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Fingal County Council Receives Prestigious Green Flag for Parks

Fingal County Council are delighted to announce that we have been awarded four flags at the An Taisce Green Flags Awards 2016.

Ardgillan Demesne and St. Catherines Park received two new flags, with Malahide Demesne and Millenium Park retaining their flag status for 2016.

The An Taisce Green Flag is awarded in recognition of achieving quality standards for the presentation of parks and recreation facilities. It promotes high horticultural and environmental standards and a benchmark for excellence in park management based on acknowledged international best practice.

Launching the ceremony on the 21st July in the Phoenix Park, Sean Canney, Minister of State for the Office of Public Works (OPW), said:

“The awards provide an important benchmark for parks to uphold standards of excellence” adding,
“Ireland's wealth of stunning parks is a testament to the hard work and dedication of staff who work there.”

Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent (Fingal) said:

“Our parklands are a wonderful amenity for visitors and citizens alike, and a highlight of our tourism offering in Fingal. We are delighted to receive these awards, which give recognition to the ongoing work we do to ensure that Fingal remains a place that people want to visit and enjoy.”

The award scheme which is already established in more than 50 countries was trialled in a limited number of Parks in 2015. This is the first year An Taisce has made the award available to public parks, country parks, cemeteries and green spaces across the whole country.

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Group Image;



Pictured, Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Eithne Loftus; Michael John O'Mahony, An Taisce; Fingal County Council Staff.