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Mayor's Message

Chief Executive's Message



On Friday the June 15, I ended my term as Mayor of Fingal, a role that has provided me with hugely valuable experience, challenges, insight and enjoyment. In the last year, I have had the privilege to meet the exceptionally talented, dedicated and hardworking people of Fingal as well

as the many visitors who came to see our beautiful county.

While there have been countless highlights for me, the most rewarding experiences have involved working with the wonderful volunteers who contribute so much to Fingal. I was delighted to acknowledge their efforts with the Mayor of Fingal's Community Volunteer Awards last month.

From Tidy Town Committees and Mens' Sheds to the Failte Isteach programmes, Fingal's volunteers are constantly working to make the county a cleaner, safer and more inclusive place to live and visit.

With Flavours of Fingal taking place in Newbridge House this month, I am reminded of the fantastic Fingal events I have attended as Mayor which highlight and showcase our county's culture, tourism, natural landscape and history. From Bloom in the Park and the Dublin Bay Prawn Festival to the Thomas Ashe Centenary commemorations, I have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing Fingal events.

My role as Mayor coincided with the centenary of women achieving the right to vote which is significant for me as I believe democracy is essential to our county's progression. With one of the youngest and fastest growing populations in Ireland, it is extremely encouraging to see the high level of democratic participation across the county. This will form the future of Fingal, one that will become increasingly equal and inclusive.

I look forward to continuing my work as a Councillor and being part of Fingal's continued economic, environmental, social and cultural growth.

Cllr. Mary McCamley Mayor Of Fingal



The Flavours of Fingal Festival at Newbridge House and Farm in Donabate is one of the highlights of the year for everybody in Fingal and I am looking forward to attending it over the weekend of June 23 and 24.

The Festival is a partnership between Fingal County Council,

Fingal Farmers and Fingal Harriers and is an excellent example of three different partners working together to develop something that is of benefit to all the citizens of the county. A lot of work has gone into preparing for this year's Flavours and there are several new features this year including the Fingal Village which will give visitors an insight into some of the work Fingal County Council does on their behalf.

One of the Council's key roles is to promote Fingal as a place to do business in and, in May, I was part of a delegation, led by our Mayor, Cllr Mary McCamley, which attended the Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fair in Chengdu, China,

Our delegation included four knowledge economy start-ups who are being supported by the Fingal Local Enterprise Office and they took full advantage of the opportunity to network and establish new business opportunities. These will hopefully have positive spinoffs for Fingal. Last year, 162 new jobs were delivered by start-ups and small businesses supported Fingal LEO which was one of the highest rates in the country.

Fingal, along with five more of the 42 delegations attending the Fair, was invited to deliver a keynote speech to the 600 delegates and this allowed us a unique opportunity to showcase Fingal as an attractive location for foreign direct investment and highlight the recent opening of direct flights between China and Dublin Airport and our well-educated and skilled workforce.

I hope you enjoy reading this latest edition of Fingal News and don't forget that if you have any suggestions or feedback on the magazine then please email them to fingalnews@fingal.ie.

Paul Reid Chief Executive

Fingal County Council makes MetroLink submission

Fingal County Council made a submission to Transport Infrastructure Ireland as part of the Metrolink Public Consultation Process.

The document reinforces Fingal County Council's support for the MetroLink project and focuses on five areas required to deliver the project in an efficient and integrated way which will leverage the potential for growth in Swords and Fingal in accordance with Project Ireland 2040.

The five areas addressed in the submission are:

- Integrate with land-use policy
- Minimise community severance
- Place-making and design
- Coordination with other transport
 proposals
- Maintaining traffic capacity

These have led the Council to propose that:

• MetroLink be routed through Main Street, Swords, representing best value for money in relation to the options proposed by TII and facilitating the optimal regeneration and development of Swords into the future.

• Where the R132 alignment is being considered, the route option should be at surface level to address concerns around visual impact, accessibility and community severance.

• An additional station should be located within the extensive Metro Economic Corridor zoned land bank at Lissenhall.

• The depot buildings should be moved closer to the northern boundary of the Metro Economic Corridor lands, adjacent to the proposed Swords Western Ring Road and further west from the M1

Estuary station should be relocated
 south of Lissenhall Bridge to serve the very large
 catchment area which will emerge from the
 development of Local Area Plans and Masterplans.
 The Metrolink station at Dardistown must
 be integral to the initial phase of route design and
 operation to ensure delivery of the existing Local
 Area Plan and a tunnel should be built under the
 M50 to facilitate the Metro.

To view a copy of Fingal County Council's Submission to Transport Infrastructure Ireland please click here:

http://www.fingalcoco.ie/media/FCC%20 MetroLink%20Submission.pdf

More than 7,000 submissions were received during the public consultation process on the Metro. A preferred route is expected to be chosen by the NTA and TII in the third quarter of this year, with this also being put out to public consultation. The NTA and TII hope to put their final plan to An Bord Pleanála for approval next year.



Metro Map.

Fingal Garden awarded Gold Medal at Bloom as Naul Flower and Garden Club awarded Silver Medal in Chelsea Garden Show



Chief Executive of Fingal County Council Paul Reid, Sabina Higgins, President Michael D Higgins, Designer Lawrence Colleran, Senior Parks Superintendent Kevin Halpenny, Designer Jane Corkrell and Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley at the Greener Way for Fingal Garden in Bloom at the Park.

This month saw huge success for Fingal's Horticulture as Fingal's entry to Bloom in the Park 2018 was awarded a Gold Medal and the Naul Gardening and Flower Club won a Silver Medal at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Fingal County Council, Blanchardstown Institute of Technology (ITB) and the Dublin Dun-Laoghaire Education and Training Board (ETB) were delighted to be awarded a gold medal for their entry to Bloom which takes place annually in the Phoenix Park.

The Greener Way for Fingal' was the title of this year's entry and its theme highlighted the potential for the development of multi-functional public spaces across Fingal. The garden was designed by Award-Winning Landscape Designer Jane McCorkrell while the planting was carried out by ITB students of Horticulture under the direction of their lecturers. The participants of the Local Training Initiative managed by the DDLETB based in Bremore Castle, Balbriggan constructed all the hard landscape features and the garden was completed in three weeks. The garden's features included gabion walls, stepping stones, swale and walkway using skills they have acquired as part of their course.

This is the eighth year that Fingal has participated in Bloom and the third year that Fingal, ITB and DDLETB have worked together to create a garden for the Bloom in the Park festival Fingal. Commenting of the partnership, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said: "I am delighted to see the partnership between Fingal, ITB and the students at DDLETB has continued. Not only is it a chance to highlight the possibilities for Fingal's open spaces but it allows us to benefit from each other's skills and experience through collaboration."

Bloom in the Park opened on Thursday, May 31. President Michael D Higgins with his wife, Sabina Higgins, was one of the first visitors to the Fingal garden. Both the President and his wife were greeted by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, Senior Parks Superintendent at Fingal County Council, Kevin Halpenny and Designer Jane McCorkrell.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley, congratulating all involved, said: "The Greener Way for Fingal is a celebration of the natural beauty found in our county. I'm delighted that the creativity, skills and hard work of Fingal staff, the ITB students and participants of the ETB have been recognised and rewarded."

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, said: "This year's Bloom entry is a great example of the county's commitment to sustainability, environmental well-being as well as maintaining parks and other public spaces. I'm delighted that 'The Greener Way for Fingal' has been so highly commended."



The Naul Gardening and Flower Club were also successful in being awarded a silver medal for their exhibit in the Chelsea Garden Show held by the Royal Horticultural Society in London. The exhibit was designed by Head Gardener at Ardgillan Castle, Dominica McKevitt, and renowned florist Christopher White.

Congratulating Dominica, Christopher and the Naul Gardening and Flower Club on receiving this prestigious award, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley said: "It is fantastic to see the efforts of one of Fingal's Garden and Flower Groups being recognised and so highly commended in what is a significant international Horticulture event. The beautifully designed exhibit is another example of the talent and dedication that is present in our county."

Pictured are Christopher White and Dominica McKevitt, Head Gardener at Ardgillan Castle with their award winning design at Chelsea



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Fingal Libraries launches Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018 – 2023

FINGAL County Council's Library Department recently launched the Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 in The Atrium. Present at the launch of the five-year development plan was Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley and County Librarian Betty Boardman and Chief Executive of Fingal County Council Paul Reid. The Development Plan highlights the future of Fingal Libraries as a dynamic and inclusive space that supports and values culture, recreation, literacy, education and economic development.

Fingal County has seen a population growth of 77% over the past 20 years making it the fastest growing county in Ireland in addition to having the youngest and most diverse population within the state. Over a million visits were made to public libraries in Fingal during 2017.

The Plan identifies seven key objectives: Workforce, Capital and Infrastructure, Collections and Resources, Programming of events and Activities, Technology, Marketing and Communications and Collaboration and Partnerships.

Throughout the lifetime of the Plan, Fingal Libraries will monitor and engage with stakeholders through a process of continuous feedback to respond to and anticipate the changing needs of the community.

Consultation on Urban Framework Plan for Rush Main Street Launched Street Launched

ON April, Fingal County Council launched the public consultation on an Urban Framework Plan designed to revitalise and rejuvenate Rush Main Street. The purpose of the public consultation was to seek the views of members of the public and community groups in Rush in order to ensure the plan is reflective of the wishes of the broader community.

Over the past four centuries, Rush has grown in a linear manner, focused on its long Main Street, with maritime and horticultural traditions. It more recent times, the maritime and horticultural industries have been superseded by Rush's developing role as a commuter town. the Draft Urban Framework Plan supports the preservation of Rush's distinct character, retention of its market gardening tradition, the protection and enhancement of amenities and promotion of the town as a local tourist destination.

The Draft Urban Framework Plan outlines a range of actions which will leverage Rush's unique historic and geographic characteristics. These actions range from community based projects, to the creation of new civic spaces and the development of opportunity sites along the Main Street.



Council recognises Tyrrelstown student's special achievement

THE remarkable achievements of a Tyrrelstown student were recognised by the members of Fingal County Council in a special ceremony in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Swords.

Efrem Gidey, a fifth year student at Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrellstown, won the All-Ireland Senior Schools Cross-County title last month in Waterford, just months after arriving in Ireland from Eritrea having spent several years in a refugee camp in Calais.

Councillors agreed at the March meeting of the County Council to recognise his achievement and, after the April meeting, there was a special ceremony where the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley, made a special presentation and paid tribute to Efrem along with other councillors. The councillors recalled Efrem's journey from Eritrea to Ireland, praised his courage and dedication before describing him as a great role model for young people within the community and noting how his achievement highlighted the role that sport can play in integrating communities.

The Principal of Le Cheile Secondary School, Tyrellstown, Dr Áine Moran, said they were tremendously proud of Efrem's sporting achievements and also his courage and tenacity.





Fingal's Alan Hickey wins National Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Award

CASTLEKNOCK native Alan Hickey, the co-founder of WeBringg, was crowned Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE) in the Best Start-Up Business Category at the recent national IBYE finals.

Alan had previously won the County and Regional heats in this category and at the national final he beat seven other regional winners to emerge with the coveted award, in addition to an investment fund of €20,000. This brings Alan's total IBYE prize fund to €35,000.

WeBringg was set up in 2015 to address a need in the market for quicker deliveries of consumer goods purchased online. The technology is aimed at revolutionising ECommerce, utilising crowdsourcing technology to find drivers to carry deliveries to their destination, while it would otherwise be sitting in a warehouse waiting to be part of a group delivery. WeBringg currently have over 4,000 drivers in their database and have operations in Dublin, Galway, Cork, Belfast, Glasgow and Cardiff with expansion in Australia and New Zealand planned for 2018.

Another Fingal entrepreneur, Kevin Kelleher from Ostaform, reached the final three in the Best Business Idea Category and will receive a €4,000 investment fund. Kevin has developed a novel medical device that manages and effectively reduces skin complications caused by Colostomy bags.



Redevelopment of Malahide Casino begins

WORKS have started on the redevelopment and extension of Malahide Casino. The building will provide exhibition rooms for the display of the Fry Model Railway Collection which was previously on display in courtyard buildings at Malahide Castle.

The works which are scheduled to last up to eleven months for completion in spring 2019 have been designed and managed by the Architects Department in Fingal County Council as part of a full design team. The project has been partly funded by the generous donation of € 1.5m from the late Mr Michael Gaffney of Malahide. Fingal County Council is committing a further € 1.75m of funding to deliver the project. Separately, contractors are to be appointed for the design and construction of the Fry Model Railway collection exhibition after completion of the main building works. The Fry Model Railway collection, which is made up of intricately detailed scale model trains and carriages was handmade by Mr Cyril Fry working from the mid 1930s until his death in 1972. The collection of 360 trains and carriages provide a historic record of Irish transport



Presentation of Prizes for Fingal Libraries Poetry Day Competition

WINNERS of Fingal Libraries Poetry Day competition were recently presented with prizes by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Mary McCamley in County Hall, Swords, to celebrate Poetry Day Ireland.

The theme for this year's Poetry Day was 'Poetry

Surprises'. Fingal Libraries' poetry project and competition: Éist agus Beir Iontas / Listen and Surprise, invited people of all ages to respond to a selection of poems by Irish poets (in English and Irish) with their own creative work in any medium. The three winners of the competition were Iseult McDonnell in the under 12s category, Callum Brennan in 12 – 18 category and Helen Dempsey in the over 18s category.

Following the presentation of prizes, the competition winners were photographed with Mayor McCamley, the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Mr. Paul Reid, and poet Máighréad Medbh, who was also one of the judges of the competition. The evening finished with 'The Ear's Mind', a performance of poems by Máighréad Medbh.



Dig on Drumanagh Promontory National Monument

DRUMANAGH is a nationally important archaeological site and is of international significance in terms of Ireland's relationship with the Roman world. The site is also a National Monument subject to statutory protection under the National Monuments Act, 1930 (as amended). Fingal's Community Archaeologist Christine Baker recently undertook a community excavation at Drumanagh Martello Tower with a team of professional archaeologists and volunteers from the local community and beyond.

Since the site was acquired, the Council has undertaken works at the site to secure it and to provide for continued public access. The Drumanagh Conservation Study and Management Plan was recently adopted by Fingal County Council after widespread public consultation.

Digging Drumanagh has also been accepted at a European Year of Cultural Heritage event. The community excavation ran between May 22-31 and it is hoped that what was uncovered will inform the future management of the site.



Contractors Appointed to begin Donabate road improvements

FINGAL County Council has appointed contractors to undertake road improvement works on the Hearse Road adjacent to Prospect House, Donabate. Tilbury Construction Ltd will undertake road improvement, drainage, resurfacing and boundary works along the Hearse Road approach to the railway bridge in Donabate.

Road works are scheduled to begin this month and should take 14 weeks to complete.

The scheme will improve road conditions for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians along this busy stretch of road through provision of a new verge and improvements to visibility.

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, said: "The Hearse Road is a key route for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians in Donabate and it is essential that it undergoes improvements to be safe for use. Prior to the works, a traffic management plan will be put in place by the contractor in consultation with Fingal County Council to prevent disruption."

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley, said: "Donabate residents use the Hearse road daily to get to school, work and college. Improvements to the route will result in a safer commute for drivers and cyclists while also improving the route for pedestrians."

Submissions sought for Identification of Bathing Waters

FINGAL County Council are asking residents who swim at beaches, lakes and rivers to help identify bathing areas that are commonly used for swimming but are not officially categorised as designated bathing waters so that they can be monitored for safety, water quality and level of use. Under European and Irish law, Irish local authorities must identify bathing waters each year so that these areas can be monitored to ensure they meet stringent microbiological water quality standards.

If you are a regular swimmer and want to help your Council decide which bathing areas should be classified as such, it might be helpful to consider the following:

- \cdot How your swimming area has been used up to now
- \cdot How many people use the site
- What facilities exist at the site and how accessible it is
- Any safety issues

To make a submission, please go to https://consult. fingal.ie/ by Friday, June 22. w/c 148



Council to develop socio-economic strategy for Balbriggan

FINGAL County Council has announced the development of a new and wide-ranging socioeconomic strategy for Balbriggan. The formulation of the strategy will be overseen by a high-level Leadership Group to be chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith, President of Dublin City University.

The vision for the strategy is that, building on its rich history and its growing talent base, Balbriggan will be an ambitious, cohesive and prosperous community, harnessing its economic and physical advantages and enabling an excellent quality of life for all its people. The strategy will be built on four key pillars, namely Economy and Job Creation; Public Realm; Education and Life-Long Learning; and Community and Integration.

Through this structure, the approach will be wideranging and will address all elements required to achieve Balbriggan's long-term potential. The development of the strategy will draw on an extensive public engagement exercise, a detailed process of research, analysis and benchmarking and expert international opinion. The strategy will be published in Autumn 2018 and will have a clear action plan, delivery timeframe and budget.

Click <u>here</u> to see all recent Fingal County Council Press Releases.

Mayor's Community Awards 2018



Edward Darcy Sports & Recreation Runner Up, Lisa Credan Community Facilities Runner Up, Bernie Walsh, Creative Arts Culture & Heritage Runner Up, Ema Idowu, Active Citizenship Runner Up, Billy Bebbington Sports & Recreation Winner, Mayor Cllr. Mary McCamley, Kieran O Neill, Community Facilities Winner & Overall Winner, Rose Emmett, Active Citizenship Winner, John Halford Creative Arts Culture & Heritage Winner, Betsy Abu, Social Inclusion Winner, Ger Kenny, Social Inclusion Runner up

he Annual Fingal Mayor's Community Volunteer Awards took place at a gala night in Castleknock Hotel recently where the MC for the evening was former RTE Newsreader, Aengus MacGrianna.

Arranged by Fingal's Public Participation Network and Fingal County Council's Community Department, the awards ceremony is held each year and aims to recognise the work of volunteers and the positive impact that the work of these volunteers have on communities across Fingal. The Mayor of Fingal Community Awards exist to acknowledge the efforts made by individuals who contribute positively to their communities in Fingal through increasing social cohesion and integration, the provision of community facilities and promotion of sports, culture and the arts in their area.

There were five main categories on the night; Social Inclusion, Active Citizenship, Creative Arts, Culture and Heritage, Community Facilities and Sport and Recreation. In addition there was the Unsung Hero Special Recognition Award, the People's Choice Award and the Overall Fingal Mayor's Community Volunteer Award which was selected from the five category winners. Kieran O'Neill, winner of the Community Facilities also won the Overall Fingal Mayor's Community Volunteer Award.

In his voluntary role as chair of the board of management of Castleknock Community Centre Association, Kieran's commitment and energy is very evident as he leads the team in catering for the needs of both the elderly and the youth sector in the Community.

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Congratulating the winners in each category, Mayor McCamley said: "In Fingal, there are so many active and dedicated volunteers who make a huge difference to their communities. The impact they have on social, environmental and recreational wellbeing in our towns and communities is hugely positive and I am delighted we have the opportunity to recognise them."

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said: "Fingal County Council's Operations and Community teams work closely with many volunteers across the county and the contribution that they make is hugely important in increasing social cohesion and environmental well-being. The high level and standard of volunteerism in Fingal has also helped to create strong communities, making our towns and villages better places to live and visit."



Pictured at the Fingal Mayor's Community Volunteer Awards L/r Bob Dowling of Fingal PPN, Kieran O'Neill, winner of Overall Fingal Mayor's Community Volunteer Award, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley and Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid.



Fingal County Council's Events Team pictured with Chief Executive Paul Reid, L/r Adrian Mooney, Paul Barnes, Chief Executive Fingal County Council Paul Reid, Fiona O'Reilly and Neil Kennedy.

A Day in the Life

For Paul Barnes and the Events Team at Fingal County Council, the highlight of their year is the Flavours of Fingal Festival which takes place this year on Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24, in Newbridge House and Demesne in Donabate.

Paul, and his colleagues Adrian Mooney, Fiona O'Reilly and Neil Kennedy, have been planning and preparing for this weekend since the Monday after last year's event and will be working from early morning until late at night during June as they put the finishing touches to what they hope will be the biggest and best Flavours festival to date.

Flavours of Fingal is the North Dublin County Show and has been run by the Fingal Famers, Fingal Harriers and Fingal County Council since 2010 when the Farmers' group approached the Council to see if they would get involved.

Paul and his team were brought in two years later as the potential of the festival began to emerge and over the past five years, working closely with their partners and various stakeholders, they have created one of the most unique and popular festivals in Ireland.

"We have grown the audience steadily over the past five years and last year over 80,000 people attended over the two days which was phenomenal," says Paul. "It's a family event with free admission and the only charge we impose is for car-parking so there is a huge attraction there for people looking for a good day out.

"Each year we have tried to increase the number of attractions so there is something for everyone in the family to enjoy and that involves a lot of research as well as testing what works or doesn't work," says Paul, who is particularly proud of the kids zone which each year manages to have the largest collection of bouncing castles and slides in one place. "It's getting to the stage where we might have to have a look at the Guinness Book of Records because, if there is a record, I think we are getting close." Paul is a 27 year Local Authority veteran having started with Dublin County Council in 1991 when he joined the Community Department. He moved to Fingal County Council when it was formed in 1994 and began organising events for the Community Office before being transferred to Corporate Affairs in 2010 when it was decided to set up a Events Unit to manage, support and run events on behalf of the Council.

"Since then I have been involved in all sorts of events ranging from Prince and Andre Bocelli in Malahide and REM in Ardgillan to the switching on of Christmas lights and St Patrick's Day parades across the county."

Over the past seven years he has also seen the Events Unit develop into one of the most professional within the local authority sector and after undergoing training in Britain he developed a suite of documentation that has allowed Fingal to pull together all the agencies such as An Garda Siochana, HSE and Dublin Fire Brigade as part of a Safety Advisory Group ahead of major events. His

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Unit recently hosted a major seminar on controlling large crowds as part of a multi-agency preparation programme for the forthcoming visit to Ireland by Pope Francis.

That knowledge and experience is also passed on each year to the volunteers who run many of the community festivals and events around Fingal as part of the Council's Event Support Grant Scheme. "We felt that rather than just give these groups a cheque towards their running costs it would also be beneficial to pass on our knowledge and learnings and it has proved very popular with the various groups as it ultimately leads to them having better and safer events."

Paul is full of praise for his colleagues Adrian, Fiona and Neil and the roles they play in this small but highly effective team and jokes that they reckon they have seen it all over the past seven years. Paul says

Staff Tip

If you are coming to the Flavours of Fingal Festival this year make sure you check out the event website, www.flavoursoffingal.ie, for details on everything to do with the event including admission, car-parking, free shuttle buses, attractions and timings.

those experiences have been invaluable and dealing with a world-famous artist like Prince in 2011 was good preparation for the future.

"On the day of the concert in Malahide in 2011, Prince decided he didn't want his drummer in Ireland never mind on stage. He was persuaded that he couldn't perform without a drummer and he said to me: 'Dude, you sort it out.' We were going to bring in one of the Council trucks and park it behind the stage but we then got hold of some scaffolding and built a stage, behind the stage, for the drummer. It all worked out perfectly and nobody was any the wiser."

FLAVOURS OF FINGAL

FINGAL FARMERS - FINGAL HARRIERS -FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL







Fingal Village will be a must-see feature at Flavours



The Fingal Village will be a new attraction at this year's Flavours of Fingal Festival. The multi-purpose exhibition has been created by Fingal County Council to give visitors to the event an insight into the work of the Council and will be one of the most vibrant and must-see features of Flavours 2018.

Various Council departments are involved in the Village which has an exciting mixture of entertaining and educational features that will allow visitors to discover more about Fingal and its local authority. It will also be the hub for the Council's Cruinníu na nÓg actvities that weekend.

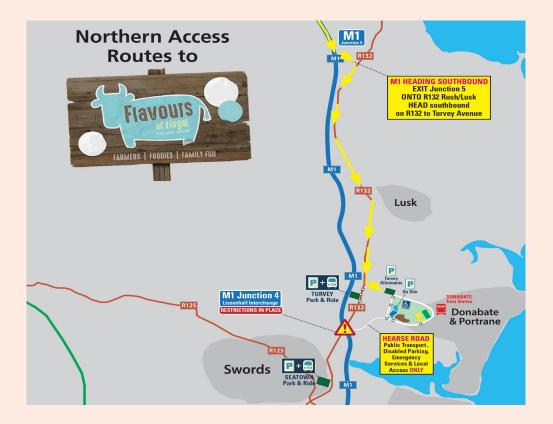
"The Fingal Village is the natural next step for Fingal County Council in terms of its involvement in Flavours of Fingal," said Fingal County Council Chief Executive, Paul Reid. "It allows us an opportunity to give the citizens of Fingal an insight into some of the work we do and programmes we run. It is also the perfect place for us to hold our Cruinníu na nÓg activities given the large number of families from across the county that will be present over the weekend." From a snow plough to a mobile library there will be various Fingal County Council vehicles on display while the Council's Emergency Management Unit will run their Flavours' operations from the Village. There will also be stands where citizens can get information about a range of topics including road safety, park bye-laws, business grants, tourism development, community archaeology and the Seamus Ennis Centre. A pop-up Gaeltacht is also planned and there will also be an art installation in place.

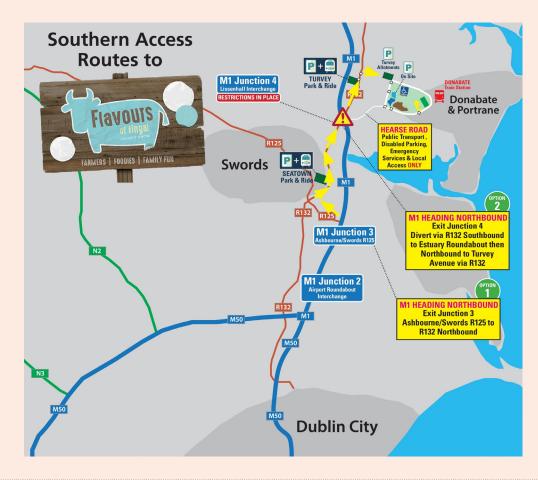
One of the highlights of the Village will be the Street Veldorome where young and old can get on a bike and race against the clock or others on a specially laid track while Pentathlon Ireland's popular Laser Run will be another must-do activity for everyone in the family.

There is a full schedule of events planned for the Village and this is available at the Flavours of Fingal website, www.flavoursoffingal.ie

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Flavours of Fingal - Traffic Plan







Windmill Hill, Skerries

Extracts From The Archives Fingal and Farming

The fertile lands of Fingal have produced an abundance of food far beyond the immediate needs of the Fingal area, since the time of the Vikings, who give Fingal its name. When the Norse established Dublin in the early 900s, Fingal supplied much of the food to feed its new citizens, harvesting both from land and sea.

More sophisticated farming methods and technology arrived with the Anglo-Normans, who were equally attracted to the potential of Fingal, and left their mark both on the land and the landscape. The amount of land under tillage increased, resulting in more mills. The Anglo-Normans also brought rabbit-farming, with many place names in Fingal recalling the warrens of cuníní.

Apart from building castles and fortifications, they also built dovecotes.

The Anglo-Normans liked their luxuries too, and with Fingal's ease of access to the sea, exotic fruits and fabrics were brought into Fingal, along with vast quantities of wine for castles and churches, often paid for in the hides and skins of domesticated and wild animals, particularly wool. The Middle Ages were a time of great upheaval and change in Ireland, and Fingal was no exception, with repeated changes in land ownership, particularly after the Reformation. Many Catholic families lost their estates, only to get them back during the Restoration in the late 17th century. And yet, Fingal continued to supply grain and bread for Dublin City. Towns were granted patents for fairs, and a class of skilled labourers grew up connected with agricultural activity. Harvesting the bounty of the sea also continued, and improvements were made in the late 18th and early 19th centuries to harbours in Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny, and Howth.

The local 'big houses' of the mid-18th century employed farm managers and farm labourers on

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their vast estates and demesnes, and some, such as the Cobbes of Newbridge House, were regarded as "improving" landlords, very keen to introduced better and more efficient farming measures, and improve the lot of their tenants.

When travel literature became popular in the late 18th early 19th century, many writers on their Tour of Ireland, such as Samuel Lewis, Young, and Thomas Cromwell (no relation!), were often very complimentary about the abundance of good quality produce in Fingal in comparison to the poverty of other parts of the country at this time. The Oysters of Malahide and Sutton were very popular among these early pre-railway tourists. The coming of those railways made getting produce to market easier and cheaper, and suited producers in Fingal.

Around the same time as the opening of the railways, the local big house owners got together in Fingal and set up The Fingall Farming Society in 1834.

Because Fingal was a producer of many foods other than the potato, it was not as deeply affected by the Famine as other parts of Ireland, and the Minutes of the Fingal Farming Society record a ploughing competition in lands at St. Doulaghs in 1845.

The second half of the 19th century in Ireland saw the beginnings of huge changes in land ownership in Ireland, and an improvement in the conditions of tenants and tenant farmers.

Local farmer Andrew Kettle was very involved in this movement, as Parnell's right hand man. The Land War of the late 1880s led to a number of acts relating to tenants' rights, the three 'F's, as we learnt them in school, and encumbered estates acts led to a redistribution of land from large land owners, many of them absent or in huge debt, to independent farmers.

Just before Home Rule was about to be passed into law, World War 1 broke out. In many ways the demand for food supplies and horses was a welcome boon to farmers in Fingal. The British Army Remount Farm in Lusk sourced both throughout the Fingal area.

By the establishment of the Free State, many of the larger estates had been broken up and sold off.

Dublin County Council, in its infancy in the 1920s, set up its own Committee of Agriculture and Technical instruction. Education and self-sufficiency were promoted, and annual shows and prizes encouraged. Retired British Army officer Coote Hely-Hutchinson of Seafield and Lissenhall was very involved in the development and promotion of agriculture locally, and was also a member of the board of the Royal Dublin Society Agricultural Show. Dublin County Council also set up allotments all over the county where people grew their own food.

The 1930s saw the arrival in Fingal of the Lamb Brothers, already the largest producer of jams and the biggest grower of fruit in Ireland. The bought a 250 acre farm, which was quickly expanded to 400 acres. It was also around this time that glasshouse cultivation began commercially in Ireland.



A Lamb Bros advertisement looking for fruit pickers and below, an early 20th Century photograph of Cloghran Stud

The Second World War again increased the focus on home-produced food, as importing food and fertilizer became impossible. The Lamb brothers began growing strawberries, in Wexford, where the soil was suitable and dry. Allotments came back into popularity again.

From this point on Fingal became synonymous with horticulture and fruit growing, particularly berries, and many a young boy and girl spent their summer picking on a farm in Fingal.





Libraries News

Mobile Libraries

OUR new Mobile Library vans will be making their way around the County throughout the summer months. We will be popping up at some local festivals near you.

• Flavours of Fingal – June 23 and 24

• Magic and jokes with Reuben the Magician (3 – 4pm) outside Blanchardstown Library at

STEMfest (A Slice of Summer Science) on July 21.
Meakstown Family Fun Day – Saturday
August 11 12 – 2pm.

Summer Stars

SUMMER Stars is an exciting reading – based programme which is available free of charge to all children across the country. It will run in all Fingal branch libraries throughout the months of July and August with the ultimate goal of encouraging reading during the summer holidays and increasing literacy levels. All children are invited to register for the summer reading challenge with rewards and incentives along the way and a grand finale event at the end for all participants. The following activities will also take place as part of the programme.

Very Hungry Caterpillar Clay Modelling Workshop with Susan Boyle

THE classic picture book, Very Hungry Caterpillar with beautiful illustration from Eric Carle will be used as the inspiration for a clay modelling workshop & a finger puppet workshop. Suitable for children aged 7 + Booking essential. Baldoyle Library: Wednesday July 11 @ 11am–12pm Donabate Library: Wednesday July 11 @ 3 – 4pm Swords Library: Thursday July 12 @ 3 – 4pm

Fizzy frozen Yoghurt Workshop with Susan Boyle

CHILDREN make their own instant frozen yoghurt using dry ice which freezes the yoghurt mix instantly. The frozen yoghurt that tastes fizzy when you eat it! Suitable for children aged 7 +. Booking essential. Garristown Library: Tuesday July 10

@ 11am–12pm Balbriggan Library: Tuesday July 10 @ 2–3pm

Author Visit by Alan Nolan

ALAN Nolan has written and illustrated many books and comics for children and including Fintan's Fifteen and Conor's Caveman. Guaranteed to be a giggle! Suitable for children aged 5 and over. Howth Library: Thursday July 19 @ 3- 4pm Donabate Library: Tuesday August 7 @ 2.30– 3.30pm

Mini Clay Figures Workshop with Aoife Munn

CHILDREN create their own colourful clay mini figures to bring home! Suitable for children aged 6+ Booking essential. Rush Library: Wednesday July 11 @ 3–4.30pm Howth Library: Thursday July 12 @ 11am –12.30pm Garristown Library: Wednesday July 25 @ 2–3.30pm

Nature Collage Workshop with Ann McFadden

CHILDREN design their own nature collage using a variety of materials and the cúpla focal will be used to describe the colours, paper leaves and flowers that they use. Suitable for children aged 5+ Booking essential.

Garristown Library: Tuesday July 17 @ 2- 3pm Malahide Library: Thursday July 19 @ 3- 4pm Howth Library: Thursday July 26 @ 3 – 4 pm

Kids' Comedy Workshop with Punchlion

THIS workshop uses comedy skills and exercises for children to express themselves and develop teamwork, creativity and confidence. Suitable for children aged 8 – 12 years.

Booking essential. Balbriggan Library: Tuesday July 24 @ 2–3.30pm Malahide library: Tuesday August 14 @ 2–3.30pm

Fingal's Online Library

FINGAL Libraries' online services can be accessed 24/7, 365 days of the year – from the comfort of your home or on the go with your mobile device via our app. Your Fingal Library card gives you access to thousands of e-Books, audiobooks, digital magazines, newspapers, graphic novels, comics, databases and even online classes - where you can learn anything from Spanish to running your own business, Interview Skills to Creative Writing. If you'd like to sign up for a library card simply visit your local branch or sign up online at www.fingal. ie/community-and-leisure/libraries. For more information on our online services emailLibrary. Eservices@fingal.ie . You can download the Fingal Library App via the App Store or Google Play.

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Fingal Libraries are on Social Media!

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Lifeguard Season



Fingal County Council's Lifeguards for the 2018 season pictured at their recent Induction Day in County Hall Swords.

The June Bank Holiday weekend traditionally sees the beginning of the bathing season throughout the country and Fingal was well prepared having recruited this year's team of Lifeguards in time for beach duties.

Thirty-five lifeguards began their Summer duties which will see them in place for the weekends of June and every day throughout July and August at the County's 10 designated bathing areas. The team had their induction training recently in County Hall Swords at which they were issued with their distinctive uniform of yellow polo shirt, red shorts and red hoodie.

Working throughout the season between the hours of 11am to 7pm, a typical day for the team of Fingal Lifeguards will see them setting up the safety flags including the swimming zone flags, patrolling the zones and generally being a presence at each of Fingal's 13 stations. While qualified lifesavers, each lifeguard is fully trained and certified by Irish Water Safety, their primary role is one of vigilance. They can provide First Aid and give information and advice to those on the beaches but their vigilance affords them the opportunity to look out for potential risks and hazards and react to them accordingly.

Potential risks and hazards can range from glass on the beach to swimmers using or attempting to use inflatable air beds or such items.

The locations of Fingal's 13 Lifeguard stations are; Balbriggan, Skerries (South), Loughshinny, Rush (North), Rush (South), Portrane, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock (3 stations), Sutton and Howth.

The highly successful beach wheelchair service which was introduced during Summer 2016 is available by prior arrangement at a number of beaches. Bookings for the beach wheelchair at Skerries can be made by calling 086-8090153 and at Portmarnock by calling 086-8222646. The wheelchair at Donabate can be booked by contacting the Waterside House Hotel on 01-8436153.

Visitors to Fingal's beaches over the Summer are reminded to respect both the beach and the water at all times and to bring their litter home with them.

14 Steps to Safe and Enjoyable Swimmi



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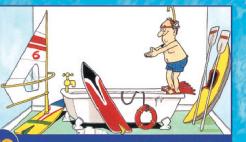
) Don't swim in strange places.



Don't swim out to sea.



Never use air mattresses.



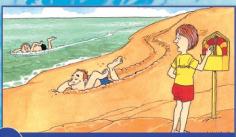
13 Learn to use equipment before trying it out.



🔰) Don't swim just after eating.



Don't swim out after anything drifting.



Swim parallel and close to the shore.



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

14) Learn Basic Life Support.





Don't stay in the water too long.







MARINE EMERGENCIES Call 999 or 112 and ask for Marine Rescue

REMEMBER THESE RULES - ENJOY YOURSELF - COME HOME SAFELY



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Parslickstown House

Darslickstown House is a Community Centre owned by Fingal County Council. The house is located in the heart of Mulhuddart and provides vital services and facilities to many people from the local community. The house which is a prime example of a prosperous 19th century farmhouse is steeped in history. It was home to the Carr family in the 1840's. Back then there was little or no infrastructure in Mulhuddart and the house proudly stood high on a hill that over looked its 165 acre property.

Although parts of the house have been renovated much of the foundations and brickwork remains as it was 170 years ago. An example of this can be seen in the photo of the Carr Family standing at the front entrance of Parslickstown House. The entrance to the house opened out into a large hall and staircase, with doorways at either side leading to a drawing room and an immense dining room. At the end of the hall was the kitchen. A pantry and a dairy were also located on the ground level of the house, as was a second staircase to the rear of the building that also led to the stylish landing and its' five master bedrooms.

In 1955, Parslickstown House and its' entire estate was sold at public auction. The house functioned as a farm guesthouse for some time, but was eventually left unoccupied. The house lay vacant for many years and fell into a bad state of disrepair. In later years new housing estates and a new community sprung up around Mulhuddart and the area enjoyed a rapid population growth.

Parslickstown House's very existence came into question in 1985, when a fire almost destroyed the house completely. However, this led to a refurbishment plan, sponsored by the Department of Labour's Social Employment Scheme. Work began in August 1986. The aim was originally to provide a home for a new community enterprise complex. The Greater Blanchardstown Community Development Project moved in to the house and worked with the community for many years. In 2001 a new building project saw the expansion of the house which included the construction of a childcare facility and additional meeting rooms. This was largely funded by Fingal County Council.

Today Parslickstown House provides a core resource to the local community, supporting and accommodating a wide range of local community based groups, actions and initiatives. A Community Employment Programme has operated in the house since 1991, which provides work experience and training to the local community and long-term unemployed in areas such as catering, maintenance, secretarial, childcare, gardening and housekeeping.

The house is managed under a management licence from Fingal County Council by the Board of Directors of Parslickstown House Management Company Limited by Guarantee. Their primary objective is to oversee the day to day operation of the house to ensure the house provides relevant services, is meeting the needs of the local community and remains financially sustainable. The facility manager Derek Keegan, works in conjunction with the Board of Directors to continuously develop and promote Parslickstown House as a centre of excellence. There are many key organisations based as anchor tenants in Parslickstown house such as Acquired Brain Injury, Praxis Care, Blanchardstown Traveller Support Group, Foroige Youth Project, Foroige Web Division, Mulhuddart/Corduff Community Drug & Alcohol Service, Child Speech Therapy, Construction Industry Training, Little Learners Crèche and many more. There are plans to refurbish the newly acquired parish hall that is located adjacent to the house. It is envisaged that this will enable the house to provide more space that will accommodate fitness and recreational activities. The house has played a significant part in improving the quality of life for many people living in the area of Mulhuddart. All members of the community regardless of age are welcome into Parslickstown House.

For further information contact: 01–8151779 or info@parslickstwonhouse.ie or visit www.parslickstownhouse.ie

Win a pair of tickets to see Hothouse Flowers in Swords Castle

On Saturday July 21, Hothouse Flowers will bring their unique brand of traditional Irish music influenced by soul, gospel and rock, to Swords Castle as part of the Swords Summer Festival.

For your chance to win a pair of tickets to see Hothouse Flowers at this event, simply answer the question below and email your answer to fingalnews@fingal.ie before 5pm on Tuesday July 17.

How many main categories were there for this year's recently held Fingal Mayor's Community Awards?

A. 3 B. 5 C. 9

Congratulations to Carmel Halpin from Malahide our winner from the last issue of Fingal news who correctly answered that 114 is the number of School Wardens employed by Fingal County Council. Carmel receives as a prize, a one-day family pass (two adults and two children) to Newbridge Farm. Congratulations to Carmel and thanks to everybody who entered the competition. For more details of Fingal County Council's Heritage Properties and Parks, go to:

http://fingal.ie/community-and-leisure/parks-andopen-spaces/ find-a-heritage-property-a-park- oropen-space/



Seolann Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall an 3ú Scéim Gaeilge 2018-2021

Sheol Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall a 3ú Scéim Gaeilge 2018-2021. Is iad cuspóirí an tríú Scéim seo chun cur leis an dul chun cinn atá déanta i dtaobh seirbhísí ardchaighdeáin a sholáthar dár gcustaiméirí a labhraíonn an Ghaeilge. I measc na ngealltanas a chuimsítear sa scéim, tá gach foirm a sholáthar i nGaeilge, láithreán gréasáin dátheangach agus an Teanga a chur chun cinn trí imeachtaí Gaeilge agus trí na Meáin Shóisialta. Sainaithníodh foireann Fhine Gall ar féidir leo seirbhís a sholáthar i nGaeilge, agus cabhraíonn cúrsaí Gaeilge a chuirtear ar fáil dóibh leo. Tá an scéim iomlán ar fáil ar láithreán gréasáin na Comhairle www.fingal.ie.

Ullmhaíodh an scéim i ndiaidh próiseas comhairliúcháin phoiblí, agus i gcomhairle leis na comhaltaí tofa agus le Gaeilge, cur i láthair ina measc le cruinniú na Comhairle an 14 Bealtaine. Dheimhnigh an tAire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an scéim a thosóidh an 28 Bealtaine 2018 agus fanfaidh sé i bhfeidhm ar feadh tréimhse 3 bliana ón dáta seo. Fógraítear seirbhís trí Ghaeilge ar leathanach baile www.fingal.ie agus féadtar ceisteanna i nGaeilge a sheoladh chuig eolas@fingal. ie



Mar gheall go bhfuil an samhradh linn ar deireadh, is iomaí imeacht pobail agus féilte atá ar siúl, agus tá gliondar croí orainn tacú leis an nGaeilge mar chuid díobh seo. Chas daoine ar a chéile ag Maidineacha Caife i rith Dheireadh Seachtaine Ceoil Thraidisiúnta na Sceirí agus ag Féile Shamhraidh Bhaile Brigín. Mar thoradh ar an rath a bhí ar imeacht na bliana seo caite, beidh Preab-Ghaeltacht ag Blasanna Fhine Gall i mbliana.

Beidh seo ar siúl ar fud Shráidbhaile Fhine Gall agus titfidh sé amach idir 1 agus 4 pm ar an dá lá. Tabharfaidh seo an deis do dhaoine casadh le cainteoirí eile Gaeilge i suíomh lán le spraoi, agus iad a spreagadh chun leanúint ag caint as Gaeilge fad a bhaineann siad taitneamh as an gcuid eile den seó iontach seo.



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Swords Castle and Townpark

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St Catherines Park / Lucan Demesne

Talbot Botanic Gardens

Tolka Valley Regional Park

Ward River Valley Regional Park

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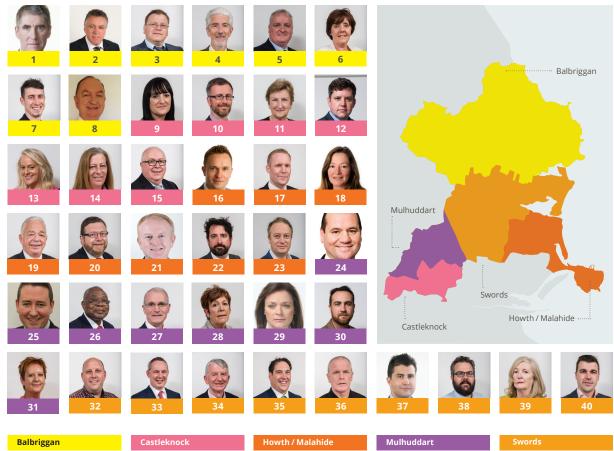
Fingal County Council Recycling Centres



Coolmine Recycling Centre Coolmine Industrial Estate, Dublin 15. (Beside Coolmine Fire Station) **Estuary Recycling Centre** Swords, County Dublin (Beside Swords Business Park)

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