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Turning of the first Sod at Church Fields



**February 2022
Chief Executive's
Report on Activities**



A Message from AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council

We received the welcome news from Government at the end of last month that most of the public health measures which were in place could be removed. This included a return to physical attendance in workplaces on a phased basis. We received the Transition Protocol from Government which reflects the most recent public health advice and is the current guidance for the safe return and continued safe operating of workplaces. Our Health and Safety team will continue to advise on measures that should be adopted by employees to prevent COVID-19 from spreading.

It is almost two years since we had the full workforce physically attending the workplace five days a week and this has led to new ways of working. It has also inspired an examination of our workplaces to see if they need to be adapted to accommodate this new approach to working. Over the past few months the Architects Department has been working on a Spatial Strategy and we are now looking at a major revamp of our offices to facilitate the new ways of working. It will take significant investment and over a year for this project to be fully completed but it will give us a much better place to work in. I expect developments in relation to a remote working strategy to emerge in the coming weeks

Last month I referred to a busy start to the year with the commencement of the development plan meetings. The Elected Members have put in significant time to attend the busy schedule of meetings and their contributions, participation and constructive debates will ensure we will move on to the next stage of the process in a strong position with a robust draft plan. I must express my gratitude to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to facilitate these meetings. It is a great example of the professional and dedicated workforce we have which is regularly remarked upon by councillors and citizens.

The Operations Works Programmes for 2022 are in the process of being agreed with the Elected Members. These are the largest programmes to be undertaken by the department with increased budgets and upon deliver will greatly enhance our county. A public

lottery took place for County Wide Trading and 24 successful applicants were offered locations throughout the county. Trading is expected to commence by the end of the month when site inspections have taken place and relevant documentation has been submitted. This is just one aspect of preparations which are underway for an outdoor Summer.

I am delighted that we will see the return of live events with the Events Unit managing St. Patrick's Day parades in Swords, Blanchardstown and Balbriggan and we will also be supporting parades in Rush, Lusk and Skerries through our Festival and Events funding scheme. To coincide with the Government's decision to designate a once-off public holiday, on Friday 18th March 2022, in recognition of the efforts of the general public, volunteers and all workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in remembrance of people who lost their lives, Fingal County Council's Events Office are planning a spectacular firework display on the coast at Malahide.

We have established a Fingal Age Friendly Team which is an interdepartmental team consisting of representatives from Architects, Active Travel, Communications, Community, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural development, Housing, Operations and Planning & Strategic Infrastructure with the support of Age Friendly Ireland - Healthy Homes representative and the Age Friendly Regional Programme Manager. The work of this team will be critical over the next number of months & years in enhancing the quality of life for Fingal's citizens now and in the future by developing and implementing age friendly policies and strategic objectives.

I look forward to more in person meetings with Elected members and staff where we can engage once again in a physical setting.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive



ST. PATRICK'S DAY!
We're back for 2022 with 6 parades - let's celebrate!
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Contractor appointed to deliver link road and cycle network for Church Fields

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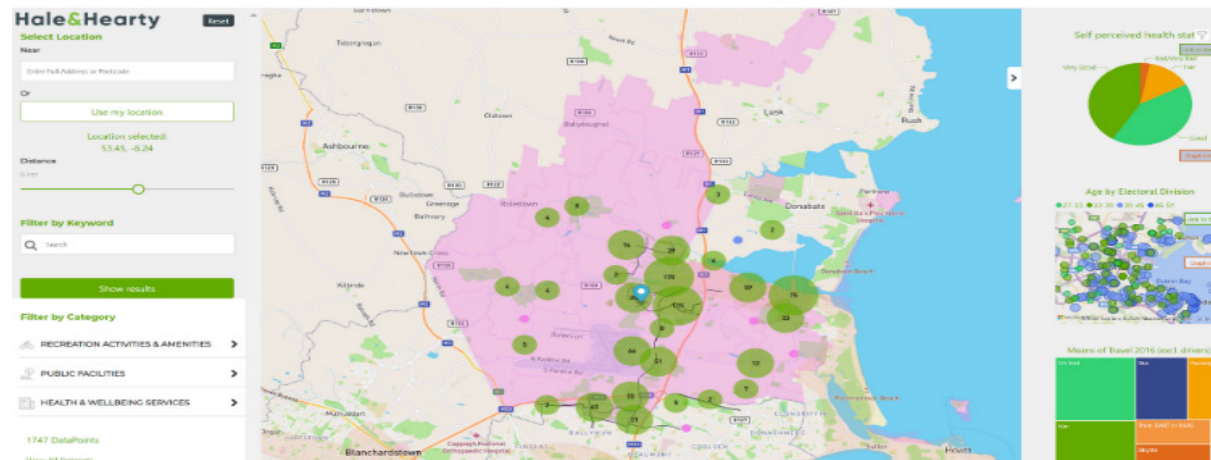


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on to be remembered. Photo Credit: ESB Archives



Fingal Supporting new 'Hale & Hearty' Project

Hale&Hearty



Fingal County Council are partners in the "Hale and Hearty" EU-funded project that aims to improve access to health and wellbeing information. The project uses multiple open data sources (including local authority data) to provide a comprehensive health and wellbeing knowledge base. The Hale and Hearty Knowledge Base is now available for use at <http://data.gov.ie/haleandhearty>. Please take the time to fill out the short feedback survey.

the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) and project partners are –

- Central Statistics Office
- Department of Health
- Fingal County Council
- Derilinx
- Ireland's Data Cloud Cluster (IDCC)

To find out more information about the Hale and Hearty project visit the project website at <https://haleandhearty.ie/>

The project is managed by the Open Data Unit in

Comms Campaigns and Events

The Communications Unit worked with colleagues in the Strategic Infrastructure, Architects and Housing departments to organise the official sod-turning by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh at the new Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network in Mulhuddart. The event also included a viewing of the site of Phase 2B of the Church Fields project where construction is already underway for 67 homes. Attendees included councillors and Oireachtas members and they were briefed by officials on the Church Fields project.

project. Photographs were also shared on social media showing the planting of some of the 304 new trees that are being planted to compensate for the 130 trees removed to accommodate construction of the new cycle lanes.



The Unit also provided communications support to the Strategic Infrastructure Department for advanced works on the Pedestrian and Cycle Route along the Harry Reynolds Road in Balbriggan which helped to explain to residents and stakeholders why trees along the road were being taken down now and the benefits this would have for the overall

Our Top Tweet of The Month!

Top Tweet earned 18.7K impressions

We've added new protected cycle lanes along the Sutton to Howth cycleway over the past few weeks. This infrastructure makes the space safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike.

#RoadSafety #ActiveTravel
twitter.com/davestorey18/s...

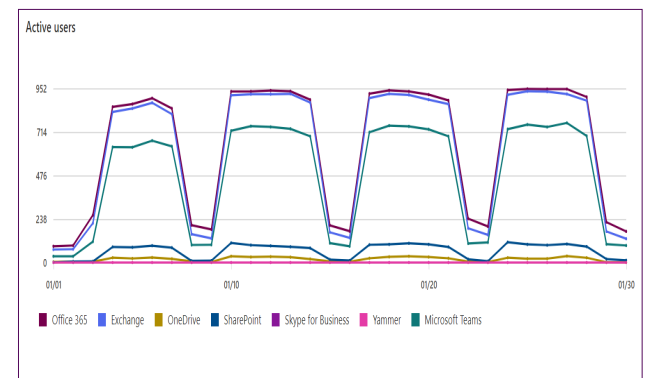
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Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 555,300 impressions during January and an average engagement rate of 1.5% from 238 tweets. The best performing tweet, with 18,955 impressions and 416 engagements was a post about the installation of new protected cycle lanes along the Sutton to Howth cycleway which highlighted that this new infrastructure makes the space safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike.

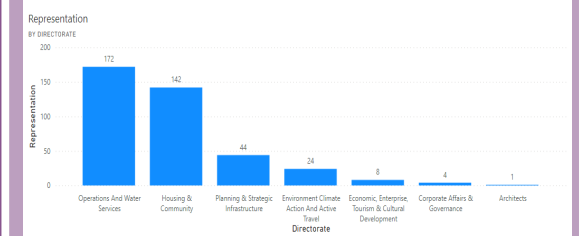
On Facebook the best performing post was about the advanced works on the Harry Reynolds Road which had an audience reach of 24,242 and an engagement rate of 11.16%. The number of followers on Facebook is now 26,645 which is a 7.36% increase since December 31. The Council's Instagram account saw its number of followers rise to 4,756 while LinkedIn broke the 5,000 barrier as the number of followers rose by 204 to 5,197. The YouTube account increased its number of subscribers to 647.

Digital Working

In January staff took part in 9,918 Teams meetings, 32,047 calls took place, and 747,727 emails were received or sent by the Council.



395 Councillors Reps Submitted in January 2022



Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to Councillors representations and complaints submitted by the public. The month of January had a total of 395 Councillor's representations.

The table above shows the total number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department to date in 2022.

Register of Electors in Fingal tops 192,710

Local Electoral Area	Total
Balbriggan	23,337
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart	17,073
Castleknock	32,301
Howth-Malahide	43,759
Ongar	20,714
Rush-Lusk	23,623
Swords	31,903
Total	192,710

The Register of Electors for 2022/2023 was published on 1st February 2022 and will come into effect on 14th February 2022.

The total electorate for Fingal is 192,710. The table above shows a breakdown per Local Electoral Area.

Customers Calling

On Monday, 7th of February, our offices re-opened to the public.

During January 2022, our Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of:

- 14,804 calls
- 1,892 emails



Join us on St. Patrick’s Day 2022!

This year sees the return of live events and they start with Fingal’s 6 St. Patrick’s Day Parades. The Events Unit will directly manage parades at Swords -11am, Blanchardstown - 12pm and Balbriggan – 2pm. We will also, through our Festival and Events funding scheme, be supporting parades at Rush - 1pm, Lusk – 1.30pm and Skerries – 3pm.

This year, in line with Fingal County Council’s Climate Change Action Plan we are only allowing electric and hybrid vehicles into the Swords, Blanchardstown and Balbriggan Parades. We are also inviting and encouraging members of the public to join the parade on their bicycles.

Remembrance & Recognition Event

To coincide with the Government’s decision to designate a once-off public holiday, on Friday 18th March 2022, in recognition of the efforts of the general public, volunteers and all workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in remembrance of people who lost their lives, Fingal County Council’s Events Office are planning a spectacular firework display on the coast at Malahide.

Renew Your Library Card

Fingal Libraries Services

libraries.fingal.ie



Remember to **renew your Fingal Library Card** to continue using all our FREE and amazing services!

It’s quick and easy!!

- At your local library branch, in person, by bringing your library card to the staff desk.
- By phoning/emailing your local library branch (please have your membership card details ready).

Your local Fingal Library - <https://bit.ly/YourLocalFingalLibrary>



We are reminding library users in Fingal that their library card has an expiration date and needs to be renewed. This can be done by telephone, by email or by calling into a branch library with the card. Once membership is renewed, all our usual services are available including book loans, eservices, printing and photocopying. All branches are open and services are operating as normal as Covid restrictions continue to be removed.

Marketing & Promotion of Heritage Properties



Malahide Castle – A mid-week combination ticket promotion is being marketed on social media for Malahide Castle tours and Casino Model Railway Museum.

International Women’s Day Talks confirmed for Malahide Castle & Newbridge House on 8th March 2022.

Newbridge House – A ‘Lovers in History’ Tour at Newbridge House confirmed for 11th February.

A report is being completed on Fingal’s Collection of Horse Drawn Vehicles to appraise their historical value and research into them. The author of the report is Elizabeth Jamieson, National Trust Advisor on Historic Stables and Carriages in collaboration with OPW and the National Museum of Ireland.

New Library Members Welcome

New library members are always welcome and the benefits of joining for all ages include access to a wealth of books, ebooks, audiobooks, emagazines and a host of other eservices.

Libraries provide study spaces, access to technology and programmed events both in person and online. All this is provided free of charge so there are no barriers to becoming a member.



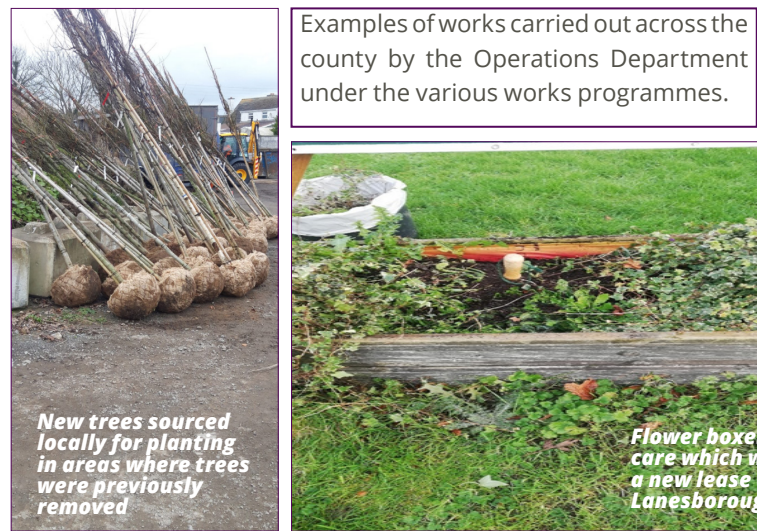
Works Programmes Across the County



Before and After: Improvement works carried out at Howth Tram Line



River Valley Swords - recent Vegetation Removal from side and rear of private property boundaries



Examples of works carried out across the county by the Operations Department under the various works programmes.

New trees sourced locally for planting in areas where trees were previously removed

Flower boxes in need of care which were given a new lease of life in Lanesborough Gardens



Before and after: Resurfacing works completed at Balgriffin Cottages



New landscaping at Harbour Road, Rush

Casual Trading Permits for 18 Fingal Locations

The Public Lottery for County Wide Casual Trading took place on 26th January 2022 via teams with all valid applicants.

Successful applicants have been offered the following locations:-

The next stage is for all applicants to submit relevant documentation, followed by a site meeting with relevant officials. Permits will then be issued to traders.

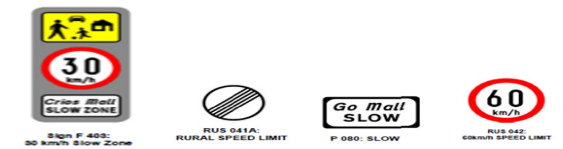
Balbriggan/Swords	Howth/Malahide	Castleknock/Mulhuddart
Donabate Beach	Malahide Beach	St. Catherine's Park
Newbridge Demesne	Portmarnock Beach	Millennium Park
Red Island Carpark	Malahide Demesne	Porterstown Park
Ardgillan Demesne	Howth Summit Carpark	
Santry Demesne	Paddy's Hill	
Tower Bay, Portrane	Fingal Burial Ground	
Rush Beach South	Balgriffin Burial Ground	
Loughshinny		

Speed Limit Project Update

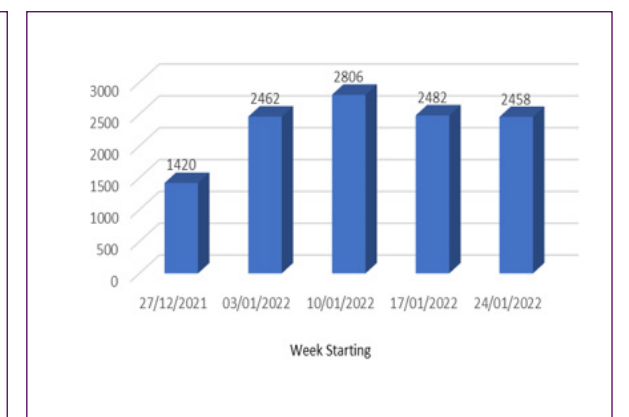
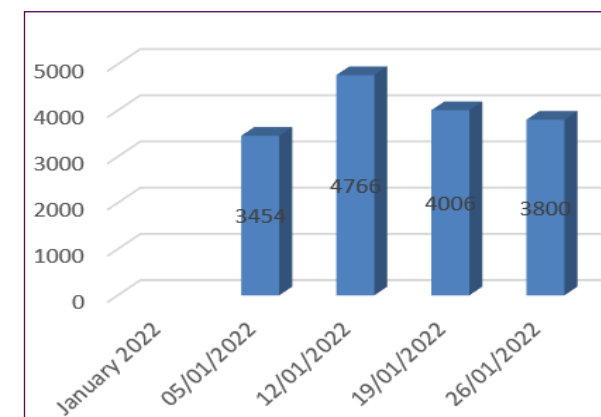
Actavo Ltd were appointed in 2021 during the pandemic to implement the Speed Limit review signage project county wide.

Additional works are also planned respect to new speed limit gateway signs in the Howth-Malahide area where speed limit boundaries have changed. Typical signs including the SLOW ZONE signs (30km/hr.) are shown below.

The Contractor to date has installed over 1200 poles with signage attachment still ongoing by Contractor and Depot Staff. The project is entering its completion stage with about 55 residential areas further identified to be poled and signed.



Recycling Centres Review

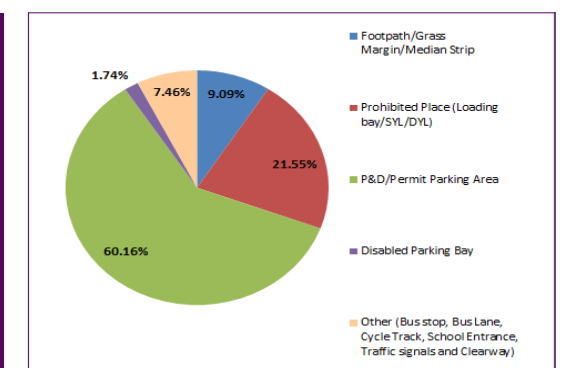


A review on the Recycling Centres at Coolmine and Estuary is currently underway. This review will look at net cost to the Council alongside the current charges.

Tender for 100 additional solar bins for Fingal finalised



Tender for the additional 100 solar bins is finalised and locations for the Balbriggan/Swords and Castleknock/Mulhuddart areas are currently being finalised.



Carparking Services

Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	89	9.09%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	211	21.55%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	589	60.16%
Disabled Parking Bay	17	1.74%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	73	7.46%
Total	979	100%

There was a total of 979 parking tickets issued during December 2021. Breakdown above.



Community Monuments Fund 2022 is now open



The Community Monuments Fund for 2022 is now open for applications until February 15th. The core aims of this Fund are the conservation, maintenance, protection and presentation of archaeological monuments. It will:

- Enable conservation works to be carried out on monuments which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- Encourage access to monuments and improve their presentation;
- Build resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change.

Find out more and apply: <https://www.fingal.ie/news/community-monuments-fund-2022>

The Heritage Council's Community Grant Scheme for 2022 is now OPEN for applications for the following:

- Capital projects that apply good heritage practice to the management of places, collections, or objects (including buildings).
- Capital projects that improve access and inclusion to heritage sites;
- Purchase of essential equipment.

This scheme enables communities and heritage non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to continue their work in this area or to start new initiatives.

Closing date is Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 5:00pm. Full details at <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie>

R132 Project Gets the go ahead

The Council was pleased to recently receive An Bord Pleanála's notification of the successful granting of planning permission for the R132 Connectivity Project, following our planning submission in April 2021. The project involves upgrade works from north of Pinnock Hill Roundabout to north of Estuary Roundabout, to facilitate installation of new

protected cycle and pedestrian facilities, removal of hard shoulders, conversion of roundabouts to signalised junctions and a reduction in speed limit to 50km/h. The P&SI team worked closely with TII and the NTA to ensure the proposed scheme ties in and facilitates MetroLink, BusConnects and the delivery of the Sustainable Swords strategy.

Contractor Appointed to deliver on Churchfields Link Road & Cycle Network



The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department recently appointed Fox Building and Engineering Ltd to deliver the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network. The contractor has commenced site set up with work expected to last 18-months.

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh turned the first sod on the project on Friday 28th January and she was joined by the Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar TD, the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O'Gorman TD, Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach, Jack Chambers TD, as well as Councillors and Oireachtas members from Dublin 15.

The Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network is co-funded by the NTA and the Dept of Housing, Local Govt

and Heritage. It will create new connectivity to facilitate the development of the Church Fields Masterplan which will deliver significant housing, retail and community amenities to support the sustainable growth of Mulhuddart.

It will also feature Ireland's first 'Dutch Style' cycle-friendly roundabout, optimised for safe use by pedestrian, cyclists and motorists. High quality segregated cycle and pedestrian infrastructure is also included throughout the scheme, including a new cycle route linking Damastown Avenue and Church Road Roundabout to Gaelscoil an Chuilinn and Powerstown Educate Together National School on Powerstown Road. This will include construction of new crossings on all arms of the existing roundabout, making walking and wheeling to schools in the area safer for students.

Bremore Regional Park Development



Works are scheduled to begin on the construction of the new full size public GAA pitch facility at Bremore Regional Park. In addition to the pitch, the works include provision of vehicular and pedestrian access and boundary fencing.

The project represents the first phase of construction of the Balbriggan Sports and Recreational Hub. It is anticipated the construction works will be completed by late Summer this year. Following construction, the grass on the newly formed pitch will need to establish for 12 months before use to ensure the best outcome for future users of the new facility.



Seabees being Reset in Portrane



First Sod turned at Church Fields

The Part 8 public consultation period for the proposed 300 dwellings and the Eastern Linear Park concluded on 31st January 2022. The Chief Executive report will be presented to the Members for their consideration at the March Area Committee.

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Friday 28th January 2022 marked the first step in the construction of new infrastructure at the Church Fields site

in Mulhuddart, as the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh turned the first sod on the project.

The Mayor was joined in viewing the Church Fields site by the Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar TD, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O'Gorman TD, Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach, Jack Chambers TD, Fingal County Council Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly as well as councillors and Oireachtas members from Dublin 15.

Local Authority Home Loan



The Local Authority Home Loan is a Government backed mortgage for first-time buyers or other eligible applicants through local authorities. The scheme is for the purchase of new or second-hand residential properties and for self-builds. It also includes the purchase of homes through State schemes such as the Tenant Purchase Scheme and Affordable Housing Schemes. This loan has now replaced the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan with slightly different eligibility criteria.

The "Fresh Start" principle means that people who are divorced or separated and have no interest in the family home, or who have undergone personal insolvency or bankruptcy arrangement or proceedings or other legal process, will be eligible to apply. The loan also revised the

maximum salary of a single person who may apply under the scheme to 65K per annum.

The Local Authority Home Loan became available nationwide from all local authorities from 4th January 2022. The loan is a normal Capital and Interest-bearing mortgage which is repaid by direct debit on a monthly basis.

A successful applicant can borrow up to 90% of the market value of the property. In Fingal the maximum value of a property that can be purchased is 320,000. For more information please see:

www.fingal.ie/council/service/localauthorityhomeloan
<https://localauthorityhomeloan.ie/>

Oldtown Marks 75th Anniversary

Saturday 15th January 2022 marked the 75th anniversary of Oldtown being the 1st rural village in Ireland to be electrified. The night of 15th January 1947 changed rural Ireland forever.

The Community Department will be supporting Oldtown Community Council in the hosting of a number of planned events during the year to mark this significant anniversary. For more information on this remarkable event, see the ESB archives on their website: <https://esbarchives.ie/rural-electrification/>

<https://esbarchives.ie/2017/04/11/how-you-can-get-electricity-to-your-rural-home/>
Check out this great video on Youtube which features a minute on Oldtown (22 minutes into the video) <https://esbarchives.ie/2018/11/14/death-of-the-banshee-1996/>



happen. Jan First pole at Kilsallaghan 5 November 1946
to be remember Photo Credit: ESB Archives



Winter Pride Events

Following the success of its inaugural Pride Festival earlier this year, the Community Office are now planning to host a series of events over the winter months with the launch of Fingal Winter Pride.

A highlight of Winter Pride will be the unveiling of the National Library's photographic exhibition Living with Pride. The exhibition will be on display in County Hall Swords followed by Blanchardstown Library and Balbriggan Library on the first leg of a national tour.



The events have been organised to support LGBTQ+ community, friends and allies across Fingal. It will showcase the journey of pride and provide support through the provision of information at what is recognised as a particularly isolating time of year.

A series of awareness raising LGBTeas will also take place in the Cottage Community Centre, Lusk on the 8th February, Swords Library on 15th February and Blanchardstown Library on 22nd February.

Nutrition Webinars




NUTRITION AS WE AGE – WHAT CHANGES?

- Our bodies burn less calories at rest – combined with reduced movement and excess calories, may result in 'middle age spread'
- Risk of Sarcopenia - muscle wastage as we age
- Reduced requirement for sleep
- Bones reduce in size

During the month of January the Sports Office held online Nutrition Webinars with Bridge Nutrition which focused on Eating Well in the Winter months, Nutrition as we Age, Eating for Mental Health and The importance of Nutrition in maintaining Gut Health. The Sessions went out live on Mondays at 8pm with the recordings released the following Wednesday, over 200 people signed up for the Webinars.

Progress at Dun Emer



Construction of the 39 affordable and 12 social homes continues at Dun Emer in Lusk alongside the upgrade works to the road infrastructure which is funded by the Affordable Housing Fund (formerly the SSF)

Progress on Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme



Works are progressing on Howth Road regarding bollard installation. Minor line marking works remain to be completed on Howth Road. Line marking and bollard installation to move to Dublin Road next and is projected to start in February. Epoxy resin works are projected to start in March for all roads – weather permitting.

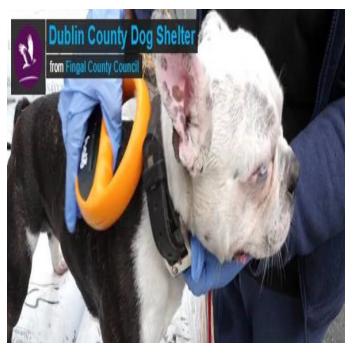
Dog Warden & Dog Shelter Service

In January a total of nine dogs entered the dog shelter. Two dogs were surrendered, and 7 dogs were strays. No dogs were seized.

Of the nine dogs that entered the shelter one dog was reclaimed and four were rehomed to members of the public. Four dogs currently remain at the shelter.

A video on the dog shelter has been circulated to the Members and can be viewed on our social media sites and website.

The dog wardens undertake regular patrols throughout Fingal, including Parks and Beaches. New signs have been erected in Fingal Parks giving notice of the park byelaws and also to the Regulations under the Control of Dogs Act 1998.



Weather Station for Schools Project

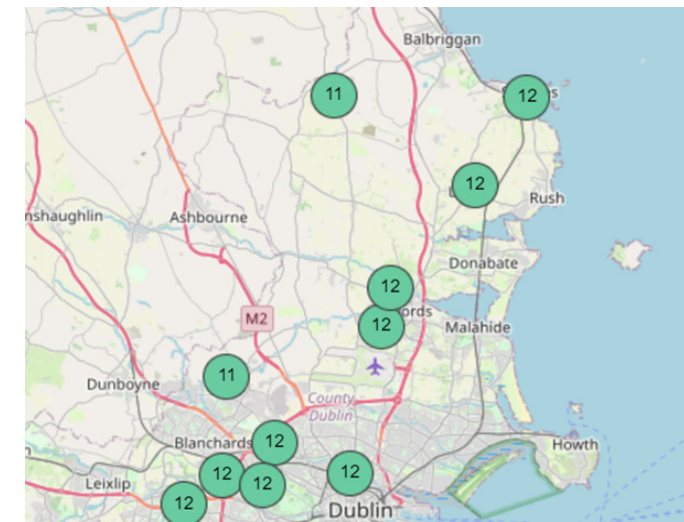
42 applications to the Chief Executive's Innovation Fund were received from which 16 Champion primary schools were selected across Fingal County Council's seven Local Electoral Areas to receive automatic weather stations. These stations produce real time information about rainfall, temperature, wind speed, wind direction, humidity, pressure and dew point temperature.

The 16 Champion primary schools have now received the automatic weather stations. 7 schools are currently live on Met Eireann at <https://wow.met.ie> they are Rush and Lusk ETNS, Naul National School, St Patricks SNS Skerries, Holy Family Swords, Thornleigh ETNS Swords, St Luke's Tyrrelstown and St Patricks Diswellstown, Castleknock. The remaining schools are due to go live before Easter on the Met Eireann website.

The next phase is the outdoor air quality monitors this will record particulate matter (PM). Lusk and Rush ETNS is the first school in Fingal to record real time data on PM 1, PM 2.5 and PM 10. Dust, smoke and soot are examples of particulate matter. 16 air quality monitors have recently been procured for the Champion schools. This real time

information is available on <https://www.weatherlink.com/map>

The Weather Station for Schools project has been nominated for two LAMA Community and Council awards.



Road Safety High Priority for Fingal

The RSA (Road Safety Authority) recently published some interesting statistics for 2021:

- * A total of 134 people lost their lives on our roads in 2021 – down by 12 compared to 2020
- * In 2021, there were 99 males and 35 females who lost their lives on our roads
- * 49% of fatalities occurred between 2pm and 10pm
- * Tuesday was the most dangerous day of the week with 24 fatalities
- * 28% of all drivers and passengers killed were NOT wearing a seatbelt
- * There was a decrease in pedestrian and cyclist fatalities and an increase in motorcyclists' fatalities
- * 21% of fatalities were aged between 16-25 years compared to 13% in 2020
- * 37% of fatalities occurred on 80 km/h roads

In Fingal, the Road Safety Section will continue to promote Road Safety throughout 2022 through various online awareness campaigns and school engagement through the AXA Road Safe Roadshow and the 'Your Life, Your Choice' VR Headset campaign. We remain focused on achieving 'Vision Zero' which means no road deaths or serious fatalities by 2050.

The provision of the School Warden service to keep some of our most vulnerable road -users safe, remains a priority.



The Month in Numbers

192,710

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300

The number of planned route inspections which were carried out by the Litter Wardens in January 2022.



110

The number of hires put in place by the Council's Fleet Management and Plant Hire Unit from 1st January 2022 – 31st January 2022, engaging 23 suppliers.

Hires include:

- Jet Vac,
- Large Articulated Vacuum Tank
- Hot wash and Confined Space Entry for the Cleaning and maintenance of Tanks at Rogerstown Park.

€5,000

The funding available under the Artists' Support Scheme which allows professional artists to avail of a grant towards travel/professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of work.

6

The number of St. Patrick's Day Parades which will take place in Fingal.



662

The number of Bleeper Bike journeys which started within the Fingal operating zone in December.



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The number of finalists who have been shortlisted for the Fingal Enterprise Awards 2022. The final of the Fingal Enterprise Awards takes place on the evening of Thursday the 10th March 2022.



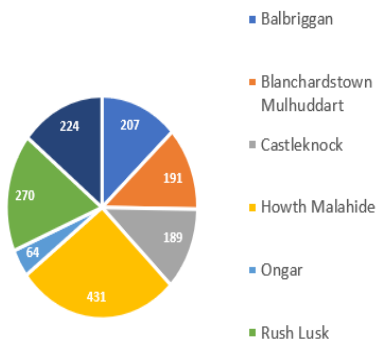
1,576

There have been 1,576 planning applications received to the end of December 2021, 102 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 1,474 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Up to end of December 2021, 12 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála, plus 1 for amendments totalling 6,188 units. 10 decisions were made by the board up to end of December 2021. Of these, 8 were granted, 1 in February, 1 in March, 3 in September and 2 in November (3,426 units). 1 was one granted in July for amendments. 3 applications were Refused, 1 in March, 1 in June and 1 in July.

There is a total of 5 SHD's (2,623 units) currently in the formal application process.

Planning Application Received by Local Electoral Area - December 2021



238

The total tonnage collected at Fingal's textiles banks in 2021.



Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh and Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly welcomed An Taoiseach Micheál Martin and Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien to Balbriggan recently to be briefed on the Our Balbriggan redevelopment

A Round Up from Fingal



Local artist Sean Molloy in front of his painting, "The Banks" at Balbriggan Harbour. The work has been made possible through collaboration with Iarnród Éireann, Balbriggan and the Our Balbriggan team



Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien view the plans for Church Fields, Dublin 15



The team from Jack The Batchelors restaurant, Rush with representatives from Bleeper Bike and Fingal County Council's Active Travel Unit delivering the new eCargo bike to the local business. eCargo Delivery Bikes are just one of several sustainable travel projects run by the Department of Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel



The New Zealand Ambassador to Ireland Brad Burgess planting some ferns in the New Zealand garden at Malahide Castle with Mayor Seána Ó Rodaigh to mark Waitangi Day - New Zealand's National Day

OUR MISSION

To be a vibrant, outward looking,
well run Council that
shows leadership and
embraces diversity
and opportunity

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