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

The stunning landscaped design entrance
feature at Hartstown Park, Dublin 15



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

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break and took some time to spend with family and friends. We are now in September and the remainder of 2022 is set to be an intense period for staff and Elected Members with the upcoming development plan meetings, the capital and revenue budgetary process and major projects reaching key milestones.

Ten development plan meetings have been scheduled as follows - 20th, 21st, 26th & 29th of September and 3rd, 4th, 7th, 11th, 12th & 14th of October. These meetings are in addition to Council, Area Committee, SPC and other commitments the Members have making it a particularly busy time. The executive management team and staff are happy to give any support needed to assist the Members.

The Swords Cultural Quarter development is with the Members for decision this month and if approved it is intended to move immediately to the next stage of detailed design and procurement. Another major project is Quay Street in Balbriggan and this will come before the Members in October.

We continue to apply for funding streams available to us and recently welcomed new funding that will help develop outdoor amenities in the County. The allocation of over €150,000 to Fingal under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) will support advancement of walking trails, beach access and look at the feasibility of a tidal pool. The funding covers four projects across Fingal: Balbriggan Historical Walking trail: Provision of new off-road waypoints (€28,800), Balbriggan Tidal Pool: Feasibility study for a tidal swimming pool (€50,000), Castleknock: The development of an historical walking trail (€23,400), Bascadden Beach (Universal Access): Feasibility study for the popular beach in Howth (€50,000). This new funding compliments the efforts of the Council to support our towns and villages as we encourage people to get out and enjoy the great outdoor locations we have in the County.

Last week I was so pleased to launch a Wellbeing Strategy for the staff of Fingal County Council. This is a three year programme setting out our vision and aims for employee wellbeing in areas including mental, physical, social and financial wellbeing.

Blended working arrangements are now formally in place. There are many positives associated with blended working including the desire of FCC to be a modern employer, giving staff flexibility, assisting with recruitment of new staff to the organisation and making the best use of the investment in digitisation to name but a few. Staff not availing of blended arrangements have returned fulltime to the office.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive



AWARD NOMINATIONS

Howth's famous fire fighting goats feature in Award Nomination

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What's happening around Fingal for this annual celebration of all things cultural?

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Beautiful refurbishment complete
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At Ward River Valley Park, Swords
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PRIDE OF PLACE 2022

See page 13 for details on who will be representing Fingal this year!



Fingal Connect App launch

Fingal Connect is a new council, community, and business app from Fingal County Council. Fingal Connect was launched at Flavours of Fingal as the newest addition to the Councils digital transformation initiatives under the umbrella of Digital Fingal.

Benefits for Citizens

- Allows citizens to make suggestions and respond to surveys.
- See a comprehensive guide to future events and festivals organized by the council.
- Get the latest Council news.
- Gain points which can be redeemed for various rewards from local shops and amenities.
- Geolocation technology is used to match users to

relevant content and local business and amenities. Benefits for Business

- Free way to advertise.
- Add unique offers to users.
- Incentivizing people to shop local.
- Bring new products to users’ attention in a different way.
- Potentially reach a new audience, reach into different areas.
- Back-office training document provided and onboarding work with app developers.

Fingal Business looking to have their business listed on the app can email digitalfingal@fingal.ie

The app is free to download and is available on both Android and iOS.

Recent Communication Campaigns

The Communications Unit supported Heritage Officer Christine Baker to promote Heritage Week with video content from the Digging Drumanagh excavation and Digital Heritage Projects such as The Fingal Thatch Survey, Heritage from Above and the Heritage X Climate project. There was also a publicity campaign for all the Heritage Week events.

Skerries to educate groups on the Large Carder Bee (*Bombus muscorum*) which are thriving in Skerries, as a direct result of the hard-working Skerries Tidy Towns group. The Communications Unit also created an awareness campaign around the Swords Cultural Quarter which included a leaflet drop to households in Swords.

The Communications Unit also assisted the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure department in holding a three-day Wild Bee Festival in August. The event was in collaboration with National Biodiversity Data Centre, and Charlie and Marion Heasman from Sustainable

An edition of the Inside Fingal podcast was also produced which featured County Architect Fionnuala May, Architect John Tuomey, County Librarian Betty Boardman and County Arts Officer Rory O’Byrne. It can be found at <https://www.fingal.ie/podcast>

Our Top Tweet of The Month!

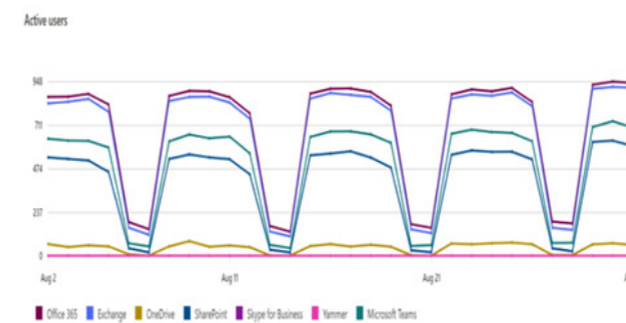


Visitor numbers to the Fingal County Council website, fingal.ie, for the first eight months of this year are up four per cent on the same period in 2021 with 836,911 visitors logging onto the site compared to 804,552 last year. Page views are down slightly from 2,335,367 to 2,265,617 while the average time spent on the site has risen from one minute 28 seconds to two minutes and four seconds. Apart from the home page, the most popular topics for visitors between January and August were Planning, Choice Based Letting, Contact Us, Recycling and Jobs.

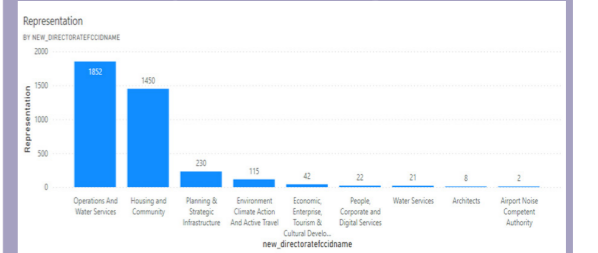
Posts about the discovery of the Lion’s Mane jellyfish on Fingal beaches proved to be most impactful over the past two months with one Twitter post in July recording a 33.6% engagement rate while another in August had 9.195 impressions. A Facebook post in August about the jellyfish had a reach of 69,705 and attracted 234 comments.

Digital Working

In August staff took part in 7,773 Teams meetings, 26,301 calls took place, and 748,870 emails were received or sent by the Council.



1,088 Elected Members’ Reps in July & August



Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public.

The month of July had a total of 589 Elected Members’ representations whilst August had 499.

Award Nomination



The Communications Unit has received a Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government nomination for its promotion of the biodiversity initiative which saw a herd of Old Irish Goats being returned to Howth Head as part of a plan to prevent wild fires. The nomination is in the new Communications Award category. It is the second successive Excellence in Local Government nomination for the Communications as they were nominated last year for Best Local Authority Innovation for the Inside Fingal podcast.

Customers Calling

For the month of August the Council’s Customer Care Agents dealt with -

- 10,482 phone calls
- 570 emails
- 1,758 sign in person visits to our offices



Culture Night - September 23, 2022

Fingal County Council Arts Office welcomes everyone to Culture Night Fingal 2022. Now in its seventeenth year, Culture Night, an annual national public event celebrating culture, creativity and the arts, returns on Friday 23rd September. For one night only arts and cultural organisations, castles and historic houses in Fingal will extend their opening hours to the public, highlighting the wealth of cultural facilities and talented people in the locality. This year's eclectic programme comprises of free live cultural activities at participating venues and locations.

Audiences of all ages can enjoy a variety of music, poetry, performance, workshops art, architecture, tours and talks specifically programmed for Culture Night in Fingal.

Our Balbriggan will welcome visitors to the Hub and St. Georges' Square with music from North Fingal Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann.

Also taking part in Culture Night is The Irish Institute of Music and Song, a superb music facility in Balbriggan, who will host a music trail through their campus and visitors to Ardgillan Castle will have the opportunity to meet the resident artists and designers in their bespoke artists' studios.

Join Astronomers at DIAS Dunsink Observatory for self-guided tours and cosmic talks among the stars. Visitors can also explore the beautiful interiors of Fingal's finest heritage properties such as the recently reopened great hall at Malahide Castle and the servant's quarters at Newbridge House and Farm or why not experience the amazing Fry Model Railway housed in the Casino Museum, Malahide.



Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival



Howth Maritime & Seafood festival is coming to the beautiful fishing village of Howth September 10th & 11th

There will be lots of fun activities on offer such as paddle boarding & boat tours! The perfect festival for seafood lovers with restaurants serving delicious & locally sourced seafood

Enterprise Centres in Fingal



Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie. ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.

All three Enterprise Centres currently have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/ individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fit-outs can be considered.

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of August were all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

Drinan Enterprise Centre was successful in its application to the recent Connected Hubs



Funding Call. Drinan secured €75,000, the maximum available through the funding call. The approved funding will develop and enhance the existing remote working facilities, making the remote hub more attractive to remote workers. This will involve the addition of 8 new work zones bringing to 10 the number of remote work zones that will be available at the centre. There will be enhanced and individualised secure wi-fi access per zone desk, with upgrades to the standard of desks available, new secure lockers and new zone décor.

The two new Remote Working Hubs in BASE were officially launched by an Tánaiste Leo Varadkar T.D. in July. The new hubs and associated building improvements were funded by Enterprise Ireland, the DRCD and Connected Hubs.



Autumn brings a new program of festivals, events, talks and workshops to Fingal Libraries. Now in its seventh year, The Write Time Festival, celebrating creative writing, begins in September and runs throughout the month. The Write Time, which was recently launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Howard Mahony, is designed for anybody interested in the craft of writing. If you would like to make a start on a short story, personal reflections or even a novel, check out the program of workshops online and in library branches. You can view The Write Time Festival brochure by visiting <https://www.fingal.ie/write-time-2022-creative-writing-festival>.

The Write Time Festival is back for 2022

Fingal Children's Literature Festival

For younger readers, an unmissable, day-long, Fingal Festival of Children's Literature will take place in Swords Castle on Saturday 17th September. Fingal Libraries are delighted to host our very first children's literature festival with bestselling author Shane Hegarty as Creative Director. Children will get the opportunity to meet bestselling authors and illustrators on the day such as Niamh Sharkey, Peter Donnelly and Sinead Moriarty. There will be a story tent, a creative zone and a book clinic. The festival brochure will be available at your local library or at <https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries>.

Student Enterprise Programme Launch



The Official Launch of the Fingal Student Enterprise Programme 2022- 2023 will take place on Wednesday 14th September 2022 in County Hall, hosted by the Mayor and Chief Executive. Participating School Principals, Teachers and event Sponsors will be in attendance.



Urbact Playful Towns

Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) organised a National Play Day event in Kenure Woods on the 9th July with the theme 'All Play Together'. The event was funded by a grant of €3,000 from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth. The new boules track also had a trial with equipment supplied by Rush ULG.

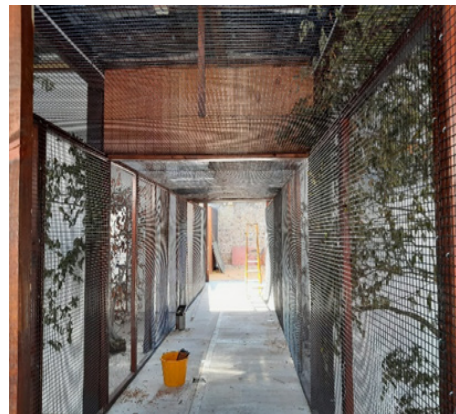
Rush ULG organised a Sports Day event on the 6th August at Taylors Point which saw great attendance from the local community and a medal ceremony with medal presented by the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Cathal Boland

There were running races for young people and adults, a wellie-throwing competition, three-legged races, a tug-o-war and lots of games for everyone to enjoy on a fun-filled day.

Aviary Refurbishment at Newbridge Farm

The Newbridge Demesne Operations Team have carried out a magnificent refurbishment of the Aviary at Newbridge Farm. The new aviary has a beautiful design that allows the birds to fly over and between the two sides, which has resulted in happy birds and makes for a very interactive visitor experience.

This full reconstruction was carried out completely by the Newbridge Demesne staff.



Stunning new Landscaped Design Entrance for Hartstown Park

The Operations Department continue to make progress on the Master Plan for Hartstown Park. As part of the Master Plan a new landscaped design entrance feature was recently completed which has been welcomed by local residents and park users.

The planting included a pollinator friendly planting scheme including wild and herbaceous perennials.



Fingal leading on Accessible Play Equipment



Wednesday 27th July saw the official launch by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony of the We-Go-Swing play apparatus at the playground in Millennium Park Blanchardstown.

This was the first fully inclusive and accessible piece of play equipment of its type installed in Ireland in late 2021, and Fingal County Council have now been followed by a number of other local authorities in installing this swing.

It is integrated into the play flow, allowing children who are wheelchair users to take part in the centre of the playground experience.

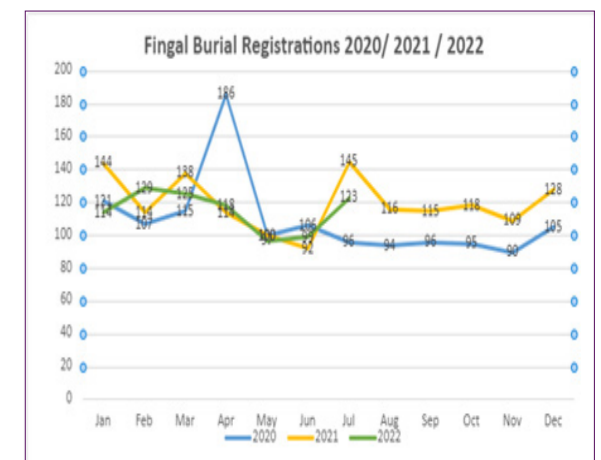
The event was attended by local Councillor's, Oireachtas members, families and some wheelchair users who took great pleasure in demonstrating how to use the swing. Blanchardstown Brass Band played a salute at the ribbon cutting and a few tunes afterwards for the attendees.

Lifeguard Service

It was proposed to recruit 40 lifeguards this season, however only 35 accepted the offer of employment. The service operated weekends only in June and went full-time from 27th June until 28th August.

The lifeguards will also be working the first two weekends in September on our 3 Blue Flag Beaches: Portmarnock, Donabate and Rush South. The season was extremely busy this year with two heatwaves leading to an increase in numbers attending our designated bathing areas and an increase in demands on the lifeguard service.

The lifeguards dealt with major incidents to deal with this season and received praise from a number of individuals including the Captain of the Irish Coast Guard helicopter R116, which shows how highly regarded they are by the emergency services.



Burial Ground Services in Fingal

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service.

There were 99 Internments in June 2022 and 123 Internments in July 2022. The draft Burial Ground Bye-Laws are currently on public display.



Events mark Fingal Heritage Week



National Heritage Week 2022 took place between Saturday 13th and Sunday 21st August 2022.

In Fingal, National Heritage Week was marked by a number of in-person events and online projects including the launch of the Donabate Portrane Heritage Audit report by Fingal Mayor, Cllr. Howard Mahony and the Fingal Heritage Network's Heritage Night.

The latter, in particular, was an opportunity for the members of Fingal historical societies and heritage groups to meet up again.

Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub



Works are progressing well on the construction of the new full size public GAA pitch at Bremore Regional Park (Adjacent to O'Dwyer's Gaa shown above). Seeding works are nearing completion after which 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. In addition to the pitch, the works include provision of vehicular and pedestrian access and extensive boundary railing and 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 year end.

Royal Canal Urban Greenway - Consultation Report Published

The Project Team has just published the Public Consultation Report from the 2021 public consultation and this report is available to view at www.fingal.ie/royalcanalurbangreenway.

Following a review of all relevant legislation it has been established that the Royal Canal Urban Greenway exceeds the mandatory threshold for Environmental Impact Assessment. This means that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) will now be prepared for submission to an Bord Pleanála, and it will not go via the Part 8 process.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening is also being undertaken. It is anticipated that the EIAR and associated reports and documentation, will be complete in Q4 2022. The stage gate process for the National Transport Authority approvals process will take place in parallel to this also.

Recreational Hub at Ward River Valley Park

Works are continuing on the construction of the Recreational Hub at Ward River Valley Regional Park. The 3G pitch has been covered with a tarmac base and is due to receive the first layer of the sports turf system in coming weeks.

expanded scope of the project and to allow for the testing and commissioning of the new facility including the LED floodlights, it is anticipated the project will be completed in the last quarter of this year and will become a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Swords and wider area.

Perimeter sports fencing has been completed and the seeding and landscape works have commenced to ensure the successful integration of the facility with the surrounding area. The car park has also received the first course of tarmac and the grasscrete SuDS system has been prepared for seeding.

The upgrade works to the adjacent soccer pitch are largely complete with proposed GAA Go Games/Training Pitch still under construction. Having regard to the



Porterstown Park All-Weather Running Track and Sport Pitch Facility

Since works began in April, progress with the construction of the new LED floodlit sporting facilities at Porterstown Park continues to run on schedule. The latest milestones achieved by the specialist contractor includes the installation of floodlight columns, kerbing, spectator fencing posts and the tarmac layer of the 3G pitch to meet exacting levels required to meet FIFA standards.

Works over the coming weeks include the installation of surfacing for the 400 metre running track and 3G pitch. Other elements to complement the facility include additional path network, blue badge and bicycle parking spaces located for convenient access to the track and pitch. It is anticipated that the facility will be complete by Q1 of next year, becoming a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and the wider area.



Progress at Church Fields, Dublin 15

The contractor is currently onsite constructing the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network which will facilitate the development of the entire Church Fields landbank with the potential to deliver 1,000 mixed tenure homes.

of Wellview Park and Public Realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, Mulhuddart. This project is part of the Church Fields development. The formal Part 8 public consultation process for the park commenced on 25th July 2022 until 6th September, 2022. Approximately 500 leaflets were distributed to local homes in Mulhuddart area advertising the Part 8 public consultation process.

A public consultation workshop took place in July with local groups in Mulhuddart in relation to the rejuvenation and upgrade



Housing Loans Update



The Local Authority Home Loan continues to attract queries and applications from members of the public seeking to secure a mortgage with the Local Authority. There have been 164 applications so far.

To date €8.2 million of lending has been approved until the end of August, with applicants having gone sale agreed with €1.5 million of this approval. The scheme continues to be popular, and although the interest rate has risen marginally the product continues to be a relevant support for first time buyers.

Positive Ageing Week

Positive Ageing Week will take place from 24th September to 1st October with the 1st October being the United Nations International Day of Older Persons. This year will continue on the theme of ageism in line with the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing. The Community Department Age friendly team are currently working on various events/workshops to promote Positive Aging throughout the week including ageism training for staff.

Our flagship event 'Give it a Go' will take place in Newbridge House on Tuesday 27th September 2022 (10.30-12.30). Various groups and sports organisations will demonstrate physical activities for older people with opportunities to partake in various activities on the day. The aim is to showcase what is possible, present a positive image of old age as opposed to one of frailty, and encourage older people to participate in activities. Transport will be provided from Dublin 15 and the North County to facilitate attendance by older people throughout the county.



Approval was granted to carry out retrofitting works on 81 properties in 2022. Works are complete on 41 properties in Jugback Estate in Swords, which included electrical upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard. Work on Lissenhall in Swords and St. Paul's in Balbriggan have recently commenced and is expected to be completed by the end of October. Retrofitting in Whitechapel Clonsilla will also soon be underway, with a completion date anticipated to be in early November.



Marathon Kids 2022

Fingal County Council's Sports Office in partnership with MarathonKids and all 4 Dublin Local Authorities as part of Active Cities Dublin is launching the MarathonKids programme in September.

We expect to have approximately 3000 students from 20+ schools from around the county participating in the programme which sees 5th and/or 6th class students run a marathon over 8 weeks and includes a 'Final Mile' event bringing all the schools together to complete their marathon journey.



Facilities Unit Welcomes Balbriggan Traveller Project

Balbriggan Traveller Project have officially become the licence holders of a Fingal County Council Community Facility. The Community Development Office's Community Facilities Management Support Unit met with the Project on August 18 to hand over the keys to the Matt Lane Facility in Balbriggan. The newly refurbished facility has a hall space, office space, meeting rooms and a kitchen area and it will help the Balbriggan Traveller Project serve the needs of the Traveller community in the surrounding area of North Fingal.

Balbriggan Traveller Project Co-ordinator Sinéad Burke and Chairperson Eamon McCann were present for the handover from FCC Senior Community Development Officer from the CFMSU Janet Ivers. Also present was Leah Walshe, FCC Community Development Officer for the Balbriggan Area. The Matt Lane Facility will also become the 34th centre to receive assistance from the CFMSU and newest member of the Fingal Community Facilities Network.

IPB Pride of Place Competition 2022



Judging in the annual IPB Pride of Place competition takes place on Sept 13th and 14th, with entries this year from Mountview in Dublin 15, Balbriggan Men's Shed and Oldtown Community Council.

Preparations are well underway in Mountview, with the Community development officer supporting the residents of Mountview and Fortlawn to prepare for judging in the Urban Neighbourhood category.

Oldtown will be competing with other communities across the island of Ireland in the populations between 300 and 1000 category, and support from the north county community office team is well underway.

Finally, Balbriggan Men's Shed are in contention in the category for community wellbeing projects, again with support from the community office.

All three Fingal entries will attend the All-Ireland finals, post judging in Dublin City next February, so the absolute best of luck to our three entries in this year's Pride of Place.



Tier e-Bikes growing in popularity

Since launch on the 20th June Tier eBikes have proved to be very popular around the County. Initially we launched 100 eBikes across Blanchardstown, Swords, Malahide, Portmarnock, Baldoyle and Howth.

At the beginning of August we deployed extra eBikes in the Dublin 15 area and expanded the service to Rush, Lusk and Donabate, bringing the number of ebikes in Fingal to 150. Skerries and Balbriggan are to follow by the end of August.

More bike parking is a constantly growing requirement and we are looking at ways of expanding the number of spaces we currently have through a combination of physical and virtual infrastructure.

You can pick up a TIER e-bike easily. Just download the TIER app, scan the code on the e-bike to unlock it and you're on your way!

The e-bikes are suitable for anyone over the age of 16 and note that a credit or debit card is required to sign up for the service.



Dublin Climate Action Week Sep. 12th - 17th



The second Dublin Climate Action Week is just around the corner! Taking place from 12th to 17th September, #DCAW22 hosted by the four Dublin local authorities in partnership with the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and Dublin's Energy Agency (Codema), will see a range of climate action events across the themes of energy and transport, flood resilience, resource management, nature-based solutions, and citizen engagement. Fingal led events include: a chance to learn how Old Irish Goats are helping to reduce the impact of wildfires on Howth Head, a webinar celebrating women in sustainability, and a Mini Climate Festival featuring bike repair, composting and fashion workshops.



Protected Cycle Lanes at St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Road

Our contractor is busy completing works on Brackenstown Road in front of the schools and church. They have constructed new wider footpaths along the front of the schools to safely cater for the volume of school children and parents accessing the schools. A new Zebra Crossing is constructed adjacent to Park Avenue to provide a safe crossing point for vulnerable road users and provide a safe crossing point for the School Warden.

Environmental Awareness Updates

The Baleskin Reception Centre installed a new polytunnel in their community garden. This was funded under the Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti initiative. Other projects at the centre include Reuse of musical instruments and bicycles – all originating at the Estuary Recycling Centre in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre.

The new Regional Dog Fouling Campaign was launched by the four Dublin Mayors and has gained traction with Tidy Towns and Community Groups in the region. An awareness pack / resource is available to borrow from the Environment Department for community groups to use during community outreach events and festivals. Doggie dispensers are available in the seven hub Community Centres as listed on the website.

Beach Workshops were delivered in August on eight Fingal beaches to raise awareness of the importance of litter-free beaches, marine habitats, and restoration of dune systems.

A bus shelter advertising campaign for Biodiversity was run for four weeks of August to raise awareness of actions that can be taken to enhance natural habitats.



Serve the City manager Barry Enright with Baleskin Reception Centre manager Martin Smith

School Warden Refresher Training and New Reserve School Warden Training Completed

The annual refresher training for School Wardens took place on Thursday 4th August in the Blanchardstown Chamber, and on Friday 5th August in the Swords Chamber. In addition to Refresher Training, the School Wardens received up to date Manual Handling Training from our Health & Safety Unit. These trainings are of vital importance for the School Wardens to ensure they are using the correct operational procedures and risk assessments before their return to service for the new school year. 77 School Wardens attended in total.

The newly appointed reserve School Wardens received a full training workshop, which took place on Wednesday 3rd August in the Blanchardstown Chamber. This Training comprised of the duties, legislation, health & safety, and correct operational procedures associated with the role of the School Wardens. Each new reserve School Warden also received child protection training and manual handling training from our Health & Safety Unit and our Child Protection Officer. These new reserves are now ready to be deployed once the new school year commences.



The Month in Numbers

€8.2m

The amount approved to borrowers under the Local Authority Home Loan up to the end of August 2022. 164 applications have been received to date.



12

The number of trips which have taken place so far since the Cycling Without Age booking system opened in St. Catherine's Park.



17

The Sports Office has supported and processed 17 Sports Equipment Funding applications since 2022. A total of €40,190.28 has been awarded across the County to date.

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The number of practical energy tools contained in the Codema Home Energy Saving Kits that allow people to identify the easiest and most key areas in which they could save energy, as well as a small guide that can be kept full of useful energy saving tips.



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1,451

The total of 1,451 parking tickets issued during July 2022.

Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	445	30.67%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SVL/DYL)	157	10.82%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	722	49.76%
Disabled Parking Bay	22	1.52%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	105	7.24%
Total	1451	100%

€274,050

Fingal Libraries has been approved for funding of €274,050 for the provision of a My Open Library service at Blanchardstown and Malahide Library.

€1.39m

The 2022 Fingal SICAP Programme has seen a considerable increase in budget to €1.39 million for 2022.



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The number of submissions received on the Public Consultation on the Part 8 proposed redevelopment for Quay Street & Harbour, Balbriggan.

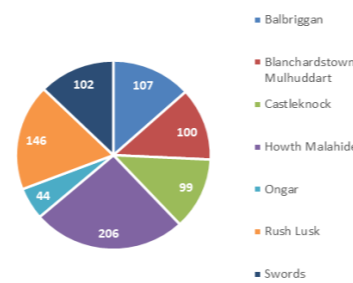
Three well attended public drop-in sessions were held at the Our Balbriggan Hub in this period



735

A total of 735 planning decisions have been made to the end of July 2022. There have been 615 decisions to grant permission (84%) and 120 refusals of permission (16%). There have been 54 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 376 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 153 commercial/retail grants of permission and 16 grants of permission in respect of housing developments.

Planning Application Received by Local Electoral Area - July 2022



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The number of hires which were put in place from 1st August 2022 - 29th August 2022, engaging 26 suppliers.

Hires included a 32T Grab Truck with clam Shell Bucket for a 36-month hire.



19.61 tonnes

The total weight of textiles collected throughout Fingal in July 2022.



Swords Castle played host to our Ukrainian guests at a Family Fun Day on September 4.

A Round Up from Fingal



Members of Fingal Rowing Club promoting the hugely successful HER Outdoors Week in Fingal which took place from August 8-15.



Enjoying the Skerries Wild Bee Festival.



Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony showing his skills in the Westmanstown Bowls Intergenerational Event on August 7.



Action shot from the Balbriggan Beach Festival 2022.

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