



Press Release

Waterford Under 21's Manager Sean Power announced as 2017 Grand Marshall of St Patrick's Day Parade!

The manager of the 2016 Hurling All-Ireland Under-21 Champions will lead the 2017 parade along with some of the stars of his winning team. He has always had a strong link with this current crop of Waterford players, having nurtured the talents of players like Austin Gleeson, Shane Bennett, Stephen Bennett, and Patrick Curran, who have since become house-hold names.

Power was also the boss when Waterford won the 2013 minor All-Ireland. While still playing junior hurling for Mount Sion, he got involved in the club's underage teams and that was the springboard to coaching Waterford underage sides. Speaking about the grand marshall this year, Adam Wyse, Mayor of Waterford City and County said "It's a great privilege to be able to celebrate the success of Sean Power and his team on such a large scale, this year's parade is all about going green to celebrate the opening of Waterford Greenway project, we want people to get out and enjoy this amazing amenity we now have joining our City and county, and what better way to celebrate that then to commemorate a team who have given the entire county such joy and pride".

The theme of the 2017 parade is "Do It the Green Way" and will celebrate the imminent opening of the Waterford Greenway (www.visitwaterfordgreenway.com), a 46km off-road walking and cycling trail following the route of the disused railway line from Dungarvan to Waterford. Entrants are asked to come up with and implement their ideas that celebrate the new greenway itself and the landscape of Waterford City and County which will now be more connected than ever before.

Groups from all across Waterford are welcome and encouraged to take part in celebrating St Patrick's Day in Ireland's oldest city and the first city to declare St. Patrick's Day a national holiday. There will also be a fun filled programme of events for all the family before and after the parade in John Robert's Square, including music, a fun fair, and much more.

The parade takes place on Friday 17th March, leaving the Glen at 1pm, continuing down to the Quay, onto The Mall, and will finish on Parnell Street. The deadline for completed application forms is Friday the 3rd of March 2017.



For further information, please contact Waterford City and County Council by email (parade@waterfordcouncil.ie), or see the event's Facebook page. ([@WaterfordStPatricksDayParade](https://www.facebook.com/WaterfordStPatricksDayParade))

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Buí Bolg perform at the 2016 event in Waterford.