draft Biodiversity Action Plan covering 2022 to 2030. This gives the council a framework to act on for the next number of years to preserve our beautiful landscape and support the birds, marine life and plants that live in your neighbourhood.

It was a real honour to host the Mayor's Awards 2022 on the 9th of June. The ceremony offered an opportunity to acknowledge groups and individuals who committed time and effort to make their community a better place. While we could not award all those volunteers who have gone above and beyond in Fingal over the last few years, I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts as these incredible groups and individuals have still found time in their busy lives to support their neighbours and community. I am delighted that we were in the Crown Plaza Hotel in person to acknowledge and celebrate true community spirit. It was a night I will never forget.

On a personal note, this will be my final Mayor's Message. Being Mayor of Fingal has been the greatest honour of my life. As I look back on 2021-2022, I feel immensely proud of what Fingal has accomplished. We have been able to deliver exceptional services to our residents with collaboration at the heart of all we do.

To my fellow Council colleagues, thank you for supporting me this year as Mayor and for all your hard work to meet the needs of communities. I want to congratulate Cllr Howard Mahony as the newly elected Mayor of Fingal County Council. I look forward to working with you to make Fingal the best place to live, work visit and do business in.

Last, but certainly not least, to the citizens of Fingal, I would like to thank every single one of you for the warm welcome you have given me as Mayor. I have met many of you throughout this past year, at over 150 events, and I will treasure the memories of shared experiences. I have seen the best of us in you and I thank you. Guím gach rath oraibh go léir amach anseo.

Chief Executive's Message



Summer is the perfect time of year to enjoy outdoor activities in Fingal!

There are numerous events and activities planned for the next few months and we are so excited to welcome the return of Flavour of Fingal County Show happening on the first weekend of July at New Bridge House and

Farm. We are expecting a huge turnout to this festival and all are welcome to come and enjoy the amazing food, agricultural shows, family fun activities and make unforgettable memories. Make sure to check out our events calendar for the rest of the year. You don't want to miss out on the fun.

We will be handing out free sustainable water bottles and other merchandise at the Fingal Village at Flavours of Fingal, located at the Walled Garden. Keeping everyone cool and hydrated and to help decrease the use of single use cups. The Fingal County Council team is keeping sustainability in mind during the running of day to day operations and during our events and festivals. The Climate Action team recently partnered with Skerries Tidy Towns and The Conscious Cup in a campaign aimed to promote reusable cups and encourage a move away from single use disposable cups. The campaign was well received, and the team will continue to promote reusables throughout Fingal.

Lastly, I want to thank our outgoing Mayor, Seána Ó Rodaigh for a fantastic year representing Fingal County Council and its community.

It was such a delight to see Cllr Seána embrace the mayor's role and go out into every corner of the Fingal region and engage with the community and bring joy to so many people. You have done an amazing job. I would also like to thank our outgoing deputy mayor, Daniel Whooley for all his hard work during the year.

A huge congratulations to our newly elected Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony, and newly elected Deputy Mayor Cllr Cathal Boland. I look forward to working with them in the coming year.

-Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh

-AnnMarie Farrelly

Ardgillan Gardens in Full Bloom



Ardgillan Walled Garden & Potentilla Garden Opening Times:

Open Daily- 10am - 6 pm summer, 4:30 pm winter Admission to all gardens is FREE





Fingal gets new Mayoral team following elections

Fingal has welcomed the election of a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor Councillor. Howard Mahony (Fianna Fáil) has been elected as the 17th Mayor of Fingal at the annual meeting of Fingal County Council which was held on 17th July in County Hall, Swords.

Cllr Cathal Boland (Independent) was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Mahony - who represents the Castleknock Local Electoral Area - succeeds Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh (Labour) who handed over the chain of office this afternoon. He was unopposed in the election for Mayor.

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Cllr Boland was also unopposed in the election for Deputy Mayor. He represents the Rush-Lusk Local Electoral Area and succeeds Cllr Daniel Whooley (Green Party). He has a long history in local government and brings a wealth of experience to the role. A member of the first Fingal County Council in 1994, Cllr Boland was previously Cathaoirleach in 1998 and 2001, as well as serving as Fingal's Deputy Cathaoirleach in 1997.

Tributes were paid to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Ó Rodaigh by fellow councillors who thanked her for her commitment to championing initiatives to the benefit all of Fingal and her dedication to delivering programmes to support mental health, youth and issues impacting women. AnnMarie Farrelly, Fingal County Council's Chief Executive also presented Cllr Ó Rodaigh with a Commemorative Medal and a Photograph Album recording her year in office.

Cllr Ó Rodaigh thanked Cllr Whooley for his enthusiastic support as Deputy Mayor throughout the year and thanked her colleagues on the Council for the generous support they have given during this time. She was particularly heartened by the decency and kindness fellow councillors had displayed and said that this only strengthened her belief that elected members can make a real difference to those they serve.

Also at the annual meeting:

Cllr Grainne Maguire (Non Party) was elected as Chair of the Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area Committee;



- Cllr Mary McCamley (Labour) was elected as Chair of the Blanchardstown Mulhuddart Castleknock Area Committee;
- Cllr David Healy (Green Party) was elected as Chair of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee.

Dublin Region Local Authorities to deploy 1,650 EV charge points by 2025

The Dublin region Local Authorities (LA's) launched Dublin's first Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy which will see 1,650 charge points deployed by 2025.

Ireland's Climate Action Plan (CAP) targets 100% electric vehicle (EV) sales with approx. 1 million EVs planned to be on the road by 2030. The Dublin region represents 25% of Ireland's car fleet and has a significant role to play in the decarbonisation of the country's transport system. The four Dublin region LAs are working together to deploy EV charging infrastructure in order to support and accelerate this transition. A map of public EV charge point locations can be found <a href="https://example.com/here/bloom/penses/bloom/pense

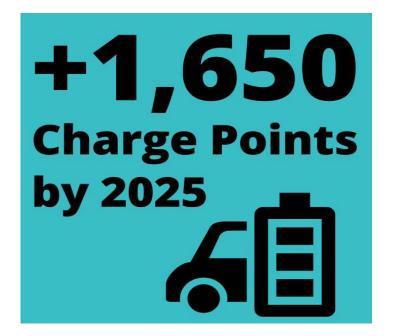
An Cathaoirleach of dlr, Lettie McCarthy was joined with the Deputy Mayor of Fingal Councillor Daniel Whooley, Mayor of South Dublin County Council Peter Kavanagh and

Councillor Noeleen Reilly representing the Lord Mayor Dublin, to launch the expansion of publicly available charge points in Dublin.

David Storey, Director of Services for Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel at Fingal County Council & chair of the EV steering group said:

"There is a need for significant improvement in the number and type of charging points across Dublin. It's important that we support people as they transition to using Electric Vehicles and take into account the varying needs of those who live in places where they cannot easily plug their vehicle in to charge. There is an estimated 34,000 who will rely solely on public charging spaces. This strategy is a step forward in that mission."

An Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Lettie McCarthy said





"The Dublin Region Local Authorities are leading the charge to roll out this key infrastructure across the County. This is an important step forward toward the decarbonization of Dublin's transport system and meeting our climate change ambitions".

The Dublin Metropolitan Area (DMA) are currently identifying priority areas that require the installation of residential charging solutions supported by the four Local Authorities, which will take into account location factors while ensuring distribution and provision is fair and equitable.

We are asking the public who currently own or lease an EV to express their interest for a charge point in their local neighbourhood, e.g. car park, sports club, schools etc. This may not guarantee a charge point will be installed in that location but will help the Dublin Local Authorities to identify areas where there is local need.

Several trials of different charger types are already taking place across the DMA with plans to actively support the deployment of public charge points in the short term.

The Department of Transport supports the purchase of a new battery electric vehicle (fully electric) offering grants of up to EUR5,000 (dependant on the price of the vehicle) through registered dealerships, more details can be found here.

Suggest an EV charger location within Fingal County Council by clicking here: https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/electric-vehicle-charge-point-location-expression-interest

A blue flag trifecta as Fingal gains international recognition for beaches

There were celebrations for lovers of the Fingal coastline as three beaches were awarded Blue Flag status for beach excellence with regard to water quality and criteria including facilities for visitors, beach management and environmental education.

Two beaches- Balcarrick Beach in Donabate and South Beach in Rush were new recipients of the renowned blue flag this year, while Portmarnock was again rewarded as it retains the flag it has held for a number of years. Beachgoers at Balcarrick will also be elated as this gem of a beach was presented with a Green Coast Award to fly. Overall, some 90 beaches received Blue Flags around Ireland.



Green Coast awards aim to recognise beaches that have excellent water quality and appropriate management to ensure the protection of the natural environment. They have particular emphasis on community involvement and all beaches must be managed by the local authority in cooperation with local clean coast groups.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, said: "I'm absolutely delighted to hear about the awarding of three blue flags to beaches in Fingal. We have two wonderful new additions this year, with Balcarrick in Donabate and South Beach in Rush being recognised, and it's fantastic that Velvet Strand in Portmarnock has once again retained its status. It's also significant that Balcarrick Beach has been awarded a Green Coast Award which recognises beaches of high environmental quality.

"So, for any of us who love the 88km of our picturesque coastline, those of us who like to walk on the beach or for anyone who likes to get in the sea, this is brilliant news. Well done to everyone in the council and our community for making this happen."

Director of Operations at Fingal, Mary T Daly welcomed the announcement: "Increasing the number of Blue Flags is a recognition of the excellent work of the Council and local community groups in ensuring that our beaches are managed carefully to the highest standard. With Bathing Season set to begin from 1 June, more people are expected to take advantage of beaches all along the Fingal coastline, so having these accolades at three of our beaches is testament to what we can offer the local community and visitors alike".



Under the international Blue Flag programme, local authorities around the world must also continue to meet specific criteria if they want to retain their beaches' blue flag status. Among those guidelines is a rule relating to dogs or pets (other than assistance dogs) not being permitted on a Blue Flag beach. This is especially important in terms of maintaining an excellent water quality, with overwhelming evidence connecting bathing water contamination to dog poo. Analysis shows that just one dog foul left behind can result in contamination the size of a tennis court.

Blue Flag Beach Signs with Maps: <u>Donabate, Portmarnock, Rush South</u> <u>Beach</u>

Don't let your dog dung spoil bathing season

Fingal County Council are delighted There's no doubt that dogs can improve the quality of our lives, and that taking your pets for a walk along a sandy beach is a great way to get exercise, but with summer rapidly approaching, dog owners across Fingal are being encouraged to leave only paw prints in the sand and pick up after their pets when using the county's many beaches.

To help remind owners of the impact that abandoned dog mess can have, Fingal has joined forces with the UCD Acclimatize Project and other Dublin councils to illustrate the direct link between dog fouling and poor beach water quality. A new animation 'Leave Only Paw Prints' highlights the potential harm caused by not cleaning up after dogs on the beach and to help ensure better water quality for all to enjoy.



Bathing season - which runs from 1st June to 15th September – is when far more people are likely to come into contact with dog faeces on beaches through swimming and other recreational activities. The UCD Acclimatize Project has identified dog faeces as an important cause of water pollution, and one which can result in temporary bathing prohibition notices being issued by local authorities. Contact with dog faeces can have serious health impacts including diarrhoea and may even blindness in children.

The engaging new animation shows that even one dog foul left behind can result in contamination the size of a tennis court. Multiplying that by even 10 dogs shows the massive impact that can have on people swimming or playing on beaches. Ultimately, it is dog owners who may face increased restrictions on beach use.

To link to the animation go to: https://youtu.be/7bas6zvBmM4

Click here to read a report on: The Impact of Dog Fouling on Bathing Water Quality in Dublin Bay



100 Urgent Actions to Reverse Biodiversity Loss by 2030

Fingal County Council has published a Draft Biodiversity Action Plan for Fingal covering 2022 to 2030. This plan puts forward an ambitious programme of 100 actions required to address biodiversity loss and reverse decline in biodiversity by 2030.

Hans Visser, Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Officer, says the loss of biodiversity is a threat on the same scale as the climate emergency and requires urgent attention if we are to protect the character of County Fingal. There is serious concern for biodiversity in Fingal. Habitats are being damaged or lost and species numbers have declined. The key threats to biodiversity in Fingal are habitat loss as a result of development, recreational disturbance, climate change, water pollution, and

climate change, water pollution, and invasive species. The important thing to note is that much of it is preventable or reversable if the right resources are deployed. We need nature in our lives and must work to protect it.'

The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan provides a framework for action over the next 8 years, set out over 100 action points. Fingal County Council has placed special priority on 32 of these actions which it says are achievable with support from partners including Birdwatch Ireland, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and local Tidy Towns groups.

Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh, says we must look at the big picture when thinking about biodiversity. 'Fingal has a unique and beautiful blend of urban and rural places from our stunning coastline, to our famous rich agricultural lands and busy thriving towns. Birds, marine life, flora and fauna are just some of the biodiverse elements



that make Fingal such a special place and the Biodiversity Action Plan will help us preserve these ecosystems.'

Two online information sessions are planned to provide an opportunity to learn more about the Biodiversity Action Plan and ask questions of Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Officer. Interested people can register for information sessions taking place on Wednesday, 15 June and Thursday, 23 June at https://consult.fingal.ie.

The Council are asking the public to read the plan and share their feedback. They are encouraging individuals and organisations with an interest in climate action and nature conservation to get involved in planning to protect and enhance biodiversity for future generations. The plan is available to view online and in Council offices in Swords and Blanchardstown, and feedback can be submitted online at https://consult.fingal.ie or

by email to <u>biodiversity@fingal.ie</u> until Tuesday, 05 July 2022. Postal submissions can also be sent and instructions for this process can be found online.



Reusable Travel Cups - Out with the single use in with the reusable

Every hour in Ireland 22,000 single use (SU) cups are disposed of, that adds up to 200 million a year in Ireland alone, and these SU cups aren't recycled. The main reason these SU cups aren't recycled is because they are lined with a plastic coating (making them waterproof).

Some parts of SU cups can be recycled but this differs depending on the brand and café where it's sold. The plastic lid is often recyclable and will have a recycle mark on it if it can be placed in the recycling or green bin. The exterior cardboard of the cup, which often has a cafés name or logo on it, if peeled off and separated from the inner cup can be placed in the recycling bin. After dismantling these components you're still left with the plastic lined inner cup, which will end up in the general waste or black bin, destined for incineration or landfill.



Compostable SU cups can be more environmentally friendly, if they're placed in the correct bin (food waste or brown bin). However often they end up in the wrong bin (general waste and black bins), the benefit of them being compostable is lost. As these cups are single use they also have a high environmental footprint.

Reusable cups are better than SU and compostable SU. After around 15 uses your reusable cup is more sustainable than a disposable one. Investing in a reusable cup is the sustainable choice. They can also keep your drink hotter for longer and many cafes offer discounts. Under the new Circular Economy Bill a latte levy will be introduced nationally in the coming months of 2022. The latte levy will see government introduce a 20c levy on SU cups in an effort to cut down on SU cup waste. In 2002 the Government successfully implemented a similar levy for SU plastic bags, in an effort to try and reduce the amount of SU plastic bags people were buying.

To see a map of some of the places across Ireland accepting reusable cups and for more information on the #wechoosereuse campaign please visit: https://www.consciouscup.ie/

Fingal County Council's Climate Action Section partnered with Skerries Tidy Towns and The Conscious Cup Campaign www.consciouscup.ie on a Skerries based pilot campaign which ran between 21st and



28th April and aimed to promote reusable cups and encourage a move away from single use disposable cups.

The participating businesses reported an increase in the number of customers presenting with a reusable cup and many without a reusable enquired about purchasing one. The campaign was well received, and the Climate Action Section will continue to support the Conscious Cup Campaign to promote reusables throughout Fingal.

Home run for Fingal with Women's Softball World Cup coming

The World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) has announced that matches of the 17th Women's Softball World Cup will be held in Ireland in July 2023, with Fingal set to co-host the prestigious event with locations in Italy and Spain.

The competition, which will have 18 teams from around the world participating, will attract elite players competing for the trophy. This is only the second time the World Cup has been held in Europe, with the final to be played Italy.

The event was first held in 1965 and has included world champions from Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the USA. The current reigning team is the USA, who have won the title a staggering 11 times.

Welcoming the announcement, Mayor of Fingal Seána Ó Rodaigh said: "This is a fantastic win for Ireland and is especially good news for the community in Dublin 15 who will be able to see the world's best softballers competing right on their doorstep. St Catherine's Park will be a superb venue for what is the premier tournament for women's softball and help put Fingal in the spotlight as games are broadcast internationally."

AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, said: "Being selected to host a global spectacle like the Women's Softball World Cup is a wonderful achievement. This is a massively popular sport that encourages participation across all age groups, cultures and communities, and I hope our hosting will help inspire the next generation of female athletes from across the county. We have been working closely with Fastpitch Ireland to show the WBSC that Fingal was the best location in Ireland to accommodate elite athletes with the right facilities to make the tournament a success, so this is a welcome outcome for that joint effort."

Melanie Cunningham, Director of Fastpitch Ireland said: "The awarding of the World Cup to Ireland is a testament to the standing of Team Ireland and the Irish Federation in the WBSC. A lot of hard work has been put into developing the bid with Fingal and we are very grateful for their support and vision to join us in the bid."



Mayors Awards 2022

This year saw an opportunity for Fingal to pay tribute to the hard work that is done by those in the community. The Mayor's Awards acknowledged the contribution made by countless individuals and organisations across the County who have played a key role supporting those in need, particularly as the entire world was faced with an pandemic that had a huge impact in the way society was able to function.

Fingal is fortunate that so many people were able to stand up and be counted in the most testing of times, making a real difference to the communities they live in. Elected Council members from across the seven Local Electoral Areas which make up the County are probably



which make up the County are probably more aware than anybody of the tremendous work being done on the ground by individuals, clubs, groups and organisations and it is thanks to them that we were able to put in place a formal means of acknowledging some of the exceptional contribution that take place every day across the county.

While we could not award all those volunteers who has gone above and beyond in their efforts to do their bit in Fingal over the last few years, we were able to tap into the vast knowledge of Councillors and the interactions they have had to come up with a short-list of nominations for special acknowledgement because of the inspiring nature of their community contribution. Those various nominations allowed us to present Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their work in one of three key categories:

- Responding to the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Community & Social Inclusion
- Arts, Culture, Heritage, Sport & the Environment

Alongside these categories awards, there was also with seven specially commissioned trophies presented to one group or individual from each of the Local Electoral Areas, namely:

Local Electoral Area Award Winners

- Balbrggian Balbriggan Integration Forum
- Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart- Lillian Parker, Suicide Awarness Dublin 15



- Castleknock- Castleknock Community Centre
- Howth-Malahide- Stephen McDonagh
- Ongar- Chris Sullivan (Huntstown Community Centre)
- Rush-Lusk-Diana O'Donohoe (Rush Tidy Towns)
- Swords- Swords Meals on Wheels

Hosting the awards at the Crowne Plaza in Santry, Mayor Seána Ó Rodaigh also presented Special Merit Awards to Dublin Civil Defence and Stephen Ennis from the Liam Rogers Centre in Swords for the amazing job they have been doing over the last few months in looking after people fleeing from the war in Ukraine.

Mayors Award 2022













FARMING, FOOD, FAMILY AND FUN! Flavours of Fingal line-up announced for 2-3rd July

Flavours of Fingal, Ireland's largest and most action-packed family friendly county show, announced its line-up and it's bigger and better than ever! This year's event is taking place on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July, at the beautiful Newbridge House and Farm, Donabate, North Dublin and it promises something for everyone.

Flavours of Fingal attracts an average of 80,000 visitors each year and is the flagship summer event hosted by Fingal County Council, in conjunction with the Fingal Farmers Group and the Fingal Harriers. Renowned as an action-packed family day out, Flavours of Fingal includes



free children's entertainment and activities in addition to a wide selection of music, food and shopping.

Speaking at today's announcement, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Seána Ó'Rodaigh said; "We've had a Covid enforced break for the last two years. But our dedicated Events Team never gave up. They knew we'd be back, and they've worked hard to create a family friendly summer event for everyone's enjoyment."

She continued; "Flavours of Fingal brings together city and country in a celebration of food, family and fun. And Fingal's importance to Ireland's food and agriculture sector is truly worth celebrating. Visitors can expect to taste local produce and see traditional and modern farming techniques, sheepdog displays, alpacas, sheep and pigs. Also, this year, Flavours of Fingal will host three qualifiers for the most prestigious show-jumping event in the country, the RDS Dublin Horse Show."

The Farmer's Field, hosted by the Fingal Farmers Group, will showcase the best of farm animals including cattle classes, sheepdog displays, alpacas, sheep and pigs. Traditional farming methods and techniques will be demonstrated alongside some of the most modern, state-of-the-art farm machinery. Don't miss the noisy but charming hens, geese, and ducks or the Horticulture tent which will be full of delicious locally grown fruit and vegetables. And of course, no county show would be complete without home baking and a good cup of tea.

The Keeling's Family Fun Zone will feature six paddocks of children's activities including theatre and circus skills, arts and crafts, juggling, and traditional games. There is action and entertainment for children of all ages. But there's also a quiet zone for children and families who need a little space during a busy day out. The Walled Garden and Front of House will feature music and entertainment, food, shopping and chill-out spaces.

Horse riding and show jumping are sure to be a popular attraction this year. Visit the Joe Duffy BMW Equestrian Zone, hosted by the Fingal Harriers to watch competitors in the qualifiers for the RDS Dublin Horse Show including racehorse to riding horse, ladies side saddle and intermediate side saddle. The competition will be judged by renowned showjumpers Shane McKenna, Conor Higgins, and Alice Copithorne. Whether you're a complete novice or a life-long horse-lover, you won't want to miss the action in the Equestrian Zone.

Mayor Ó Rodaigh added; "Sustainability really matters when it comes to large events like Flavours of Fingal. As part of our Sustainable Fingal campaign, we're doing all we can to encourage people to use public transport, where possible. We are delighted to offer free admission to the event for visitors who arrive on foot, by bike or on public transport. This is just a snapshot of what Flavours of Fingal has to offer. So don't miss out. Put the date in your diary, call your family and friends and book your tickets. We're working hard to create a fabulous, fun-filled weekend and we can't wait to welcome you!"

In addition to free admission to the event for visitors arriving on foot or by public transport, Fingal County Council are also offering a shuttle bus option to and from Balbriggan, Skerries/Lusk, Swords and Donabate/Portrane. Places must be pre-booked on https://marathoncoaches.ie/ and cost just €10 for a family ticket. If you are travelling by car, pre-book your car parking ticket for the best value. Early bird car tickets are priced at €15.00 or €30.00 on the day.

Visit www.flavoursoffingal.ie for full details and bookings and download the free FingalConnect app for apple and android for all the latest news and information about Flavours of Fingal. Don't forget to follow Flavours of Fingal @ flavoursoffingal and post your photos at the event with the hashtag #flavoursoffingal on our social media channels: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.











EVENTS Calendar 2022



	EVENT	LOCATION
ALL YEAR	Fingal Makers Space	Blanchardstown Library
1-31	Bealtaine Festival	All Fingal Libraries
1)	Who Shot Sergeant Kirwan	Ballboughal
	Bremore Castle Food & Craft Market	Bremore Castle
7	Darkness Into Light	Malahide Castle, Oldtown, Swords Rivervalley, Phoenix Park
8	Fingal Youth Orchestra End of Year Concert	Chapel Room, Swords Castle
12	Candlelight Open Air: Best of Magical Movie Soundtracks	Malahide Castle
14-22	Bike Week 2022	Various Locations
15-22	Biodiversity Week	Blanchardstown & Balbriggan Librari
15	Reflections of the 5th Battalion / Fingal Volunteers	Howth
17	Reflections of the 5th Battalion / Fingal Volunteers	St. Margaret's
	LSA Peninsula 4-Mile Run	Newbridge House
22	Fingal Pride	Swords Castle
23-30	Naul Fairy Flower Festival 2022	Naul Village
	Africa Day	tbc
27	Candlelight Open Air: A Tribute to Nina Simone	Malahide Castle
29-June 5	Summer Festival	Balbriggan

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3-5	Wave Regatta	Howth
4	Inaugral Balbriggan Regatta	Balbriggan
4	Open Entry Sea Angling Competition Open Boat Festival	Howth Main Pier
4-5	Bremore Castle Food & Craft Market	Bremore Castle
4-5	Exhibition by Ardgillan Artists Group	Chapel Room, Swords Castle
11	Cruinniú na nÓg	All Libraries & Kenure Park Rush
11	Safer Together Festival	Millennium Park, Blanchardstown

DATE EVENT			
1	Annual East Coast Rowing Regatta	Red Island, Skerries	
1	The Stunning	Seamus Ennis Arts Centre	
2	The Burning of the Coastguard Stations Across Fingal	Loughshinney	
3-Aug 31	Summer Stars Events	All Fingal Libraries	
4 & 15	The Killers	Malahide Castle	
7	Kodaline	Malahide Castle	
8	Picture This	Malahide Castle	
8-19	Castleknock Village Festival	Castleknock Village	
18-19	IODAI Leinster Optimist Championship	Skerries	
8	Lusk Summer Festival	Orlynn Park, Lusk	
19	Swim Fest Fingal	Portrane / Tower Bay / Donabate	
9	Gerry Cinnamon	Malahide Castle	
:4	Dermot Kennedy	Malahide Castle	
25	Lewis Capaldi	Malahide Castle	

July		
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
1&3	Ireland v India International Cricket T20 Series	Malahide Cricket Club
2	Multi-National Traditional Community Summer Sports & Fun Day	Opposite Tayleur Point, Rush
2	The Island Swim	Howth
	Flavours of Fingal	Newbridge House, Donabate
2-3	Skerries 100 - Motorcycle Road Race	Skerries
2-9	MiniEuro 2022	Saint Ita's Hospital
4-8	Slí Dhála Summer School	Clonsilla / Blanchardstown
9-10	Bremore Castle Food & Craft Market	Bremore Castle
16-17	The Dark Stranger Viking Festival	Racecourse Park, Baldoyle
17	Fingal 10k	Swords
	Linkage of Fingal Families & Places From '98 to 1921	Drishogue Lane, Oldtown

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
23	Diversity & Inclusion Roadshow	Blanchardstown / Swords
29-Aug1	Rush Harbour Festival	Rush
29	Nathan Carter	Swords Castle
30	Jimmy Buckley	Swords Castle
	Rush Air Display	Rush Harbour Park
31	Garth Brooks Tribute Band	Swords

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
5-7	Howth Roots & Blues Fest 2022	Howth Harbour Promenade
6-7	Bremore Castle Food & Craft Market	Bremore Castle
6-8	Summer Festival Donabate / Portrane	Donabate / Portrane
7	Beach Race	Main Beach, Balbriggan
11	Who Shot Sergeant Kirwan	Lusk Library
12	Paul Brady	Seamus Ennis Arts Centre
13-21	National Heritage Week	Various Locations
14-19	GP14 Sailing World Championship	Skerries Sailing Club
20	Summer Party	Seamus Ennis Arts Centre
21	India Day	Farmleigh Estate
27	Round Rockabill Rowing Race 2022	South Strand
27-Sep 3	J/24 European Championships	Howth Yacht Club

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твс	Children's Literature Festival	Various Locations
4	Bremore Castle Food & Craft Market	Bremore Castle
10-11	Howth Maritime Festival	Howth
10-11	Annual Flower Show	Clann Mhuire GAA Hall, Naul
15	Who Shot Sergeant Kirwan	Naul SEAC
23	Culture Night	Various Locations
24	Lambay Rowing Challenge	South Shore Road, Rush
26-Oct 2	Inclusion Week	Various Locations
27	Annual Commemoration	Rath Cross

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Bike Week 2022













Pedal Power Rules for Bike Week 2022!

Bike Week 2022 took place in May - thank you to everyone who took part in Bike Week events and made it our most successful yet! Fingal County Council was delighted to welcome novice and experienced cyclists alike to cycling workshops, guided cycle trips, eCargo demonstrations, schools events and a fabulous Family Fun Day.

The team also took their Active Travel roadshow to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, Pavilions Shopping Centre and Malahide Castle to talk about plans for Active Travel in Fingal and share some goodies to help people stay safe while cycling.

We'll be back in 2023 with an exciting new programme of events and look forward to seeing you there. Check out our photo gallery featuring pictures from Bike Week 2022 events and see if you can spot yourself! You'll find more photos on Facebook and online at fingal.ie/activetravel where you'll also learn more about how we're building Active Travel infrastructure and providing cycling and walking amenities across the county.





Cycle lane upgrades get underway in Swords

Fingal County Council is looking for your Fingal County Council brought together Councillors, contractors and staff for an onsite briefing in Swords at St. Cronan's Road and Brackenstown Avenue as work gets underway on upgraded, protected cycle lanes.

These works include upgrading of the existing walking and cycling infrastructure in the area to improve safety, reduce traffic speed and create better connections to local schools and to Swords Manor Football Club, public transport and local amenities in the area. The works also include realignment and upgrading of junctions, road surface improvements, traffic calming, improvement of crossing points, segregation of cycle lanes using bollards and providing safer routes to school for St. Cronan's National School.



Fingal's Director of Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel, David Storey, says works like

these are key to improving road safety and mobility. 'Swords is a great example of a town that due to the growth of its population needs traffic calming and Active Travel infrastructure to support people who want to walk and cycle to school or work safely. These upgraded, protected cycle lanes offer protection for both the cyclist and the driver and this is particularly important around St. Cronan's National School. This scheme and others like it are aligned with plans for Sustainable Swords which looks to the strategic regeneration and successful development of the town.'

Fingal County Council concluded a 5-week public consultation on these protected cycle lane upgrades for St Cronan's Avenue and Brackenstown Road in late April. A report on submissions received from the public was published in May. The consultation report is available to view online at https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/stcronansavenue.

Mayor of Fingal Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh welcomed the works saying 'The way that Fingal moves is changing. Active Travel is all about making local journeys most convenient on foot or by bike or scooter and to make choosing Active Travel easy it's important we give everyone access to safe pedestrian and cycling routes so they can head to the shops and the park on their bike or link up with public transport for longer journeys. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of local residents taking advantage of these lanes once





Works began on Monday, 23 May as GMC Utilities Group, installed a site works compound at Ardcian Park. Works are due to be completed in Quarter 4 of 2022.

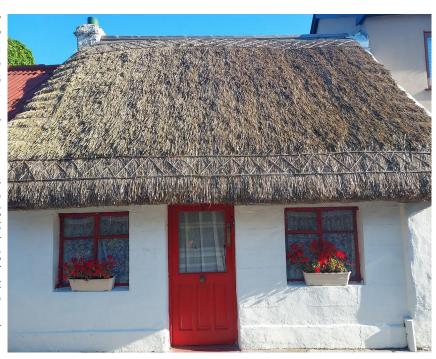
Works will be completed on a phased basis to minimise disruption to the local area.

If you would like to learn more about the details of these works please visit https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/stcronansavenue.

Fingal Thatch Project 2022

Fingal County Council is looking for your assistance in capturing and preserving the story of thatch in Fingal for future generations, from the thatched dwellings past and present to those who lived in them and all the traditions associated with this part of Fingal's rich heritage.

North County Dublin was renowned in the past for its thatched buildings, especially in the Skerries and Rush areas. However, there has been a marked reduction in the numbers of thatched cottages and houses that survive in the county. Those structures that have survived have often been subject to extension and modification; local thatching practitioners are ageing and owners are finding it increasingly difficult to retain and maintain their thatch in the face of a variety of issues including the effects of climate change. There is however an appreciation of the heritage of thatch amongst local Fingal communities and heritage groups who want an accessible means to share their memories, photos and documentation relating this particular vernacular heritage.



The Fingal Thatch Project 2022 will focus on a number of elements in recording the story of thatch in Fingal including architectural survey, an owner's questionnaire and social history. Carrig Conservation International have been appointed to undertake the physical survey of the almost 60 surviving thatch structures in Fingal. Carrig will also review previous surveys and get the views of the owners into the benefits and difficulties that they are encountering living and preserving the thatch tradition.

'Capturing the social history of thatch is extremely important' said Fingal Heritage Officer Christine Baker, 'Who were the thatchers? What was it like to live under thatch? Where did the straw come from?. We're asking communities, families and individuals for copies of their historic photos, memories, stories, folklore and traditions associated with Fingal's thatch heritage. It is proposed to create a story map of Fingal's thatch past to preserve and share this knowledge, now and for future generations'.

Helena Bergin, Architectural Conservation Officer says 'Looking at historic photographs of towns and villages such as Skerries, Howth, Rush, Lusk, Clonsilla and Castleknock there is clear evidence of the large numbers of thatched buildings that once existed in Fingal and how different the character of those places were with the rows of thatched cottages lining the streets and roads. The information gathered through the current project will provide quantifiable data on the current condition of thatch in Fingal that will help develop appropriate future policy and supports for this distinctive building type of Ireland's built heritage'.

Sinead Hughes of Carrig Conservation International said 'We are delighted to have been appointed to this important project.



Surveyors will visit and record each thatched structure and will talk to owners about the benefits and difficulties of being a custodian of these rare and beautiful buildings. The survey will gather important information about thatched structures that will help to secure their long-term future.

Ifyou have a thatched house in the Fingal County area or you would like to contribute to the project, please email <u>fingalthatchsurvey2022@gmail.com</u>. This project is supported by the Heritage Council under the County Heritage Plan Funding 2022.

Fingal Company Wins at National Awards

Life Ahead Ltd. T/A Farmony who are supported by Local Enterprise Office Fingal, were winners at this year's National Enterprise Awards. The awards, which took place at the Mansion House in Dublin, are in their 23rd year and run annually by the Local Enterprise Offices.

Farmony who provide a vertical farming solution for Europe through innovative technology were crowned as regional winners in the Dublin region and will now receive a share of a €50,000 investment fund. Farmony are an innovative company who work to meet consumer demand for fresh, great-tasting, and pesticide-free food locally and sustainably year-round. Farmony follow in the footsteps of several other Fingal based companies who have had success over the years at the National Enterprise Awards including Kianda Technologies

from Blanchardstown, Keoghs Crisps in Oldtown, flight simulation company "Simtech Aviation", as well as software companies "Vromo" and "IFS Ltd." from Dublin

Speaking about the Awards, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council AnnMarie Farrelly states: "I am delighted that Dan O'Brien and John Pauls innovative business has achieved success at the National Enterprise Awards. They are excellent ambassadors for the Fingal business community, and I look forward to seeing them expand and develop their business over the coming years."

Head of Enterprise at Local Enterprise Office Fingal, Oisin Geoghegan also referred to how: "It is fantastic to see an innovative, local Agri-Tech business being acknowledged at the National Enterprise Awards. Farmony is overseen by two very determined, ambitious entrepreneurs who are very deserving of recognition. We wish them



continued success with their future plans and endeavors."

Several other companies won across a range of categories at the Awards, which were established by the Local Enterprise Offices to celebrate the impact and quality of small businesses across the country.

The Best Start-Up category was won by Acoustic Interiors supported by Local Enterprise Office Offaly.

The Green/Sustainability Award went to Cirtex, supported by Local Enterprise Office Longford.

The Best Export category was won by Professional Hair Labs supported by Local Enterprise Office Wexford.

The Innovation Award went to Cubbie who are supported by Local Enterprise Office Mayo.

Finally, the One to Watch Award was taken by Streat School supported by Local Enterprise Office Monaghan.

There was also an Outstanding Achievement Award presented on the night to an individual or company who has excelled in recent years. This award went to ABC Nutritionals from Clare.

The National Enterprise Awards are one of a number of initiatives that the Local Enterprise Offices run, to foster entrepreneurship across the country. Others include Local Enterprise Week, the Student Enterprise Programme, National Women's Enterprise Day and Local Enterprise Showcase. The Local Enterprise Offices in local authorities are funded by the Government of Ireland through Enterprise Ireland.



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Fingal Artist in Residence at MART Studio and Gallery 2022

Tuqa Al Sarraj, the successful recipient of the Fingal Arts Office Graduate Award Opportunity in partnership with MART Gallery & Studios, will feature in the MART Annual Exhibition Award 2022. The award provides Tuqa with a studio at MART for one year alongside curatorial and financial support for the exhibition. Curated by Matthew Nevin and Ciara Scanlon, Directors of MART, this annual exhibition aims to provide a showcase and support opportunity to artists whose work is both engaging and experimental. The opening will feature a live performance and paintings by Tuqa Al Sarraj, an installation by Alisha Doody and new work by Gerard Daly. The artists' work focuses on memory loss, shared experiences and identity. The exhibition runs from 11th – 24th June 2022.

Tuqa Al Sarraj is a Dublin based multidisciplinary artist. She studied Fine Art media at the National College of Art and Design (2021). Al Sarraj has also previously studied contemporary art at the International Academy of Art Palestine (IAAP), Ramallah (2017). Her practice combines mixed media, found objects, collage, photography, video, performance and installation. More recently, she has been navigating themes of memory, loss, and exile through social dialogues and personal conversations. Tuqa has exhibited as part of group

Tuqa Al Sarraj
Gerard Daly
Alisha Doody
Opening June 11th at 1pm
Russ June 11th at 1pm

exhibitions in Oslo, London, Ramallah, Creil, Dublin and Limerick. <u>www.tuqasarraj.com</u> For further information visit: <u>https://mart.ie/portfolio-item/memory-loss/</u>

Platform 31

Fingal Arts Office in partnership with the Association of Local Authority Arts Officers (ALAAO) and the Arts Council is delighted to announce Susan Buttner as the Fingal recipient of PLATFORM 31. This is a national opportunity for mid-career artists (one artist from each of the 31 local authorities) to be supported to investigate how they might develop their practice or make work in a different way.

Susan will receive an €8,000 bursary to invest in her practice, combined with participation in a developmental and networking framework. The PLATFORM 31 developmental programme will provide coaching, advisory support and networking opportunities for participating artists, introducing them to a pool of critical thinkers to share their work and encouraging a national conversation about creating work in local contexts.

About the Artist

Susan Buttner is a visual artist working in sculptural form, painting, performance and film, a recent recipient of SIM Residency Award Iceland 2022, Fingal County Council Bursary Award 2022/ 2021, Arts Council of Ireland Visual Artist Bursary Award 2021/ 2020, Draíocht Incubate Residency Award 2020 and an RHA Studio Residency Award 2019

Her work questions culturally sensitive and difficult topics, human suffering, alienation and difference, bodily experiences of knowledge and power. Through juxtaposing an art/life binary, exploring ideas of the everyday, Buttner evokes suggestions of threat within a minimal aesthetic, which is embedded with forms of collaboration and dialogue. Her conceptual interests involve intensive periods of research and collaboration with individuals and groups, who inform and influence the production of the work.



TY students graduate from Ireland's only football focussed course

Fingal County Council and the Football Association of Ireland have celebrated the graduation of the class of '22 on the Football and Fitness TY Course, a joint collaboration based at the Corduff Sports Centre

The only course of its kind in Ireland, Football and Fitness has welcomed the latest graduation of its TY students, providing them with the opportunity to meet their educational requirements whilst also developing a whole range of football, fitness and life skills.

The 25 TY students from across Fingal received their certificates in front of an audience that included senior members of the FAI, Fingal County Council officials and those involved in the day-to-day running of the programme. Also on hand

to congratulate the latest cohort was Republic of Ireland assistant manager Keith Andrews. He was there alongside Ireland Under-21 and Motherwell star Ross Tierney, who graduated from the TY course in 2017 whilst also playing for Bohemians.

While football remains a central focus of the joint Fingal County Council and FAI initiative, students participating in the course also benefit from gaining a highly sought after full Fitness Instructor's qualification from Litton Lane Training. They also undertake the FAI's Coach Education pathway that gives them PDP1 and PDP2 qualifications, as well as a gym instructor qualification.

Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Daniel Whooley said "This really is an opportunity many other students around the country would relish - living in a proper football environment and gaining additional education along the way. It's a real testament to the efforts of the staff involved, be it through the FAI, Fingal County Council



or Sports Ireland, that we are now congratulating the sixth year of graduates from the course. Looking at the calibre of students here today shows that this TY programme sets the benchmark and it's no surprise to hear that there is a growing level of interest for places each year. I hope we can continue to produce an alumni that will be scattered across clubs not only in Ireland, but across Europe."

11 of the students graduating have received an international cap for the Republic of Ireland this year. One of those, Balbriggan student Danny McGrath has shared his journey through the TY course in a video https://youtu.be/Mk4fayiokls which shows just what is involved and provides a good snapshot of what day-to-day rigours future TY hopefuls should expect to face.

Students must have permission from their schools to participate in the ground-breaking programme, which along with the likes of Tierney, has also seen other graduates include Andrew Omobamidele, who made his

full Senior Ireland squad debut in September 2021 and who was part of the Norwich team that played in this season's English Premier League

Across the academic year that the TY course was running, students took modules covering maths and English, as well as learning about topics such as sports psychology and nutrition, and there's even cooking lessons involved on how to produce high-performance meals for athletes. This year they also had an opportunity to gain insights from current Ireland and Everton captain Séamus Coleman, who took the time to share his knowledge and experience as a professional player.



Fingal By Numbers

8,691

The number of Teams meetings that took place in May alone. 30,400 Calls took place, and 855, emails were received or sent by the Council.

2,077

The number in person visits the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with



3

Fingal beaches being awarded Blue Flag status for beach excellence with regard to water quality and criteria including facilities for visitors, beach management and environmental education (14%).

487.2

Tons of glass collected for recycling in May 2022. This is compared to 571.46 tons which were collected in May 2021. This reduction reflects the tonnages of glass collected returning to pre-covid levels.

93.1%

of all lights switched to LEDS. The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2022

13,209

The number phone calls the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with

17.4

Tons of textile collected for recycling throughout Fingal's network in April 2022 39

Affordable homes and 12 social homes continues at Dun Emer in Lusk alongside the upgrade works to the road infrastructure which is funded by the Affordable Housing Fund

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