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## Let's Team Up to Clean Up

Annual community environmental action day for the next three years empowering communities to Let's Team Up to Clean Up, Together for Kilkenny.

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# LET'S TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP!

## Together for Kilkenny



## SHOWTIME came to Thomastown Kilkenny

Thomastown's hugely successful Town & Village Renewal Amenity hosted IRELANDS BIGGEST OUTDOOR BASKETBALL EXHIBITION GAME. SHOWTIME came to Thomastown, Kilkenny, Ireland in what was one of Ireland's biggest ever Outdoor Basketball Exhibition Games!

As part of the first anniversary of the very popular Town & Village Renewal project developed by Kilkenny County Council in partnership with the local community the crowds came in their droves to witness this unique and exciting event that showcased the skills of top Irish International, National League and Professional Basketball Players.

The exhibition game was a festival-like family event with DJ, spot prizes and a monster Dunking Competition, where we got to see some of Ireland's best dunkers put on a show for all to enjoy.

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## Council Leads €50 million Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project.

### Investing in our outdoor spaces

led by Kilkenny County Council, PLEEP Eastern Region will upgrade approximately 73,500 public lights across 9 local authorities, Carlow, Kildare, Kilkenny, Louth, Meath, Offaly, Tipperary, Westmeath and Wicklow County Councils, as well as Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

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Launch of Connected Hub at Galmoy, Co. Kilkenny

## Welcome from our Chief Executive



I am delighted to introduce this newsletter, which gives a flavour of the broad range of services and projects the Council are delivering for the people of Kilkenny.

The Elected Members adopted a Budget for 2023, which maintains funding for all of our services at the same level as 2022, including for our many grant schemes for local communities, such as the Festival & Events Grant Scheme (over 20 festivals supported in 2022), Graveyard Grants Scheme (20 graveyard grants approved in the current year) and Amenity Grants Scheme (176 groups supported this year).

The supply of homes for those that cannot provide for themselves remains a top priority for the Council. Our Housing Delivery Team delivered over 180 new homes across the County in 2022. We welcomed Minister Darragh O'Brien recently to visit some of these housing schemes and he also turned the sod on the commencement of 88 new homes to be constructed at Crokers Hill, Kilkenny City.

Last March we reinstated the Community Response Forum originally established during the Covid pandemic and we set up a Ukrainian Response Unit within the Council to coordinate supports for Ukrainians fleeing the terrible conflict in their home country. The Forum comprises all the relevant agencies, as well as the local community and voluntary sector, and we work together to provide supports to Ukrainian communities arriving in Kilkenny. So far Kilkenny has welcomed over 1,200 Ukrainians and I want to sincerely thank the Response Unit for their trojan work and the people of Kilkenny for their continued generosity.

Our climate action obligations are another increasingly

important challenge. As a Council we have a clear leadership role in proactively taking action to minimise the impacts of climate change in the delivery of our services. Our ISO 50001 accreditation, the international standard on energy efficiency, will help us meet our climate action targets. A major project we are undertaking is the retrofitting of some 12,000 public lights across the County to more energy efficient LED lights under the Public Lighting Energy Efficient Project (PLEEP).

The Covid pandemic awakened a new discovery and sense of appreciation among many of us for the unique amenities we have on our doorstep. Our parks and playgrounds have experienced increased usage in the past 2 years. We are also proactively developing many new and upgrading existing trails across the County. We also implemented 26 active travel projects last year to help create better public spaces for us all to enjoy. These have also enhanced the place-making and quality of life credentials of Kilkenny. We were especially pleased to learn that our approach to the development and management of our public realm was a major contributory factor in the decision by Abbott to invest in a new production facility that will create upwards of 850 new jobs when it is up and running.

We are very optimistic for the future of Kilkenny. Like our successful County teams who bring us all pride and pleasure, we will continue to strive to make Kilkenny an attractive place to live, work, play, visit and to do business.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their dedication and commitment and our Elected Members for their civic leadership delivering for the people of Kilkenny.

*Sean McKeown, Interim Chief Executive*

## HIGH SPEED BROADBAND COMES TO RURAL KILKENNY

**At present 6 Broadband Connection Points are now live in County Kilkenny with a further 2 to follow in Crosspatrick Community Hall and Muckalee Community Centre once building expansion works are completed.**

The Broadband Connection Points are a key part of the National Broadband Plan and is an initiative to provide free high-speed internet access at public accessible sites like Community Centres for remote working, study, community/digital skills training and a host of other digitally enabled services and amenities.

At present 6 BCPs are now live in County Kilkenny with a further 2 to follow in Crosspatrick Community Hall and Muckalee Community Centre once building expansion works are completed.

As Connected Communities evolve and grow in Kilkenny, it will provide an opportunity to transform the economic and social fabric of rural towns and communities across the County

For more information visit <https://nbi.ie/broadband-connection-points/>



Housing development at Pennefeather Green, Kilkenny City.



First Near Zero Energy Development in the entire Country at Hoban Park, Callan, Co. Kilkenny

## Meet your Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick



In June, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick was elected Cathaoirleach, and First Citizen, of Kilkenny County Council.

Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick was first elected to Kilkenny County Council in 2004.

After relinquishing his seat in 2009, Pat continued to work tirelessly for his local community and in 2014 he regained his seat and he subsequently had the honour to be the first person elected to Kilkenny County Council at the 2019 local elections. Pat was Chairperson of the Municipal District of Castlecomer in 2016/17 and in 2021/22.

Pat was elected Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council in June 2022. On his election Pat said: "It is such a great privilege to be elected to the position of Cathaoirleach for this term. It is an honour to have this opportunity to represent the people of Kilkenny, and I promise to do my best in the role. That's a promise I made at

the start of this journey and one that I intend to keep."

Pat was a member of the board of Citizens Information from 2009 to 2014 and a member of An Garda Síochána Audit Committee from 2009 to 2015. He also chaired the Kilkenny Joint Policing Committee from 2019 to 2022.

Pat has been a delegate to the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) since 2014 and has been a member of their national Executive and chair of their Audit Committee.

Pat was elected AILG President at its AGM in September 2022. AILG is the national representative body representing the body of 949 Local Authority Elected Members in Ireland's 31 Local Authorities.

## Delivering new homes

Through our Housing Delivery Team, we are working hard on one of the most important activities we do as a Council – providing safe and secure places that families can call 'home'.

In 2021, we provided 151 homes at developments including Glebeside in Castlecomer, Station Avenue in Ballyragget, Blackwater Grove in Kilmacow, Cois Na Bearu in Graiuenamanagh and Pairc Nua, Ayrfield and Margaretsfield in Kilkenny City.

We are improving the energy efficiency of our housing stock, with Hoban Park, Callan being the first Near Zero Energy development in the entire country, ensuring all homes here are highly energy efficient.

We are also making more houses accessible for people with disabilities and are working to provide a greater variety of house type through our building programme.

In 2022 our Housing Delivery Programme saw the commencement of the construction of 88 houses at Crokers Hill, Kilkenny City and the completion of 22 homes at Station Avenue, Ballyragget, 66 units at Pennefeather, Hebron Road, Kilkenny and 23 units at Orchard Close, New Orchard, Kilkenny. These developments are part of the huge investment in housing by the Council in recent years with more than €50m invested in housing developments during 2021 and 2022. Housing delivery is supported by the Government's Housing For All Programme, with an investment of more than €100 million in Kilkenny County.



Tackling Climate Change - 'One Sip at a Time' - Conscious Cup Campaign. Tony Joyce (Lions Club), Lesley Cleere (Market Cross Shopping Centre Manager), Mayor Andrew McGuinness and Pat Boyd (Chairperson KKB)

## #YourCouncilDay

Across our Social Media platforms on July 1st, Kilkenny County Council showcased the work of our committed and passionate employees who make a difference to the lives of the people in their communities every day.

This year we highlighted in particular the role played by Council employees in our fight to tackle climate change. Climate change is the defining political, economic, technical and social challenge of our time and Kilkenny County Council is committed to leading on climate action.

Just some of the work we have been involved in ranges from active travel initiatives and housing retrofits to reducing our own carbon emissions and working with partners and local communities to tackle the impact of climate change.

Read on in this newsletter to see just some of the work that your Council has been up to this past year. Follow Kilkenny County Council on social media for regular updates @KilkennyNotices on twitter and @KilkennyCoCo on Facebook and Instagram. Check out the hashtag #YourCouncilDay / #DoLásaChomhairle to find out more about how your Council is working for you.



Kilkenny County Council Elected Representatives for 2022/2023. Front Row (L-R): Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, Cllr. Peter Cleere, Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pat O'Neill, Cllr. John Brennan and Cllr. Maria Dollard. Back Row (L-R): Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Ger Frisby, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Michael Delaney, Cllr. Eamon Aylward, Cllr. Joe Lyons, Cllr. Michael McCarthy, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr. David Fitzgerald and Cllr. Tomás Breathnach. Also in virtual attendance were Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, .

## Election Day 2022

### New Cathaoirleach and Municipal District Chairs Elected

On 17th June, Kilkenny County Council held the Annual General Meeting for the election of the First Citizen and Cathaoirleach for the 2022/2023 term. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers in County Hall and saw the election of Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick as Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council. Cllr. Patrick O'Neill was elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

The Municipal Districts (MD) across the County also held their Annual Meetings, where members elected the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for each Municipal District. Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and Cllr. Ger Frisby were

elected Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for Piltown MD respectively. Cllr. Matt Doran and Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere were elected for Callan-Thomastown MD and Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and Cllr. Michael Delaney took up the roles in Castlecomer MD.

Members in Kilkenny City elected Cllr. David Fitzgerald as Mayor and Cllr. Andrew McGuinness as Deputy Mayor for the 2021-22 term.

See page 16 for a full listing of your Kilkenny County Council Elected Members.



New Footbridge at Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny

## New Pedestrian Bridge for Castlecomer

The Castlecomer Footbridge was officially opened on the 28th January, 2022.

The opening of this bridge is very much welcomed by the people of Castlecomer area, connecting and making it safer for residents and visitors alike to access the very popular Castlecomer Discovery Park. Many thanks to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for their commitment and funding of this Project

In addition, the progression of the scheme to construction would not have been possible without the consent and co-operation of the landowners on both sides of the river and the support of the Castlecomer Discovery Park.

The Bridge will be a huge addition to the tourism offering in Castlecomer and is another example of Kilkenny County Council's commitment to the promotion and the development of Castlecomer as a tourist destination providing the visitor with an experience to remember.



Ormonde Street, Kilkenny City

## €3 million for Walking & Cycling Projects

The Council received an allocation of €3 million from the National Transport Authority in 2022 for walking and cycling infrastructure in Kilkenny City and County with 26 projects receiving funding.

Projects will include:

- Public lighting on urban footpaths, walkways and cycleways,
- Re-installment of link from Ring Road to Cootes Lane in Kilkenny City and enhancement to Coote's Lane.
- Commence implementation of One Way in Callan,
- Footpath development in City and County

Feasibility and Design works include:

- Cycle routes in Kilkenny City and Environs,
- George Semple Bridge Improvement Study
- School Safety zones

*The Arts Office has been working with First Music Contact (FMC), and the local authorities of Carlow, Waterford & Wexford to deliver a programme to support career development and opportunities for musicians in our localities. FMC is the leading national music organisation for resourcing musicians and the independent music sector in Ireland. They deliver projects at key stages of an artist's development, helping them develop real careers.*



Slam Dunk at Thomastown Basketball Exhibition Game

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### SHOWTIME came to Thomastown, Kilkenny, Ireland!

The exhibition game was like a dream come true for so many kids to see the players put on a show with plenty of Slam Dunks and Slick Moves, in what was a brilliant atmosphere. With eleven Irish International Basketball Players and some Irish and American Professional Players this was a fantastic event where the community and enthusiasts travelled from all over Ireland to witness the spectacle.

Located in the centre of the town, this Town and Village Renewal development was nominated for a National Pride of Place award and in celebration of its first year, the local community were delighted to welcome the players and spectators and to have this exhibition game on the new courts for all to enjoy.

VIDEO DOCUMENTARY "THE COURT" OUT NOW

<https://youtu.be/at0gexF9n1o>



Members of the Ukrainian community and members of the Ukrainian Crisis Community Forum attending a Thank You event organized in James Stephens Barracks in December.

## Supporting the Ukrainian Community in Kilkenny

Last February Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, leading to the mass exodus of displaced persons. Ukrainian refugees began to arrive in Kilkenny from March and Kilkenny County Council was tasked with providing accommodation for the new arrivals.

A Ukrainian Response Unit was established and the Community Forum was reinstated. By year end, there were over 1,200 Ukrainians living in Kilkenny, spread across:

- 2 Council managed properties (at St. John of God Convent in the city and The Friary in Knocktopher),
- various commercial properties throughout the County and in shared and vacant properties pledged by the good people of Kilkenny.

With the support of the various agencies and community groups our Ukrainian friends have been integrated into the local community. They are availing of training programmes; attending English as a Second Language classes and availing of Adult

Guidance Services. Over 200 Ukrainians are registered as employed in Kilkenny and almost 100 are registered as volunteers with the Volunteer Centre. 40 Ukrainian children are enrolled in pre-school education; over 150 are enrolled in primary schools and 110 are enrolled in secondary schools.

A huge thanks must go to the staff of the agencies who put their shoulder to the wheel, including the Kilkenny Civil Defence, Defence Forces, Health Service Executive, Kilkenny Carlow Education & Training Board, Department of Social Protection, Kilkenny Leader Partnership, Local Link, Volunteer Centre and local communities throughout Kilkenny who can't do enough to help by providing beds, cots, clothes and donations of anything else required.

The Ukrainian Response Unit within the Council will continue to provide accommodation and oversee the work of the agencies and communities into 2023 and ensure that the people of Ukraine feel that Kilkenny is their second home, until such time as they can return to their homeland.

## Vision for Abbey Quarter well on its way.

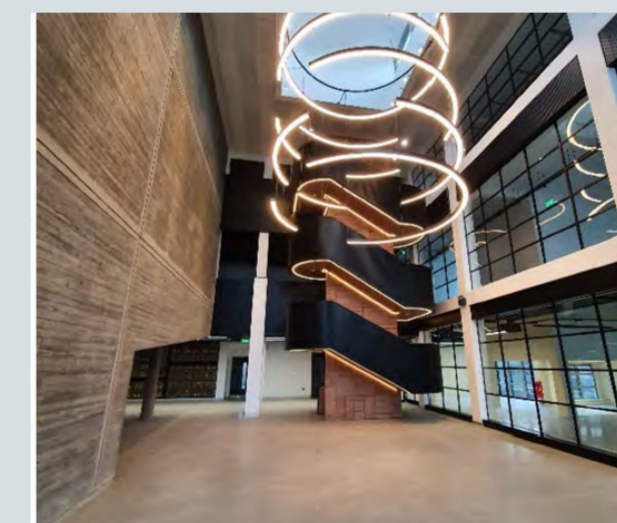
We are continuing to work hard to deliver the highly anticipated 'Abbey Quarter' in Kilkenny City.

The official opening of the public realm surrounding the Brewhouse building on the Abbey Quarter, namely Horse Barrack Lane and The Brewhouse Square by Minister Darragh O'Brien Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage took place on May 16th 2022. On the day, as well as official proceedings, staff of Kilkenny County Council and members of the public were invited to tour the area.

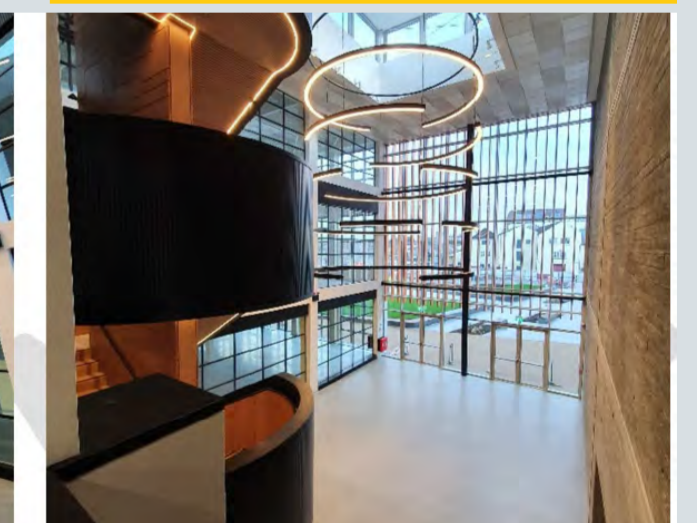
The Brewhouse Building, which was completed in May 2022 is now fully let. The buildings first tenants moved into their new offices in May 2022, followed by the next tenants with staff sitting at desks in their new offices in September 2022, following tenant fit out works. The Brewhouse, when fully occupied, will have in excess of 300 people working in the first new building in the Abbey Quarter.

Work is continuing on the redevelopment of the Mayfair Building as the new City Library, with the library expected to open in early summer 2023.

Works to Horse Barrack Lane and the Brewhouse Courtyard, which provide access to the Brewhouse Building, have been completed, with the area immediately adjoining the new Mayfair Library building to be completed with the new library works.



The Atrium at the newly renovated Brewhouse Building at Abbey Quarter, Kilkenny City.



Newly opened Tea Rooms at Riverside Garden, Abbey Quarter, Kilkenny City

The official opening of the newly refurbished Tea Houses took place on May 30th by Minister Malcolm Noonan, Minister for Heritage and Electoral Reform again accompanied with a public viewing.

The buildings are part of the Abbey Quarter site in the heart of Kilkenny City and are located at the entrance to the extremely popular new Riverside Garden and Skatepark amenity area, which was officially opened in the summer of 2021.



Rogu Fire Show at St. Patrick's Festival Kilkenny

# Festival Fever!

## Council Funds three civic festivals.

Kilkenny County Council are delighted to organise the St. Patrick's Day Festival, Kilkenny Day and Yulefest Kilkenny every year to complement the many Festivals that are run in Kilkenny every year. It gives us great pride to see so many people come and enjoy our festivals.

St. Patrick's Day Festival 2022 saw an estimated 100,000 people visit Kilkenny City over the 6-day festival with an estimate of 40,000 people coming out to watch the Parade.

Kilkenny Day is a special day every year where we can celebrate what it means to be Kilkenny. This year we saw the unveiling of the Virtual Hug sculpture, inspired by Adam King who appeared on the 2020 Late Late Toy Show. It has created a place of peace and tranquillity for people to come visit, have a seat and enjoy all that is around them.

Yulefest every year sees thousands of visitors come to Kilkenny City for the markets and events that are organised. This year aims to top all Yulefest festivals that came before it.

In addition, the Council supports other events through its Festivals and Events Grants Assistance Scheme.



# Grants for 176 local groups

The Elected Members in Kilkenny County Council approved €140,000 in grants for 176 groups, including Resident Associations, Tidy Towns Groups and other Community Organisations across County Kilkenny from the 2022 Amenity Grant fund.

The Amenity Grant Scheme is designed to support local communities to carry out projects including the upkeep, maintenance and enjoyment of public amenities, landscaping and development of open spaces, and small-scale improvement works. Groups across our County carry out outstanding work every year to improve our local environment and we are proud to support the variety of works carried out through the Amenity Grant Scheme.

### Did you know?

Every year Kilkenny County Council provides a range of grants for local communities. Visit the 'Grants' section of our website for the interactive grants booklet and to become familiar with the numerous grants and programmes available.



Newly refurbished Tea Rooms Conservatory at Woodstock Gardens, Inistoge, Co. Kilkenny

# Woodstock Jewel of the South East

During the summer months the garden and trails were very busy with visitors coming to this jewel of the South-East. The offering for the public continues to grow year on year with improvements to existing walks, the reopening of long lost walks, additional play activities, seasonal plant displays, greater accessibility and food and drink.

This summer saw the opening of our new Woodstock Ice-cream Parlour, offering a wide variety of cones and sundae's. This new addition has proven a massive hit with the public and the timing couldn't have been better

with the glorious weather we got over the summer.

In July this year the Woodstock Waterfall Loop Walk, which was opened earlier this year, was passed fit for purpose and added to the National Trail Register.

Works commenced recently to improve the appearance and accessibility of the toilet block within the carpark.



# Horizon Irish Open 2022 in Kilkenny

Kilkenny County Council in partnership with the European Tour, Mount Juliet and Failte Ireland worked together to maximise the opportunity for Kilkenny's exposure as a tourism destination at the 2022 Horizon Irish Open. Kilkenny County Council dressed the streets of the City as well as surrounding towns and villages close to the event.

The Kilkenny stand at Mount Juliet displayed many of Kilkenny's wonderful "Made" and "Taste" products as well as reinforcing to all guests during the week to come back and visit Kilkenny again in the future.



Kilkenny County Council Road Maintenance - North Callan Roads Crew

# Managing Kilkenny's roads

In 2022, €17 million was allocated towards road improvements, restoration and maintenance in the City and County for the over 3,000 kms of local and regional road networks. This will enable works to be carried out across the City and County and allows for some long-awaited projects including bridge rehabilitation and safety improvement works.

Kilkenny County Council is continuing to work in close cooperation with other Local Authorities, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the public to deliver new roads projects and upgrades that will benefit the County by making our roads safer, shortening journey times,

alleviating congestion and providing better connections between key locations.

In 2022, the public were given a second opportunity to provide feedback on plans for the N24 Waterford to Cahir route and rerouting of the N25. Progression of these projects is subject to approval and provision of Government funding.

Road improvements will benefit all residents and visitors to Kilkenny, boosting tourism and making our road network safer for all users.



# €20,000 raised for local charities

The Medieval Mile Museum Music Series, funded by the Local Live Public Performance Scheme Phase 3 in association with Kilkenny County Council's Arts Office raised €12,000 for Amber Womens Refuge. Amber Women's Refuge is a local not-for-profit organisation supporting women and children affected by domestic violence and abusive relationships across Carlow and Kilkenny. 2,500 people attended these special traditional music concerts in the stunning setting of the Medieval Mile Museum as part of Kilkenny Tradfest.

The highly successful Rogu Fireshow and Fireworks Display over Kilkenny Castle, funded by the Local Live public Performance Scheme 3 in association with Kilkenny Arts Office raised €8,500 for St. Vincent De Paul Kilkenny.

Over 3,000 tickets were sold for these events that took place as part of St. Patrick's Festival Kilkenny 2022. The Society of St Vincent de Paul fundraises to assist those in need. Their work is carried out in a manner that respects the dignity of the individual and all requests for assistance are treated in the strictest confidence.

Fireworks Display in Kilkenny Castle during the St. Patrick's Festival, Kilkenny

# One Stop Shop for Rural Regeneration Information

A One Stop Shop, covering all aspects of the Town & Village Renewal and Rural Regeneration schemes has been developed for communities and is now available on the Kilkenny County Council website. This portal showcases sample projects, videos, Town Team Plans, Policy Documents and Funding Streams available.

Please see link to the one stop shop here:

<https://kilkennycoco.ie/eng/publications/rural-regeneration/>



**LET'S TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP!**

**DATE FOR PRIDE OF PLACE 2022 AWARDS ANNOUNCED.**

The date for the 2022 National Pride of Place Awards has been announced, the event will take place on Saturday the 21st January, 2023 in the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin. Three groups have been selected to represent Kilkenny in the 2022 Pride of Place Awards. They are Mullinavat (Village Category), The Hub Graiguenamanagh (Community Tourism) and the Thomastown Recreation Amenity (Community Wellbeing).

The IPB Pride of Place Awards is an annual competition promoting and celebrating the best in community development and recognises the selfless efforts of people in making their local neighbourhoods better places to live, work and socialise.

Best of Luck to our Community

A county wide initiative is planned for next February and the registration portal is open via <https://cleanup.kilkenny.ie/>, groups are welcome to apply now.

**RehabCare is the A Team in Kilkenny's "Let's Team Up to Clean Up"**

RehabCare was first out of the gates on Kilkenny Day to take part in Kilkenny County Council's "Let's Team Up to Clean Up, Together for Kilkenny", a day of environmental action. Eager to get going, the service users at RehabCare organised themselves into two teams and planned their litter picking routes throughout the city. The Mayor of Kilkenny City, Cllr David Fitzgerald came to meet the teams along with the Council's Environmental Awareness Officer



Ferrybank Library, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny

**Happy Anniversary!**

On December 4th 2012 Ferrybank Library opened its doors to the local community, and over the last 10 years has provided a central focus for community and cultural activities.

The library has over 23,000 items, including adult fiction and factual books, a teenage collection, children's stock, reference materials, music CDs, DVDs and box sets. The library also has wifi access, along with 8 computers for internet access and printing services.

Local community groups, schools, childcare facilities, families and new residents have found a place in their local library to learn, work, play and share. To maintain those community links, the library provided a book delivery service for older people cocooning at home during Covid 19 closures.

Since the library has fully reopened, in person activities and groups are back; with regular craft groups and an Irish circle, as well as bookclubs for children and adults. Ferrybank library also hosts short courses and one-off workshops. Upcoming activities include board game evenings on Wednesday's in December (5pm to 6.30pm) and a creative writing course and beginners sewing machine course starting in early January 2023.



**Knitted Together!**

Our Arts Office launched its community art project Knitted Together in March 2022. This is the third year of the project and it continues to foster community spirit and ease and lessen the effects of social isolation through the shared experience of making.

The project was designed to connect the participants to a 'bigger than self' goal through making and creative activity. A 'bigger than self-goal' is one that supports and contributes positively to others, enabling participants to make positive contributions to others in need.

These projects also tend to build greater social networks and positive social supports along the way. And this year has been particularly special as it's the first time since the inception of the project that everyone could freely meet in person. We made the best of this by way of our Maker Meet Up sessions across the County.

This year also saw us work with three of the Men's Sheds and teachers & schools introducing an intergenerational aspect to the project and a gender balance across the project. These have been very powerful additions to the project and have enabled us to work with and bring together a broader and more diverse range of participants.

This project was shortlisted for an Age Friendly National Recognition Award. The primary aim of these awards is to recognise and reward achievement in Age Friendly initiatives around Ireland.



Let's Team Up to Clean Up, Together for Kilkenny Corporate Sponsor Representatives with Kilkenny County Council's Cathaoirleach, Mayor and Representatives of the Environment Section. From Left to Right - Denis Malone (Kilkenny County Council), Denise Bartolo (PRL), Cathaoirleach Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, Naoise Coogan (Glanbia PLC), Tom Hyland (Dawn Meats), Gerri Hickey (John O'Connell's Trust), Mayor Cllr David Fitzgerald, Colm Keating (Panda), Emma Peagram (Panda), Pat Murphy (Glanbia Co-Op), Ann Marie Shortall (Kilkenny County Council)



Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, Executives of Kilkenny County Council, Representatives from Kilarney Lighting Services and ASD Lighting PLC at contract signing for the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project Eastern Region.

**Public Lighting Project**

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Twenty-one Local Authorities are collaborating in the National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP), coordinated by the Roads Management Office (RMO), to retrofit approximately 205,000 public lights to LED. Once complete, the project is set to reduce CO2 emissions by 20,000 tonnes each year, reduce energy and maintenance costs by 55% while saving the local authorities €12m in energy and maintenance costs annually.

Kilkenny County Council is proud to lead the second phase of the National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project for the Eastern Region, with the 1st phase having already commenced in the South West Region with Cork County Council as the lead Authority in that region.

**Let's Team Up to Clean Up**

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**Together for Kilkenny**

Kilkenny County Council have established an Annual Community Environmental Action Day for the next three years empowering communities to Let's Team Up to Clean Up, Together for Kilkenny. The action days will see community groups, schools, residents' associations, business interest groups and sporting organisations all coming out together to litter pick their local areas on a specific day. These days will not just be considered clean up days, but days which will provide opportunities for neighbours to become friends and for groups like sporting teams and business groups to give back to the community and to show that they are invested locally by taking time out to support their neighbourhoods.

Let's Team Up to Clean Up, Together for Kilkenny action days will create a long lasting legacy in neighbourhoods across the County. Over the three years, different programmes and activities will be developed to compliment the core objective of the "Let's Team Up to Clean Up, Together for Kilkenny" which is to uphold Kilkenny's reputation of being litter free and to empower local communities to take action locally and keep their neighbourhoods litter free.

The first action day was piloted in 2022 on Kilkenny Day in Kilkenny City on the 9th of October. This will pave the way for a larger, county wide event planned to coincide with St. Brigid's Day, the new public holiday which will occur on the first weekend in February next year.

This initiative would not be possible without the support of the corporate sponsors PRL, Dawn Meats, John O Shea Trust and Glanbia PLC/Glanbia Co-op together with the waste management sponsor Panda.



Unveiling of Adam's Hug on Kilkenny Day 2022, at the Canal Walk Kilkenny. L-R: Mary Fitzgerald, Paralympian, Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, Mayor of Kilkenny Municipal District, Cllr. David Fitzgerald and Adam King.

**Adam's Hug on the Canal Walk**

Kilkenny Day is about celebrating everything that is wonderful about Kilkenny City and County; our communities, our heritage, our environment, our commerce, our creativity, our food, our hospitality, our sport and above all, our people.

Kilkenny Day falls on the Sunday closest to St. Canice's feast day. This year, 2022, Kilkenny Day was the 9th October. It is based on the traditional 'Patron' (Patron / Patrún) Day which dates back to the 1540's.

The people of Kilkenny have taken a young Cork boy to their hearts as Adam and Paralympian, Mary Fitzgerald, unveiled a very special sculpture on Kilkenny Day 2022 featuring Adam King's now legendary, "Virtual Hug" which was created in 2020 by six year old Adam during the Covid-19 outbreak to help people connect during difficult times.

The piece, inspired by Adam's original artwork and created by CDS Engineering in North Kilkenny is truly unique and will stand as a reminder of the sacrifices made by so many in our community in the past two years.

Situated on the canal walk by the banks of the River Nore, it will offer a tranquil place to reflect and connect for the local community

Join the Conversation and follow our social media pages to find out more: Facebook: @KilkennyDay, Twitter: @kilkennyday and Instagram: @kilkennyday.

The Council hosts this as an Annual event in celebration of everything Kilkenny. If you didn't get a chance to be involved this year there will be plenty of opportunity in the years to come.



Kilkenny County Council virtual consultation room

# Have your say

**Y**our feedback is highly valued - it helps us better understand what our communities want so that we can set the right priorities and future directions as a Council. We're a listening Council and often need to ask you for your views and what you think about future developments. We are continuing to establish better ways for you to have your say on the way we work and the projects we carry out.

Sometimes the way we engage with you is set by legislation, and there are many steps to follow. Sometimes we can choose. Even if consultation is not required, we may decide that some other form of engagement is helpful and appropriate. There is a wide range of tools for engagement. Differing levels of engagement may be required during different stages of decision-making on an issue or a project. Levels of engagement may also be different for different stakeholders.

The Council engages with the community on many levels. This can be by way of a statutory consultation process or to communicate or seek feedback in a more informal way. "Statutory" means processes and timelines are defined in law, and this includes planning and compulsory purchase processes.

Examples of communications and engagement channels used by the Council are:

- Website | Public notices | Newspaper | Media releases
- Social media | Radio | Face-to-face presentations | Community Newsletter and Annual Newsletter.

## Public Consultation

The County Council engages in a number of different types of public consultation. The Council uses an innovative online consultation portal, [consult.kilkenny.ie](http://consult.kilkenny.ie), where you can view all the current consultation processes in one place. You can make a submission directly online, and you can see what other submissions have been made.

If you register for a [consult.kilkenny.ie](http://consult.kilkenny.ie) account, you can also choose to be kept informed of all the relevant consultations that matter to you. At the end of the consultation, a report is published on the [consult.kilkenny.ie](http://consult.kilkenny.ie) site, outlining what decisions have been made and why.

Public consultation processes can be divided into statutory consultation processes and non-statutory processes. Three of the most common statutory processes are Part 8s, Development Plan and Local Area Plan processes.

There are also other processes, not defined in law, such as Mobility Management Plans and Masterplans.

## What is a Part 8?

Most developments by a local authority itself are subject to a public consultation process as set out in the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 - 2012. This procedure is commonly referred to as a 'Part 8'. Notice of a Part 8 proposal is given in the press, a site notice is erected, and Part 8s are also made available on the [consult.kilkenny](http://consult.kilkenny.ie) website. Following consideration of any submissions or observations, the Chief Executive presents a report to the Elected Members of the Council. The issues raised during the consultation process are a vital input, as they provide valuable local insight to inform the decision-making process. The Elected Members decide on Part 8s, this is called a reserved function as it is reserved to the Elected Members to decide.



Event attendees being addressed by Rosemary Steen, CEO of Design Crafts Council Ireland at the Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle. Photo by Dylan Vaughan



L-R: Aileen McGrath, Acting Head of Enterprise, Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council, Minister Malcolm Noonan T.D., Aoife Murphy, Dr. Fiona Chambers, Elisa Luoto, Richard Curran and Mary Mullin. Photo by Dylan Vaughan Photography.

# How Kilkenny is positioned to drive design excellence

**K**ilkenny County Council staged a unique conference event showcasing the past, present and future on how Kilkenny is positioned to drive design excellence in the Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle on 18th November last. This prestigious event celebrated Kilkenny's design legacy and was one of many events taking place nationwide during Design Week 2022.

The conference was a celebration of the former Kilkenny Design Workshops (KDW) - one of the great success stories of not just Kilkenny but also this country.

The event saw the launch of a new publication, commissioned by KIDCO, authored by Mark Duncan and launched by Minister Malcolm Noonan entitled: 'Designing for Ireland'

The book documents the extraordinary role that KDW played in developing a modern design philosophy in this country that informed Irish Industry and the wider environment in which we all live from 1963 until its closure in 1988.

Kilkenny is synonymous with good design – a legacy of KDW that has many facets including:

- the numerous craft and design practitioners who have come to settle in Kilkenny over the last 60 years, and placed Kilkenny to the forefront of craft

and design internationally, as recognised most recently in the prestigious World Craft City and Region designation secured;

- the inspiring influence and development of the unique cultural and cosmopolitan place that is Kilkenny;
- the many creative festivals that have sprung up and now take place throughout the year here;
- The Kilkenny Civic Trust that was established to hold and nurture the magnificent buildings and infrastructure that housed KDW and which today houses the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland.

For more information on the Conference visit: [www.investkilkenny.ie/designkilkenny](http://www.investkilkenny.ie/designkilkenny)



Local Enterprise Office out and about with KCLR FM promoting #ShopKilkenny

# Shop Kilkenny

It's been a tough few years for businesses across Kilkenny. For this reason, the Shop Kilkenny Platform has been developed to support local businesses in the City and County.

There are many reasons for us to shop local and support local businesses – they keep our towns and villages vibrant and busy, support local economies and provide jobs in our locality. We urge the people of Kilkenny to enjoy and shop local and spread the word on Shop Kilkenny!

Make every cent count this Christmas by shopping local and supporting the community around you. Check out your local shops this Christmas and support the amazing businesses that Kilkenny has to offer.

We would love to hear about your business, if you or someone you know wishes to be included in the Shop Kilkenny platform or if you wish to share news or information on your business, just let us know! You can contact us on Instagram @shop\_kilkenny, or on Facebook @shopkilkenny and don't forget to follow and share using the hashtag #ShopKilkenny.



Fire personnel giving fire safety advice at the Kilkenny Older People's Council celebration in the Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel.

# Fire Safety Advice

**K**ilkenny Fire service personnel call to houses by appointment and give fire safety advice to the occupants. A House Fire Safety Visit is usually carried out by two uniformed operational fire service personnel.

The primary aim of these House Fire Safety Visits is to reduce the numbers of fires, deaths and injuries in the home by firstly preventing fires occurring and to ensure that when fires do occur, the occupiers are given early warning, and they know how to react quickly and safely.

All seven fire stations held an Open Fire Station Day on Kilkenny Day. We were delighted to see huge crowds visiting the fire stations despite the inclement weather conditions.

**Did you know that Kilkenny Fire Brigades have attended over 600 no. incidents so far this year. These incidents included a fatal road traffic collision, public road hazards, domestic fires, automatic fire alarm activations, grass fires, chimney fires and ambulance assists.**



## THE EASY WAY TO SECURE YOUR SAY

Your voice matters and your vote is important

[checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie)



# Registering to vote now possible online

**C**onfirm and update your details on the electoral register or to register for the first time using a newly upgraded [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie).

Several improvements have been made to the process of registering to vote and updating registration details, arising from provisions in Part 3 of the Electoral Reform Act 2022, which were commenced on 13 October.

All electors are now being asked to visit [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie) to confirm or update their entry by adding their PPSN, Date of Birth and Eircode. This will help local authorities to ensure that entries are accurate and up to date as well as enabling the identification of entries on the register that require follow up.

The core changes to the electoral registration process include:

- **A move from fixed periods for updating details to rolling updates:** previously people could only update their details in November or via the supplement which required a visit to a Garda station. Under the changes a continuous or rolling registration will allow updates or additions at any time of year;

- **Streamlining of the application process through use of PPSNs:** The use of PPSNs will enable a simple identity data cross-check to protect and improve the integrity of the register, while streamlining the process for electors. This will mean that most people won't have to visit a Garda station to have their forms witnessed;
- **Registering to vote for the first time will now be possible online:** PPSNs also enable online applications - for the first time people can register to vote or update their details online at any time;
- **16 and 17 year olds will be able to pre-register to vote:** The introduction of a pending electors list to enable those 16 and 17 to pre-register and be automatically added to the register from when they turn 18.
- **New provisions to make the register more accessible to all:** The new process includes measures to facilitate electors whose safety might be at risk if their details were to be published on the register and those who have no address.

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS NIGHT

**K**ilkenny County Council's Annual Community Awards Night was held in the Parade Tower in Kilkenny Castle on Wednesday 23rd of February to recognise and acknowledge the contribution of local communities from across the County for their endless dedication to projects and to their towns and villages.

The Community Awards event gives us the opportunity to pay tribute to you - groups and individuals - who make a real difference and a valuable contribution, who go the extra mile and provide example and inspiration to others and contribute to the vibrancy and vitality of our local communities.



Tidy Estates Award - Chapelfield, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny



Pride of Place Award - Older Persons Council

# There's more to our libraries than reading

**I**n 2022 we were delighted for our doors to be open again to welcome our members back to their local library. We continue to improve our reading resources and selection of books. Call into your local public library to see all that is on offer!

We are not just about books.

### Heritage Week:

We were delighted to welcome our users back into our libraries for our first inhouse Heritage Week events since 2019. We had talks/events in our branches on the ongoing Decade of Centenaries on the Life of Tom Treacy, in the City Library on the role of Newspapers during this period as well as on a local community project, 'Common Threads' also in the City Library. We also welcomed back our popular Genealogy Masterclasses in Loughboy, Graiguenamanagh and the Local Studies Department. In keeping with our focus on virtual events we had daily posts of early 20th century images from our photographic collections online.

### My Open Library:

We welcomed back My Open Library Service at Castlecomer Library. The service operated previously from June 2019 to March 2020 when it was suspended due to Covid 19. The My Open Library service offers extended



opening hours to library members during unstaffed hours. The service is offered seven days per week, 365 days per year outside of normal opening hours, starting at 8.00 am in the morning and finishing at 10.00 pm at night. My Open Library service is a self-service facility which allows My Open Library members to check in and check out books, use a public PC or Wi-Fi, printing/photocopy/scanning facilities and use of the study spaces.

### Ukrainian Supports:

We have been developing our services to Ukrainians over the past few months, and have a number of supports

in place to help people engage. We have translated a pamphlet of our services into Ukrainian to let the people know what we can offer them through their free membership. We have also invested in a collection of Ukrainian children's books, which are available in all of our libraries and on the mobile library. Our librarians have visited the St. John of God's campus, and visits to the library have been facilitated to the City library and Loughboy library in partnership with Kilkenny Carlow ETB. We have a selection of Ukrainian eBooks through our Borrowbox app, and eNewspapers through our PressReader app. There has been an increase in titles offered as the ongoing crisis continues. Since July our language service, Transparent, offers a course in English for Ukrainian speakers also.



Selection of Ukrainian Books which are available in all Libraries and on Mobile Library

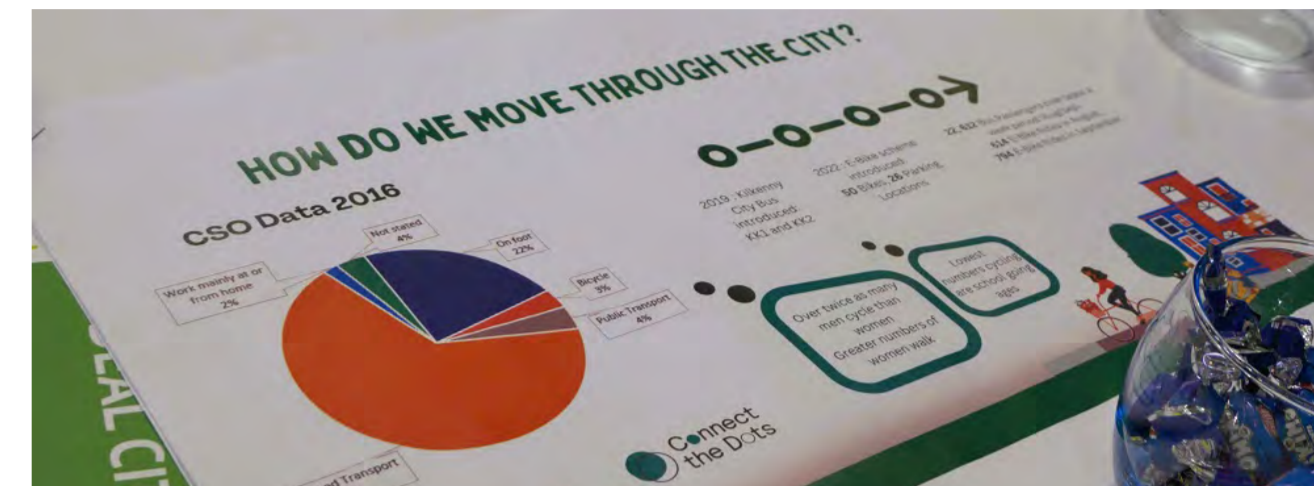
# Shape the Future of Kilkenny City!

**K**ilkenny City has started the process of developing its Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan. Kilkenny County Council are carrying out a programme of engaging participatory events, collaborating with key stakeholders and citizens to develop the Kilkenny Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP).

The SUMP is a strategic plan designed to cater for the mobility needs of people and businesses in the City and its surroundings for a better quality of life.

The core goal of the plan is to improve accessibility and quality of life by achieving a shift towards sustainable mobility. With these improvements the City will be more user friendly, while also making a more renewable future for Kilkenny's local environment. The plan process will take place over 12 months, due to be completed by Quarter 4 2023.

The SUMP process particularly emphasises the involvement and cooperation across different levels of government, with citizens, stakeholders, and private stakeholders allowing locals to be the main force driving the vision of the City. The SUMP will be designed by an interdisciplinary team of key stakeholders representing transportation, planning and the environment, as well as local businesses, resident representatives, disability organisations and cultural organisations, among others. This key stakeholder group met on September 30th to begin the plan process and brainstorm the vision for urban mobility for the City. The group



Kilkenny Civil Defence Officer, Katherine Peacock, with her Unsung Hero Award

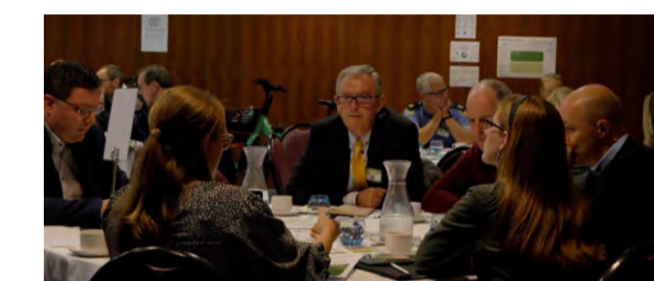
discussed the potential of Kilkenny City and the role that transportation plays in the city's future.

"We want to hear the public's perspective and gather ideas from those who live and work in the City. We want people to have choices about how they travel around the City. Kilkenny is a vibrant City and we want to ensure that it continues to develop and thrive in a sustainable manner" said Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick.

The first of many events, to inform the public and foster discussion around the plan vision and objectives, took place on Tuesday 22nd of November between 4 pm -8pm in the Medieval Mile Museum in Kilkenny City.

This interactive exhibition style event provided the public with opportunities to have their say on the future of their City.

Connect the Dots are working on behalf of Kilkenny County Council to assist with the programme of engaging participatory events, collaborating with key stakeholders and citizens to develop the Kilkenny Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP).



Brainstorming at SUMP Key Stakeholders group meeting held on 30th September, 2022

# NEW FIRE STATION FOR URLINGFORD

**T**he contract for the construction of the new fire station for Urlingford was officially signed by Cathaoirleach Fidelis Doherty and John Staunton of McStan Construction on Friday 20th May 2022.

The proposed new site is adjacent to Urlingford Garda station and across the road from the existing station. The new design is to incorporate a two-bay station with a training yard, lecture room, canteen and staff facilities. Specific training installations include a drill tower, an underground water tank and breathing apparatus compressor room.

The existence of a professional fire and rescue service is fundamental to public and personal safety. The Fire Service plays a crucial role in making our Communities safer, whether it be preventing and protecting people from fire and other risks or responding swiftly and effectively to the incidents and emergencies that occur 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week/365 days per year.



Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fidelis Doherty signing contract for construction of the new fire station for Urlingford.

# BUDGET



## Budget 2023 Protects Small Businesses and Services

**B**udget 2023, adopted by the Elected Members in November 2022, provides for funding of €98.7m, an increase of approximately 5% compared to 2022. Funding provision is across the full spectrum of service areas provided by the Council from social housing and road maintenance through to street cleaning, fire, libraries, playgrounds, parks to economic and community development.

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick in welcoming the budget stated: "As Elected Members we are very conscious that the services we deliver as a Council impact on the quality of life of the people of Kilkenny. Tough decisions had to be made but I am pleased to say there are no cuts to funding next year for the delivery of services for citizens and the supports we provide to local communities."

The Elected Members were anxious to ensure that the Budget does not include any cuts to the discretionary funding they provide to the extensive range of groups and

initiatives across the County that include: The Watergate Theatre, Rothe House, Kilkenny Tourism, Kilkenny Archives, Keep Kilkenny Beautiful, Tidy Towns, Amenity Grants, Sporting Bodies (including Sports Partnership, GAA, Soccer and Rugby), Garda Youth Programme, Estate Management, Ossory Youth, PPN and Kilkenny Arts Festival. The Budget also maintains funding for the Council's Festival & Events Grant Scheme, Amenity Grants and Graveyard Grants Schemes.

The Budget will also support delivery of the Council's ambitious Capital Programme that is having a positive impact right across the County. In particular, it provides funding for the Council to lever a range of national grant schemes to deliver projects for local communities. These projects include public realm and infrastructure projects, improved streetscape, parks, playgrounds and open spaces that enhance the vitality, vibrancy and place-making credentials of the towns and villages throughout County Kilkenny.

## Relieving flooding

**A** Flood Relief Capital Office was set up in 2019 by Kilkenny County Council, in collaboration with the OPW as the funding authority. A total of €29.8 million was approved for Kilkenny to implement six Schemes across the County over ten years. Towns earmarked for Flood Relief Schemes include Graiguenamanagh, Ballyhale, Freshford, Thomastown, Inistioge and Piltown.

2022 was an active year for the Flood Capital Office in managing the 2 no. Flood Relief Capital Schemes. Graiguenamanagh FRS advanced in 2022 with an in person Public Consultation Event held in August 2022, followed by the Options Report. A preferred emerging option has been selected following consultation with all stakeholders. A landscape Architect & Conservation Engineer joined the Design Team and are contributing into the Cultural and Heritage Aspect of the project. A Site Investigation Contract will commence in Graiguenamanagh in early 2023 and will take approximately 4 months to complete. The purpose of this contract is to determine the ground conditions which will feed into the design. The Design of the scheme is now advancing with a planning application to be lodged in late 2023 for the scheme. The scheme when implemented will protect 31 residential properties and 53 commercial premises. Estimated project cost of the option is in the order of €12million.

Work on the Ballyhale FRS continued in 2022 with the completion and sign off of Stage 1 of the project. A preferred option was selected following a Public Consultation event online to include earthen embankments, flood walls, diversion pipe and the creation of a low flow channel with river side park. A Landscape Architect was taken on as part of the project team who was an integral part of the design. Stage 2 of the project is well advanced with works on-going by DBFL Consulting Engineers on finalising the planning documents and CPO drawings for the preferred scheme. It is envisaged to lodge a planning application for the scheme with An Bord Pleanála in Jan 2023. The scheme when implemented will be protect 20 residential properties and 8 commercial premises. Estimated project cost of the option is in the order of €1.2million.

Under the OPW Minor Works Programme, funding was secured by Kilkenny County Council in the order of €54,000.00 for a flood study in the Ardalo Area of Kilkenny. This will involve a topographical survey, ecology surveys and a flood risk assessment study. This work is due to be completed in Q1 2023.

## Let's play

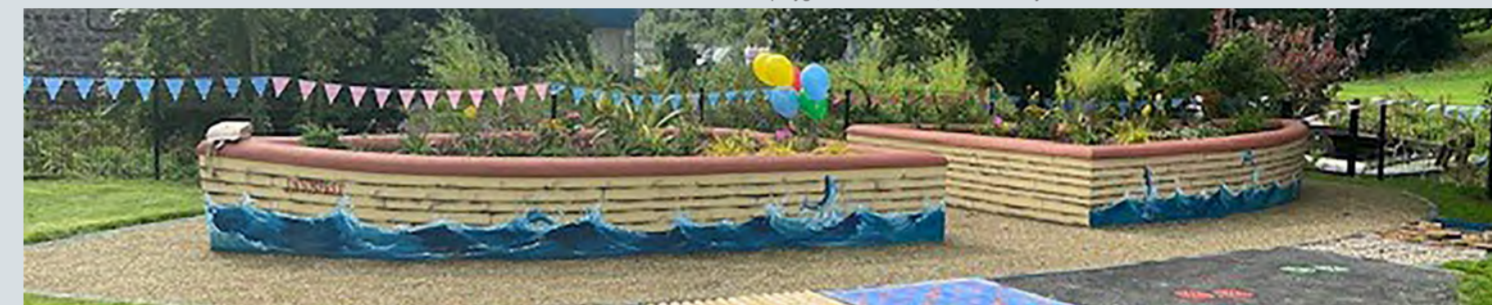
**P**arks and playgrounds across the County are in excellent condition following continue ongoing maintenance around the County in our playgrounds and parks to maintain them to a high standard. This included the replacement of parts of old or worn play equipment, tree planting and re-mulching.

Services were also procured recently for the annual independent inspection of all playgrounds under our care commencing in November 2022. These are an added layer of checks to compliment our own in house weekly and quarterly inspections.

The annual checks are a detailed check on the safety of all playground features so as to highlight any issues which require attention to ensure continued safe play.



New playground at Piltown, Co. Kilkenny



Sensory area in Piltown's new playground

### Did you know?

**Kilkenny County Council host three civic festivals each year: St. Patrick's Festival, Kilkenny Day and Yulefest. In addition, the Council supports many more events through its Festivals and Events Grants Assistance Scheme.**

## ENGAGE WITH US

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We are widely available across social media for various departments.

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- @kilkennycoco
- @kilkennynotices
- Invest Kilkenny
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- @eokilkenny
- @LEOKilkenny
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**Register for Kilkenny Alerts** →

Kilkenny County Council has a **FREE** text message and email alert service which issues alerts relating to water supply, weather warnings, road works, etc.

You can register by going to our website at [alerts.kilkennycoco.ie](http://alerts.kilkennycoco.ie) Registration requires that you supply your mobile number and email address so that Kilkenny Alerts can deliver alerts to you.

### JOIN OUR ONLINE CONSULTATION PORTAL:

Using this site you can participate in public consultations. Use the Consultations at [consult.kilkenny.ie](http://consult.kilkenny.ie) to view or search for open and upcoming consultations.

Some consultations require you to register before you can make a submission. The registration process is a one-time process and your account can be used for all of the Council's online public consultations. This will enable you to record your submissions across multiple consultations and save the progress of partially completed submissions to complete at a later date.

Other than required by law, your personal information such as contact details collected as part of the consultation process is protected by data protection. They will remain confidential and will not be published or shared with third parties.



**The Council's Environment Section hosted a food waste awareness stand throughout the Savour Kilkenny Food Festival and gave away 1,000 food caddies to enable households to segregate food waste easily. The stand was in association with [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie).**

**Did you know that every tonne of food waste that is recycled rather than ending up in a landfill can prevent about half a tonne of carbon dioxide entering the atmosphere.**



Kilkenny County Council firefighters who will make their way to Ukraine to deliver the equipment to Ukraine

## KILKENNY FIRE SERVICE SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN FIREFIGHTERS

**K**ilkenny Fire Service transported donated fire vehicles and equipment to provide vital support to the Ukrainian firefighters who are battling the most horrendous conditions imaginable on a daily basis. Over 100 fire stations and over 250 fire appliances have been destroyed in the war in Ukraine to date, and tragically many firefighters have lost their lives as they battle to do their job in their local community.

Fire Services across the South East of Ireland donated firefighting equipment including generators and lighting, hydraulic rescue gear, pneumatic lifting equipment and

sets of firefighting PPE. The 3 jeeps were accompanied by a fire engine from the firefighters from Kerry Fire Service. The convoy of vehicles were driven by firefighters from Kilkenny Fire Service who have volunteered their time to assist in this humanitarian crisis. Stena Line very graciously provided the ferry crossing for the vehicles free of charge which left Ireland on the 28th June and arrived in Poland on the 30th June to hand over the vehicles and equipment to our colleagues from the Ukrainian State Emergency Service.

The donation and transportation of the vehicles and equipment was supported by Kilkenny County Council

and organised through "Safe Harbour for Ukraine" <https://safeharbourforukraine.org/>.

Every day we continue to see the horrors unfold in the Ukraine and can only imagine how hard it must be for Ukrainian firefighters as they continue to put their lives at risk with very limited resources.

Kilkenny County Council were delighted to support this initiative and any help the people of Ireland can provide will be kindly received



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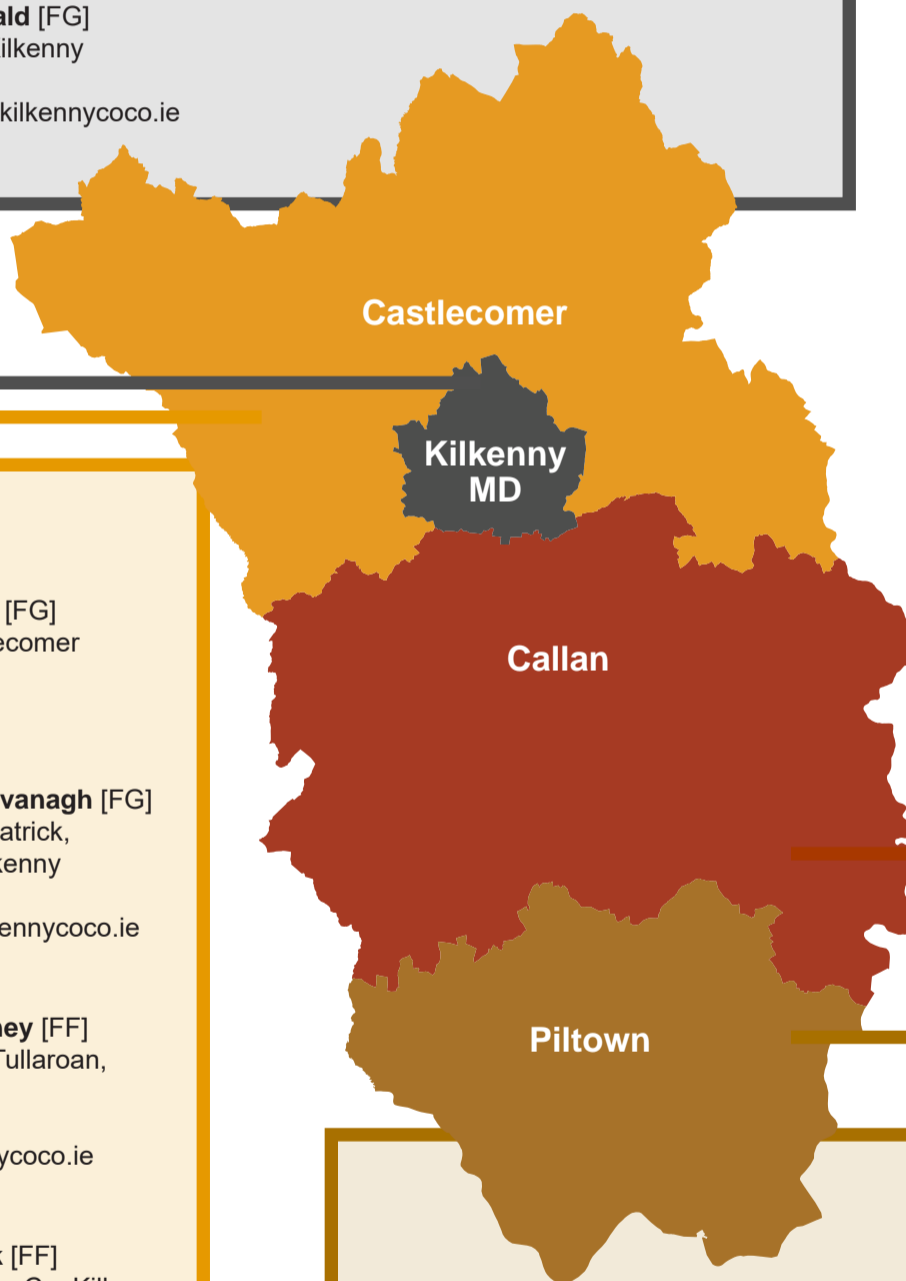
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