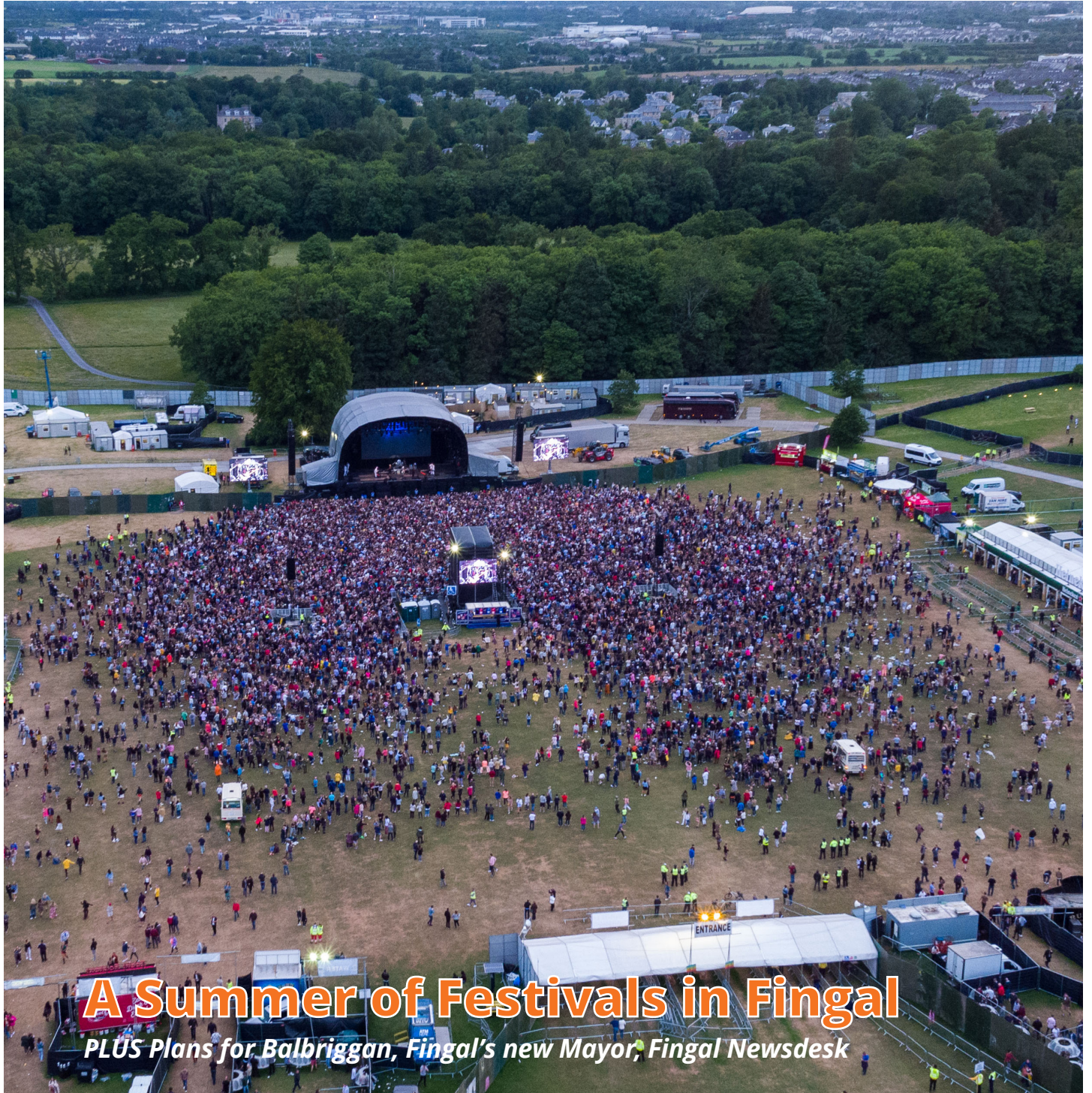


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## Mayor's Message

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It was a great honour for me to be elected as Mayor of Fingal on June 15 and it is surprising how quickly the first few months of my term have gone. I am getting around the county, meeting people and seeing at first hand some of the great work being done on the ground by community organisations and our own Council staff.

At my first official function at Bayfest in Bayside Park I had the privilege to meet Patrick Flood the goldsmith and jewellery designer who made the Fingal Mayoral Chain 25 years ago.

One of next first outings as Mayor was to attend the designation of Dunsink Observatory in Castleknock as a European site of historical significance. It was fascinating to learn about its history and the important role it has played in scientific research since it was opened in 1785 as well as viewing the famous Grubb Telescope.

As an elected councillor for the Howth-Malahide Electoral Area I am very aware of the importance of tourism to the Fingal region and I was also delighted to attend the T20 Cricket International Ireland v India at Malahide Cricket Club in June. What a wonderful spectacle this was and viewed by 1.5 billion sports fans worldwide. Another event I was delighted to attend was the opening ceremony of the European Para Swimming Championships which were held at the National Aquatic Centre in Abbotstown in August. This featured around 500 athletes from 40 countries and it was great honour to welcome them to Fingal.

I would like to pay tribute to two of our long-serving councillors and former Mayors, Ken Farrell and David O'Connor, who stepped down from the Council during the summer. As the current Mayor, I look forward over the coming months to meeting with many more Fingal residents both formally and informally at various functions and events throughout the county.

**Cllr. Anthony Lavin**  
**Mayor Of Fingal**

## Chief Executive's Message

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September is always a busy month at Fingal County Council as the planning and preparations for the following year begins to crank up.

The September meeting of Council will see the elected members vote on the Local Property Tax which will be a key factor in determining how much money we have to spend on local services in 2019.

Last year we were able to ring-fence €1.9m for local services, housing and homeless supports as a result of the decision by a majority of councillors to reduce the Local Property Tax by 10 per cent rather than 15 per cent. We will introduce our 2019 Budget in November and, like last year, we will be prioritising investment in five key areas of the Council's overall strategy which will ultimately benefit all citizens of Fingal. These are Housing and Homelessness, Economic Development, Services to Citizens, Building Communities and Growing Tourism.

On the housing front we continue to make progress in our efforts to meet the unprecedented demand for housing. Under the Rebuilding Ireland programme we have been set a target of delivering 1,637 social housing units in 2018, which is greater than the three year target for 2015 to 2018 and is the second highest in the country. By the end of July we had delivered 930 units through a variety of mechanisms. Another key part of our housing strategy is ensuring that we have the correct environment to stimulate private house building and currently there are 72 active sites within Fingal which will eventually deliver 7,660 houses and 4,553 apartments.

Finally, the good weather made a for memorable summer on our beaches, in our parks and at our many festivals including Flavours of Fingal which attracted a record 90,000 people over two days.

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](mailto:fingalnews@fingal.ie)

**Paul Reid**  
**Chief Executive**

# Housing continues to be a key priority

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Ending homelessness and reducing the housing list continue to be a key priority for Fingal County Council. There are currently 127 private sites in Fingal with planning permission to deliver 17,733 houses while Fingal County Council has been set a target of delivering 1,637 social housing units in 2018 under the Rebuilding Ireland programme, which is the second highest delivery target in the country. These will be delivered through a number of mechanisms including build, acquisitions, Part V, voids, leasing, HAP and delivery via Approved Housing Bodies. By the end of July, 930 social housing units had been delivered for 2018.

As part of its construction programme, Fingal County Council has recently delivered 71 new build social housing homes in Clonsilla and Balbriggan. Fifty-one of these new homes have been provided by two Approved Housing Bodies supported by Fingal County Council – Co-operative Housing Ireland and Respond Housing Association. The remaining 20 were built by the Council itself at Pinewood in Balbriggan and these rapid-build homes have been built to the highest specifications and received an A3 energy rating.

This latest batch of houses brings to 122 the number of newly built social housing homes provided by the Council's Housing and Community Department this year and there are a further 198 under construction at seven sites across the county.



Pinewood, Balbriggan

## Fingal County Council begins preparations for housing delivery in Donabate

Fingal County Council has begun preparations to deliver over 1,000 new homes on lands at Ballymastone, Donabate, which will be ready for development next year following the completion of the Donabate Distributor Road.

The Council has identified over 200 acres of its land across the county for the delivery of public and private housing, which will be affordable to buy or rent, and has established a Programme Office called Project Talamh to co-ordinate this.

The Council is to initially engage in Market Sounding with the private sector on current housing market dynamics and gather industry views on the delivery of residential housing development on Council lands across the county. The Market Sounding will be followed by a procurement process for the development of the lands at Ballymastone in Donabate. These lands have the capacity to deliver approximately 1,000 to 1,200 homes.

The Council is inviting interested parties from the industry, with relevant experience in the delivery of large scale residential development projects, to participate in the Market Sounding. Members of the public, who have already had an input into the Donabate Local Area Plan and Fingal Development Plan, will have another opportunity to make submissions and lodge observations in respect of any development on the site through the established procedures in the statutory planning process.

In tandem with the market sounding, procurement and planning processes, Fingal County Council continues to deliver social and physical infrastructure to support the future of expansion of Donabate. Construction started on the new Donabate Distributor Road in December 2017 and is ongoing. An Educational and Recreational Campus will also be delivered on the Council owned lands at Ballymastone and the area is also due to be linked to Malahide via the Broadmeadow Greenway which is currently at the pre-planning stage.

# Strategy will help realise Balbriggan's potential



Balbriggan Leadership group chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith, President of Dublin City University, pictured at a recent meeting

A long-term socio-economic strategy for Balbriggan is currently being developed as part of Fingal County Council's plans to secure the long-term economic and social development of one of the county's major towns.

Balbriggan's population has grown by 194% since 1991 and is currently 24,611 according to the 2016 Census. It is the youngest town in Ireland with an average age of 30.8 in comparison with 37 years nationally and the Council has moved to ensure that town develops in a sustainable manner in the years ahead. The strategy is being developed by the Balbriggan Leadership Group who, with the assistance of Fingal County Council's Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Department, will oversee preparation, drafting and agreement of the strategy which will be finalised and delivered before the end of this year. The Leadership Group is made up of Councillors, senior Council officials and key public and private sector stakeholders across the four main pillar themes of Local Economy & Enterprise, Community Affairs & Integration, Employment, Education & Training and Public Realm & Placemaking. It is chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith, President of Dublin City University.

A clear vision for the Strategy has been formulated and it is: "Building on its rich history and its diverse and growing talent base, Balbriggan will be an ambitious, inclusive and prosperous community, harnessing its economic and physical advantages and enabling an excellent quality of life for all its people."

A number of workshops have been held over the past few months with key stakeholders as part of the ongoing development of the Strategy and the Leadership Group believes that, with the right people focusing on the right things, significant progress can be made in improving Balbriggan's public realm and a strategy, which secures a prosperous future for Balbriggan and its people, can be delivered.

Coilín O'Reilly from Fingal County Council's Economic Enterprise and Tourism Department said: "Work on the Strategy is progressing very well and we have also seen a number of other Council's initiatives being rolled out in Balbriggan over the past few months. It is a very vibrant town with good infrastructure, excellent connectivity and tremendous people and we believe that this Strategy will provide the roadmap to capitalise on the town's massive potential."

# Newsdesk

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## €3.7m drawn down as Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan proves popular in Fingal



FINGAL County Council has received the highest amount of applications among the 31 Local Authorities for the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan and has overseen a drawdown of over €3.7 million since the scheme commenced.

Since the start of the scheme on February 1, Fingal County Council has received 340 applications and already 136 provisional loan approvals have been issued, of which 17 have been drawn down at a total value of €3,764,640.

The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan is a Government backed mortgage for first time buyers, available through the Local Authority, which can be used to purchase a new or second-hand property. A Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan provides up to 90 per cent of the market value of the property.

The maximum loan amount is determined by where the property is located so in the Dublin region this has resulted in a maximum loan of €288,000 which, with the borrower providing the 10 per cent deposit of €32,000, facilitates the purchase of a property worth €320,000. To be eligible for a Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan a person must have an annual gross income of not more than €50,000 as a single applicant or not more than €75,000 combined as joint applicants.

The maximum term on a loan is 30 years with the term calculated on the both the age of the oldest applicant and the payment capacity.

## New Online Course Targets Irish Food Start-Ups

A new “Digital School of Food” has been launched, aimed at enabling food start-ups to grow and succeed. An initiative of the Dublin Food Chain and the Local Enterprise Offices in the Dublin region, the online programme for food entrepreneurs is the first of its kind in Europe.

The new Digital School of Food is an e-learning initiative that targets food producers from idea through start-up and growth stages. It consists of an online platform that will help new and innovative food businesses to start-up and succeed.

Supported by Enterprise Ireland, Bord Bia and the Dublin Institute of Technology, the project was born as a result of the strong interest among food entrepreneurs to learn about succeeding in business from key industry experts.

The Digital School of Food gives these entrepreneurs access to sound commercial guidance and mentoring to help them get their products onto shelves, and also gives emerging food entrepreneurs and those who want to begin their food production journey, practical support to bring their idea or product to life. The model is based on an e-learning platform which contains tips, advice and information from existing producers, all related to succeeding in the food sector.

The programme is available to food businesses in the Dublin region initially following which it will be rolled out nationally. It will be made available free of charge to qualifying businesses that register online [www.digitalschooloffood.ie](http://www.digitalschooloffood.ie)





### Successful Car Sharing Initiative expanded to North Fingal Towns

FINGAL County Council and GoCar have announced the expansion of the pilot car-sharing scheme into North County Dublin. The expansion is in response to the success of the pilot car-sharing scheme in Dublin 15, launched in 2017, which led to increased demand from local residents and businesses for this economical, convenient and sustainable scheme.

GoCar users can book cars online or via the app for as little as an hour, then unlock with their phone or GoCard; the keys are in the car, with fuel, insurance and city parking all included. Rates start from €8 per hour, with 50KM of driving included on each trip. Since it was launched in 2008, over 30,000 members have signed up to GoCar, and it now offers over 400 vehicles across 300 locations in 15 Counties across Ireland. With pay as you go pricing and no subscription charges, it's ideal for people who only need occasional access to a car but don't want to own one, or families who need a second car sometimes.

Car-sharing reduces car dependency, congestion, noise and air pollution, and frees up land traditionally used for parking spaces. Each shared car replaces approximately 15 private cars, as well as increasing use of public transport. For further information on GoCar locations or to sign up for the GoCar scheme see [www.gocar.ie](http://www.gocar.ie)

### Fingal County Council launch 'stationless' bike sharing scheme in Dublin 15

FINGAL County Council recently launched a 'stationless' bike sharing scheme in Blanchardstown. The scheme allows cyclists to use 'smart' bikes with inbuilt GPS technology. They can be locked manually using the BleeperBike mobile phone app and so can be left at any bike parking facility.

The 'smart' bikes will allow the tracking of bike trips around the location using the inbuilt GPS technology on each bike. These GPS enabled bikes are located at designated bike racks throughout Dublin 15 and are available for use in seconds. By downloading the BleeperBike App, users can register and find their nearest BleeperBike, scan the QR code on the bike to unlock it and it is ready for use. This removes the need to develop and construct expensive and often inconvenient docking stations associated with traditional bike share schemes. Once cyclists arrive at their destination, they can park at any cycle parking stand near their destination and lock it manually.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin said: "Initiatives such as this one create an incentive for people to cycle rather than drive which will decrease traffic, contribute to environmental wellbeing and improve the health of Fingal residents." Other locations will be considered as the pilot proceeds, with a view to expanding the scheme to additional locations in the county in the coming months.



## Fingal County Council Introduces fleet of Electric Vans

FINGAL County Council has purchased five new electric vehicles. The fleet of fully electric Citroen Berlingo vans marks the beginning of Fingal's transition to electrification. More Electric Vehicles are set to follow in a commitment to promoting sustainability and tackling climate change.

Fully electric vehicles provide a reduction in air pollution and carbon emissions tackling global warming whilst offering whole life cost savings. The electrical vans have benefits across the environmental, financial and operational areas. They require less maintenance and offer the drivers a quieter, smoother, more enjoyable driving experience. They are very functional and are superior at accelerating and climbing than standard petrol or diesel powered vehicles. With 12 dedicated charging points recently installed across five Fingal offices and depots, each of the vehicles can cover 170 kilometres on a full charge, and take just 30 minutes to completely re-charge the batteries at the installed fast charging points.

Further developments on this journey currently being worked on are the installation of charging points in Fingal's street lighting columns and Smart Bench technology. The five electric vans are now operational and being used across the county.



## Stephenstown Link Road on schedule

THE Balbriggan Leadership Group has welcomed the news that work on the Stephenstown Link Road is on schedule and due to be completed in November 2018.

The Leadership Group recently held its second meeting since its formation and was given an update on the Link Road which will run from the existing roundabout on the Stephenstown Road, through the site and through a roundabout on Clonard Hill Road, linking to the back of Millfield and then on to the Naul Road. The road is a key piece of infrastructure development within Balbriggan as it will open up almost 23 hectares of industrially-zoned lands for development with the potential to bring 900 new jobs to the area.

Fingal County Council owns 22.84 Hectares of land within Stephenstown of which 10.2 Hectares are zoned as General Employment, in the 2017-2023 County Development Plan with the remaining lands zoned as High Technology.

Chaired by Brian MacCraith, president of DCU, The Balbriggan Leadership Group comprises of a number of Councillors, Senior Fingal County Council officials and key public and private sector stakeholders across the four main pillar themes of Local Economy & Enterprise, Community Affairs & Integration, Employment, Education & Training and Public Realm & Placemaking. The overall purpose of the Balbriggan Leadership Group is to develop a long-term socio-economic strategy for Balbriggan.



### Fingal County Council launches Butterfly House in Malahide Castle

FINGAL County Council has opened a new Tropical Butterfly House which showcases 20 species of Butterflies and their life cycle in Malahide Castle. The project commenced over three years ago and is the first Butterfly House in the Republic of Ireland. The Butterfly House is located in the Cambridge Glasshouse which was built to house Lord Milo Talbot's tropical flower collection. Butterflies are particular with their food plants. These plants had to be acquired gradually as some cannot be bought and have been sourced through specialist growers and some from the seed of wild plants. The glasshouse allows visitors to watch caterpillars feed on the plants and grow from larva to fully grown butterflies.

The introduction of Tropical Butterfly House offers an exciting new experience to the 200,000 visitors who come to Malahide Castle annually. The addition of the Butterfly House follows developments of Malahide Castle's botanical gardens and Fairy Trail.



### Mayor of Fingal and Taoiseach visit Shackleton Gardens project

THE Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley, in the presence of An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar recently visited Shackleton Gardens in Beechpark, Dublin 15. which is currently undergoing restoration. To mark the restoration of the historically significant

gardens, the Mayor planted a tree on the site which is being redeveloped by a group of volunteers under the direction of Fingal County Council as a tourism site. The Gardens, which will undergo restoration through a development grant of over €200,000 from Fáilte Ireland, with match-funding from Fingal County Council, are located on 1.5 acres of land and include a wide range of rare and exotic plants and flowers. During the 1980s, the gardens were included in The Good Gardens Guide and were awarded two stars. This is the highest accolade awarded by the Guide and reserved for the very best gardens in Britain and Ireland. The gardens will be finished and open to the public next year.

Located close to local amenities such as Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, the restored gardens will be easily accessible by visitors using public transport as well as drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Jonathan and Daphne Shackleton, along with their daughter Jane, were also present along with the volunteers who have helped drive the project in partnership with Fingal County Council.



### First section of Fingal Coastal Way approved

AN Bórd Pleanála has approved the construction of 1.8 Kilometres of pedestrian and cycling route linking the coastal towns of Baldoyle and Portmarnock. The Greenway will run for most of its length along the boundary of the new Racecourse Park on an off-road route parallel to the existing Coast Road. When completed, the scheme will provide a continuous pedestrian link between Baldoyle and Malahide and represent a major new amenity for the area. The detailed design of the route takes specific account of the coastal setting and ecology of the area. Construction will take approximately one year to complete and the cycleway will cost approximately €2.5M to construct. Further phases of this project are progressing through the planning and design process.





### Five Fingal Parks receive An Taisce Green Flag Awards

FIVE of Fingal's parks and green spaces - Ardgillan Demesne, Malahide Demesne, Santry Demesne, Millenium Park and St Catherine's Park - were awarded Green Flags in the recently announced An Taisce Green Flag Awards. The An Taisce Green Flag Awards are given to local authorities who manage green spaces and their environmental well-being with very high standards. The 2018 awards were available to public town parks, country parks, gardens, cemeteries, and green spaces from across the whole country. The Green Flag Awards are judged every year by a peer jury of green space experts, who volunteer their time to visit applicant sites and assess them against eight strict criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability, and community involvement. In Ireland the Green Flag Award for Parks Scheme has been enthusiastically received by park management as it delivers major wins for the delivery of quality green spaces by respective parks and park departments. Ardgillan Demesne was also awarded a Pollinator Project Award by the National Biodiversity Data Centre. This award is specifically for those Green Flag Parks that have made an effort to support the local pollinating insect populations, or to promote their importance. The Pollinator Project Award is jointly run with An Taisce Environmental Education to support the All Ireland Pollinator Plan, and is sponsored by Young's Nurseries.

### Some welcome news for Fingal in NOAC Report

THERE was positive news in the recently published NOAC (National Oversight & Audit Commission) report, scoring in the top three in relation to overall satisfaction with a rating of 58%, well above the National average. Fingal County Council has scored higher than the National average in a number of areas. The National Oversight & Audit Commission report is based on the Ipsos MRBI survey of the general public which was commissioned to establish levels of satisfaction with experience of engaging with local authorities. Fingal

was one of ten Local Authorities whose areas were included in the survey, which involved a total of 1,030 interviews completed across the ten areas with just over 100 interviews completed in Fingal. While Fingal County Council had conducted its own significantly more detailed survey last year, the results of this latest survey are nevertheless welcome, as they confirm some of the results of last year's survey, albeit with a much larger margin of error.



### Balbriggan and Skerries skate parks

FINGAL County Council has appointed a contractor to construct skate parks in Balbriggan and Skerries. Community engagement is an objective of this project so both skateparks are designed for users and spectators and will cater for a wide age-range and level of experience. Before tendering for the project, the council undertook a series of design workshops with stakeholders to determine their requirements. A key element of the project brief was that the design of each skatepark reflects and complements the character of each site and was informed by stakeholder feedback. The detailed design process for the skatepark is already underway and concept images have been produced with construction works to commence later this year. It is anticipated that the skateparks will be completed and available for use within the first half of 2019. The news has been warmly welcomed by both Skatepark Committees. A spokesperson for the Balbriggan Skatepark Committee said: "It is heart-warming to know that the local Balbriggan Community and Fingal County Council can work so constructively together towards the completion of such well-sought-after recreational projects." A spokesperson on behalf of Skerries Skatepark Committee said: "Our committee is delighted and thrilled to hear that Skerries will have a wonderful skatepark to look forward to."

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# Fingal elects new Mayor & Deputy Mayor

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Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Fingal Cllr Anthony Lavin and Cllr Grainne Maguire pictured following their election at June's annual meeting of Fingal County Council

**A**t the June annual meeting of Fingal County Council held in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Swords, Councillor Anthony Lavin was elected as Mayor of Fingal and Councillor Grainne Maguire elected as Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Lavin, who represents the Howth-Malahide Electoral Area, has been a member of Fingal County Council since 2011. He is originally from Swinford, Co Mayo, and is a Customer Care Manager with AXA Insurance. In his acceptance speech on the night, the new Mayor identified housing, MetroLink and the development of Dublin Airport as areas he wanted to work on and added: "It is truly an honour to be sitting here as Mayor of Fingal."

Cllr Grainne Maguire, an independent councillor, was elected as Deputy Mayor. Cllr Maguire, who represents the Balbriggan Electoral Area, has been an elected representative for the past ten years and succeeded her mother, May McKeon, on Council in 2013. Her mother had been an elected representative for almost 40 years. Tributes were paid to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Mary McCamley. Chief Executive Paul Reid presented Cllr McCamley with a Commemorative Medal and a Photograph Album recording her year in office. Cllr McCamley thanked Cllr Adrian Henchy for his support as Deputy Mayor during the year and paid tribute to everybody who had contributed to making her year in office a success.

This summer also saw the stepping down of two long serving Councillors. Councillor Ken Farrell has stepped down from the Council having been first elected in 1985 and Cllr David O'Connor has called a halt to his time with the Council having served nineteen years as a Councillor. They have been replaced by Cllr Robert O'Donoghue and Cllr Cathal Boland respectively.



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A busy day at the entrance to the Estuary recycling Centre in Swords

## A Day in the Life

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Fingal County Council operates two Recycling Centres. The Estuary Centre in Swords which first opened in 2006, handled almost 7,000 tonnes of material in 2017 and over 156,000 vehicles came through its gates. Coolmine Recycling Centre on the western side of the County has been in operation for the last 15 years and handled over 4,500 tonnes during 2017 and 102,000 vehicles used the service.

In the Estuary Centre in Swords, the centre Supervisor is Michael Hackett and his job is to ensure with his team that a first class service is available to all customers. "The lads are on site from 7.30am each day for an 8am start," explains Michael, "At 3pm each evening we make an assessment as to what should be ready for collection later and we then contact the contractor. Collections from here are done at night to ensure the centre is operational and ready to receive customers by start of business the following day."

It's a similar story in the Coolmine Centre where according to Kevin McDonnell, the Acting Foreman.

"Containers are all collected out of hours which means that all containers are empty when our first customers call in the morning."

Michael and his team see all types of customers coming through the gates at the Estuary Centre. "We have our regulars who would come two or three times a week to drop off small amounts. Then we have people dropping off stuff early in the morning on their way to work and then we'll always have first-timers and they'll tell you that they never knew the place was here and they're just blown away with the range of materials we take in for recycling."

In addition to the type of materials you might expect to recycle like timber, metal, cardboard, electrical appliances and green waste, both centres also take in old gas canisters, paint, fluorescent tubes and energy-saving bulbs, car and household batteries, cooking oil and engine oil. "People calling in are amazed by the amount of materials that we do take in," explained Kevin McDonnell. "They'll come up to you and say I never knew you could recycle such and such."

The Estuary Centre has arrangements in place with several third parties who collect and recycle from there. Michael Hackett explains. "The Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun, for instance, takes all our old bicycles for parts and restoring and they also take all water based paints that are left in here and we have a put aside area for Enable Ireland who take donations from customers of childrens toys and household items." Both Centres also operate a clothes recycling facility in aid of Pieta House.

House clearances and revamps account for a lot of the customers coming through both Centres . Kevin McDonnell remembers the used furniture section in the Coolmine centre as being exceptionally busy, "Before the recession we had the best of stuff being left in here. When there was plenty of money around people were doing up their kitchens and houses and dumping perfectly good furniture and washing machines. It hasn't been as busy on the furniture front since then but the cars are still coming in." Similarly in the Estuary Centre, house clearances

## **"We're a nation of hoarders, we can't seem to be able to throw things out "**

account for a lot of their traffic. "We're seeing a lot of family home clear outs," explains Michael Hackett, "We're a nation of hoarders, we can't seem to be able to throw things out and family homes gather a huge amount of stuff over the years."

The top four in terms of materials being brought to both centres are cardboard, plastic packaging, glass and paper and the busiest days are Saturdays and Mondays. Bank Holiday Tuesdays can also be very busy following long weekend tidy-ups in gardens and garages.

Both Centres have a strict policy on what they will not accept as Kevin McDonnell explained: "We don't accept domestic or commercial refuse and we don't accept polystyrene. People understand this and they're getting better at the whole idea of recycling and recycling centres like ours here in Coolmine. Numbers are on the rise. Lots of regular customers who would come 2-3 times a week and then you'll have people coming in for the first time. The majority of people are very good and do the right thing, dropping their stuff at the correct containers.

### **Staff Tip**

Get familiar with the lay out of your nearest Recycling Centre. That way you can plan your visit to the centre and organise your load accordingly.



We have other users who, with no consideration for anyone, just drop all their stuff at the first container they see, making extra work for the four staff here which leads to delays for the rest of the customers."

Michael Hackett also agrees that people are getting better at recycling, "Customers also see a clean site. We keep it well and people appreciate what we do. It's an education for people coming here for the first time to see that we can accept so much stuff. Our staff here are very friendly and are only too happy to answer any questions."

Click [here](#) for opening hours and more information.



Kevin McDonnell - Acting Foreman, Coolmine Recycling Centre



Michael Hackett - Supervisor, Estuary Recycling Centre

# The works of Harry Clarke in Fingal

Helena Bergin, Architectural Conservation Officer for Fingal County Council, will give a talk at 6.30pm on Culture Night (Friday 21 September) in the Council Chamber of County Hall, Swords on the works of the renowned Irish stained glass artist Harry Clarke (1889-1931) in Fingal. Clarke had a distinctive style of deeply elaborate stained glass windows containing tall, gaunt, ornate figures with strong, vibrant colours and intricate detailing of the clothing and background. His works are on display in the National Gallery of Ireland and the Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin. The talks will examine the windows he created for churches in Balbriggan, Belcamp, Castleknock, Donabate, Lusk, Naul and Oldtown but will also look at other windows in Fingal produced by the Joshua Clarke & Sons Studios before Harry began working for his father and also the windows created by the Harry Clarke Glass Studios Ltd after his death in Balbriggan, Belcamp, Clonsilla, Howth, Laurel Lodge and Lusk.

Admission to the talk is free but booking is essential and can be made by emailing [architects@fingal.ie](mailto:architects@fingal.ie)



**THE WORKS OF HARRY CLARKE IN FINGAL**

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Friday 7th September

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8.00PM

## GUINNESS SESSION TRAIL



### THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

The Old Schoolhouse ..... 9:30pm

### FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

The Cock Tavern ..... 10:00pm

The Old Schoolhouse ..... 10:30pm

Festival Club - The Attic Bar ..... 11:00pm

### SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

The Cock Tavern - The Mulcahys ..... 4:00pm

The Old Schoolhouse - John Spillane ..... 5:00pm

The Attic Bar - Niamh Parsons & Graham Dunne... 6:00pm

The Pound - Ciotog ..... 10:00pm

Festival Club - The Cock Tavern ..... 11:00pm

### SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

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### Swords Castle

- Dance Hall Academy Irish Dancing School .....2.30pm
- Street Seisiún Competition ..... 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- Music Workshop – Louise Mulcahy Lecture, Flying the Flag:  
A Celebration of Women in Uilleann piping .....2.30pm
- Craft Fayre, Artisan Market & Instruments ..... 12.00pm to 6.00pm
- An Introduction to Music at Comhaltas ..... 2.00pm to 5.00pm
- The Mulcahy Family .....7.00pm
- Dublin Comhaltas Performance Group .....8.00pm

**DANÚ** CASTLE MARQUEE  
9.00PM

Sunday 9th September

*The Dixie Micks* CASTLE MARQUEE  
3.00PM - 4.30PM

**THE WHILEAWAYS** CASTLE MARQUEE  
4.30PM - 6.00PM

## BLANCHARDSTOWN FREE FAMILY EVENT

*Céilí Mór*

AT BLANCHARDSTOWN CIVIC OFFICES  
SATURDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER: 3PM - 5PM

## CRAFT FAYRE

Artisan Food &  
Family Entertainment

SWORDS TOWN PARK  
Saturday & Sunday: 12pm - 6pm

# A Summer of Fingal Festivals

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Summer 2018 will be remembered by everyone for the wonderful weather that we all enjoyed right through June, July and August. No wonder then that record numbers attended the various Summer festivals throughout Fingal and in particular Flavours of Fingal in Newbridge House at the end of June and Swords Summer Festival in Swords Castle in July. Both of these events, organised by Fingal County Council, attracted record crowds and with music, craft and cooking demos, bouncy castles and a variety of live entertainment there was something for everyone right throughout the Summer.

Flavours of Fingal County Show, the hugely popular North County Dublin event, welcomed 90,000 people this year to Newbridge House and Farm, Donabate on the weekend of June 23 and 24 last. Flavours of Fingal once again combined the sights and sounds of Dublin's only traditional agricultural show with an unforgettable food and family fun experience. Best of all, it was completely free of charge for those visitors with the lowest carbon footprint! The organisers of the two-day event rewarded patrons who arrived on foot, used public transport or the free shuttle bus service provided by allowing entry completely free into the show.

Then over the weekend of July 20 to 22 another huge crowd attended Swords Summer Festival which this year was centred around Swords Castle and Town Park. This fourth year of the festival had in place a programme to suit all tastes with lots of free family entertainment, crafts and food as well as great music including Hothouse Flowers on Saturday night.

Other local festivals that Fingal County Council supported this summer were;

- Baldoyle Mayfest 13 May
- Balbriggan Summerfest 27 May - 3 June
- Skerries MidSummer festival 7-10 June
- Malahide Has It Festival 27-29 July
- Rush Harbour Festival 3-6 August
- Donabate Portrane Summer Festival 9-12 August.







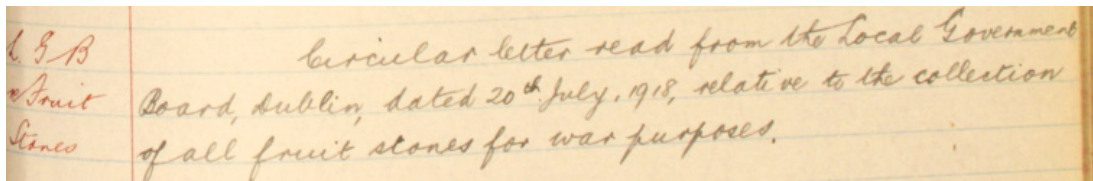


An impressive collection of fruit stones and nut shells gathered to help the war effort - National Archives USA

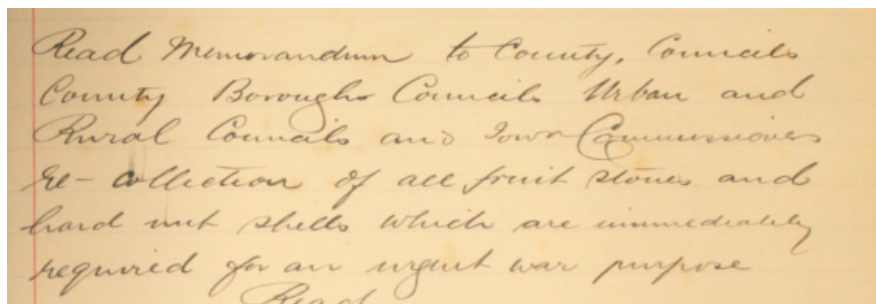
## Extracts From The Archives

### Fruit and Nuts - Lifesavers

At Dublin County Council's statutory Quarterly Meeting on August 8 1918 recorded in the minutes is the following entry:



A similar entry can be found in the minutes of the Balbriggan Town Councillors for the previous day (August 7 1918):



The Local Government Board circulated this letter to all County Councils, County Borough Councils, Rural District Councils and Town Commissioners throughout Ireland. Not all greeted the letter with the seriousness one would expect. The following was reported in the local newspapers:

**Fruit, Stones and Nuts.**—A letter was read from the L.G.B., amid laughter, saying that stones of fruit which has been made into jam and various nuts, are urgently required in connection with war work. The Master said a pot of jam does for about a month. No action was taken.

Drogheda Independent July 27 1918 p.2

**RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

MIDDLETON.—The Chairman, Mr. Richard Fitzgerald, J.P., presided. Also present—Messrs. Michael Coddigan, Michl. Brady, John O'Brien and P. D. Moore.—The Local Government Board wrote to inform the Council that certificates of commendation would be issued to plot-holders in respect of the best plots cultivated by them. The Council did not consider that the letter was applicable to Middleton, owing to the limited number of plots. A further letter from the Local Government Board was read asking the Council to make arrangements for the collection of fruit stones of all kinds for munition purposes.—The Chairman: The only stones we could supply are those which the Town Surveyor has for the roads (laughter).—Mr O'Brien: We are only looking for more stones (more laughter).—The letter was marked "read."—Mr

Irish Examiner July 27 1918 p. 5

So why was the collection of fruit stones and nut shells so important to the war effort?

World War 1 saw the first use of modern chemical warfare. A German scientist, Fritz Haber, invented chlorine gas which the Germans began to use against the Allies. When the wind was blowing in the right direction the Germans would release the gas and it would creep slowly over the battlefields and trenches. This yellow-green gas, also known as mustard gas, caused asphyxiation, convulsions and an extremely slow death. Its use caused panic amongst the troops. It reportedly was responsible for the deaths of over 90,000 soldiers.

During 1915, in the United States, chemist James B. Garner perfected an air-filtration system that used charcoal filters to absorb sulphur dioxide and ammonia. These filters were installed in the gasmasks that were distributed to the soldiers to combat the effects of mustard gas. It was found that burning the stones from fruit and the shells

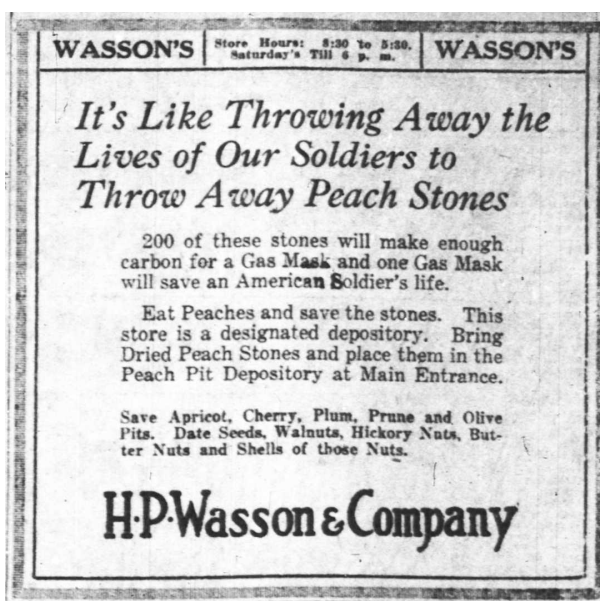
of nuts produced the best grade of charcoal for these filters. This resulted in nationwide appeals throughout the United States with advertisements likening the discarding of fruit stones to "throwing away the lives of our soldiers".

The Irish Independent of July 23 1918 stated that "all fruit stones, including date stones and hard nut shells, are immediately required...and school children are being invited to collect them". In the same newspaper on July 25 1918 they tell us that fruit stones are "being collected for their conversion into charcoal to be used in British respirators for the protection of the troops from poison gas".

The Irish Times of Saturday July 27 1918 explains how the stones "should be dried in the sun or warm oven" and that "nut shells and fruit stones should be packed separately". They also give the details to where these stones should be dispatched "Capt. Ricketts, Gas Works, Southend-on-Sea".

It was estimated that 200 fruit stones or 7lb of nut shells was needed to make enough charcoal for one gasmask. How many were collected in Ireland no one knows but the photograph on the opposite page showing an impressive collection was taken in Boston in September 1918.

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National Archives USA

Access to the minutes of County Dublin County Council, Balbriggan Town Commissioners and to the Irish Newspapers Archives is available by appointment.

**Find Out More**

Find out more about the history of Fingal through its archives and local history collection by contacting:

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Irish Air Corps personnel at Fingal's First Flight Competition in Blanchardstown Library

## Libraries News

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### Culture Night September 21

AS part of Culture Night on Friday September 21, Fingal Libraries will host free evenings in Blanchardstown and Swords branches. So why not join us for a night of fun and culture.

#### Blanchardstown Library

- At 5.45pm we will open to begin the presentation of Summer Stars Certificates and medals.
- At 6.15pm Reuben the Entertainer will be in Blanchardstown Library for some comedy magical fun with the children!
- At 7pm the Blanchardstown Brass Band will perform a variety of wonderful tunes
- At 8pm we will finish off with a traditional Irish band, Strings and Things!
- The ladies from the ICA will also provide some beautiful exhibitions on the night.
- We will also have a lego display from Dave Daly, Irish LEGO User Group, and I contacted The Dublin 15 Men's Shed, and they will join us and display some of the products they make.

#### Swords Library

Swords Library celebrates Culture Night with a willow-work workshop, presentation and youth choir. Learn about the traditional crafts of willow wattling, fencing and hurdle-making from 6 pm

with a hands-on demonstration and basketry display from Wicklow Willow. At 7 pm there will be a presentation of certificates and prizes to children who took part in Fingal Libraries summer stars reading programme. This will be followed by a performance of the Fingal Youth Choir, one of Irelands leading youth choirs, at 7.30 pm.

### STEMfest Success

MORE than 1,800 people passed through the doors of Blanchardstown Library on Saturday, July 21, as the highly anticipated STEMfest got underway. Highlighting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths, the day-long celebration was months in planning, and encompassed eight different events on a variety of topics.

Borrowers got a taster of things to come, as GMC Beats paid a visit on Friday, July 20 for two exciting Rap and Music Production Workshops, aimed at 8 – 12 year olds, and 13 – 18 year olds, respectively. The following morning, the events kicked off at 11am, but there was a buzz about the library from the moment the doors opened, as facilitators arrived to set up. The Big Bear Planetarium in particular drew huge interest, as the giant tent was inflated just inside the library door.

Blanchardstown Library were also thrilled to play host to the Academy of Code, who led four sessions of 'Break the Code' workshops, as well as a 'Taste of Code' drop in session, which was enjoyed by coding enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. Meanwhile, participants in the E2 Young Engineers' Lego Workshop got a hands-on lesson on Centrifugal Force, when they built their very own miniature washing machine drums!

The Sarah May Rogers Band provided a gorgeous soundtrack for the event in the afternoon, with a blend of bluegrass and traditional music, and following the arrival of the Mobile Library, Reuben the Entertainer drew a large crowd out into the sunshine for a hilarious magic show.

Arguably one of the highlights of the day was Fingal's First Flight Competition, an exciting venture between Fingal Libraries and the Irish Air Corps. More than 30 excited would-be pilots lined up along the makeshift runway in the reference section, as members of the Irish Air Corps spoke about flying, and aerodynamics, before demonstrating the best techniques for making paper aircraft.

A short test-flight and some adjustments later, and the competition was on! There was great excitement as the flight paths were measured and the ecstatic winners of the event were notified of their prize – a VIP tour of Casement Aerodrome.

### Bring Out The Artist In You

WOULD you like to learn to paint beautiful pictures? Come to John Carpenter's relaxing art sessions for adults this September and take home a finished painting on that day. Beginners welcome. All materials supplied. Places are limited so booking is essential.

Baldoyle Library, Friday Sept 14 10.30am -12.30 pm  
Rush Library, Thursday Sept 20 10.30am - 12.30 pm  
Malahide Library, Friday Sept 28 10.30am - 2.30 pm

### The Write Time

FOR the month of September Fingal County Council Libraries will hold a writing festival, The Write Time. This will be a programme of events celebrating creativity and writing in Fingal. Fingal Libraries are hosting a range of workshops and writer talks to spark the imagination and inspire creativity.

Admission is free to all events, see link to programme of events [here](#) but booking is essential for the workshops. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

### Fingal's Library Services

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Fingal Libraries are on Social Media!



# Say "I Do" in Swords Castle



The Chapel in Swords Castle which will hold civil wedding ceremonies from next summer

Fingal County Council is delighted to announce that next summer will see the first civil wedding ceremony being held in the beautiful surroundings of the medieval chapel at Swords Castle.

Swords Castle contains over 800 years of history. The castle was built by the Archbishop of Dublin, John Comyn, around 1200, as a residence and administrative centre. It is the best surviving example of an Archbishop's palace in Ireland and recent excavations have shown that there is an 11th century burial ground that pre-dates the Castle.

The Chapel itself is clearly visible as you approach the Castle from Main Street. It is an unusually large chapel even for an Archbishop's residence. Since 1995 the Chapel has undergone extensive reconstruction including the addition of a new oak beamed roof, a timber gallery leading to the Chamber Block and new floor tiles made using traditional methods and based on those found during the 1971 excavations. New windows with images depicting the four Evangelists - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John have also been inserted, and the large north window depicts a Jesse tree, inspired by windows in Chartres Cathedral. The sensitively restored Chapel in Swords Castle will provide a ready-made venue for civil wedding ceremonies in a unique medieval atmosphere.

While Fingal County Council looks forward to working with couples to make their special day in Swords Castle a memorable one, intending parties should note that each civil ceremony must be approved well in advance by the Health Service Executive. In addition to registering all marriages in Ireland, the HSE Civil Registration Service also carries out all civil marriage ceremonies. For more information please see [www.hse.ie/eng/births-deaths-and-marriages/how-to-get-married-in-ireland](http://www.hse.ie/eng/births-deaths-and-marriages/how-to-get-married-in-ireland)

Anyone interested in having their big day in Swords Castle Chapel can make initial enquiries to Fingal County Council.



The magnificently restored interior of the Chapel in Swords Castle



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## Donabate Portrane Community & Leisure Centre

A centre built with the foresight of a community's future needs, Donabate Portrane Community Centre officially opened its doors to the community in 2002. The building is owned by Fingal County Council and is managed under a Management Licence on behalf of Fingal County Council by the Board of Directors of Donabate Portrane Community Centre CLG.

Since then it has achieved its founders' dreams. It has become the focal point of the Community of Donabate Portrane. While the fabric of the building remains the same, its uses have evolved with the community needs. Where a bar and function room once existed, in 2008 Donabate Community College took temporary residence for three years to house 400 students and teachers while they waited for their permanent school to be built. A strategy was needed for when the ETB Community College left the building.

Management approached the Local Enterprise Board and in conjunction with Fingal County Council it was decided to locate the Donabate Library in the Community Centre. The library opened its doors in 2014 proving to be a much needed asset within the peninsula, with 50,000 items borrowed every year.

Regardless of age, ability, disability, local or stranger all go there to find out what is going on in the community, to go to the gym, to play music, to attend mass, to have a coffee, play a match, drop their child off to Montessori, to gossip or seek advice.

DPCC endeavours to go beyond social inclusion, through the medium of sport, music, leisure, education, religion, culture, people from all walks of life come here. Loneliness is banished and new friends are made. There is a wonderful energy about the place. The community vision

has, through the assistance and support of Fingal County Council, in particular the Community Development Office, and a volunteer Board of Directors, created an award winning and Age friendly facility that they are very proud of and is also part of a sustainable community. The centre employs 12 staff along with participants from Community Employment and TUS Schemes.

Fingal County Council's understanding of the demographics and population of this area led the centre to be part of a campus, unique in Ireland at the time, as planners saw the benefits of having key facilities beside each other. Hence the library, primary school, secondary school and all weather pitch are all located within walking distance. This collaboration helps to deliver key community activities.

Today the centre welcomes



over 22,000 people through its doors each month to partake in a full range of leisure, community, education and social classes. Fresh Fitness, a community gym, has 900+ centre members aged between 16-87 years. The gym sees all ages and abilities exercising together, more of a community well-being space, than a traditional gym, Fresh Fitness unique selling point is that their instructors are highly qualified and know every one of their members and their needs. They also work with all local sports clubs to develop coaching and classes for them, with local groups with special needs developing specialised exercises classes and their "New You" programme sees people transform their physical and mental wellbeing over 12 week programmes to progress to a more confident self.

DPCC has a very dynamic Active Age Group for people aged 55+ who partake in 25 different activities each week, including photography, line dancing, language classes, ukulele, bowls and play pickle ball. You name it this group can do it!

Their Foróige Clubs began six years ago to meet a need for youth in the area; it has grown to accommodate 70 young people (with a waiting list) who actively participate in the community centre activities as well as travelling across Ireland to represent Donabate. Foróige works with all young people through their general services to encourage young people to take responsibility for themselves and to be part of shaping the world around them while developing their talents, skills and abilities. DPCC also works with vulnerable young people who require additional support through a full range of targeted services.

Bright Sparks Montessori, an initiative of DPCC, is a community preschool and is one of the first in the area to hold the Smart Start title, which is a Healthy Ireland initiative. It is also one of the first to host an intergenerational project in 2017-18, The Kaleidoscope Fingal Project (Seniors & Four year olds) which is a leader in Intergenerational Learning! The programme was designed to invite a group of older people to a local preschool as guests, on a weekly eight week programme. The citizens of the future and senior citizens of the present benefit from this interaction, and this may have an overarching impact on the community as a whole. It has been an overwhelming success, great fun, laughter, concerts, art & charity work undertaken by the group. A National Age Friendly Award

recognised the initiative.

The All Weather Pitch, one of the first in Fingal, is a water based pitch, it hosts all local sports clubs at junior and senior level and clubs from surrounding areas, and all the local primary and secondary schools. The Garda Síochána Late Night Soccer League takes place during prime anti-social hours and is based around the concept of using football as a tool for social inclusion and learning. The pitch sees a variety of summer camps and summer schools availing of it for sports, games and inflatable runs. Because of the carpet and water cannons, it also happens to be the best place for a water fight – as proven by Educate Together when the children had the biggest water fight ever at end of term.

For further information go to [www.donabatecommunitycentre.com](http://www.donabatecommunitycentre.com) or call 01 8434546

### Win a Family Ticket to see Lords of Strut at the Draíocht



For your chance to win a family ticket for four to see Lords of Strut in the Draíocht on Saturday, October 20, simply answer the question below and email your answer to [fingalnews@fingal.ie](mailto:fingalnews@fingal.ie) before 5pm on Thursday October 4.

How many vehicles visited Coolmine Recycling Centre in 2017?

- A. 92,000      B. 102,000      C. 122,000

Congratulations to Jackie Cushen from Blanchardstown and Caroline Molloy from Swords our winners from the last issue of Fingal News. They both won tickets to see the Hothouse Flowers in Swords Castle in July. Thanks to everybody who entered the competition.

For more details of what's happening in Draíocht, go to: [www.draiocht.ie](http://www.draiocht.ie)

# Tuairisc faoin nGaeilge

## Fleadh Fhine Gall 6-9 Meán Fómhair



## FLEADH FHINE GALL SORD, GÚ - 9Ú MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2018



BEIDH Fleadh Fhine Gall ar siúl idir an 6 agus an 9 Meán Fómhair i Sord, Co. Átha Cliath. Ceiliúrfar traidisiúin láidir an cheoil i bpobal Fhine Gall le linn na hócáide agus beidh sí dírithe ar sheisiúin teagaisc, rannpháirtíocht agus léiriú. Cuirfidh roinnt de na daoine is mó le rá i gceol traidisiúnta na hÉireann ceardlanna, ceolchoirmeacha agus cainteanna saor in aisce i láthair thar an deireadh seachtaine.

Beidh Caisleán Shoirid ag croílár na hócáide agus is ann sin a bheidh ceolchoirm an-speisialta ina bhfaighfear léirithe ó Kíla, Danú, Lumiere, The Dixy Micks agus go leor leor eile. Beidh ranganna damhsa, bia den chéad scoth agus craic agus spraoil! Beidh Gaeilge le cloisteáil ar fud na háite ag an ócáid agus Oíche Déardaoin beidh Pop Up Gaeltacht ar siúl agus beidh ceol le cloisteáil in sna pubanna go léir gach oíche. Beidh Céilí Mór i mBaile Blainshéir Dé Sathairn. Lean Fingal Fleadh agus Events in Fingal ar Twitter agus Facebook do na sonraí go léir.

## Imeachtaí i nGaeilge

POP up Gaeltacht ag Flavours of Fingal - Meitheamh Bhí Pop up Gaeltacht ag Flavours of Fingal agus bhain gach duine sult as an ócáid. Bhí sé go deas Gaeilge a chloisteáil agus na páistí ag caitheamh a rostbhandaí le Is Breá Liom Gaeilge. Bhí dhá lá iontacha againn ag an Pop Up Gaeltacht ag Flavours of Fingal. Bhí daoine ó Fine Gall agus contaetha eile agus tíortha eile fiú agus ár Leas-Mhéara nua Cllr Grainne Maguire freisin. Míle buíochas le Cllr Daire Ni Laoi, Éilís ó Fhoras Na Gaeilge, Liam Ó Culbaird ó Fingallians, Áine agus Peggy ó Ghaeilge i mBaile Brigín, Katie ó Ghaeloideachas, Dónal ó Bhliain na Gaeilge agus sibhse go léir a bhí ann.

Gaeilge agus Stair Caisleán Shoirid - Lúnasa Bhí imeacht dátheangach i gCaisleán Shoirid le Gaeilge agus Stair le linn Sheachtain Oidhreachta. Tháinig daoine le chéile ag am lóin chun Gaeilge a labhairt agus stair na háite a chloisteáil uaidh Bernie Kelly agus Christine Baker ó Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall.



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Malahide Castle Demesne and Regional Park

Newbridge House, Farm, Demesne and Regional Park

Swords Castle and Townpark

Santry Demesne Regional Park

Skerries Mills

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)

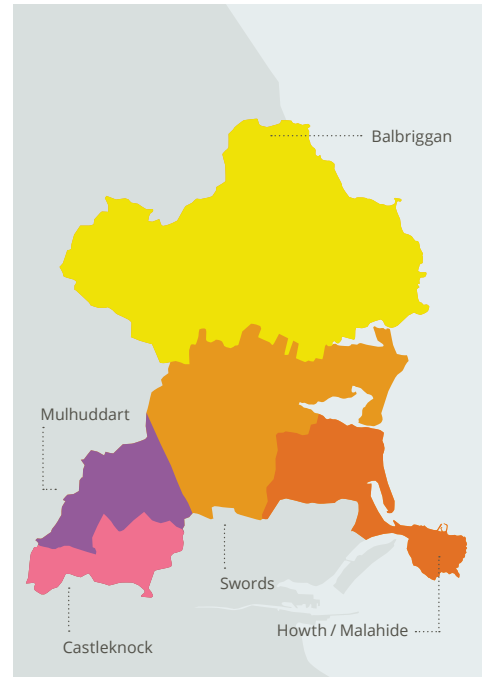
### Estuary Recycling Centre

Swords, County Dublin  
(Beside Swords Business Park)

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