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**November 2021**  
**Chief Executive's**  
**Report on Activities**

Performers entertaining visitors to Swords Castle for Halloween festivities



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

Financial planning and management is a key consideration for all departments across the organisation at all times. At this time of year there is a particular focus in this area with the Members approving a significant capital programme in October and the annual budget meeting scheduled to take place on the 9th of November. The role of the Elected Members and their commitment and expertise is critical in ensuring we can continue to enhance and deliver key services across the county for all of our citizens.

All departments and staff across the organisation are working hard to progress projects and I am looking forward to seeing significant progress on the ground in 2022. I was delighted to see homes and businesses in Balbriggan receiving a 'What Next' leaflet detailing updates on the physical transformation pieces of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan. Investing in the regeneration of Balbriggan remains one of our top priorities and confirms our commitment to help drive growth for businesses and residents in the town. Work commenced last month on the construction of a new €1.5million All-Weather Sports Pitch Facility at Ward River Valley Regional Park in Swords with the facility due to be completed by the Second Quarter of 2022. This will be a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Swords and wider area. A lot of work has been done by Councillors, staff and other stakeholders over the last few years to make this project a reality and this is a significant milestone in the journey. Funding for the €1.5m project has been provided by Fingal County Council and the Dublin Airport Authority (DAA).

Staff resources are critical to the delivery of our projects and to this end the HR department continue to engage in large scale recruitment campaigns for a wide range of roles.

Fingal Inclusion week which is an initiative of Fingal County Council Community Office, the Integration Officer and the Fingal Public Participation Network will run from the 15th to the 21st of November with a fantastic programme of 76 events taking place around the County. It is very important to raise awareness of the excellent work being done by community groups, PPN and our own Fingal staff to combat social exclusion. The week also seeks to raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens of Fingal that lead to social exclusion and promote an understanding of inclusion in Fingal and I hope that you will support this initiative.

Ten Fingal projects and initiatives have been nominated in this year's All Ireland Community and Council Awards. These awards are an opportunity to highlight and promote the work carried out in our communities and showcase the successful collaborations between communities and councils. Five Fingal projects have also been nominated in the Chambers Ireland 2021 Excellence in Local Government Awards. I am very pleased that so many Fingal initiatives and projects have been acknowledged for their innovation and excellence and I wish all Fingal entrants the very best of luck in this year's awards which take place this month.

AnnMarie Farrelly,  
Chief Executive.



## INNOVATION WEEK

Public Sector Innovation Week 2021 takes place from 8th - 12th November

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## HO HO HO-HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!

If you have missed the unique festive atmosphere in Fingal, we have good news - Christmas Markets are back for 2021!

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## Features

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The latest on the Royal Canal Urban Greenway  
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### ROGERSTOWN PARK

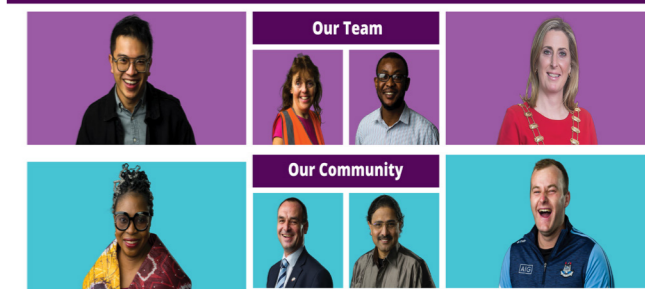
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### INTEGRATION IN FINGAL

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## WE ARE FINGAL



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Find out more: [fingal.ie/fingal-integration](http://fingal.ie/fingal-integration)



# Innovation Week

Public Sector Innovation Week 2021 takes place from 8th -12th November to showcase innovative projects and initiatives happening across the Irish public sector. The initiative is organised by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with all public sector organisations encouraged to get involved. The full programme can be seen at <https://www.ops.gov.ie/actions/innovating-for-our-future/innovation/innovation-week/>

As part of Public Sector Innovation Week 2021, Fingal County Council and Smart Dublin are hosting a series of public webinars, showcasing innovative projects led by the four Dublin Local Authorities –



## Smart Dublin Smart District Approach Webinar

Thursday 11th November, 12:00 – 13:00

Registration – <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/smart-dublins-district-approach-fast-tracking-innovation-webinar-tickets-192217677247>

## Smart Dublin Scaling Innovation Webinar

Friday 12th November, 12:00 – 13:00

Registration – <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/scaling-innovation-examples-from-smart-dublin-tickets-196430347457>



# 'Think Tank' Idea a Winner in Balbriggan



On Saturday 16th October, Smart Balbriggan held a hybrid Hackathon event which looked at problem solving local challenges in the community. The event was facilitated by What the Hack, Smart Dublin and the Our Balbriggan Team.

Congratulations to the winners of the Smart Balbriggan Community Hackathon! Their idea "Think Tank" focused on



the community challenge. Their solution aimed to create a Think Tank to build civic pride, which included a community podcast, town hall workshops and reporting improvements back into the Council. Smart Balbriggan and Our Balbriggan teams will now look at the potential to develop the Think Tank proposal and implement the suggestions made by the winning team.

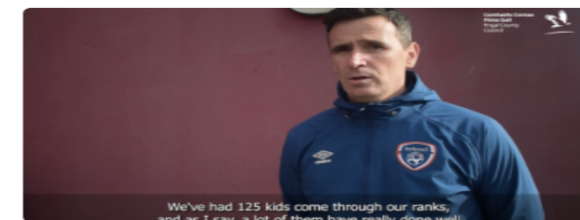
# Our Top Tweet of The Month!

Top Tweet earned 58.2K impressions

John O'Shea was the special guest at the launch of the Football and Fitness TY Course 21/22.

This is the 6th year of the course, which is run by Fingal County Council and the @FAIreland #Football #Fitness #Education #TransitionYear

Read the full story: [fingal.ie/news/fingal-co...pic.twitter.com/ZcC7c8oSdI](http://fingal.ie/news/fingal-co...pic.twitter.com/ZcC7c8oSdI)



2 replies 19 retweets 88 likes

View Tweet activity

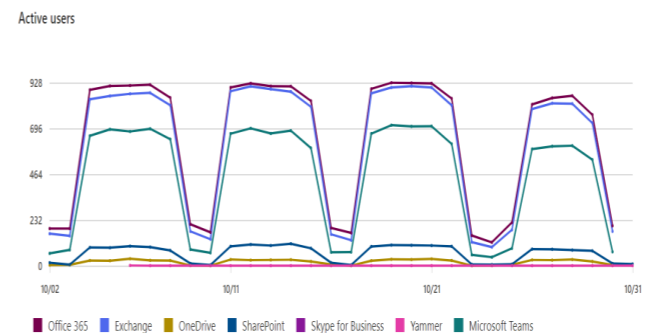
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Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 573,400 impressions during October and an average engagement rate of 1.4% for 275 tweets. There were 143 new followers to bring were added to bring the total number of followers to 20,366.

The best performing tweet, with 58,200 impressions, 10,077 media views and 1,427 engagements, was promoting a video about the launch of the Football and Fitness Transition Year course run by Fingal County Council and the Football Association of Ireland.

# Digital Working

In October staff took part in 8,455 Teams meetings, 28,213 Calls took place, and 753,252 emails were received or sent by the Council.



# Staff Process 429 Councillors Reps in Oct



Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to Councillors representations and complaints submitted by the public. During the month of October, a total of 429 Councillor's Representations were received. Operations and Water Services Department has received 2,407 Councillors Representations this year to date followed by the Housing and Community Department with 1,551.

# Award Nomination For Inside Fingal

Episode 14 of the Inside Fingal Podcast features an interview with Procurement Officer Brian Murray about the Central Procurement Unit (CPU) which, when it was established in 2019, was the first to be set up by a local authority. The interview covers the work of the CPU, explains how the procurement system works and outlines the importance of procurement to the Council's Corporate Governance structures.

To date the Inside Fingal podcast series has had 5,464 downloads or internet listens and all podcasts in the series are available at [www.fingal.ie/podcast](http://www.fingal.ie/podcast). he Inside Fingal Podcast has been nominated in the Best Local Authority Innovation category for an Excellence in Local Government Award which will be announced on Thursday, 18 November.

# Customers Calling!

For the month of October 2021 the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of:

- 14,750 telephone calls
- 796 emails
- 1,331 visitors to our offices



# Fingal Christmas Markets Planned!

A number of Christmas Markets are taking place in Fingal this year. The Events Unit are managing markets in Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Swords with additional markets and Christmas Fairs happening in the Seamus Ennis Centre and Ardgillan.



# Marketing and Promotion of Fingal’s Heritage Properties

## Malahide Castle -

Funding from Tourism Ireland has been approved for International Marketing Activities (IMAP) and in market digital campaigns have commenced in the main European markets, the UK and US.

The Christmas Experience will make a welcome return in late November.

## Newbridge House -

Staff Training is now underway on the New Collections Management System hosted by Museum Plus.

IMAP funding from Tourism Ireland has also been granted for Newbridge House international digital campaigns for Oct and November 2021 and radio adverts are promoting mid-term break visits.

## Ardgillan Castle -

Filming of the movie Uncle Silas is ongoing and will end on 12 November. Preparations are currently underway for an open night for the Ardgillan Artists’ Collective on Saturday 4 December.

A charity fashion show for SOSAD is to held on Sunday 5 December, where a marquee will be erected on the lower terrace of the private rose garden.

A Christmas Craft Fair is also being planned for the artists in residence, which will take place in December.

## Skerries Mills -

Skerries Mills had formed a community garden group to look after the new community garden constructed as Skerries Mills.

A Santa Experience will be running again this year with reduced numbers and socially distanced.

Christmas Retail returns to the Mills this year and there will be a Christmas Craft Market every Sunday during December.



# LEADER Programme Supporting & Financing Projects

The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group and the Fingal LEADER Programme continues to deliver funding and support to eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme has the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved for €1,882,175 to cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Of this amount, €1,411,631 is available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise of 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects Funding, roughly corresponding to Fingal’s share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area.

The LEADER Programme reverted on the 1st April to EU Transition Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be put in place



for 2023 onwards. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and the LEADER Programme will continue to be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the same eligibility and LEADER implementation rules as before. LEADER will continue to approve and fund new projects as usual.

The next meeting of the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) will take place in November.

Going forward there is currently over €3 million in the new LEADER projects pipeline of which over €1 million is for Rural Enterprise.

Fingal County Council continues to deliver the financial and administrative oversight responsibilities for the approval and drawdown of LEADER funded projects following the national transfer of the LEADER Article 48 Administrative Checks from Pobal to the Local Authority Sector.

# National Women’s Enterprise Day Celebrated



Female entrepreneurs and budding businesswomen of Fingal celebrated this year’s National Women’s Enterprise Day by attending an event hosted online. The initiative was hosted by founder and broadcaster Áine Kerr.

The free event, entitled “Build The Future”, took place online on the 7th October and featured some of Ireland’s

best known female entrepreneurs including the likes of Aimee Connolly of Sculpted by Aimee and Sharon Keegan of Peachy Lean.

Fingal’s Derya Sousa of Kianda Technologies hosted an intriguing spot light session as part of the event while Ciara Garvan also featured as the leading light for Fingal.

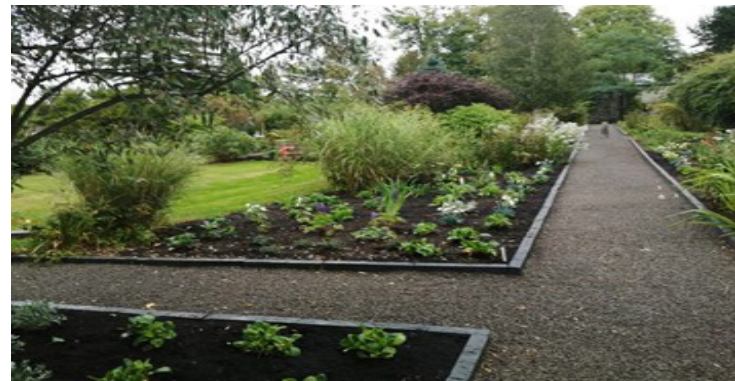
# Urbact Playful Towns



The Council held the first meeting of its Urbact Local Group (ULG) in Rush as part of the Playful Towns Initiative. Elected Members, community representatives and Council staff participated in the initial meeting to discuss plans for playful interventions in Rush over the term of the initiative to December 2022.

## Now Open-Visit The Shackleton Garden

Shackleton Gardens which was officially opened on the 17th September 2021 by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh has been welcoming a high volume of visitors since its opening and the number of visitors to the gardens is increasing every week. Opening hours Monday to Thursday 10am until 3pm and Friday 9am - 1pm. Every Sunday there after commencing on the 31/10/21 the Gardens will be open from 9am until 4pm until further notice.



## Halloween Amnesty 2021



In preparation for Halloween the Council met the Gardaí in advance and any stockpiles were removed in advance and crews worked up to lunchtime on 31st October.

Fingal County Council's Recycling Centres accommodated the annual Halloween Amnesty from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 30th October. Combustible materials such as beds, sofas, wooden doors etc. were accepted over the 9 day period to reduce the amount of material which may otherwise be disposed of on Halloween bonfires with consequent health and safety risks to members of the public and damage to public open spaces.

The amnesty for Halloween at the recycling centres contributed to a successful and safe Halloween



### Meter Replacement Programme

As part of the Annual Meter Replacement Programme 2021, The Operations Department has completed the purchase and installation of 10 new coin, card and contactless Pay & Display machines. These new machines replace older coin-only machines which have reached end of life.



## Depot Works Programmes

In addition to the delivery of the Annual Programme of Works depot crews deliver on other area work programmes. See some of the examples of the work being carried out across Fingal below:



Construction of new path at Lambourne Estate, Dublin 15

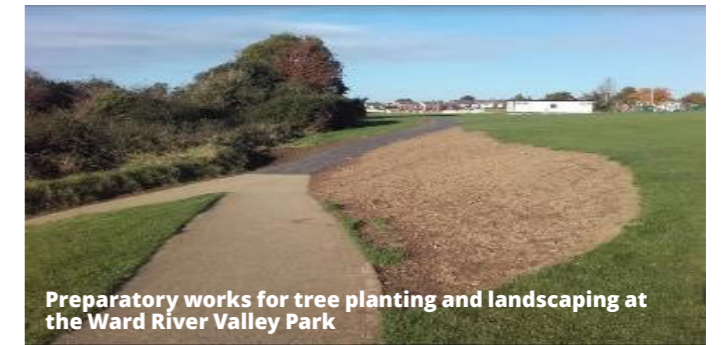


Calisthenic combi-unit installed in Holywell Park

The combi calisthenic unit provides a form of exercise designed to build strength, flexibility and stamina and which also helps to increase cardiovascular fitness. The only weights involved in Calisthenics exercises is your own body weight. The combi calisthenic unit is suitable for individuals with differing abilities and is wheelchair accessible. This unit in Holywell was completed in early October.



Landscaping Works, Balgriffin



Preparatory works for tree planting and landscaping at the Ward River Valley Park



Shockwaving Porterstown Park



Planting of winter bedding in Laurel Lodge

## Public Conveniences Open

The newly opened facilities at The Summit, Howth



Work is ongoing on the installation of the new public toilets in the Howth/Malahide area. The eco toilets have all been installed. The toilets at the Summit, Howth have now been opened to the public.



Modular toilets, Howth



## Works Commence on All Weather Facility at Ward River Valley Park



On 18th October work commenced on the construction of a new €1.5million All-Weather Sports Pitch Facility at Ward River Valley Regional Park in Swords. (Pictured is the contractor establishing their site compound for the works).

The new third generation synthetic all-weather pitch will be a full sized GAA & Soccer pitch which will be similar to the facility at Bremore Regional Park in Balbriggan. The new floodlight facility will be accompanied by car, coach and bicycle parking to service the needs of the pitch users as well as improving access to the park.

The project is being led by the Council's Parks & Green Infrastructure Division and the contract for the works has been awarded to Haffey

Sports Grounds Ltd. following the conclusion of the competitive tender process.

Funding for the project has been provided by Fingal County Council and also by the Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) to address a requirement for community gain that the airport authority is providing as part of the development of the North Runway at Dublin Airport.

It is anticipated that the facility will be completed by the 2nd Quarter of 2022 and will become a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Swords and wider area.

## Upgrade Works at Bremore Castle



Upgrade works to the boundary of Bremore Castle are ongoing at Bells Lane, Balbriggan following the appointment of a contractor by the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division Projects Team.

The works will consist of the construction of a stub wall and solid bar railings and gates along the south of Bells Lane and at the perimeter of Bells Cottage and the installation of gates at the entrance to the Bremore Castle car park.

Electrical and telecoms ducting will be installed as part of the project to facilitate the undergrounding of the existing telecoms line, the provision of fibre-optic connectivity to the Castle and public lighting for Bells Lane and the car park.

The works will constitute a significant improvement in the aesthetics and functionality of Bells Lane, the car park and Bremore Castle. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in early Q1 2022.

## Royal Canal Urban Greenway Update



Following the 6-week non-statutory public consultation earlier this year the Project Team has been assessing submissions and will publish a Public Consultation Report in November 2021. An update on the public consultation report outcome will be given at November's ACM. Further to this the Project Team has commenced environmental screening of the project proposals to determine the appropriate planning process and has commissioned further ecology surveys along the proposed route. Once these processes are complete, the design will be advanced for a planning application. A Teams briefing for the ACM members will also be organised to provide further information on the scheme progress.

## Fingal Coastal Way Progress

Following the successful route options public consultation in April and May, the Project Team has been assessing submissions and will publish a Public Consultation Report in November. An update on the public consultation report outcome will be given at November's ACM. We have also been meeting with residents and landowners who engaged through the consultation process and following this an emerging preferred route will be developed for further consultation and preliminary design in advance of a planning application.



## Sutton-Malahide Greenway Information

The Project Team is currently assessing design options with the intention of moving to a non-statutory public consultation in Q1 2022.

A briefing for the local ACM will be undertaken in the coming weeks to provide information on the updated design, which is being reviewed in light of lessons learnt on other schemes and evolving design and greenway design standards. In advance of wider public consultation next year, the Project Team has commenced consultation with directly affected landowners along the route.





# Keen to be Green Project Launch

The launch of Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities Project took place at the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport and received much coverage online in early October from articles in the Dublin Gazette to community blogs and community facilities websites and social media posts.

Fingal more resilient to Climate Change. Fingal's Keen To Be Green facilities project has five stages that each facility will commit to: Waste Management, Water Conservation, Transport and Biodiversity.

The 'Keen To Be Green' Project is part of Fingal County Council's continuing commitment to its five-year Climate Change Action Plan making

For more information on Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities Project contact your local Fingal Community Centre. The Official Keen To Be Green Project video can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUJLQIPNvwY>



# Housing for All

A new Housing Plan for Ireland



Housing for All - a New Housing Plan for Ireland is the government's housing plan to 2030. It is a multi-annual, multi-billion euro plan which will improve Ireland's housing system and deliver more homes of all types for people with different housing needs.

departments, local authorities, State agencies and others. The pathways are supported by actions to enable a sustainable housing system.

The government's vision for the housing system over the longer term is to achieve a steady supply of housing in the right locations with economic, social and environmental sustainability built into the system.

The social housing delivery targets for Fingal covering the years 2022 - 2026 have now been received from the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage. They are in line with the objectives set out in the Housing for All plan with Long Term Leasing being phased out over the lifetime of the plan and emphasis placed on new build delivery.

It is estimated that Ireland will need an average of 33,000 new homes to be provided each year from 2021 to 2030.

The targets are listed in the table below;

The policy has four pathways to achieving housing for all:

- Supporting home ownership and increasing affordability
  - Eradicating homelessness, increasing social housing delivery and supporting social inclusion
  - Increasing new housing supply
  - Addressing vacancy and efficient use of existing stock
- The pathways contain actions to be taken by government

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Build	360	690	705	758	773	3286
Leasing	44	160	120	30	-	354
Total	404	850	825	788	773	3640

## Parslickstown House Renovation



Refurbishments to Parslickstown House Community Centre in Dublin 15 are continuing including the Annex Hall which is due for completion Mid-November.

Funding was received from the Department of Tourism Culture Arts Gaeltacht Sport and media under the sports capital program of €113,000. Matching funding of €50,000 was also awarded from the Community Development Office to reconfigure, insulate and make the hall accessible for the whole community.

On completion there will be a fully accessible multipurpose space available for community enjoyment. This will comprise of a large dance studio, accessible toilets, and two small meeting rooms. On completion this project will enable a number of youth, sport, dance, fitness, education and training groups to use the facility. This space will also complement the existing facilities in the area. It is envisaged that the project will reach completion by 15th of November.

## She Leads, We Lead Fingal Women Bringing Change



The Community Development Office is providing a new programme for women to improve their skills and learn about how to lead change in Fingal, with sessions led by a team of women who have all championed change in their own communities through their leadership. This programme presents a series of 7 sessions that aspire to motivate and train women to become leaders in their community and also help women feel confident through developing key skills and understanding how other leaders work effectively.

Open sessions are being held on Wednesday November 3rd, 7-9pm in Mountview Community Centre, Dublin 15, and Thursday November 4th, 7-9pm online, to introduce participants to the benefits that they can bring to their communities and themselves through leadership training. The diverse team of women that will be leading the programme include Ayodele Yusuf of Balbriggan Integration Forum, Catherine Joyce of Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group, Shelly Gaynor of the Independent Living Movement Ireland, Bridie O'Reilly of Fingal Older People's Council, and Geraldine Rooney of Fingal PPN and Centre for Independent Living Blanchardstown.

## Construction Continues 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)

The eligible purchasers nominated by Fingal County Council are now proceeding with the purchase of their homes from the developer.



## Ready, Set, Go...

## For this year's MarathonKids Programme



MarathonKids is an 8-week programme for 5th-6th class students which will see 3,000 students from 24 primary schools in Fingal run a marathon.

The programme entails daily short runs, physical & mental health education, nutrition and exercise and all linked into the PE curriculum.

# Cycling Without Age Initiative is a bit hit with Gogglebox Star Angela!



We recently visited Huntstown and Castleknock Community Centres to provide their Senior Citizens Groups with a demo on the Cycling without Age Triobike.

We even had a celebrity in our midst with Angela De La Mere from Gogglebox Ireland and her pal, taken for a spin by Stephen McGinn, Sports Section.

They all really enjoyed it and can't wait for this initiative to go public.

For more information see: <https://www.fingal.ie/cycling-without-age-fingal>



## New Arrivals at Balleally Landfill/Rogerstown Park

In October, the resident herd of cattle at Balleally landfill were joined by a flock of sheep totalling 126 ewes and 4 rams.

The sheep will provide an important function in their grazing paddocks by reducing the need for diesel fuelled tractor motors that have been used to mow these meadows, thereby providing a more sustainable practice that fits with the Councils' climate action policy.

They will also serve as another feature for the public to enjoy while visiting the Park during Saturday opening.



# Environmental Awareness Projects And Initiatives Continue in Fingal

Composting for Schools Initiative is being rolled out to 40 Fingal Schools this term. This includes composting bins, resources for classes and teachers, two site visits by composting experts and guidance on how to manage waste.

The Green Schools Flag Awards Events were held online and 21 schools in Fingal were awarded.

ReLove Fashion was launched for Secondary Schools for this academic year.

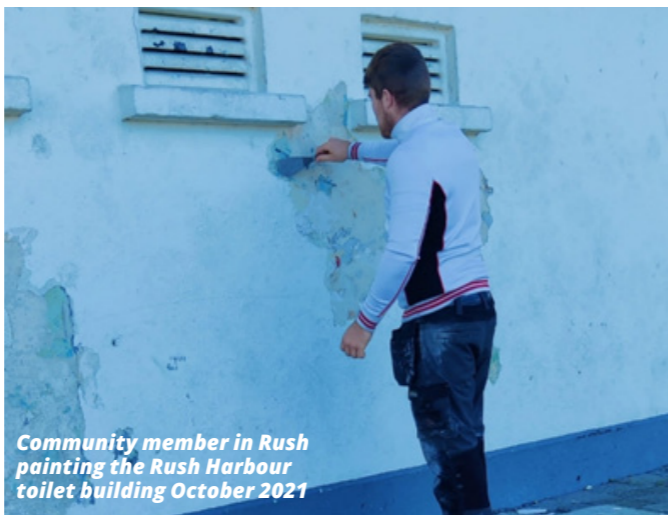
Litter picking resources are being made available on an ongoing basis to schools and to the public through 6 community centres in Fingal see <https://www.fingal.ie/adopt-patch>

ReUse month initiatives included an offer of repaired musical instruments and bicycles to Fingal schools which received a huge response.

Picker Pals Litter Initiative is being rolled out to 40 new classes in primary schools, this is in addition to the already active 80 Picker Pals classes.

Recycled paint has been provided to community groups

across the county and this has been a huge success. 285 5-Litre cans of paint were delivered by the Rediscovery Centre to communities all over Fingal from Balbriggan to Baldoyle, Howth to Meakstown, Naul to Dublin 15 since June 2021. This enabled people to clean up their areas and get busy together, investing time and effort in their local areas.



Community member in Rush painting the Rush Harbour toilet building October 2021



# Road Safety Week in Fingal

Irish Road Safety week took place from 4th to 10th October. Throughout Irish Road Safety Week, Fingal County Council drew the public's attention to resources that highlight key safety issues and help reduce risk of accident, injury and loss of life.

With free Car Seat Safety checks, school education events and helpful video guides to tyre safety, winter readiness and bike safety tips there was something that every type of road user can avail of and this was promoted via our social media platforms.

Big thanks to the Mayor, Chief Executive, our two School Wardens and the children of St. Patrick's Snr National School for helping us launch Irish Road Safety Week.



# Waste Enforcement - Metal Theft & Traceability Investigation

End of Life Vehicles (ELVs) and their components can have a significant monetary value (catalytic converters, lead acid batteries, alloy wheels). Metal recycling facilities can potentially facilitate this illegal activity by accepting high value waste streams arising from illegal sites or criminal activity. These waste streams enter metal recycling facilities under the guise of 'general public' and are subsequently processed for cash payments.

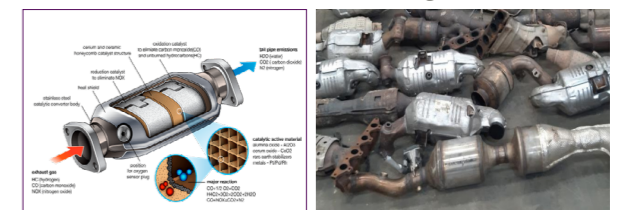
beyond a reasonable doubt that an offence has been committed. Further work will be required in terms of court appearances and giving evidence to secure convictions however the work undertaken so far has had a dramatic effect on reducing the theft of catalytic converters throughout the Country and the subsequent sale/acceptance of high value waste streams at metal recycling facilities.

Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement Unit are assisting the Garda Divisional Crime Task Force with a major investigation into metal theft and traceability (catalytic converters) within the Dublin Region. This joint operation has resulted in several metal recycling facilities being searched within the last 6 months with large quantities of catalytic converters recovered in conjunction with millions of euro worth of precious metals such as palladium, rhodium and platinum. Palladium is now more valuable than gold and rhodium hit record highs earlier this year, having increased in value more than 200% since March 2020.

The Waste Enforcement Unit is also assisting 15 other Local Authorities in similar investigations regarding the illegal transportation of high value waste streams throughout the country. A total of 100 individuals who transported wastes such as catalytic converters without a permit are being investigated in conjunction with several large metal recycling facilities. The work undertaken by Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement Unit has helped raise awareness on metal theft and traceability at a local, regional and national level through collaboration with the Gardai, the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Further work is required to bring about legislative changes to tackle several key issues identified by the FCC Waste Enforcement Unit regarding metal theft and traceability. This work has already commenced with WERLA and the Gardai highlighting key issues on foot of FCC intel at a recent National Waste Enforcement Steering Committee.

Waste Enforcement officers targeted individuals who transported high value waste streams to metal recycling facilities without a waste collection permit with a view to profit. Waste facilities were also investigated for breaches of permit conditions for allowing members of the public, as opposed to commercial customers, access to the facility to sell high value waste streams.

11 legal files have been finalised and summonses filed with the district court for S34 and S39 breaches of the Waste Management Act 1996. Each file takes several weeks to prepare as officers need to prove





# The Month in Numbers

**365.70**

The amount in tonnes of glass collected for recycling in October 2021.



**24**

The number of new social homes delivered in partnership with Cluid at Riverwood Square, Porterstown, Dublin 15.



**320**

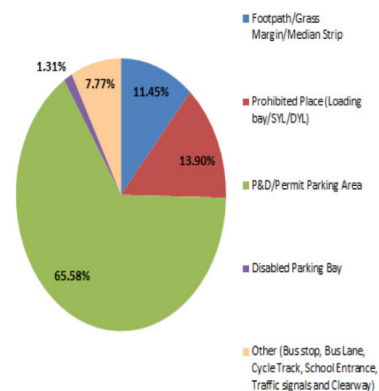
The number of direct jobs supported by the Council's three Enterprise Centres.

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of September were Drinan 84%, BASE 88% and Beat 88%.

The three Enterprise Centres currently support 62 businesses.

**1,223**

The number of parking tickets issued during September 2021. See the table below:



**2,000**

The number of primary school children to advance their music education through Fingal's Musician-in-residence programme.



**8**

The number of new reserve school wardens that will be available following completion of their school warden training shortly.

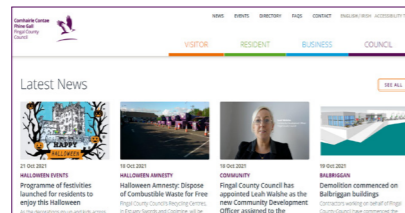


**98**

The number of hires put in place from 1st October 2021 – 28th October 2021, engaging 25 suppliers.

**113,400**

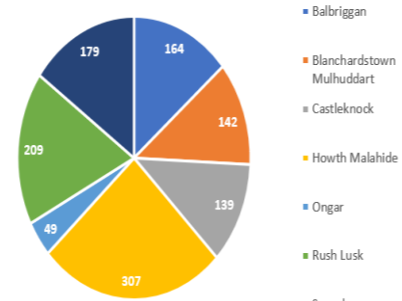
The number of visitors to our website, fingal.ie, during October.



**1,189**

The number of planning applications received to the end of September 2021, 71 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 1,118 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Planning Application Received by Local Electoral Area - September 2021



**290,980**

The funding the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department has issued to date to 91 applicants under The Outdoor Dining Scheme funded by Fáilte Ireland.



**262**

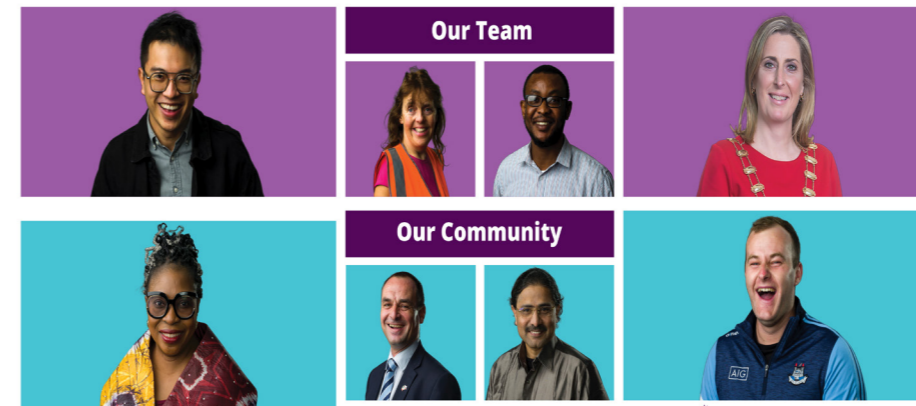
The number of planned route inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in October 2021. Additionally, in October, the Litter Wardens commenced on going inspections at industrial estates and housing estates in preparation for Halloween.



Swords Castle's stunning Halloween illuminations

## A Round up from Fingal

### WE ARE FINGAL



FINGAL INTEGRATION

Comhairle Contae Fine Gall Fingal County Council

Find out more: [fingal.ie/fingal-integration](https://fingal.ie/fingal-integration)

The launch of "We are Fingal" Campaign which aims to build a more socially integrated community that not only accepts and respects everyone's differences but celebrates the important contributions that residents make locally. Check out our posters throughout Fingal.



Performance artists at Swords Castle for the Scary Castle Creepy Crawl event in October



The Enchanted Forest at Millennium Park. This free event showcases a series of 20 light and sound installations and runs until November 28th



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