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A message from the Cathaoirleach
Welcome to the first edition of the Monaghan County Council Newsletter. This edition shows many examples of the great work being carried out in the County. There are many projects underway and in the planning process. Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Business, Enterprise & Innovation turned the sod on a 43 house scheme in Latlorcan, Monaghan. Works have commenced on a €6 million upgrade of Castleblayney Wastewater Treatment Plant. Monaghan County Council Environment Services in conjunction with Glaslough Tidy Towns threw a massive end of summer party featuring Irish Band, The RipTide Movement. Monaghan & Glaslough have been awarded Top 5 Food Destination Status for 2018.

There is, of course, much more happening in County Monaghan and I hope this issue gives you a flavour of some of it.

Councillor David Maxwell

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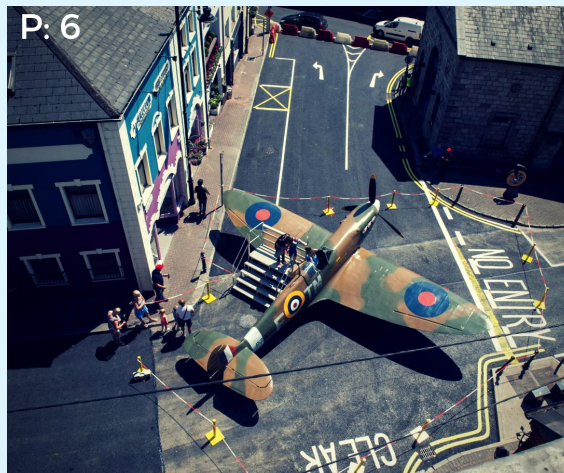
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Human Resource Management

We celebrate being announced as Local Authority of the year for 2017 and achieving CPD accreditation. We also look ahead to the 2018 Excellence in Local Government Awards.



Museum

We take a look at recent events at Monaghan County Museum, including the current Spitfire Exhibition and the presentation of Heritage Council Award for Museum Standards.



Community & Enterprise

In this issue we take a look at all the great work this department is carrying out. The services offered, events held and awards won.



Municipal Districts

Our coverage includes, Ballybay Clones MD moving into their new offices in Clones Market House, Castleblaney Celebrates Big Tom with an upcoming festival and we look forward to the Taste Of Monaghan.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Local Authority of the Year Award

Monaghan County Council was named **Local Authority of the Year 2017** at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards. The 14th Annual Awards ceremony was held in association with the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government. The awards showcase & celebrate the best of Local Government in Ireland. The Council had submitted 7 nominations under the various categories promoted. In addition to winning the overall award, the Council also won the Joint Local Authority Initiative Award for the Cavan-Monaghan Science Festival, in partnership with Cavan County Council.



Chambers Ireland have recently unveiled the shortlist for the **2018 Excellence in Local Government Awards**, which features a total of twenty one local authorities shortlisted over sixteen categories. Fresh on the back of last year's success, **Monaghan County Council** are delighted to be shortlisted in **10 award categories** in the 2018 Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.

- Know ME not the Stereotype (Supporting Active Communities)
- Monaghan Comhairle na nÓg (Health & Wellbeing)
- Refurbishment of the Carrickmacross Market House Building (Supporting Tourism)
- Monaghan Town Voucher (Promoting Economic Development)
- Community Property Marking Scheme (Local Authority Innovation)
- The Derryvalley Catchment Project (Sustainable Environment)
- DRUM – Portrait of a Village (Sustaining the Arts)
- www.repairmystuff.ie, Ireland's Leading Online Repair Directory (Joint Local Authority Initiative)
- Redevelopment of Ballybay Town Park (Outstanding initiative through the Municipal Districts)
- Everybody Plays – Inclusive Playground Policy (Disability Services Provision)

The Excellence in Local Government Award winners will be announced at the **15th Annual Awards Ceremony on 22nd November 2018** in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northwood, Santry, Co Dublin. Awards will be presented for excellence in sixteen different categories & one local authority will be awarded the overall award and named Local Authority of the Year 2018.

CPD (Continuous Personal Development) Accredited Employers Standard from Engineers Ireland



Congratulations to the CPD Committee who through their hard work achieved the CPD Accredited Employers Standard from Engineers Ireland for Monaghan County Council for a 2 year period from 1st January 2018 to the 1st January 2020. The Council is committed to the professional development of its staff & is seeking to harness this national CPD framework to raise competence levels & deliver tangible business benefits to the organisation. The Council wish to promote the implementation of this best practice framework in order to recruit & retain talented staff.

Pictured (below) at the presentation of the Continuous Professional Development Accredited Employers Standard by Engineers Ireland on 27th February 2018 were; Eamonn O'Sullivan, Chief Executive, Caroline Spillane, Director General of Engineers Ireland, Ann Durmin, Training Officer, Dr. Kieran Feighan, President of Engineers Ireland, Claire Hughes, Executive Engineer.



TOURISM

#MyMonaghan

Following on from the success of the previous #MyMonaghan campaign, we have recently gone live with a new tourism campaign for the county.

What Is the #MyMonaghan Campaign This Time Round?

We have commissioned a series of short clips to give potential visitors a snapshot of the quirky characters & one-of-a-kind experiences available here in Monaghan.

The idea is to tell the story of Monaghan through events, experiences & people, in bite sized portions of videos that are 2 minutes or less. The videos are informal & welcoming in tone & cover a mix of niche & general interest stories & are combined with footage showing beautiful Monaghan landmarks & landscapes.

Themes covered include: Genealogy, Local Food & Drink, Country Music, Lace Making, Walking & Cycling.



In the fourth of our #MyMonaghan videos (above), Paul Bond introduces us to Roddy the Giant who overlooks the lake at Rossmore Park.

At 30 foot high, Roddy (full name Roddy Dendron) can be seen from space! At least that's the brief that was given to Clontibret engineer Benny Magennis, who called on the craftsmanship & artistic prowess of local sculptors Sean McKenna & Mark Kelly to help him construct this giant of Rossmore.

Roddy is a real local effort with even members of the Foroige Club getting involved in building him-the looks of wonder on the faces of families who see Roddy after stepping through the rhododendron bushes at the lake is testament to a job well done.

To hear this & other stories , log on to <https://monaghantourism.com/index.php/mymonaghan> to see the video or check it out on www.facebook.com/Monaghantourism

WE WANT YOU TO LIKE AND SHARE



We would ask that you please **Like and Share the videos**, as it is really important to reach as wide an audience as possible.

The tourism trade, such as hotels & restaurants have been asked to create & provide packages around these experiences.

Lace Gallery, Market House, Carrickmacross

The Initiative:

The central apex of the historic Market House building in Carrickmacross, located in the town centre, has been sensitively restored by Monaghan County Council & is home to the famous Carrickmacross Lace Gallery. The Carrickmacross Lace Co-Op (a community-run group previously situated in a small unit, just 10 sq. m) has relocated to one of the two refurbished units which is substantially larger in size (over 300 sq. m) & this will enable them to increase their level of activity in terms of workshops, classes etc. Most importantly, they will be able to accommodate tour buses & a significant increase in visitor numbers is envisaged.

The second unit has been fitted out to accommodate a 'Made in Monaghan Craft Outlet' & Monaghan County Council has advertised this space to interested operators. It is envisaged that this will be in operation later on in 2018.

Aims and objectives of the initiative:

The key aim is to develop a tourist attraction for County Monaghan & to increase the number of visitors to the county by providing a 'Reason to Visit'. The Carrickmacross Lace story is a key 'product' for Monaghan under the *'Ireland's Ancient East'* theme.



HOUSING

Housing Capital Projects Commencing this Quarter

Latlorcan

Monaghan County Council secured funding in June 2018 for the construction of 43 homes at Plás Lorcáin, Latlorcan, in Monaghan Town. The finance for the construction of these homes by Monaghan County Council was provided by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government under the Rebuilding Ireland Programme.

In early August 2018 Monaghan County Council appointed Geda Construction to embark on the construction of the 43 new homes. These comprise of thirty-seven 2-storey semi-detached & terraced houses with 2, 3 & 4-bedroom & six single storey 2-bedroom houses. Additional works will include open space landscaping, playground, new access roads, pedestrian access, drainage, street lighting & siteworks. The finished homes will be of high quality completed to a high standard with a Building Energy Rating of A3.

The construction works are scheduled to last 14 months, with completion due in Quarter 4 of 2019.



The official Sod Turning Ceremony by Minister Heather Humphreys, Minister for Business, Enterprise & Innovation was held at Latlorcan on Friday 10th August.

Smithborough Housing Developments

Monaghan County Council secured funding for the construction & acquisition of 17 new homes on two sites in Smithborough Village through Turnkey Construction & Acquisition Projects process in 2016 & 2017. The finance for the acquisition of these units by Monaghan County Council was provided by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government under the Rebuilding Ireland Programme.

In July 2018 twelve 2-storey semi-detached 3 & 4-bedroom houses were acquired in an unfinished section of Maple Grove estate in Smithborough & will be brought into use as Social Housing in Quarter 4 of 2018.

Also in July 2018 construction of five 2-storey semi-detached & terraced 3-bedroom homes was completed by H. Boylan & Sons Ltd in The Meadows Estate in Smithborough providing high quality houses completed to a very high standard with a BER rating of A3. These properties are all offered & occupied.



Clones

Renewal Scheme

Monaghan County Council are committed to dealing with dereliction in the towns & villages of the County.

10 properties, that have been derelict for up to 15 years have been acquired initially to address this problem. Funding has been provided by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government under the Rebuilding Ireland Initiative.

The redevelopment of these units will provide 19 new apartments & 2 new town houses.

1 Analore Street, Clones

The process of bringing derelict properties back into use has already begun in Clones with a property on Analore Street (see right) completed under the Buy & Renew Scheme.



1 Analore Street, Clones: Before



1 Analore Street, Clones: After

The Monaghan Spitfire: Life on The Border With A World At War



The museum's new exhibition; The Monaghan Spitfire – Life on the Border with a World at War launched on Thursday, June 28th 2018. The exhibition explores the story of life in Monaghan during the turbulent years of World War II with the key story being the Spitfire that crash landed in Monaghan in 1942 & the remarkable story of that plane & the world it came from.

The Monaghan Spitfire crash site was excavated in 2017 by a cross border group including Monaghan County Museum, the RAF Benevolent Fund, Queens University & students from secondary schools, north & south. The stunning finds from the dig, chief among them the famous Merlin Rolls Royce engine of the Monaghan Spitfire will form the core of the exhibit.

Second World War pilot Lieutenant Gordon Hayter Proctor bailed out of the plane moments before it plummeted into the field in Co. Monaghan. The Spitfire crashed because of massive engine failure during a flight across Northern Ireland on September 20 1942.

Museum Curator Liam Bradley explained 'The Spitfire suffered massive engine failure & the pilot bailed out'. 'As the engine is so front heavy it flew on for a few minutes but once it lost power it dipped down almost at an 80-degree angle at 400 miles an hour.' Most of the plane disintegrated on impact but the engine was buried some 3 metres below the surface. The pilot parachuted out & landed a few miles across the border in Co. Tyrone.

Lithuanian Centenary Event & Memorandum of Friendship with Alytus

On 6th of July 2018 the people of Lithuania celebrated 'Statehood' Day marking 100 years of the re-establishment of Lithuania as a state. To mark this occasion in Monaghan, the Lithuanian School Community & Monaghan County Council hosted an evening of celebration at the Museum. Both Irish & Lithuanian flags were flown overhead & both National Anthems were sung at 7 pm. A Memorandum of Friendship between County Monaghan & the City of Alytus, Lithuania was signed by the Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council, Cllr. David Maxwell & Deputy Executive Director of Alytus Municipality, Ms. Vilija Ramanauskiene.



A programme for the evening was prepared by the Lithuanian School of Monaghan, supported by the Community Development Section. As part of the celebrations for the European Year of Cultural Heritage, Monaghan County Museum were delighted to host this special event to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Lithuanian State. The Lithuanian School has worked with the Corporate Services section in relation to a twinning project with the City of Alytus in Lithuania.

The County of Sanctuary PEACE IV Project & the Lithuanian School of Monaghan are organising a Family Fun Day. The Fun Day will take place in Monaghan town & will give everyone an opportunity to learn about the Lithuanian culture, try some Lithuanian food & drinks. There will be games & entertainment for all the family. Taking place on Saturday 29th September this event will also mark the close of this year's Social Inclusion Week.



Heritage Council Award for Monaghan County Museum



Monaghan County Museum has confirmed its status as a fully accredited member of the Museum Standards for Ireland Programme at an awards ceremony at Kilkenny Castle. Established by the Heritage Council in 2006 to benchmark & promote professional standards in the care of collections, the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) has attracted involvement across the cultural spectrum, from national institutions to small, volunteer organisations.

The picture on the left shows the award being presented by the Chair of the Heritage Council, Michael Parsons & the CEO of Kilkenny County Council, Colette Byrne to the museum staff along with the Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council, Cllr David Maxwell, Director of Services, Adge King & Chairperson of the Museum Advisory Committee, Maeve Hackett.



National Heritage Week 2018 took place between 18th August - 26th August & the theme was Share a Story, "Making a Connection".

There were over 40 events organised in Monaghan by the Heritage Section.

Heritage Week is coordinated by the Heritage Council & its aim is to build heritage awareness & education while shining a spotlight on the great work that is carried out in all communities in Ireland to preserve & promote our natural, built & cultural heritage. This year the theme for Heritage Week was 'Sharing Stories'.

The week is a chance to share heritage stories in new ways, with new people. During Heritage Week everyone was given the chance to connect with their heritage, to enjoy, learn about, appreciate & share it.

Heritage Week is led by the Monaghan County Council Heritage Office with the aim of linking with communities as much as possible. All heritage is rooted in the local community, & many of the events have been kindly organised by community groups & volunteers who commit their time & energy to promote the heritage of their place. The fantastic efforts of these enthusiastic & committed people reinforces the reputation of 'Heritage Week' as a truly countywide event in the annual calendar. Without them, heritage week would not have the vibrancy & variety for which it is recognised.

For Further information about Heritage Week Nationwide
See: <https://www.heritageweek.ie>

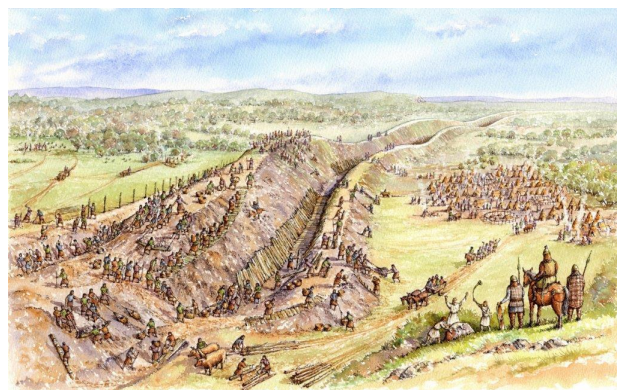


Celebrating European Year of Cultural Heritage: The Black Pigs Dyke: 18th October 2018

On the evening of 18th October in the Market House, Monaghan, an exploration of the archaeological monument known as the Worm Ditch or Black Pigs Dyke will take place in the company of some renowned experts. Ian Doyle, Head of Conservation with the Heritage Council will introduce the event. Turtle Bunbury, author, will explore De Vismes Kane of Drumreask House, Monaghan who was one of the early explorers & writers on the monument.

Cóilín O'Drisceoil & Aidan Walsh will bring us through the recent research, excavations & geophysical surveys taking place in County Monaghan through the Monaghan Heritage Plan. Artist, Siobhan McDonald will then explore & describe her work with the monument & how she intends to artistically render this in the coming months. Her work is funded through Creative Ireland.

This is an event to celebrate the European Year of Cultural Heritage. All welcome.



Interreg VA- Collaboration For Natura Network - Cann Sliabh Beagh

The official launch for this Northern Ireland-Ireland-Scotland project took place in Carrickmacross in June. Overall, the project will focus on seven protected habitats, as well as seven priority species including birds such as the hen harrier, golden plover & red grouse, insects such as the marsh fritillary butterfly, & freshwater species such as white-clawed crayfish.

Locally, Sliabh Beagh is a site set to benefit and was showcased during the recent CANN project launch in Monaghan. Dr. Rory Sheehan will be responsible for the delivery of the County Monaghan element of this project.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



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Monaghan County Council have two Recycling Centres, operated on a concession based contract by McElvaney Waste & Recycling. Both facilities take more than just paper & plastic. **Check out the video to the left, which was commissioned by Environmental Services to highlight the facilities.**

Recycling Centre @ Scotch Corner, Clontibret.
Tel: 047 80888

Recycling Centre @ Convent Lands, Carrickmacross Tel: 042 9661500

Note: There is a €3 entrance fee into the Recycling Centres.

Making Waves Concert, Glaslough

On Saturday August 25th, Monaghan County Council Environmental Services in conjunction with Glaslough Tidy Towns threw a massive end of summer party to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Glaslough winning the National Tidy Towns competition & to draw attention to the environmental problems affecting this & future generations.



Over 700 attended the event to see Irish band The RipTide Movement conclude their Irish Coast to Coast Tour in Glaslough. The band are passionate about drawing attention to the problems associated with single use plastic pollution. In conjunction with Clean Coast Ireland they have been raising awareness of the effects plastic has on our marine & aquatic environment.

The event aspired to be waste free & a number of measures were put in place, including, an environmental exhibition area based on the principles of Reduce (Greener Glaslough), Reuse (Community Reuse Network) Repair (www.repairmysuff.ie) Recycle (Voice Recycling Ambassadors) & Rethink (Transition Monaghan and Reuzi).

Speaking after the event, Glaslough Tidy Towns Chairman Gareth Corrigan said "Glaslough Tidy Towns are grateful for all the help they received from volunteers & residents, not just over the weekend but throughout the year to ensure Glaslough has a chance of winning the National Tidy Towns competition."

Nial O'Connor, Monaghan County Council Environmental Services said "Co-operative events between the County Council & the local community are extremely important, we hope that everyone had a good time but also that we proved that a music festival can be organised in a way that doesn't leave huge amounts of litter or waste behind".

Significant Investment to Upgrade Castleblayney Wastewater Treatment Plant

Irish Water & Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council, Cllr Cathy Bennett, officially turned the sod for the upgrade works to the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Castleblayney in April 2018.

Working in partnership with Monaghan County Council, Irish Water is investing €6 million to upgrade the existing wastewater treatment plant to ensure capacity for future economic & population growth in the area. When completed, the newly upgraded plant will also be fully compliant with the EU Urban Wastewater Directives & ensure the continued protection of Lough Muckno.

Works have commenced on site. EPS Group have been awarded the contract on behalf of Irish Water & the project is expected to be completed in early 2019.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Local Enterprise Office Monaghan serves as a first stop shop to provide support & services to start, grow & develop micro business in Monaghan.

The key objectives of LEO Monaghan are to provide; Business Information & Advice, Training, Mentoring, Financial Supports, Networking, Local Economic Development Services & Enterprise Education.

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office



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Upcoming Events

20/09/2018: Trading Online Vouchers Scheme
25/09/2018: How to Make e-Commerce Happen
04/10/2018: Start Your Own Business
09/10/2018: Effective Email Marketing

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COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE

Social Inclusion Week: 23rd-29th September 2018

Monaghan Social Inclusion Week is upon us once again. The annual week long programme of events to celebrate equality & inclusion is taking place from 23rd September this year & promises to be another week of celebration & activity. A wide range of events will take place throughout the week that raise awareness of the many different supports that are available to people who may feel socially excluded & to raise awareness throughout the county of the barriers some people in our society experience on a daily basis.



This year the week will be kicked off by the 'Colour Run for Equality' on September 23rd & will finish on September 29th with the Family Fun Day which will be run by the Lithuanian Community in Monaghan.

A full calendar of events is being finalised and will be available soon, it will then be circulated across social media, Council websites & in the local press.

Colour Run For Equality: Sunday 23rd September 2018

Monaghan Comhairle na nÓg in association with Monaghan Sports Partnership & Monaghan Social Inclusion Week are hosting their first ever 5k Fun Colour Run in Rossmore Forest Park on Sunday 23rd September at 11am.

This family fun event will launch a week long programme of activities that is planned as part of Monaghan Social Inclusion week. "Run/Walk for Equality" is inviting everyone, of all ages, young & old, families or individuals, runners, & walkers to register & take part in this fun event.

Cost of entry is €5 per individual, discounts apply for family bookings. All proceeds are going to a local charity. To register just go to www.monaghansports.ie & follow the steps!

With music at the start line & throughout the course & refreshments at the finish, you are guaranteed lots of fun for the family! Don't forget! Wear a white t-shirt & wear your sunnies!

So, what better way to celebrate the diversity of the community that makes up Monaghan, than a colourful funfilled morning at a 5km Colour Run!



For more information, contact Fiona at 047 73717 or email fmcentee@monaghancoco.ie

Follow Comhairle na nÓg on Facebook to get up-to-date information ahead of the big day at <https://www.facebook.com/MonaghanComhairleNaNoG>

Comhairle na nÓg project supports LGBT+ young people

Comhairle na nÓg are local youth councils, that support young people to be involved in the development of local services & policies. There is a Comhairle na nÓg in each of the 31 Local Authorities. The work of Comhairle na nÓg is the responsibility of the local authority & the Department of Children & Youth Affairs (DCYA).

An AGM is held every October where we invite pupils from the 12 secondary schools & various youth organisations in the county to attend. New Comhairle members are elected & we also discuss issues & identify actions for the Comhairle to work on.

It was decided for 2018, that the newly elected committee would pursue the topic of increasing awareness of the issues facing young LGBT+ people. In January the committee invited members of a local LGBT+ support group to meet with them.

**NOBODY
HAS THE RIGHT
TO HURT YOU FOR
BEING LGBT+**

WE SUPPORT  OUR LGBT+ FRIENDS



This was very informative as the group outlined some of the challenges they face in a Q&A session which included; The lack of support in school, teachers not being fully educated on the topic, lack of sexual health education for the LGBT+ community in school, lack of education for parents & the serious strain all of this has on their mental health.

Following further workshops with 'Outcomers' in Dundalk it was agreed that our project would try to change the perspective & stigma associated with the LGBT+ community through awareness and education aimed at parents, other young people & the wider community, through a print & media campaign. Working with PH7 Design they discussed ideas for a poster campaign. We are delighted to have created a series of 4 posters which will form part of our promotional campaign that will be launched in September. The theme of our posters is "WE SUPPORT OUR LGBT+ FRIENDS" which sums up the message the Comhairle committee wants to reinforce.

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'A Minute Matters'

Monaghan County Council won the National Disability Access and Inclusion Award in the 2018 Local Authority Members Awards.

Our project 'A Minute Matters' was recorded by and featured local people with a learning disability who learned film making skills and then recorded a video to highlight the abuse of illegal parking in disabled parking bays.



Check the Video out by following the link below.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ann6kR8r7hQ>

Monaghan celebrates UN World Refugee Day 2018

UN World Refugee Day was marked in the county on June 20th by a celebration event organised by the management & staff of St. Patrick's Accommodation Centre, Monaghan. The event was supported by Monaghan County Council & the Peace IV County of Sanctuary Programme.

UN World Refugee Day honours the strength & courage of refugees who have had to flee their homelands due to conflict or natural disaster. At the launch of the event, newly elected Cathaoirleach, Cllr. David Maxwell extended a warm welcome, on behalf of Monaghan County Council, to all those who have sought refuge in Co. Monaghan more recently & down through the years.

Monaghan County Museum, Clones Film Festival Committee, local Garda representatives, Monaghan Fire Service with local suppliers & entertainment helped out to ensure that over 200 people enjoyed an evening of intercultural music, dance, food & fun activities.

For more information on the County of Sanctuary PEACE IV programme, please contact: Brenda Clerkin, Project Officer, Monaghan County Council, Telephone: (047) 30500 ext. 451, Email: bclerkin2@monaghancoco.ie



National Age Friendly Awards 2018

Monaghan County Council hosted the 2018 National Age Friendly Achievement Awards ceremony on April 11th in the Hillgrove Hotel. 193 people from across the country traveled to Monaghan to take part in the event, which had a unique Monaghan theme from start to finish. Monaghan U3A choir opened the ceremony, while Oliver Callan was master of ceremonies.

Tommy & John McArdle entertained the crowd with their interpretation of Kavanagh's poetry. Monaghan County Council received great support from the local age friendly businesses that put on special offers, promotions & services for our visitors.

The ceremony was a huge success & we have received very positive feedback from those who attended. Eight awards were presented on the night & Monaghan Age Friendly Programme were delighted to pick up the National Award for Age Friendly Business Innovation.



Property Marking Machine Initiative

The Property Marking Machine is available for all community groups & to staff for marking Council equipment. Monaghan County Council has taken delivery of a dot peen machine, & has trained a number of staff in its use. The machine is programmed to take Eircodes, enabling it to be used to mark property of households, farmyards, businesses & community premises all around the county. The intention is to work with community groups to organise property marking events. Once a group has marked property for 50 households in their area, Council will erect signage to warn would-be thieves that a property marking scheme is in operation in the area.

Having a visible mark on an item will make it less attractive to a thief, who will find it more difficult to sell on. It will also make it possible for the Gardai to reunite the item with its owner. The depth and size of the stamp can be adjusted to suit the material being marked.

€5,000 has been set aside to support the cost of the Property Marking Scheme. Monaghan County Council is the first local authority to roll out a county-wide property marking scheme in the country, & the system set up here will become the blueprint for others to follow nationwide.



Photo: Joint Policing Committee launch property marking scheme, February 2018. Photo Rory Geary.

Age Friendly Consultation:

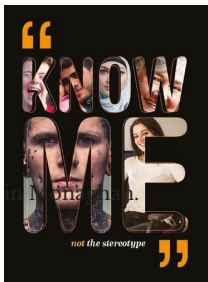
We are seeking responses from staff on their experiences in dealing with older people.

Contact Bernie Bradley by email: bbradley@monaghancoco.ie



Changing Ireland 'Know Me' Exhibition

Monaghan County Council has produced an eye-catching booklet & exhibition that has a lot of people talking. The 'Know Me' booklet was published in March followed by an exhibition in April, to challenge discrimination & stereotyping. The booklet features a series of fictional characters based on real-life experiences of discrimination. The characters are mainly linked to the grounds of the Equal Status Act.



Liam Bradley from Monaghan County Museum said the stories are all from local people with one exception. 'It had to be local stories. It had to have that local aspect to engage people. It wasn't something from another country. It's very much to do with people in Monaghan.'

'The booklet presents statements that people in our community have heard said about them & it challenges those statements with the reality of the life & the characters' said Bernie Bradley.

This initiative has been shortlisted in the 'Supporting Active Communities' category of the 2018 Excellence in Local Government Awards. (See Page 4 of this newsletter).

National Greenway Strategy

The Department of Transport have launched the National Greenway Strategy which is backed with funding of €53 million. This funding is available for the future development of national & regional greenways.



For more information see: <http://www.dttas.ie/tourism/english/greenways>

Pride of Place 2018

Monaghan has three entries in this year's Pride of Place; Killany CPR, Muckno Anglers & Drumhowan. Judging will take place on the 4th and 5th of September and the Awards Ceremony will be held in Cork on the 17th of November.

For more information see: <https://prideofplace.ie/>



Community Plans:

The Community Development Section are planning to develop community plans for all rural communities over the next 2 years. The first 4 are nearing completion & when published, the process will move on to the next 4.



The 4 current projects are; Scotshouse, Drum, Emyvale & Newbliss/Kileevan.

The Life & Times of the Great Northern Railway

This was the theme of a recent event in Clones Court House which saw Transition Year students from Largy College showcase their project 'Life on the Railway'. This project explored the impact of the closure of the railway in Clones & its knock-on effect on its neighbouring border towns.



Students produced & recorded memories of the railway station in Clones & beyond by conducting interviews with various members of older generations who could recall life in the area during that period & included stories such as: The Clones Affray 1921; The Ballynure tunnel collapse; a school trip on one of the final trains by a kindly school principal; holidays to Blackrock; day trips to Bundoran and to Lough Derg; to the 12th of July parades in Enniskillen; transporting cattle by train; & also a look back at a typical Ulster Football Final Day when thousands travelled to Clones on the GNR.

Remembering Together

A book capturing the memories & stories of individuals who grew up along the border was the legacy of the 'Remembering Together' project which saw students from St. Mary's National School, Threemilehouse interview service users of Drumkill Day Care Centre throughout the school year.



This project aimed to provide older people with an opportunity to reminisce about what life was like for them growing up. It also gave the younger people a chance to hear first-hand accounts of the history of the local area.

At the end of the project a book was designed & published comprising of the interviews & included a variety of subject themes such as: home life; school; celebrations; births, deaths and marriages; superstitions etc.

Lost Skills Revived

Passing on craft skills down through the generations was the legacy of the 'Lost Skills Revived' project, which saw students from Largy College learn forgotten crafts while working with Cairde Activation Centre in Clones & several older members of the community.



The finished craft piece, pictured with the group above, was inspired by nature, the colours of the landscape, & the creatures & plant life we are surrounded by in the border region. Through the craft of drawing, knitting, sewing, crocheting, embroidering, & producing handmade buttons from clay, the piece was brought to life. A final symbolic & visual reference was the use of a photographic image to illustrate the generations involved in the project & of the beauty of aging. The piece is currently on display in the Market House, Monaghan town.

Scouting Together Both Sides of the Border

Pictured recently (right) were a group of former 2nd Monaghan Town Scouts who went back to their old hang-out as part of a project, which aims to produce a book celebrating the scouting culture & heritage of the group.

During the event the ex-scouts took part in a storytelling session where they reminisced about their scouting days for inclusion in the book.

The event came to a close with the younger participants preparing a barbeque for their guests which further ignited some long-forgotten memories of their camping days.



The Butter Run

Friday 1st June saw the conclusion of a series of intergenerational workshops in which transition year students from the five secondary schools in Monaghan; Monaghan Collegiate School, Colaiste Oiriall, Beech Hill College, St. Macartan's Secondary School, & St. Louis Secondary School worked together with a number of adults from the locality on the 'My Life, Your Life' project to develop a film about life growing up along the border. During the workshops the older generation shared with the students what life was like for them growing up & in particular being part of a border community during the troubles.

Through the media of drama & film, the participants aimed to capture the spirit of growing up along the border summarised by one participant as "farming.... most families along the border would have had a small farm of some sort, neighbour helped neighbour & the door of the house was always open with many a céilí held there & of course there would have been a wee bit of smuggling to be done too."

Over the course of the project the schools were also given the opportunity to meet with Tomi Reichental & hear his story of being put in a concentration camp when he was seven years old. Reflecting on this experience, Sarah Warman from Beech Hill College commented, "It was an honour to meet Tomi Reichental, a survivor of the Holocaust. What I really learned was that we are all the same on the inside, no matter what religion we are or where we come from."

This short film can be viewed online using the following link:

<https://youtu.be/z3XLXEqWyVY>



Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The Monaghan Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) is a Committee of the Local Authority. The LCDC was established in September 2014 as part of Local Government Reform, & is made up of 17 members, 9 Non-Statutory and 8 Statutory Members.

Monaghan LCDC's main task was to develop & implement a 6 year Local Economic & Community Plan 2016- 2021 (LECP) for County Monaghan & this plan was jointly launched in July 2016 by Emer Brennan, then Chairperson of Monaghan LCDC & Cllr. Pat Treanor, Chairperson of Monaghan SPC for Economic Development & Enterprise Support. The Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2016-2021 sets out the objectives & actions needed to promote & support economic development & community development for County Monaghan, for a six-year period.

Updates a& progress on actions to be delivered by all agencies are monitored & presented to the LCDC bi-annually.

For more information see: Monaghan's LCDC's Local Economic and Community Plan 2016- 2021 (LECP)

<https://monaghan.ie/communitydevelopment/local-economic-and-community-plan-lecp/>

The LCDC has responsibility for the following:

The LCDC have primary responsibility for co-ordinating, planning & overseeing local & community development funding in County Monaghan, examples of these funding programmes are Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme 2018-2022 (SICAP), the LEADER Programme 2014-2020, the PEACE IV programme & other funding Programmes i.e. Communities Facilities Scheme, RAPID, Community Enhancement Programme etc.

The LCDC brings a more joined-up approach & better co-ordination to the implementation & delivery of local & community development programmes.

It drives meaningful citizen & community engagement in the scoping, planning, delivery & evaluation of local and community development programmes.



Rapid Funding Playground Project



LEADER Programme 2014-2020

Monaghan LEADER Programme 2014-2020 was launched by Minister Heather Humphreys TD in September 2016. A total budget of €7.59 million was allocated for the implementation & delivery of the Monaghan LEADER Rural Development Programme which will run until the end of 2020.



The LEADER programme provides funding for projects across the county that promote social inclusion, develop the local economy through enterprise & tourism, & protect the environment. To be eligible for funding, projects must be in line with the themes & sub-themes contained in Monaghan Local Development Strategy.

Funding is awarded based on the Local Development Strategy (LDS) for Monaghan which sets out the priority areas for the programme. The priorities in the strategy were identified through consultation with the local community, & are set out under the following themes & sub-themes;

- **Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation.** Including sub-themes; Rural Tourism, Enterprise Development, Rural Towns and Broadband.
- **Social Inclusion.** Including sub-themes; Basic Services targeted at hard to reach communities & Rural Youth.
- **Rural Environment.** Including; sub-themes; protection & sustainable use of water resources, protection & improvement of local biodiversity & development of renewable energy.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022

The Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022, tackles poverty & social exclusion at a local level, working with disadvantaged individuals, community organisations & public-sector agencies. SICAP is funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development & co-funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) as part of the ESF Programme for Employability, Inclusion & Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020.

The SICAP Programme 2018-2022 is managed at local level by Monaghan Local Community Development Committee with support from Monaghan County Council, & the programme is delivered by the Programme Implementer (PIs) Monaghan Integrated Development CLG.

For information on Training activities contact a SICAP team member at **042 9749500** or info@MIDL.ie



Public Participation Network (PPN):

In 2014, in response to the Working Group on Citizen Engagement, Public Participation Networks were established in each local authority in Ireland. The objective was that PPNs would ensure a more meaningful approach to citizens being actively involved in local government. The Monaghan PPN is the structure & platform on which the local community can engage with Monaghan County Council. It forms the link between the Voluntary & Community, Social Inclusion & Environmental sectors & the local governing body.



The role of Monaghan PPN is to:

- Provide a mechanism for the Council to consult with the public on new plans/strategies, policies, services & other community supports.
- Act as a platform for groups/organisations to develop policies & positions on issues of common interest & to advocate for these with the Council.
- Through organised elections, facilitate the representation & participation of the public on Council committees (ie: Strategic Policy Committees, Local Community Development Committee, & Joint Policing Committee).
- Strengthen the capacity of groups/organisations to contribute positively to their local community & the wider county.
- Provide networking opportunities & act as a hub around which information & ideas are shared.
- Appoint a group called a "PPN Secretariat" from within its membership who manage the administration & activities of the PPN at local level. They are a committee, made up of community members. They are responsible for overseeing the day-to-day running of the PPN.

How Does PPN Work? The PPN has a "flat structure" not a hierarchical one, i.e. there is no one leader making final decisions, instead each group represented has an equal voice & opportunity to make decisions & to be heard. They do this during the Plenary meetings. Representatives are elected by PPN members to sit on committees & are supported by dedicated working groups to carry out their role.

Why Should a Group Join the PPN? It affords groups the opportunity to; network, share information, learn from other community & voluntary groups in your area, to elect representatives to policy-making boards & committees, to avail of free training for your group & other supports & to get information on funding, grants & initiatives of interest to community.

MONAGHAN LIBRARIES

Decade of Commemorations Programme

The Decade of Centenaries programme aims to commemorate each step that Ireland took between 1912 & 1922 in a tolerant, inclusive & respectful way. The Library Service is coordinating the 'One Book One County' reading programme as part of the Decade of Commemorations. Each year, one book is chosen which relates to early 20th century Irish history, which schools & the general public are invited to read, participate in workshops & events. This year over 30 primary schools participated in the programme which involved around 1000 children reading the book 'A Winter of Spies' by Gerard Whelan based on the War of Independence, discuss the themes of the book, partake in re-enactment workshops & other creative workshops.

DECADE OF CENTENARIES

Cavan-Monaghan Science Festival 10th - 24th November 2018

The award winning festival will run for its 3rd year from 10th - 24th November across counties Cavan & Monaghan, led by the Monaghan Library Service. With hundreds of talks, workshops, hands on activities, family fun day & adventures into the unknown worlds of science technology planned. The aim of the festival is to promote & stimulate interest in science, technology, engineering, arts & maths along with considering the importance & relevance of these to everyday life. The festival receives maximum funding of €35,000 from Science Foundation Ireland. See website www.cavanmonaghansciencefestival.ie for programme details.



Monaghan Makers Project

Peace IV funded project coordinated by the Library Service.

From 'Inspiration to Creation', The Monaghan Makers project is designed to meet the needs of young imaginative people aged 13-24 & is being delivered across the county. This action packed multi-skills programme uses modern technologies & training techniques to bring young people together to inspire new ideas & explore new possibilities. The project brings young people on a wide ranging journey through cutting edge science, technology, art & design that respond to some of the new opportunities that young people are presented with in the modern technological world. The new skills being developed will help to enhance their capacity to break down technological challenges, how to be creative and problem solve, which are critical life skills. The project will work with 100 young people over a period of 15 months.



Culture Night 2018

Friday 21st September: 5pm to 11pm

Culture Night is an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity & the arts.

On Culture Night, arts & cultural organisations & venues of all shapes & sizes, including the National Cultural institutions, extend their opening hours to allow for increased access to the public.

Special & unique events & workshops are specifically programmed at participating locations & everything is available **free of charge**. Up to 20 unique events will take place this year across County Monaghan, which is coordinated by Library Service. Details of the event will be on the Council website soon.



Children's Literary Festival 2018

October 8th to 12th

October each year is known as Children's Book Festival month in the public library calendar. It is the biggest celebration of books & reading for children in Ireland.

The aim is to encourage & inspire children & young people to enjoy the experience & magic of reading. Monaghan Libraries have organised a programme of events that includes authors, illustrators, writing workshops, storytellers & yoga storytelling. We aim to continue supporting Irish authors & artists in our programme.



Creative Ireland

Creative Ireland is a government led, cross-departmental culture-based programme designed to promote individual, community & national well-being. Enabling creativity in every community is a core pillar of the Creative Ireland Programme, an ambitious five-year initiative, from 2017 to 2022, which will place our strongest assets, our culture & creative communities, at the centre of public policy.

In 2016, Monaghan County Council demonstrated their unique capacity to activate & support community engagement & participation in marking the Centenary year through a wide range of arts, culture & heritage initiatives.

Creative Ireland aims to build on this success with the establishment of a Culture & Creative Team, & an ambitious five year plan which has collaboration, co-operation & challenge at the heart of it. This new strategy challenges us to connect to our creativity in a personal & community context with resulting wellbeing, social & economic benefits for us as individuals & as a county.

The Culture Team will oversee & roll out an annual programme which includes a community engagement scheme. For more information contact Programme Coordinator Deirdriú McQuaid.

Google & Public Libraries 2020 Project

Based on a pilot project in the USA between public libraries & Google, they wish to expand upon this work with libraries in Europe. A number of libraries in Ireland & the UK were chosen based on library proposals & experience. Monaghan Libraries was one of four libraries in Ireland chosen because of our experience in Outreach & Education programming particularly in the fields of digital technology, science & establishing collaborations.

Over the course of 6 months, the library will roll out a number of learning initiatives under three pillars (1) Computer Science (2) Online Safety (3) Applied Digital skills. A series of lesson plans will be developed & form part of the overall toolkit which will be launched in Brussels later this year for public libraries across Europe to access. The programme aims to increase access & exposure to digital & computer science education for youth & adults, to prepare people to understand how to navigate the digital world as well as how to be successful in the 21st century job market.



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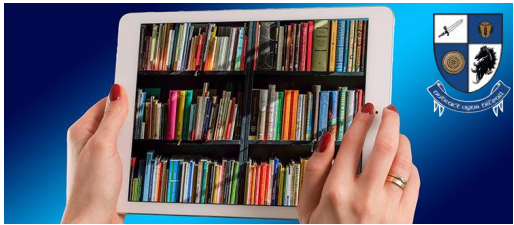
Libraries Ireland

FREE Membership & Access to over 15 million items
Launched in May 2017, every library in Ireland is effectively now your local library.
All public libraries are now operating as a single shared system.

So what does this mean?– Basically anyone with a valid public library card from any library authority can borrow & reserve items from all 333 library branches in the country. Items are collected & delivered between libraries on a twice-a-week basis, & once a reserved item is available it should arrive in your local library within a week.

The new service provides a single access for library members to over 15 million items & you can reserve up to 12 items at a time. You can do this when you visit a library or you can request online from home. The Libraries Ireland service also provides free access for library members to a huge range of online resources, e-books, e-audiobooks, e-newspapers, e-magazines, e-courses & e-languages.

For more information: www.monaghan.ie/library/online-catalogue/



eResources @ Your Local Library

The Library provides free access to a range of online e-resources to all registered members of the service. This includes access to thousands of e-books, e-audiobooks, full colour digital magazines, online newspapers, mango languages & over 500 courses in the Universal Class. Check out www.monaghan.ie/library/digital-library/ for more information on all of these free resources.



Want to learn a language? Perhaps try testing one of the hundreds universal class courses which are taster courses to give you an idea before venturing into a full time course or do you need to research articles from international newspapers for a project, & as for the cost of purchasing glossy magazines, you can get access to a range of high street publications to read while on the go.

Why not join your local Library?

With all these fantastic free services & resources available to the public detailed in this newsletter, we are encouraging everyone to join their local library branch.

To join, call into your local library branch today or visit: <https://lgma.iii.com/selfreg>



MONAGHAN FIRE CONTROL AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Upcoming Events

September

Taste of Monaghan Fire Safety Campaign
Keep an eye out for Fire Personnel giving fire safety advice & leaflets out on 29th & 30th of September at the 'Taste of Monaghan Festival'.

October



National Fire Safety Week: 1st Week of October
Fire Personnel from each Fire Station will be located in their town on one day during Fire Safety Week. This is an excellent opportunity to chat with fire crews about fire safety in the home. There will also be fire safety messages on Northern Sound radio, the Northern Standard & on Our Facebook and Twitter Pages.

Halloween Fire Safety Campaign

Each year, Accident & Emergency departments are filled with children who receive horrific & painful injuries as a result of the misuse of fireworks and bonfires. More information will be available to download from the Monaghan County Council website in advance of the Halloween period.

Winter Ready Campaign

Monaghan Fire service will be advising the public to prepare for winter & to follow the winter ready campaign at www.winterready.ie/en

 For more information visit the Monaghan Fire & Rescue Facebook page & Twitter 

Monaghan Fire & Rescue Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/monaghanfireandrescue/>
Monaghan Fire & Rescue Twitter: https://twitter.com/monaghan_fire



CORPORATE SERVICES

Energy in Monaghan County Council

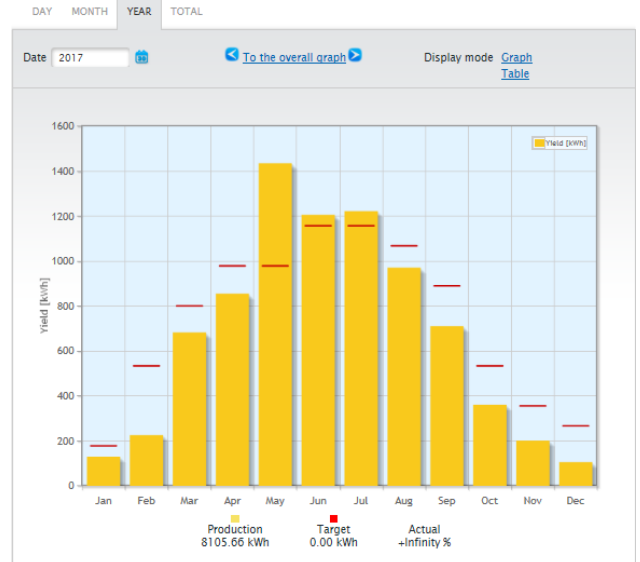
Over the past 4 years, Monaghan County Council has participated in the SEAI Better Energy Communities scheme to implement measures to reduce energy usage & generate renewable energy. Like all Local Authorities, Monaghan has an obligation to reduce its energy consumption or improve its energy efficiency by 33% by 2020.

We are currently on track to achieve this target. One example of a recent BEC project was the installation of Solar PhotoVoltaic panels on the roof of the Carrickmacross Civic building. PV panels convert solar energy into electrical energy that is used instead of importing from the ESB grid. The photo below shows the PV installation & the graph shows the energy yield [8105 kWh] from these panels for 2017.



PV panel installation on roof of CMX Civic Offices

Yield data / Production / Year



Graphical Output of the CMX PV energy for 2017

Public Lighting in Monaghan County Council

There are 5600 Public Lights in County Monaghan. Each year our Public Lighting uses just over 2.9 GW of electrical energy, 58% of our total electrical energy usage within the county. To reduce this consumption there is currently an LED retrofit program being carried out to replace the old orange & yellow lighting with white light LEDs that will reduce the Public Lighting energy consumption by 50% while maintaining or improving the quality of lighting. To date we have approximately 20% of our old lights retrofitted & it is planned to have all completed by end of 2020.



New LED lighting at Annahagh Roundabout, Monaghan Town bypass

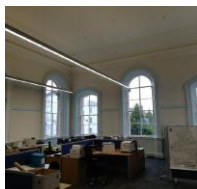
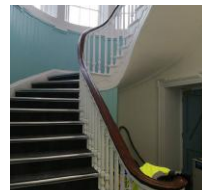
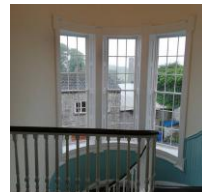
MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

Ballybay-Clones Municipal District

Ballybay-Clones MD on the move

Ballybay-Clones MD have recently moved offices to the newly renovated site in the Clones Market House.

The building is finished to a very high standard both inside & out & promises to serve the Council well for many years to come.



Clones Men's Sheds

Clones Men's Shed officially opened at their new premises in Lower Fermanagh Street in Clones on Saturday 14th of July 2018.

Monaghan County Council proudly sponsor this organisation & we wish them every success in continuing their great work in the community.

GAA Matches in Clones

Monaghan County Council members are continuing to offer support to the GAA during matches in Clones.

We are delighted with the recent funding received from the Department of Sport.

We would also like to congratulate the Minor and Senior Monaghan teams on reaching the All Ireland semi finals this year.

Monaghan Municipal District

The Taste of Monaghan 28th-30th September

The annual event has been a mainstay in the calendar since its inception in 2009, being recognised as the signature Food Event in Monaghan, promoting fabulous local food, produce & companies with excellent family friendly events and most importantly, lots of fun.

Fun for all the family

Cooking Demonstrations, Live Panel Shows, Competitions, Exhibits, Tastings, Live music, entertainment & fun for all the family at The Taste of Monaghan.

To keep up to date with this year's event, see;
<https://www.tasteofmonaghan.com/copy-of-taste-of-monaghan-2018>

Follow the event on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/tasteofmonaghan/>

Monaghan Taste Club

Every month thanks to Monaghan Taste Club, you will have access to unique culinary experiences in some of Monaghan's greatest dining venues.

Events are run by Monaghan Taste Club, a group of volunteers who all have an active role or interest in the food & hospitality sector in Monaghan.

Delight your palate with unique dining experiences where you can enjoy a variety of specially themed dining events from our culinary wizards in Monaghan,

Check our Facebook page out to stay up to date with our latest offerings.

<https://www.facebook.com/MonaghanTasteClub/>

Monaghan Phoenix Marathon 2018: 30th September

The fifth running of the Monaghan Phoenix Marathon Festival in 2018 will be even bigger & better than ever.

Open to all – But numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.
Considered the best value Marathon in Ireland. Athletics Association of Ireland Permit & Measured Course.

Refreshments before, during & after the race. Entertainment & surprises along the route. Course will be around Monaghan Town, Ulster Greenway Canal Path & Rossmore Forest Trails. Miles of Smiles in the land of little hills
The event is organised by Monaghan Phoenix Athletic Club.

Full info see Active.com



Foodie Destinations 2018

We are delighted to announce that Monaghan have been Awarded RAI Top 5 Food Destination Status for 2018. This award is due to the excellent voluntary contribution of the Food Network Team over the past two & a half years in highlighting the wonderful local produce we have on offer in our region. They have worked extremely hard to create new & innovative projects to build our status as a 'Foodie Destination'.

We know what wonderful food & service is available in Monaghan & after successive Top 10 finishes, the whole country now knows it too! This project couldn't be delivered without the fantastic support of the local food industry & collaboration with Monaghan MD. Hopefully, we can continue the upwards trajectory!

Many thanks to all of our staff who took the time to vote for Monaghan as their top food destination!



Harvest Time Blues Festival

This year's Harvest Times Blues Festival was held from September 6th to 10th and was a great success in generating strong trade for the local hostelry and wider hospitality sector. This year saw a somewhat reconfigured festival, with an emphasis on Irish and UK rather than international acts. The distinctly Monaghan-Irish feel struck this year's festival and saw packed out crowds assemble in various venues across the centre of Monaghan Town.



Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District

Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Celebrates Big Tom 21st to 23rd September

Castleblayney Regeneration Committee along with support from Monaghan County Council & representatives of local community groups have come together to celebrate our late friend Big Tom McBride. A festival, 'Castleblayney Celebrates Big Tom' will take place in Castleblayney from 21st-23rd September 2018.

A weekend of stories & song to celebrate the contribution Tom made to country music both in Ireland & around the world. Pictured on the right are some of the events planned over the course of the weekend.
For more information see:
<http://castleblayney.ie/index.php/big-tom-festival>

For more information check on www.castleblayney.ie or Castleblayney Regeneration on Facebook