

LOCALMATTERS LOCALNOTES LOCALHAPPENINGS

NAVAN ROAD

BRIDGE CLUB
-TUESDAYS WITH
DAMIEN

Free tasters sessions for the month of August at Cabra Library (D07 AYW1)

Time: 11am to 12.30. No booking required

For Absolute beginners and former players looking for a gentle refresher course.

DLR

A history of cycling

A new exhibition at the dlr LexIcon, Pedals, People and Place: A History of Cycling in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, is officially open to the public, writes Jo Kenny.

The exhibition explores the rich heritage of cycling in the county, highlighting its social, cultural and sporting significance from the late 19th century to the present day.

Visitors can enjoy a newly digitised archival material from the DLR County Council Archives, alongside material sourced from interviews with local cycling groups, offering both historical and contemporary perspectives on cycling in the area.

To mark the digitisation of previously inaccessible archival records, the exhibition brings these materials into the public domain for the first time.

Also on display is archival footage from the 1950s Dún Laoghaire Cycling Week, featuring races on Crofton Road, Baker's Corner and Killiney Hill, as well as a roller race held in Dún Laoghaire Town Hall. The exhibition is now open at dlr LexIcon Library and Cultural Centre and will run until the end of Heritage Week on August 23.

For further information about the exhibition or access to DLR Archives material, please contact archives@dlrcoco.ie.

DUBLIN SOUTH

Festival programme published

Ireland's newest street arts festival has announced Zimbabwean-Irish singer, songwriter and producer Shiv as headline act, writes Jo Kenny.

RePlay has unveiled the full programme for the inaugural free event, set to take place at Parthalán Place, Tallaght on Saturday August 15.

Produced by NOISE Music and SoFFt Productions, RePlay is set to transform South Dublin County Council's newest civic space into a free, all-day celebration of skateboarding, music, dance and street art. More than fifty performers, artists, vendors and community groups will take part across multiple festival zones.

Closing the festival, Shiv will bring her signature

blend of R&B, neo-soul and lo-fi production to the main stage.

Since the release of her acclaimed debut album The Defiance of a Sadgirl, she has emerged as one of Ireland's most distinctive contemporary voice.

She is known for emotionally rich, self-produced work that has earned support from RTE 2FM, BBC Radio 1 and critics across Ireland and the UK.

The NOISE Music stage will feature a full day of DJ sets and live performances from DJ Finn Dempsey, DJ SEANEM, DJ Ellie L, Vithória Escobar and Audrey Lawless.

Across the day, audiences can also take part in free skateboard workshops delivered by the Irish Skateboarding Association, alongside open skateboarding, BMX and rollerskating showcases and performances, led by professional riders and community facilitators.

A dedicated dance programme will feature a street dance cypher led by Cristian Emmanuel Dirocie, Josué Reis and Tara Bredemeier, bringing global street styles including hip hop, krump and contemporary movement into a shared public space.

The festival will also include a busy family-friendly zone featuring retro games and face painting, alongside food stalls and local vendors including Goblin Magazine, Beach Skateboards, Killing Time and Windowpane, with more vendors to be

announced.

Circus and street performances will include Jelly Cirque Entertainment with Ballsy Wallsy. Families can also enjoy The Connolly Cup, a football skills and tricks session designed to encourage girls to get involved in the sport, alongside freestyle football demonstrations with Charlie Shakespeare.

Artist James Kirwan has been commissioned to create a large-scale mural at Parthalán Place as part of RePlay.

Selected through an open call, the new public artwork has been funded by South Dublin County Council Arts Office and Creative Ireland South Dublin and will become a lasting creative legacy of the inaugural festival.

Inspired by themes of community, creativity and place, the mural celebrates the spirit of RePlay using contemporary street art.

Community fun day

A Community Fun Day set to take place in Tallaght this month, writes Jo Kenny.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 18 and will run from 11am until 1.30pm, at Avonbeg Field.

The contingency location is Dominic's Community Centre (D24 A335), should it rain.

The day is part of The Garden Shed Manifesto public art project and will feature a horse-drawn parade, live music, line dancing, art and games, tea and coffee and free plants

for attendees.

The event is proudly supported by South Dublin County Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, alongside In Context 5 and Dominic's Community Centre.

BLACKROCK

First centre to offer free period products

Blackrock Village Centre has become the first village centre in Ireland to offer free period products, writes Jo Kenny.

The centre announced a new partnership with Irish period care brand Riley to bring this vision to life.

According to research conducted by Aviva, 82 per cent of people in Ireland who menstruate have struggled to find period products in public venues.

The initiative, which will run on an ongoing basis, marks a significant step forward in tackling period poverty and improving accessibility to essential products.

Through the partnership, free Riley period products will be available in all Blackrock Village Centre bathrooms, ensuring that anyone who needs them can access them easily and with dignity.

"At Blackrock Village Centre, we believe period products are an essential item, not a luxury, and they should be as easy to access as toilet paper," said Niamh Grist, Centre Manager at Blackrock Village Centre,

which welcomes over three million visitors each year.

"No one should have to cut their day short, feel embarrassed, or worry about being caught without the products they need.

"We're delighted to be partnering with Riley on this initiative, their commitment to women's wellbeing, sustainability

and tackling period poverty aligns so closely with our own community-first values and our commitment to making the centre a genuinely inclusive space.

"Our hope is that by making period products freely available throughout the centre, we're helping to create a more welcoming

environment."

LOUGHSHINNY

Martina Wins Boat-house studio award

Martina O'Brien has been named as the recipient of the Loughshinny boathouse studio award.

The objective is to provide a fully-funded

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS) (COUNTY OF FINGAL)
BYE-LAWS 2020 – QUAY STREET L-1226 AND
SHARED SURFACES AT BALBRIGGAN HARBOUR,
BALBRIGGAN, CO DUBLIN

Fingal County Council hereby gives notice of proposed amendment to Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County of Fingal) Bye-Laws 2020 – Quay Street L-1226 and Shared Surfaces at Balbriggan Harbour, Balbriggan, Co Dublin.

In accordance with Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004, and in the interest of road safety, the Proposed Amendments to the 'Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Fingal Bye-Laws 2020' have been prepared as follows:

It is proposed to decrease the Speed Limit on the road as described below (from coordinates (ITM) -

Point A 53 36 36.4N 6 10 50.1 W (Quay St) - Point B 53 36 39.7 N 6 10 43.5 W (Harbour Rd) - Point C 53 36 39.6N 6 10 53.5W (George's Hill) (which equates to a length of 360 metres) speed limit of 50km/h amended to 20km/h –Refer to Drawing Number 001 Quay Street L-1226 and Shared Surfaces at Balbriggan Harbour.

This proposal to decrease the Speed Limit on this section of road is based on the following criteria:

- Fingal County Council is seeking the reduction of an existing 50 km/h speed limit to a 20 km/h Special Speed Limit to align infrastructure performance with the changing nature of the Harbour Area in Balbriggan following the completion of the Quay Street Scheme.
- Current speed limit is 50 km/h.
- The overall aim is to improve traffic safety for all road users while preserving access to existing residents and businesses.
- The enhanced Quay Street area features "shared facilities" where pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles will use the same carriageway. In such environments, the 20 km/h limit effectively shifts the hierarchy to give pedestrians clear priority of movement.

Plans and particulars of the Proposed Amendment are available for inspection from Friday 17th July 2026 to Monday 17th August 2026.

Location	Day	Opening Hours
Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin.	Monday – Friday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm (4.30 p.m. Friday)
Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, County Dublin, K67 X8Y2.	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm (4.30 p.m. Friday)
Balbriggan Library, George's Square, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.	Monday – Saturday	Monday – Thursday: 9:45 am – 8 pm Friday and Saturday: 9:45 am – 1 pm and 1:45 pm – 5 pm Bank holiday weekends: Closed Sundays: Closed

The proposed amendment and accompanying map is also available to view on Fingal County Council's website: <https://consult.fingal.ie/>

Representations in relation to the Proposed Amendment may be made in writing to the Road Authority, through the following two options only:

- Online via the Council's Online Consultation Portal <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse>
- By Post addressed to Administrative Officer, Town Regeneration, Economic, Community & Cultural Development, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2.

Submissions must be received no later than 4.30 pm on Monday 17th August 2026.

Administrative Officer,
Town Regeneration, Economic, Community & Cultural Development.

All comments, including the names of those making comments, submitted to the Council in regard to Proposed Amendments to the 'Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Fingal Bye-Laws 2020' will form part of the statutory report to be presented to the monthly meeting of Fingal County Council.

Accordingly, the statutory report will list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed Amendments to the 'Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Fingal Bye-Laws 2020' in accordance with the regulations of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

The submissions will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and consequently will appear on the Council's Website. By making a submission the name of individual or bodies will appear on the statutory report and minutes of the meeting.

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ACQUISITION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
ACQUIRE LAND UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000
(AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED)
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2024
AND ALL OTHER ACTS THEREBY ENABLING
ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE LANDS AT
AT CASTLELANDS COURT BALBRIGGAN

Notice is hereby given that Fingal County Council in exercise of the power conferred on them by Section 45 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, intend to acquire by Order that section of the land described hereunder.

A copy of the map referred to in the Order may be seen and inspected at the offices of Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2 and Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638, Monday to Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm (excluding Bank Holidays) from 16th of July 2026 to 14th of August 2026 (inclusive).

The map is also available on the Fingal County Council website www.fingal.ie/vesting-order

Further information may be obtained from Aisling Doyle, Senior Staff Officer, Property Services Division, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2. Telephone no. 01 890 5000, E-mail: property.mgt@fingal.ie

Any person having an interest in the land to which this acquisition notice relates, may before the 14th day of August 2026 appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND INTENDED TO BE ACQUIRED

Open Space Lands at Castlelands Court Balbriggan

Dated this the 16th July 2026

Natalie Dineen,
Administrative Officer,
Property Services,
Economic, Community & Cultural Development.