

PUBLIC REALM WORKS FOR MONKSTOWN AND STEPASIDE

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Artist's impression of Monkstown Village

Major improvements in the public spaces at Monkstown Village and a plan to turn Fernhill Park in Stepaside into a public park kick off a busy year of public realm projects in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Monkstown Village is an architectural conservation area and has a significant number of attractive, and protected, structures. The development of a traffic management scheme presents an opportunity to develop and enhance the public realm of the village while still achieving road safety improvements.

The project for Monkstown is due to begin in March and the planned works will make the street area much more pedestrian friendly. A new centre piece for the village, increased outdoor seating, planting of appropriate trees and shrubs, additional parking and a remodelled road design to ensure slower traffic speeds through the village, will help to strengthen the village as a local centre with a people friendly streetscape.

Dún-Laoghaire-Rathdown recently acquired Fernhill Park and Gardens which is an old estate house that includes 34 hectares of gardens, parkland and woodland over looking Dublin Bay. It is located just south of the Enniskerry Road at Stepaside and is almost the size of Cabinteely Park.

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Monkstown continued

The County Council Traffic Section, in conjunction with the Architects' Department, have brought forward a proposal to implement road safety, traffic management and public realm measures for Monkstown village and Monkstown Crescent. The scheme as designed will significantly improve road safety for all road users and improve the overall visual environment of the village strengthening its role as a local centre. It will provide an improvement in road safety for pedestrians, by way of a reduction in traffic speeds, together with improved crossing points and simplification of junction layouts.



Some of the public realm works will include granite paving for the pedestrian surfacing around the village and parking bays will be indented and surfaced with cobble sets (similar to those on Marine Road in Dún Laoghaire). The central area will be paved in granite which will allow for increased seating as well as opportunities for mini markets, etc. Raised flower beds and tree planting will be introduced here also. Works are due to begin this March. Any temporary effects on local traffic and access will be closely managed by the Council and notice of any effects will be given in good time. The Council will work closely with the local community and businesses in the village to ensure the minimum of disruption.



Fernhill Park and Gardens

Fernhill Park and Gardens is an impressive example of a small country estate with its substantial house, gardens, parkland, woodland and agricultural land in a picturesque location overlooking Dublin Bay.

The current house was built by Alderman Frederick Darley during the early part of the 19th century. The land had previously been farmed and there are records indicating that the original single-storey house, which was possibly a hunting lodge, dated back to around 1723. The estate gardens and an arboretum were created in the 1860's, according to historic records, and extended towards the turn of the 19th century with the addition of a number of water features, rockeries and a wide variety of flowers, trees and plants, including many unusual Rhododendron varieties.



Following the sale of the estate to the Walker family in 1934, further improvement works were undertaken to the walks, as well as additional topographical features and restoration of the water features. The general design is said to have been strongly influenced by the Irish 'naturalist' gardener William Robinson (1838-1935), who spurred the movement that evolved into the English Cottage Garden style. These improvements facilitated the opening of the gardens to the general public in 1981. The gardens boast an outstanding and enviable plant collection which includes many unusual and exotic species, the scale and variety of which are among the best in the country. The historic natural character of the site presents the opportunity for developing a unique public amenity, not only to serve the residents of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and surrounding regions, but also as a prime visitor attraction in close proximity to Dublin and the Wicklow Mountains National Park.



In developing Fernhill Park and Gardens as a high quality sustainable regional public park, dlr will have to strike a balance between the provision of active and passive recreation and the provision of visitor facilities in order to ensure its character and unique qualities are retained and enhanced.



While conserving the gardens, woodlands and landscape heritage features, and ensuring that the agricultural and sylvan character of the site is retained and enhanced, dlr will also develop new aesthetically pleasing and functional spaces for the added enjoyment of Park visitors. Fernhill House, which is a protected structure, will be conserved and restored and a new sympathetic and sustainable use will be provided in the setting of the gardens and parkland. Following the recent non-statutory consultation, to which dlr received in excess of 300 submissions, a Masterplan for the development of Fernhill Park and Gardens is currently being developed, which will then be followed by a public consultation process.

dlr – An Enterprise County

Local Enterprise Office dlr offers a host of training, mentoring, networking and financial supports to assist businesses at all stages of development, pre-trading, start-up and expansion. Some of these supports are outlined below but for more information on what LEO dlr can offer your business see localenterprise.ie/dlr



One-to-One Business Mentoring – a panel of 20 experienced business mentors are available to offer independent and informed advice to small business owners/managers to support them in their business decisions.



Business Networking – LEO dlr runs two monthly networks for entrepreneurs and small business owners. These networks, hosted by a trained facilitator, offer help in promoting business, exchange of ideas and meeting new suppliers, partners and clients.

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Business Training – LEO dlr will run business courses on starting-up a business, building an online strategy, and accounting and law for small business owners.



Financial Supports – a range of grants are available which cover all aspects of business from researching market demand and feasibility of a product/service to business expansion support and the development of an online presence.

Starting a business is a viable career option in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Local Enterprise Week offers valuable help and advice for new entrepreneurs.

New start-ups and growing SMEs will have access to the cream of Irish and international business experience at a range of events planned across Local Enterprise Week, which will take place from 6th-12th March 2017.

Self-development and gaining new skills – industry experts, including RTE's Dragon's Den Pitch Coach, Catherine Moonan, will provide workshops on innovating to solve business challenges and drive future growth, as well as coding and how to create your own website.

Networking – a number of networking events will take place covering topics such as social media, branding, Brexit and the European Erasmus Programme for entrepreneurs.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK

Supports for new start-ups, entrepreneurs, small businesses and the unemployed considering self-employment – seminars, workshops, free mentoring with experienced business mentors and an expo of organisations that provide support to SMEs and entrepreneurs.

Junior Chamber will also be represented during Enterprise Week with the staging of a Mock Employment Tribunal. For information on all of these, and much more, see localenterprise.ie/dlr or #entweekdlr

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown National finalist, Ciara Clancy from Beats Medical in Sandyford has secured a place in the National Final of Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur €2 million competition on 5th March in Dublin.

The 26 year-old will be competing against 23 other national finalists to share in a €100,000 winners' investment fund. Beats Medical provides treatments for Parkinson's Disease through technology to help improve the mobility, speech and dexterity symptoms of the condition. Beats Medical is the world's first Parkinson's Treatment App.



Dearbhla Lawson, Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development, dlr, Pat Breen, T.D, Minister for Employment and Small Business, Ciara Clancy, Founder of Beats Medical, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Cormac Devlin, Georgina Sweetnam, Acting Head of Enterprise, dlr.

You Cannot Vote If You Are Not Registered

The 2017/2018 Register of Electors came into effect on 15th February 2017. To check if you are registered to vote, please log on to www.checktheregister.ie

You can also check the current Register of Electors at Libraries, Post Offices, and Garda Stations. Alternatively, you can contact the Franchise Section on **Tel: 2054880**. If you are correctly registered you don't need to take any further action. However, if any changes are required e.g. if you have never been registered to vote or will be 18 years of age during the year, please complete the RFA2 form. If you have changed address you need to complete the RFA3 change of address form.

Voting Status

If you are on our Register with the following letter in front of your name

- L = Local may vote at Local elections.
- E= European Citizens may vote at European and Local elections.
- **D** = UK Citizen may vote in local, European and General elections.

If you have obtained Irish Citizenship, you need to complete the RFA5 form for your citizenship to be updated and attach proof. All forms can be downloaded from our website: **www.dlrcoco.ie**



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Tháinig Clár na dToghthóirí 2017/2018 i bhfeidhm ar an 15 Feabhra 2017. Chun a sheiceáil an bhfuil tú cláraithe chun vótáil, logáil isteach ar www. checktheregister.ie

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Cherrywood

The delivery of the Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone will involve significant construction works over the next 18 months in the Cherrywood area. Details of the infrastructure to be provided can be found at the following link: http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/planning/cherrywood-sdz

The first phase of infrastructure provision for the Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone will be delivered by JCL the joint venture between John Cradock Ltd/Jons Civil Engineering.

Major road works began on the Wyattville dual carriageway between M50 junction 16 and the N11 at Cherrywood in early February 2017 and will continue for the remainder of the year. The primary focus of this phase of the infrastructure works is the upgrade of the Wyattville Roundabout to a signalised junction, and upgrade of Tullyvale Road, involving road construction, road drainage, public lighting, provision of utilities, etc.

Traffic restrictions will be in place for the duration and delays can be expected. Please note that Pay and Display parking on Tullyvale Road ceased permanently from 1st February 2017, however, Pay and Display parking is available adjacent to the Brides Glen Luas stop, on Cherrywood Avenue Extension.



MOUNTAINS TO SEA dir BOOK FESTIVAL

The amazing Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival is almost upon us! It takes place from 22nd-26th March 2017 and we have a few lead-in events to whet your appetite – Mohsin Hamid on 28th February, George Saunders on 13th March, the Airfield Readers' Day on 18th March and then it's full Festival flow from then on.



We have leading international and Irish authors – including John Banville, Joanna Trollope, Roy Hattersley, workshops with Michael Harding, Nuala O'Connor and Mike McCormack and many, many talks on topics ranging from politics to polar sagas, murder to music.



We have a wonderful Poetry Now strand with Michael Longley, Fanny Howe, Nick Laird and Sarah Howe, Irish poets Harry Clifton and Katie Donovan amongst many others, plus workshops and the prestigious Irish Times and Shine/Strong Awards.

The Schools and Families' programme is absolutely heaving with gems and Curator **Sarah Webb** (also dlr Writer in Residence this year) is bringing some of finest illustrators in the world: UK Children's Laureate, **Chris Riddell**, Laureate na

nÓg P.J. Lynch, Beatrice Alemagna from Paris, Niamh Sharkey (former Laureate na nÓg) and Chris Haughton. She has also invited some of the funniest writers and illustrators in the business for the age seven plus age group, Roddy Doyle, Eoin Colfer, Sarah McIntyre, Philip Reeve, Matt Robertson, Chris Judge and Julian Clary; and some remarkable UK mystery writers for age nine plus, Robin Stevens, Katherine Woodfine, Jo Cotterill and Jonathan Stroud.





There is something for everyone in this year's Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival so we look forward to welcoming you in March. Full details on www.mountainstosea.ie and Mountains to Sea brochures are widely available around Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

To mark International Women's Day, Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival has



curated a celebration of women who have worked tirelessly and passionately to change women's lives for the better. This daylong event on 12th March will take place in the Pavilion Theatre.

The Virago Story 2pm 12th March 2017

Virago CEO, **Lennie Goodings**, and General Manager **Sarah Savitt**, will discuss the burning questions of the day about women's writing, gender and the arts with **Sinéad Gleeson**.

Harriet Harman 4.30pm 12th March 2017

Well-known British MP Harriet Harman will join RTÉ's Keelin Shanley to discuss her life in politics. Harriet was elected Labour MP for Peckham in 1982 when the House of Commons was 97% male. Her book, A Woman's Work, is a rich and humorous story that shows how far we've come and offers ideas of where we should go next.

Caitlin Moran 7.30pm 12th March 2017

Award-winning columnist and bestselling author of How to Be a Woman and How to Build a Girl, **Caitlin Moran** will be discussing her recent bestselling collection, Moranifesto with ww. In Moranifesto Caitlin deals with topics as pressing and diverse as 1980s swearing, benefits, boarding schools, and why the internet is like a drunken toddler.



Have your say on Music!

The Council's Arts Office welcomes your views in relation to a proposed application to Music Generation and to inform the strategic development of music in the county. A comprehensive online survey will run from 20th February until 5th March 2017. To participate in the information gathering process see www.dlrcoco. ie/arts. For more information contact dlr Arts Office at 01 236 2759.



dlr – an Age Friendly County

The vision for dlr's Age Friendly Strategy is to make dlr A Great Place in Which to Grow Old. The dlr Age Friendly Alliance has a wide range of services on offer, some of which are as follows:





dlr Older Persons Support Co-ordination Service

In collaboration with ALONE and the Age Friendly Alliance, dlr is introducing a pilot support co-ordination service for people aged 60 and over. This service aims to promote independence, choice and well-being for older people living in dlr through supports such as company and friendship, linking with services and advocacy & support.

To find out more about this service, please contact coordinator Lisa Fennelly at **o1 6791032** or **o87 0535887**

Free Workshop to help avoid hospital admissions

dlr Age Friendly Alliance will be facilitating complimentary workshops to help prevent hospital admissions. The workshops, run by Home Instead, will give practical advice on how to avoid a hospital stay and how to manage the most common risk factors associated with hospitalisation. To find out more, please contact Home Instead Senior Care at **01 2068022** or email **bernadette.ruddock@homeinstead.ie**

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Network for Older People is looking for volunteers! If you can give a couple of hours per month to help improve the life of older people in the county, please contact the Administrator at **01 2822425**.



Living Well with Dementia

The learning from the The Living Well with Dementia pilot programme has now been incorporated into The Memory Harbour - a service for people concerned about their memory or diagnosed with dementia, their families and their carers. It provides information and advice for people, display of equipment and assistive technology, activities and carer information/support sessions. Volunteers are a vital part of this service and the Memory Harbour provides education/training and on-going support for volunteers. The Memory Harbour can be contacted on **o1 2680392** or email joan.fitzpatrick@hse.ie. If you can volunteer, please contact Mary Spain, Volunteer Co-ordinator at **o1 706019** or email **mspain@livingwellwithdementia.ie**



Housing Grants

The Council operates a number of grants schemes to cover works to address mobility problems associated with ageing and to assist older people living in poor housing conditions to have essential repairs or improvements carried out. Grants are means tested and are for qualifying owners.



The Council also promotes 'Downsizing' for existing Council tenants who find that their current accommodation is too big for their needs. Downsizing helps us to make better use of our housing stock as we can reallocate any larger properties to families on the housing list. In return, tenants who downsize get a more manageable place to live in their local community.

For further information on what grants may be available to you, or on downsizing, please contact our Housing Department at **o1 2054847** or email **housing@dlrcoco.ie**

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