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EDITORIAL

Hello.

We were delighted with the reception our first quarterly newsletter launched in December 2024 received. We continue to focus on maintaining a high standard in keeping our Comhar Comaraigh Network members briefed on progress and plans. We sincerely thank all those who contribute news items and photos that make it such an enjoyable newsletter to read.

Our March 2025 edition is full of interesting news items and photos from across the Comeragh region. We are progressing the sourcing of funds for a full time coordinator to cover a 3year pilot project. The coordinator is needed to support the 22 villages and 30 social enterprises and 25 GAA, Camogie and Ladies Football clubs and others in the area. The coordinator will engage in sourcing current and new funds, resources, supports, solutions, ideas, best practices replications, avoidance of waste and duplication that will ensure far greater progress without any significant increase in workload. Our methodology is geared to increase live and activate dormant resources which we have discovered through the research process. This will add impetus, energy and expertise to it.

We have found that while many people volunteer their more pressurized work and family circumstances and responsibilities have grown over the years. Both parents are likely to be working in different locations to different time schedules while recreational options available to their children have multiplied. Both parents and even grandparents are very busy taking them to their chosen events throughout the week. The coordinator is key to getting much more done while reducing the load on the hard pressed volunteer.

“The State seems to have gone 360 – every arm of the State wants to interact with communities, but the don’t have the skills or the capacities to do it properly, while communities are consulted to death.

Where communities are at – at the moment they need an awful lot of help. Some communities are at end of life stage. We need radical support for communities. Communities can deliver if there’s leadership on the ground and if the State reacts with them.” (Mary Mulvey - Changing Ireland 2024)

Comhar Comaraigh Network is a pilot project for three years. We expect that its findings will validate the need for a full time person to get the best from the volunteers and all of the resources and assets available in the most cost effective way for state and community.

We are delighted to hear that our proposal for a fulltime person was passed at LCDC meeting on the 13th March.

An Opportunity To Communicate

"Comhar Comaraigh Network has been invited to present their development concept to a meeting of the Comeragh Municipal District on Wednesday 19th March at 11 a.m. in Civic Offices Dungarvan. We are pleased to be accommodated with this opportunity to explain our proposal and answer questions. We believe what we are proposing will satisfy and enthuse our Councillor team. The potential available to make many additional improvements with the new resources and ideas we have sourced through the research can be implemented once we secure the funding to employ a full- time coordinator for the 3 year pilot term".

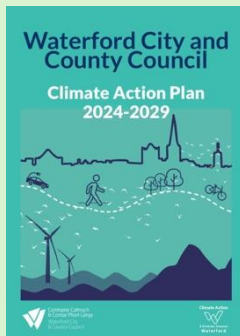
Eoin Morrissey (contact number 087-2181709), Angela Mulcahy, Deirdre Woodbyrne, Senan Cooke, James Gough.

Local Enterprise Week - Dungarvan Event



L-R Jackie Gaule, Local Enterprise Office, Senan Cooke, Dunhill Angela Mulcahy, Kill, Cora Kearney, Dungarvan Lee Robb and Lynn McKenzie, Carrickfergus Katherine Collins, Creative Ireland, Waterford Area Partnership

Katherine Collins, Creative Ireland, Waterford Council and Local Enterprise Office organised a conference in Dungarvan on social enterprise on Monday 3rd March. It was a well attended event with Lyn McKenzie and Lee Robb from Northern Ireland speaking on community led regeneration in Carrickfergus as special guest speakers. Other speakers included Angela Mulcahy, Kill, Senan Cooke, Dunhill and Cora Kearney, Trash to Treasure, Dungarvan. Liz Riches WAP acted as facilitator. A lively question and answer session followed the presentations when nearly everyone in the large attendance joined in. The event overall was very informative and enjoyable. A very successful conference concluded with a light lunch.



Great to have the first edition of the CCN Newsletter featured on Climate Action Waterford. Check out some details on National Tree Week.

National Tree Week

National Tree Week is up and running with [events across the country](#). So, whether you are going out to plant the trees that you recently got from the council, or you are joining on organised event in your area, or you are just going to take a minute to hug a local oak or ash, get out and celebrate National Tree Week in your own way

PROJECTS

Establishing Repair Cafés in Waterford

This year Waterford Area Partnership (WAP) is starting work on establishing Repair Cafés in Waterford. The Repair Café concept originated in the Netherlands. In 2009 Martine Postma from Amsterdam developed the idea of setting up community meeting places where neighbours could repair their broken items themselves with support from specialists and in a relaxed atmosphere. Since then, Repair Cafés have developed across Europe and thousands of tons of potential waste have been diverted from landfill, hundreds of people have learned new repair skills and have saved themselves the cost of replacing items along the way.



The desire to set up a Repair Café in Waterford came from The People's Transition Process in Larchville/Lisduggan in 2024 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhQor85nLY>. WAP is supporting this action, which was one of many recommendations from the report. The first step in this process was an open information session held in SETU Growth Hub in October 2024 with presentations from: Clonmel Repair Café, Community Resource Ireland, Trash for Treasure, Loved Back to Life and Trish Murphy (clothes repair).

Our next move will be to bring together individuals that have skills in repair: electrical, clothes, furniture, jewellery; and have responded to our call for volunteers. From this we will build up a volunteer & skills bank and organise an open demonstration session in Lisduggan, Waterford City in March/April 2025. If anyone is interested in joining us to learn about the concept with a view to starting a Repair Café in the Comeragh region, please contact lriches@wap.ie.

At Waterford Area Partnership (WAP) we believe that everyone deserves to have equal access to opportunities to improve their quality of life. We are a not-for-profit company that delivers lifelong learning, education, employment, enterprise/social enterprise and development programmes that are tailored to meet individual and community needs throughout Waterford.

We are funded by the Irish Government and the EU to work with individuals, community organisations, businesses and other agencies in Waterford to make connections, create opportunities, and to share knowledge and skills that help tackle the impact of social exclusion and discrimination.

We also manage the Waterford Foodbank which last year delivered **295,633 meals** to Waterford City and surrounding areas.

Further information on how we can help you as an individual or a community group, network or social enterprise please visit www.wap.ie.



We introduced the Bioregional Weaving Lab (BWL) in the last newsletter, explaining that it is all about weaving people, projects and place together for thriving ecosystems and communities. Part of our work is to support new businesses or other kinds of interventions (which we refer to collectively as the 'BWL portfolio') that work together to create social, environmental and inspirational value in ways that make financial sense too. If you'd like to get to know us better we have several shorter and longer films you could watch - [see this page on our website](#).

If you are doing something 'regenerative' for the region that you think might belong as part of the BWL portfolio please do get in touch with Keeley. If you are doing something more widely around how to transform the Anne Valley and beyond, get in touch with Sarah. We'll have a stand at Place Day on 6th April so perhaps we can get to know each other there?

From January this year we are delighted to welcome Keeley O'Brien to her new job as 'regenerative business developer' at BWL. She'll look after the BWL portfolio which means working with initiatives in this area of the SE such as new ways of farming, education offerings, nature corridors, older people and much more. Keeley brings with her not only a family now living in Dunhill village, but also a wealth of experience from farming, cheesemaking, agroforestry, food security and how dairy sustainability standards are working across Ireland.



Meet Keeley: "Hi all, I'm happy to be started in my new role, and enjoying getting settled into the beautiful Anne Valley. We are getting to know the welcoming community and all the area has to offer-last weekend we hiked in the Comeraghs and went for a dip at the beach, all in one day! There is so much happening and I'm excited to be able to support and nurture upcoming regenerative opportunities. Please be in touch if you'd like to discuss our work at BWL, or to get involved."

PROJECTS



'Donate a Plate' is an exciting new environmental project that will culminate in the installation of a massive crockery mosaic on a prominent wall in Waterford, Ireland.

It is being entirely made by a team of volunteers from the local community. Participants are being trained by Sean Corcoran at The Art Hand studio through an intensive Mosaic Masterclass.

Thousands of pieces of crockery are being stuck to hundreds of special backing boards that will later be installed like a giant patchwork on the wall. The Art Hand has facilitated dozens of large community mosaics around the country and even as far as Texas!

Every plate has a story to tell! Where is our crockery made? Where did you get it? What is its life span? How do you recycle it? Do you have a favourite mug? Do you hoard crockery? Are you sentimental about any of your crockery? We are researching all these questions and more! The social history of the items, the nostalgia, consumerism, design, fashion, trends, aesthetics and life cycle.

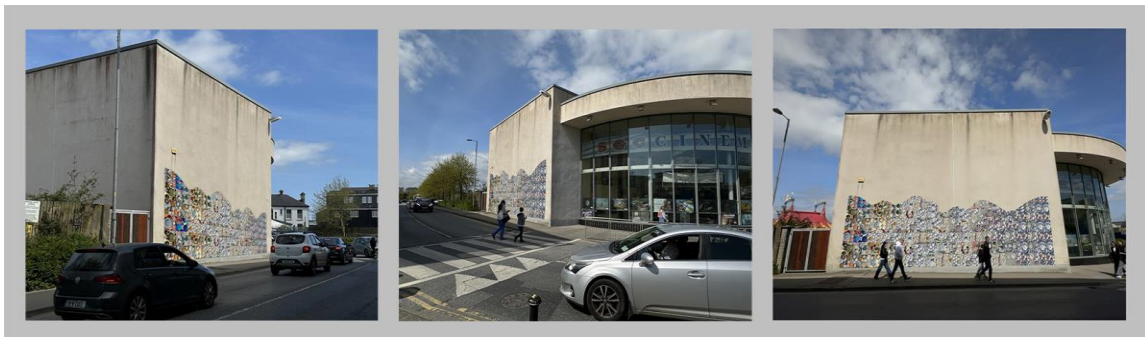


We have been gifted the most amazing wall on the outside of [Dungarvan Shopping Centre](#) at the entrance to ['Movies at Dungarvan'](#) SGC Cinema. Below is a digital mock-up of the mosaic in position on the 45 foot wide wall.

Our target if everything goes to schedule is to unveil the completed mosaic on Sunday, April 27th, 2025 at 12 noon during the [Waterford Festival of Food](#).

The project is being facilitated by The Art Hand through funding from [Act Waterford](#), [Calmast](#), [SETU](#), [Creative Ireland](#) and [Waterford City and County Council](#).

These are creative and fun projects that bring communities together to discuss environmental issues while creating a lasting public artwork. It is being made entirely from surplus, sentimental and damaged crockery that is being donated to the project. Plates, cups, saucers, bowls. The everyday crockery that we use for our food and drinks. The pre-loved treasures from our childhood. The chipped cups and unwanted teapots from the back of our cupboards! Immortalise your Granny's old tea set!



PROJECTS

Copper Coast Scouts

The Coppercoast Scout Group has 143 youth and 40 Adult members currently making it one of the biggest if not the biggest scout group in the County.

The group caters for youth from the age of 6 to 18 and upwards. We operate mainly from the site at Ballyscanlon lake but can be seen taking advantage of all the outdoor amenities in the Copper Coast/Comeragh area. We can be found in any one of these places on any given night. The focus of the group is to connect the youth with the outdoors through exciting and challenging activities using the Scouting framework.

In early 2019 the group set up The Coppercoast Community Outreach Company limited by guarantee and purchased the 2 acre site from Pat and Eithne Hartley after being granted planning permission to build on the site.

The group has carried out various works on the site over the last number of years to make it a useable resource. As a consequence of the works various other organisations such as Waterford Sports Partnership, Couch to Cave sea swimming, local families and other scout groups have been able to use the site.

In 2022 the group was approached by Active Connections, a social enterprise, that delivers outdoor adventure therapy to all those in need and at risk in Ireland, to use the site. From that time on both organisations have been working closely on the site. In 2023 the group was approached by a number of members of the Metalman Paddle Sports group looking to use the access from the site to the lake to train and play canoe polo. They use the site on a weekly basis and are growing in numbers.

In September 2023 the Coppercoast Community Outreach CLGI made an application to the Sports Capital Grant scheme under its regional centre funding stream. The company had the full backing of the Coppercoast Scout Group, Active Connections and Metalman Paddlesports. The application was successful and €471,703 was allocated to us towards the building of the education centre at the lake. The hope is to have the centre completed before the end of 2025.

This will be a unique facility for the Copper Coast, Comeragh Region and Co Waterford. It will be a resource for all ages and abilities to experience outdoor activity, therapy and adventure in a beautiful setting.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Dunhill to Celebrate Its Heritage with Inaugural Place Day Event

A day to remember, a place to celebrate!

Dunhill will celebrate its rich heritage with the first-ever **Place Day**, set to be held on **Sunday, 6th April 2025**, from **1:30 to 6pm** at **Dunhill Community Hall, Eircode X91 Y389**. The local community will come together for this special event dedicated to honouring Dunhill's rich history, vibrant culture and strong community spirit.



The afternoon will feature **exhibits, displays, performances and information stands** from over 25 local groups and organisations, inviting attendees to discover more about Dunhill's past and present. From sporting achievements to environmental initiatives and historical insights, the event will showcase the diverse fabric of the community.

The ethos behind **Dunhill Heritage Place Day** is to foster a deeper connection between residents and the distinctive character, history, activities and achievements that define the area. The event will offer an opportunity to learn about Dunhill's natural environment, architectural landmarks and cultural traditions.

"Our local heritage is an essential part of our identity and this event is an opportunity to celebrate what makes Dunhill such a special place. Heritage is more than just preserving old buildings; it's about understanding the stories and traditions that shaped our community" said a *spokesperson for Dunhill Heritage Keepers*. "We hope that by coming together, we can inspire a renewed interest in preserving and sharing our collective story for future generations."

The idea for the Place Day grew from a heritage course run by the **Burrenbeo Trust**, which brought together local participants. The voluntary group has since worked, with support from a small fund provided by the Burrenbeo Trust, to create this special day for the community.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Presentation of Barn Owl Nesting Box to Michael Behan Comhar Comaraigh Friday 29th November 2024

We had the pleasure of presenting a barn owl nesting box to Michael Behan of Comhar Comaraigh. The barn owl nesting box was constructed by the Ukrainian men of Dunhill Community Garden which meets every Friday for horticulture activities such as growing vegetables and fruit, garden visits, cooking and craft which is supported by REACH 2024 Solas funding Programme. It was constructed of 9mm plywood for the walls, roof and base, 4 x 4.5cm lengths of smooth to form the frame and roofing felt to add extra weather proofing as it was the outdoor design recommended by Birdwatch Ireland. The barn owl nesting box will eventually be located in Crough Woods for the forthcoming nesting season, and we look forward to the possibility of it being occupied by a pair of barn owls. After many years of the decline in the population of barn owls resulting in them being listed as 'red' caused by loss of habitat, ingestion of poisons and roadkill, the population is currently, showing a growth in numbers around the country. This is due to more food being available and perhaps better awareness around the non-use of bait for rodents. The barn owl preys on small rodents and frogs but unfortunately, they prey on the white toothed shrew which is an alien invasive species here in Ireland. Although the white toothed shrew provides a valuable food source for the barn owl, it also competes with our native shrew which is smaller. The white toothed shrew has become widespread across the country. Barn owl populations near busy main roads and motorways are still under threat as they fly low over the road and risk being hit by nighttime traffic especially large, sided vehicles. Birdwatch Ireland have been monitoring the sightings of barn owls across the country and they undertook a survey to map evidence and sightings in Co. Waterford. They had a look at a map of the county to see what old and unused buildings could be potential habitats for barn owls including Dunhill Castle in their survey. Then they visited the possible sites to see if there was any barn owl activity and if so, it was marked on the map. Barn owls are nocturnal, and they are very vocal so anyone living near them will certainly know their sound.

The barn owl nesting box will be placed approximately four metres off the ground in an open space where the barn owl will be able to see their door as they pass by and lands. The entrance is situated near the top of the nesting box to avoid very young birds from falling out of it. Any very young nestlings that fall out accidentally due to a low door will be predated on as the parents will not rescue them. Between the age of forty and fifty days old the young barn owls will be able to look out and make their way up to the door. They will become more curious having a look out at their surroundings and often one sibling can push the other out at this age. To avoid them from falling out, a front tray has been added to the entrance where they can hold onto the raised edge with their powerful claws. As they become more confident, they will come in and out of the nesting box to exercise and stretch their wings in advance of fledging. The flat roof provides a space for them to stand on and for incoming and outgoing flights too. The front tray is set at a slight incline to drain any rain away and the floor is 2cm higher than the bottom edge, again to aid the drying process after a shower. A small access door has been added to aid cleaning out the barn owl nesting box which is recommended every two years.

Special thanks go to Aine Whelan and Nicola Kelleher of WWETB, for their support with the REACH 2024 Solas programme, Michael Behan of Comhar Comaraigh for his presentation of the organic, blight resistant potatoes.

Dunhill Community Garden will visit the proposed site in the new year at the invitation of Michael and we look forward to this very much.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Air B&Barnowl by Joanna O’Sullivan

If you go down to Crough Wood today...you’ll see the Comeragh Community Development Group’s owl box. Situated on the path edge, it is perfectly placed with the trees behind it.

Maybe you’ll see an owl, if you’re around after dark. If it’s one that has taken up residence in the new box it will be a barn owl, a cavity-nesting species. They may just roost, or they may breed. St. Valentine’s Day is in the middle of the courtship period, when males croon their wooing songs, so our nest box might have shown up right on time! Their breeding season is from January to August, so, fingers crossed, Crough Wood welcomes barn owl chicks this year.

The barn owls in Ireland need help. They are a red-listed species. Their numbers are increasing in the south-west, so let’s hope the same happens here in the south-east. Putting up nest boxes promotes breeding, but another factor is also at play: The presence of the greater white-toothed shrew, which seems to have snuck in here from France, is providing ready meals for our barn owls.

They are plentiful, and draw attention with their calls. If the barn owls can use them as fuel to increase their own population, there may be a side benefit too, in decreasing the greater white-toothed shrew population, as it tends to have a devastating impact on our native pygmy shrew, which disappears from areas colonised by the newcomers.

While the barn owls are listening out for the greater white-toothed shrews, we can listen out for the barn owls. We can keep an ear out for these birds, while we’re all keeping an eye out too. Episode number 22 of BirdWatch Ireland’s podcast, In Your Nature, contains recordings and further interesting information. One of their calls led to their name in Irish, scréachóg reilige (graveyard screecher), so be prepared to wonder if you’re hearing a barn owl or a banshee, and hope for the former, since the banshee population is not red-listed.

Crough Wood is open for barn owl bookings.



Credit: BirdWatch Ireland



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Owl photos taken under licence from the National Parks and Wildlife Service during annual nest site monitoring by BirdWatch Ireland.



Barn Owl Box



R to L Con McGrath,
Michael Behan, Yurii
Cherneak



Michael Behan,

A Special Word of Thanks to Helen Kavanagh, Dunhill Education Centre Manager and Shirley Moore Garden Project Manager and her Team for Building the Owl Box and Gifting it to Michael Behan to locate it in Crough Wood, Kilrossanty.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Clonea Knit and Natter Group

The Knit and Natter group can be found on Wednesday mornings in the Clonea Community Hall, drinking tea, knitting or crocheting or stitching, and, of course, enjoying a natter.

Its a friendly and sociable group that is happy to welcome in anyone who likes to join. There is always someone happy to help a beginner - or discuss the finer technical points of a knitting or crochet pattern!

All are welcome to call in on a Wednesday at 11am, we will be happy to see you. Check out our facebook page - Clonea Power Knit and Natter Group



Clonea Creative Stitching

The Creative Stitching group gets together to enjoy stitching as fabric art; it is relaxed, mindful and is more about creativity and imagination than formal embroidery or rules of stitching. We use fabric, braids and lace, as well as buttons, beads, twigs and other interesting bits and pieces to make fabric based mixed-media items.



A project is suggested each month with guidance on how to complete it, but members are free to interpret the project as they wish – or even do something completely different! Everyone works for their own satisfaction, there is no stress or competition; we enjoy each other's work, share ideas and learn from each other.



Recently we have been using Slow Stitching as our inspiration to create 'pages', which are being assembled into a fabric book that is both enjoyable to look at and pleasant to handle – slow stitching is tactile and is intended to be handled as well as being visually engaging.

The group grew out of WWETB courses in Slow Stitching which were held in the Clonea Community Hall; these courses created the colourful and fascinating display that can be seen in the Hall.

The group meets twice a month on Monday evenings, and is suitable for both experienced stitchers and beginners.



WITH



Kieran Foley

US PRESIDENT VISITS KILL

The death of former US President Jimmy Carter at the age of 100 occurred on December 29th.

He served as President from 1977 to 1981. Although he never visited Ireland during his tenure in The White House, he visited County Waterford in 1995 and stayed with the Queally family at Gardenmorris, Kill.

After his death, Eileen Queally recalled his time spent in the area - which included attending Mass at St. Anne's Church in Ballylaneen.

Two of his grandchildren, accompanying him on the visit, also attended a disco in Davitt's Dungarvan!



Crough Wood walkway

Congratulations to the Comeragh Community Development Group as the wonderful Crough Wood walkway project has been shortlisted for a national award.

The project will be one of three in contention for the Community Woodland accolade at the RDS Irish Forest and Woodland Awards in Dublin in April.

The walkway is a hugely popular amenity with all ages and has certainly enhanced Mahon Bridge and the wider area.

Fire Station Plans Green Light

Plans for the new fire station in Kilmacthomas were green lit at a recent Comeragh District meeting of Waterford City and County Council. This long awaited new facility will be located on the outskirts of the village and will certainly be of great benefit to the wider area. Work is expected to commence later this year.

ATN Portlaw

Anticipation is already building ahead of this year's All Together Now Festival at Curraghmore Estate in Portlaw which takes place on the August Bank Holiday Weekend. The latest acts added to the impressive line-up were recently announced and tickets have been in huge demand. This festival has provided numerous spin-off benefits for the local area and looks certain to do so again this year.

Funding for water project

The Local Authority Waters Programme recently awarded €6,179 to a project in Waterford under the 'Community Water Development Fund Open Call 2025'.

Local communities and groups were invited to apply for financial assistance to support the delivery of projects and initiatives to enhance local water bodies and benefit water quality and biodiversity. In Waterford, the Dunhill Multi Educational Centre-Copper Coast Watercourses was awarded €6,179 for their protection and conservation work.

St Brigid's Day in Kilrossanty

The community in Kilrossanty once again paid tribute to St Brigid this year in various forms. This was the third year in which we had a new Bank Holiday to mark St. Brigid's Day. While there has been a resurgence in interest surrounding St Brigid in recent years, the people of Kilrossanty have been steadfast in their devotion to Ireland's only female patron saint for generations with the local church, GAA club, school and of course holy wells all honouring St Brigid.

Haughton's Pub

It's wonderful to see lots of activity at the historic Haughton's Pub located at Ross, Kilmeaden since it re-opened late last year.

Thirteen members of the local community have taken on the running of the popular pub and have greatly enhanced the premises including with the addition of a beautiful new mural. Continued success to the new team behind Haughton's who are bringing the pub into a new era.



Flahavan's BBC One

It was great to see Flahavan's featured on BBC One recently. The Kilmacthomas business was included in an episode of 'In The Factory' in which Paddy McGuinness and Cherry Healey travel across Britain and Ireland to examine production lines at various enterprises.

Built Heritage funding

Over €200,000 in funding was recently announced for 28 projects in Waterford. The funding was awarded under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025. Included in the allocations is €20,000 for Curraghmore House; €14,000 for the Thatched Cottage, Matthews Cross, Kilmeaden; €15,000 for the thatched Bally Inn, Ballylaneen; €20,000 for roof and drainage work at Whitfield Court; and €20,000 for St Nicholas' Church in Ballyduff.

Award for Chantal Halley

Congratulations to Chantal Halley who was honoured at the Irish Cancer Society Research Awards. Chantal, originally from Kilmacthomas but now living in Tramore, was presented with the Support Staff of the Year award, recognising her work as an Engagement Research Manager at the All-Island Cancer Research Institute. The event celebrates some of the work in cancer research being carried out by nominees around Ireland, funded by the Irish Cancer Society.



Dunphy's Pub, Kill

It was certainly the end of an era when Pdraig Dunphy recently retired from the popular Dunphy's Pub in Kill.

Paulie, Marina and the team paid tribute to all their staff and supporters down through the years and wished the very best to new owner Glen and family.

Dunphy's has played a pivotal role in community life in Kill for decades, hosting events of all descriptions, and will now enter a new chapter.



GAA in The Nire Valley

The Nire Football Club

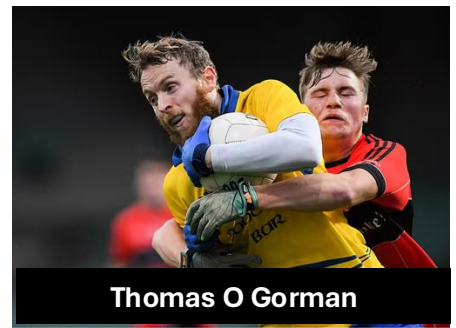
The Nire Valley Ballymacarbry area is unique in as far as Gaelic Games is concerned in that it hosts three successful senior teams. The Nire Football Club was founded in 1929 although it's fair to say that a football team existed in the late 1880s. The first success came in 1942 when they beat Dunhill in a replay to win the County Junior Football Title.

They followed this up by retaining the title the following year by defeating Gaultier in Walsh Park. It triggered a golden era for the club and by 2023 the Nire had won 11 County Senior Titles. In 2008 the O'Gorman twins Thomas and Maurice emulated Jim Walls feat by playing on the Munster team that won the Interprovincial title in Portlaoise.

The club went through a lean period in the 1950s indeed struggled to field a team but the late 60s saw a major change culminating in winning the 1971 Intermediate County Title. In 1972 Jim Wall made history by winning a Railway Cup Medal with Munster, playing at full back in a team that included Mick O'Connell, Mick O' Dwyer, Ray Cummins and Michael 'Babs' Keating.

After a big push at underage level, the senior team began to make an impression and got to the County Senior Final in 1987 and 1989 but lost

both. The big breakthrough came in 1993 in a rain lashed Cappoquin when they produced a brilliant display to bring home the Conway Cup for the first time by defeating a Dungarvan team that were seeking 4 in a row.



Fourmilewater Hurling Club was founded in 1926 and were beaten in the County Final in 1928. After losing the 1954 Final they reached the promised land in 1955 by winning the County Junior Title after defeating a Tom Cheasty led Ballyduff Lower team. They won a second title in 1963 after coming from 10 points down to beat De La Salle in Walsh Park. As in football the club made a big effort in underage and won the County Minor Title in 1973 defeating Erins Own, in the Final.

They played neighbours St. Marys in the 1979 County Intermediate Final In Fraher Field and won convincingly. Further County titles were added in 1989 against Erins Own and 2001 against Dunhill. The Senior Title have been elusive so far. The club has produced many fine Senior players that represented the County.

Pat Walsh was the first to really establish himself in the 90s, Brian Wall and Liam Lawlor also figured. Shane Walsh won National League and Munster Championship Medals in 2007 , both he and Lawlor was on the Waterford team that beat Cork in the 2010 Munster Final Replay.

Jamie Barron made his Waterford Senior debut in 2013 and continues to have a great career. He has won 3 All Star Awards, richly deserved after producing some tremendous displays at midfield. Conor Gleeson and Dermot Ryan won minor and U21 All Ireland Medals and Conor went on to become one of the games top man marking defenders. Unfortunately he missed the 2017 All Ireland Senior Final after being harshly sent off against Cork in the semi final.



GAA in The Nire Valley

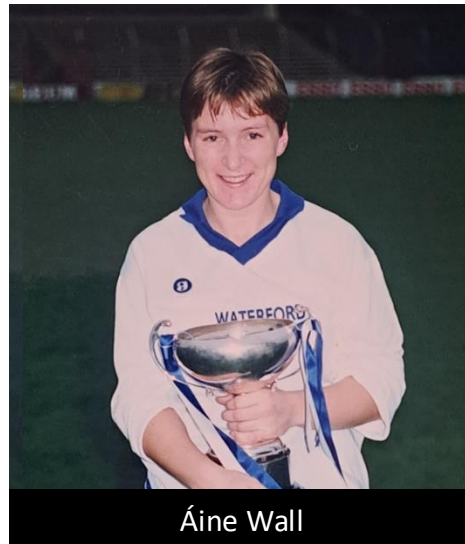
Ballymacarbry Ladies Football Club is one of the oldest in the country having been founded in 1970. Ballymac won the first final played in 1971, they added further titles in 1973 and 1975. However they were only getting started and after beating Dunhill in the 1982 final they went on a 42 year winning run before losing last years final to a fine Comeragh Rangers team.

Ballymac won the Munster Club title in 1985 and their first All Ireland Club title in 1987. For the next 12 years they totally dominated ladies club football winning a record 10 All Ireland Club titles in 12 years. By 2000 they had won the Munster Club title 14 times. They had to wait until 2022 to regain the Munster crown and won it again in 2023 before losing the All Ireland Club Final in Croke Park.

The club backboned the Waterford team in the 1990s, 14 club players started as Waterford won the All Ireland Senior title in 1991 and further titles followed in '92, '94, '95 and '98. Seventeen Ballymac players won 53 All Star Awards between 1986 and 2007. Áine Wall (8), Annalisa Crotty (7), Marie Crotty (5), Geraldine O’Ryan (4), Catriona Casey (4), Martina O’Ryan (4), Ann Fitzpatrick (3), Bernie Ryan (3), Noirín Walsh (3), Siobhán O’Ryan (3), Ann Dunford (2), Rebecca Hallahan (2), Dolores Tyrrell (1), Marie O’Ryan (1), Fiona Crotty (1), Regina Byrne (1), Cleona Walsh (1).

Fiona Crotty created a record that can never be broken winning 4 All Ireland Medals in 1991, in U16, Minor, Senior and Club. A fantastic and unique achievement.

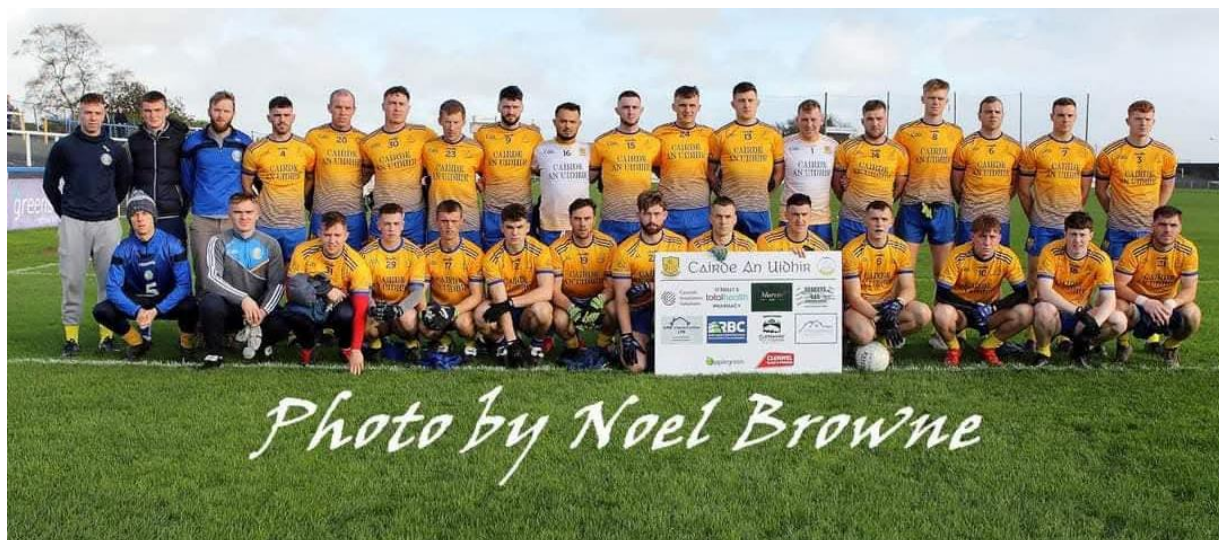
Yes indeed Gaelic Games are alive and well in the Nire Valley.



Áine Wall



Nire Valley



Nire Senior County Football Champions 2022 (Photo by Noel Browne)

GAA in The Nire Valley



The Munster team who beat Connacht, 1-9 to 0-9, in Cork, on February 20.

Munster Railway Cup Winners 1972. Jim Wall is 3rd from the right on back row.



Ballymacarby Community Centre



Fourmilewater County Intermediate Hurling Champions 1979



2017 Jamie Barron All Star Award Winner and Michelle Ryan Munster Ladies Footballer of the Year.



Ballymacarby 1997 All Ireland Club Champions

HALL OF FAME

Seamus Power - Golfing Champion



Seamus Power was born in 1987 in Touraneena. Born into a sports-loving family, he was brought up alongside his twin brothers, where playing outside and competing came naturally.

Seamus attended St. Mary's National School in Touraneena, where he was a natural athlete, excelling in multiple sports. He played hurling, Gaelic football, Raquetball, Handball, Badminton and tennis competitively, where he developed quick reflexes and a strong competitive edge. He was introduced to golf by an Uncle, who took him to West Waterford Golf Club, a friendly, community-run club, which became his playground and classroom, where he developed his creative shot-making and ability to problem-solve on the course – traits that still define his game today.

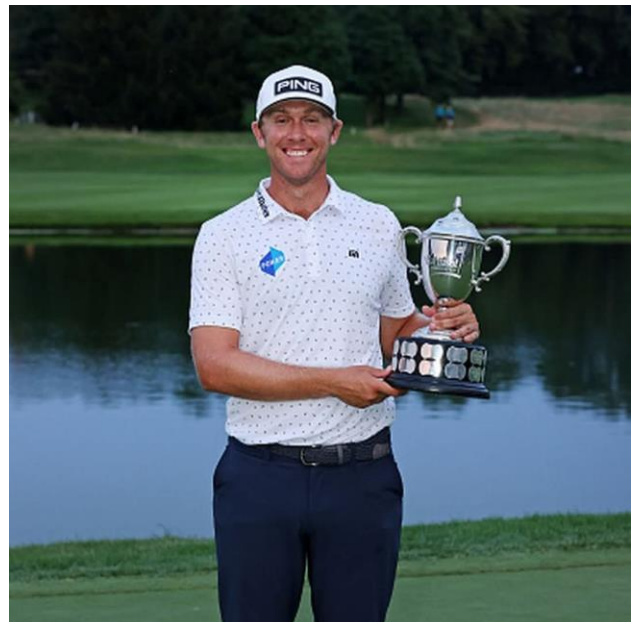
Power's talent on the Irish junior golf circuit earned him a golf scholarship to East Tennessee State University, which was a turning point in his life and career. Competing in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 Golf, he earned All-American honours three times, highlighting his ability to excel in a competitive collegiate environment. He was competing at the top tier of college golf, against some of the best amateur players in the world – many of whom would go on to have professional careers. Alongside his success on the course, Seamus earned a degree in accounting, showing the same discipline in the classroom as he did on the fairways.

Seamus turned professional in 2011, beginning his career on developmental tours like theeGolf Tour and Web.com Tour (now the Korn Ferry Tour). His breakthrough came in 2016, when he secured his first professional win at the United Leasing & Finance Championship, which earned him a PGA Tour Card for the following year. In 2021 Seamus claimed his first PGA Tour title at the Barbasol Championship. The victory not only secured his playing privileges, but also made him the first Irish player to win the event, and he was given a hero's welcome by the community in Touraneena and West Waterford when he came back home for a visit.

In addition to his PGA Tour success, he proudly represented Ireland at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics (played in 2021 due to the pandemic). He followed up with his second PGA Tour win at the 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship

The 2021 win unlocked a new level of confidence and consistency in Seamus' game. By 2022, he had broken into the top 50 of the Official World Golf Ranking, a milestone that earned him his first invitations to all four major championships. He went on to make the cut at The Masters on his debut, further cementing his status as one of Ireland's top modern players.

Power's game is built on accuracy off the tee, a deft short game, and an unflappable temperament under pressure. His upbringing on a modest course in rural Ireland helped shape his creative shot-making, a skill that serves him well on windy or tricky courses. He is known for his calm demeanour, both on and off the course – a quality that has made him popular with fans and respected by his peers.





Advocacy

We've finished our pre-budget member consultation sessions in advance of Budget 2026. Based on your input, we've produced a list of draft budgetary asks. This draft list will be shared with you on Friday for your feedback before writing and publishing the final pre-budget submission in mid-March.

- Following reports that CSP-funded social enterprises are struggling to secure affordable accountancy/audit services, we've written to the Secretary General of the Department of Rural and Community Development, Mary Hurley, with a proposed solution: *Social enterprises funded by Pobal, with an annual income less than €500,000, should be permitted to submit suitably detailed financial statements, signed by two responsible persons at management or board level, in place of audited accounts. These statements would include clear accounting for grant income and expenditure, in line with the requirements of DPER's Circular 2013/14.* If you're having this experience with auditors, please let us know.
- Want to learn more about our advocacy campaigns? Visit the new [Advocacy Section](#) on SERI's National Social Enterprise Hub.

Benefits

On Friday, we'll be adding new funding and trading alerts to SERI's National Social Enterprise Hub. To check out the new opportunities for your organisation, [click here](#).

- A reminder that we launched a new insurance scheme for social enterprises in January. Partnering with BHP, the scheme is aimed at social enterprises who typically struggle to secure coverage. To watch the session back, [click here](#).
- Three weeks ago, in partnership with DRCD, SERI launched a pilot verification programme for social enterprises. We are the country partner for Social Enterprise World Forum's People & Planet First verification. Up to 100 social enterprises will participate in pilot. 95 have expressed an interest so far with 28 completing their verification submission. If you'd like to express an interest in participating, register [here](#).
- SERI and Social Finance Foundation are partnering to create a Financial Literacy Hub for Social Enterprises – an online one-stop shop for building your financial literacy and learning about social finance. On Tuesday, we held a co-design session to hear members' views on what resources, tools and support would be most valuable. The output of that co-design session is attached to this mail.
- Today, we soft launched [Sphere](#), SERI's new AI-enabled social procurement platform for social enterprises. 50 social enterprises have been invited to join the platform initially but we will be opening it up to more social enterprises throughout 2025.
- Want to learn more about social procurement? SERI is part of an EU-wide programme called BuySocialEuropeB2B which provides training for social enterprises as well as buyers. Here's some useful links:
 - 1) [Training and registration form for Social Enterprises](#),
 - 2) [Training and registration form for Mainstream Enterprises](#),
 - 3) [Social procurement guide](#)
 - 4) Join the [Buy Social LinkedIn page](#) on which all best practices will be published

Community

SERI's National WhatsApp Community for Social Enterprises now has 362 members with high engagement levels and response rates to member queries. If you're yet to join but would like to, here's the [link to join](#).

- 73 SERI members have added their profiles to our PeerX platform. PeerX makes it easy for you to see who is in the network, what they do and how they might be able to support you. If you'd like to add your PeerX profile, [click here](#).
- Save the Date: SERI's Summer Summit will be taking place on Wednesday, 25th June. This year's event will be in person and the keynote speaker will be Minister Dara Calleary, T.D. More details, including invites, to follow.
- Are you interested in learning how AI can help you run your social enterprise? We've completed 4 sessions of SERI's 2-year Artificial Intelligence Social Enterprise Network (AISEN). However, it's not too late to join as [previous sessions](#) are available on the National Social Enterprise Hub. To sign up, contact Breid (breid@socialenterprise.ie).

ACHIEVEMENTS

Dunhill Multi-Education Centre Community • Education | • Employment



Dunhill Multi-Education Centre is a community owned education, training and conference centre in East County Waterford. Guided by the principles of Access, Opportunity and Excellence, the mission of the centre is to provide a hub of learning excellence, to create opportunities for people to succeed and facilitate access to education for all groups.

As a community resource, we offer meeting spaces to various groups, a community garden, the Copper Coast Community Choir, library, events, and training facilities. We cater to their requirements, including the elderly and people with disabilities, funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development through the Community Services Programme administered by Pobal.

Amongst many activities, we are currently facilitating a 10-week programme for the newly formed Copper Coast Community Choir which is tutored by Anne Kavanagh and supported by the Community Education Programme and the WWETB. Thirty-five enthusiastic participants from the local community have signed up and are being put through their paces each Wednesday morning. The classes start off with warm up exercises for the body and vocals. The group is learning six songs including 'Do-Re-Mi' and 'Edelweiss' from the Sound of Music, 'Over the Sea to Skye', Abba's 'Slipping Through My Fingers', 'Perfect' by Ed Sheeran and 'Soon May the Wellerman Come'. The Copper Coast Community Choir is bonding well together and there is a very positive social benefit for the participants from the programme and their post rehearsal refreshments.

For further information on what's on at Dunhill Multi-Education please click [What's On at Dunhill Multi-Education Center](#)



Dunhill Ecopark Website

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Community

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Church of Seskiman at Knockboy Sliabh gCua

The historic and ancient Church of Seskinan, situated at Knockboy (Sliabh gCua), now a skeletal ruin, was built by St. Sechuenuis in the 5th Century – cut into a stone in one of the doorways of the Church, are the figures 471. Built on level ground, but overall the landscape has southerly aspects as it drops from the high of Knockboy Hill to the meeting of the Colligan and Araglen rivers.

The graveyard lies in the shade of Súí Fhionn and Cruachán. If you stand in the centre of the ruined church and look out of the window, you are in a direct line with the summit of Súí Fhionn. This is no accident, for the people who built the church, all those centuries ago, intended it to be so.



This Church evidently replaced a very ancient Church and pagan cemetery which, at an early period, was converted to Christian use – probably by St. Declan or St. Patrick. The Church was demolished around the end of the 16th Century, as was almost every edifice of Catholic worship in Ireland in those dread and evil days.

Many stones and lintels of the Church are inscribed in “Ogham” and the late Canon Power, Waterford – historian and archaeologist – who had studied the Church ruins on many occasions, said that these ‘Ogham’ inscribed stones served at one time as headstones in a pagan or early Christian cemetery, before being transferred to their present position and purpose. Canon Power was able to decipher most of the Ogham inscribed characters.

The Church and cemetery occupies part of four fields, which were owned by four separate farming families, each donating a quarter of the space required to make up the whole, and each quarter has a name in gaelic, symbolising its connection with the Church, such as one named “Tubar na Teampall” (The Church Well).

There is ample evidence to indicate that the former cemetery was more extended than the existing graveyard, as the farmers who owned and cultivated the fields surrounding the present cemetery had found human bones and other signs that graves had been made there at some time, probably in pagan days.

The low boulders or unmarked stones protruding from the ground of the graveyard are often unmarked memorials that indicate graves of people who could not afford the cost of an inscribed memorial. This is the reason why no small stones should be moved from the surface of the graveyard.



There are 252 headstones, of which 42 are inside the ruined church. The earliest burial tombstone is that of Thomas McCragh, who died at the age of 40 on 6th September 1739. At present there is an average of one funeral a year in Knockboy. In recent years, all the graves have been mapped and there is now a large board outside the graveyard, identifying the graves, to help visitors looking to trace the resting place of their relatives and friends. Thanks to the Heritage Council, the ruins of the Church have been preserved for another couple of hundred years.

Thanks to the efforts of the local parish community and the parish priest of the time Very Rev. Fr. Thomas O’Brien, P.P., Touraneena, history was made on a memorable evening on 8th September 1976, when holy Mass was again celebrated at Knockboy’s ancient Church, after a lapse of four hundred years. Since then it has become an annual event, when the people from many parts come to kneel in prayer and worship in thanksgiving for the ‘faith of our fathers’.

Mary is the Patron of Knockboy in Irish folklore and La fheile Mhuire cnoc buidhe is celebrated in Knockboy graveyard annually on the 8th September.

Connecting Communities Roadshows

Following the success of last year's community initiative, the Connecting Communities Roadshow series returns in 2025. Waterford City and County Council, in partnership with community groups and stakeholders, will host a series of Connecting Communities Roadshows from February through to May, throughout the city and county. The Connecting Communities Roadshows provide local communities with the opportunity to engage with the Local Authority and its associated partners. They also provide insight and guidance about setting up community groups, sourcing funding for developing community initiatives and how to build a stronger, inclusive, and vibrant place to live.

The initiative is spearheaded by Healthy Waterford and Waterford PPN, in collaboration with organisations such as Waterford LEADER Partnership, Waterford Area Partnership, Creative Waterford, HSE, Emergency Services, UPMC Whitfield, Waterford Sport Partnership, and Waterford Local Community Safety Partnership to name but a few.

Mayor of Waterford City and County, Cllr. Jason Murphy welcomed the initiative, saying, "I'm delighted that the Connecting Communities Roadshow series is returning this year. Judging by the large turnouts at each event and positive feedback these roadshows are a valuable and insightful source of information and guidance for all communities. "These roadshows are a great opportunity for communities from all over Waterford to avail of advice, expertise and resources from community groups and agencies, giving them the tools for their communities to grow, thrive and become more inclusive."

Feedback from last year's series of events ranged from comments such as "The Roadshow was a great chance to connect with multiple organisations quickly. As a volunteer with busy work schedule, it was very beneficial" and "It was excellent all round with many stalls being manned by informative personal" to "We need more of these showcases to show the great work going on in Waterford" and "I was impressed by the helpful and informative people I met from Waterford Council, who informed me about available community supports."

Sinéad Breathnach, Senior Executive Officer for Community & Sports with Waterford City and County Council explains, "Last year was the inaugural year of the Connecting Communities Roadshows and the response was fantastic. We are excited to deliver the series again in 2025 and work with our partner agencies, who all provided guidance on a wide range of topics, everything from exploring setting up community groups, how to go about it and how to avail of funding streams to develop progressive community initiatives."

The Connecting Communities Roadshows will take place at GAA Community Hall on March 26th, Rainbow Hall Kilmacthomas on April 7th, Cappoquin Community Centre on April 30th and St Declan's Hall, Ardmore on May 21st.

These events are free to attend and members of the public are invited to call in anytime between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ROADSHOWS

Come to our drop-in ROADSHOW to find out about the services, resources and funding opportunities available to your community. The Roadshow will offer opportunities to engage with the Local Authority, other Agencies and local groups/organisations working in and supporting Communities in Waterford.

Ferrybank
Wednesday 12th February | 5.30 to 7.30pm | Primary Care Centre

Waterford City
Thursday 6th March | 12 to 3pm | Lisduggan Shopping Centre

Tramore
Wednesday 26th March | 5.30 to 7.30pm | Tramore GAA Club

Kilmacthomas
Monday 7th April | 5.30 to 7.30pm | Rainbow Hall

Cappoquin
Wednesday 30th April | 5.30 to 7.30pm | Cappoquin Community Centre

Ardmore
Wednesday 21st May | 5.30 to 7.30pm | St. Declan's Hall

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HEALTHY WATERFORD

Waterford City and County Council is building on the success of its 2024 project, which encouraged healthy and active neighbourhoods with a number of areas identified within the Comeragh Region.

The Playful Communities initiative encourages children and adults to safely play outdoors, and resident groups and support agencies are invited to apply for participation. Healthy Waterford and Waterford Sports Partnership, along with key stakeholders including Waterford Area Partnership, Ready Steady Play, Sláintecare Healthy Communities, Waterford Libraries, Waterford PPN, the Community Safety Partnership and the Waterford Child Care Committee are teaming up to begin the rollout of the Playful Communities Initiative for 2025.

Mayor of Waterford City and County, Cllr. Jason Murphy, officially launched the initiative at Carrickpherish Community Sports Hub and Educate Together National School, saying, "The Playful Communities initiative has proven to be an exceptional program, fostering stronger connections amongst residents and underscoring the importance of play and social interaction within our communities.

"Following its success in 2024, I am hopeful that even more communities throughout Waterford will have the opportunity to participate this year."



Sinéad Breathnach, Head of Waterford City and County Council's Community and Sports Department, outlined the importance of the Playful Communities approach, saying, "This project serves as a compelling example of how the community sector can effectively support residents in the development of resilient communities, particularly through the activation of accessible activities such as play and recreation."

Building on last year's initiative, several Playful Communities will be rolled out within Waterford City and County between May and September 2025.

Safe Travel Schools

Two rural national schools in County Waterford are today celebrating safer access to their grounds.

The improved safety measures introduced under the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme have had a positive impact at Our Lady of Mercy National School in Stradbally and Garranbane National School near Dungarvan.

The SRTS programme, an initiative of the Department of Transport and supported by the Department of Education, is operated by An Taisce in partnership with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the Active Travel Department in Waterford City and County Council at a local level.



The programme's focus is to implement improvements that create safer, more accessible routes for children to travel to school and to provide dedicated front of school treatments that enhance access to school grounds and ensure safe spaces for children.

At the official launch of the projects on Friday, March 7th, which was followed by a reception in the Barron Hall, Stradbally, Mayor of Waterford City and County Cllr. Jason Murphy stated that the SRTS programme plays a key role in encouraging children to walk and cycle while ensuring their safety.

"By improving infrastructure at the front of schools and enhancing walking and cycling routes, we are fostering a healthier, more sustainable future for our community," the Mayor said.

Tomás Walsh, Principal at Our Lady of Mercy National School, said the school community is "thrilled" to see how excited the children are about walking and cycling to school. "The improvements have strengthened the connection between the school and the village, made the school environment safer, and promoted healthier habits including a reduction in cars at the school as more children walk and cycle."

Anna Casey, Principal at Garranbane National School added, "The improvements have made the front of our school more welcoming for the children to arrive and depart school each day."

WATERFORD RURAL TOURISM

Waterford Rural Tourism Network in Gardenmorris

On Thursday 27th February at Gardenmorris Estate, Kill, Co. Waterford, over 100 tourism and hospitality businesses from across Waterford came together to discover, connect and collaborate to enhance tourism in Waterford. The event included panel discussions, networking and brunch delivered by Taste Waterford member Ní Bhrian Restaurant.



The event is part of the Waterford Rural Tourism Network development programme, funded and supported by Waterford City & County Council and Fáilte Ireland, and delivered by Runda Hospitality & Tourism Solutions. The Waterford Rural Tourism Network is made up of five cluster areas; Copper Coast, Blackwater Valley, Comeraghs, Gaeltacht na nDéise, and Waterford Estuary. The aim of the network is to build the capabilities of their individual business as well as enhance the overall tourism offering in Waterford.

Participants included accommodation providers, visitor attractions, hospitality, tourist guides, and culture & heritage amenities. The event comprised of insightful panel discussions, a lively networking session and brunch. All these elements were conducive to helping achieve the mission of the day, to discover rural Waterford and connect business from across the city and county. Dymphna Nugent, Journalist & Broadcaster, served as the emcee.

Orna Holohan, Tourism Officer with Waterford City & County Council said, “we have something very special here in Waterford; the scenery, the heritage, the attractions, the food, it is all spectacular. But it is the people that visitors meet when they come to Waterford, our tourism and hospitality professionals that brings Waterford to life and creates a memorable experience. We were delighted to have so many enthusiastic tourism businesses in the room who have been working with us for the past year and more, to get to know each other, build capabilities and combine their efforts to sustainably develop tourism in rural Waterford.”

The project is funded by Waterford City and County Council and Fáilte Ireland.



Panel Discussion, L-R: Dymphna Nugent, Journalist & Broadcaster; Niall Waters, Surf SUP Tramore; Elaine Power, East Pier Fish & Chips; Claire O'Sullivan, Crough Lodge Wellness Retreat/The Mystic Holistic; Joan Clancy, Joan Clancy Art Gallery; Caroline Fletcher O'Connor, Ballylin House.



L-R: Clare Busher O'Sullivan, Visit Waterford; Orna Holohan, Tourism Officer, WC&CC; Julie O'Brien, Runda Hospitality & Tourism Solutions; Ivona Carr, Fáilte Ireland; Richard Povey, Taste of Waterford; and Dymphna Nugent, Journalist & Broadcaster.

About our ambassadors – Social Enterprise World Forum (SEWF)

Social Enterprise World Forum (SEWF) is a global organisation dedicated to growing the social enterprise movement and driving the transition to a new global economy, one that prioritises people and the planet.

With a network spanning 130 countries, SEWF connects social enterprises and partners worldwide. Its diverse board and nine team members are spread across six continents, reflecting its truly international reach.

On a more personal note, SEWF's Founder & Managing Director, Gerry Higgins, is originally from Cork. He regularly visits An Rinn to meet friends and speak Irish and is no stranger to walking and cycling in Comeraghs.

Excitingly, Gerry will be returning to the Comeraghs in the summer to meet some West Waterford social enterprises with his Australian colleague Eadie who coordinates the international Rural Social Enterprise Network. We hope to organise a seminar on the Rural Social Enterprise Manifesto at Dunhill Ecopark, a fantastic opportunity to engage with this global movement.

What is the Rural Social Enterprise Manifesto?

The Manifesto Includes 11 ways in which policymakers can accelerate sustainable and enterprising rural communities. It serves as a strategic tool and comprehensive guide for policymakers to harness the power of social enterprise to drive sustainable development in rural communities. Over 100 backbone organisations including Dunhill Ecopark across 37 countries contributed to the production of the Manifesto.

Rural Social Enterprise Gathering

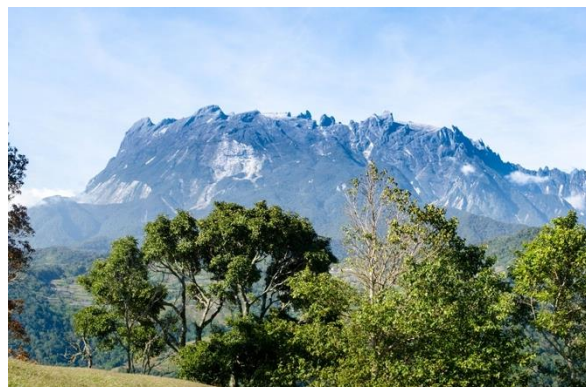
Hosted by [Sabah Creative Economy and Innovation Centre \(SCENIC\)](#) in Borneo, Malaysia, this unique event will bring together social entrepreneurs, policymakers, researchers and social enterprise organisations from around the world to connect, collaborate and share best practices.

What to expect:

Field trip – Engage with rural social enterprises in the breathtaking tropical rainforests of Sabah.

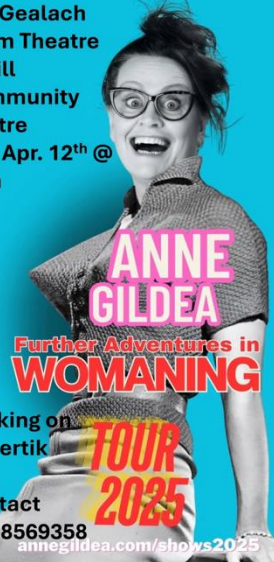
Rural Forum – Contribute to discussions and knowledge-sharing sessions in Kota Kinabalu.

Stay tuned for ticket options and further details. For more information, please contact: eadie.pfahlert@sewfonline.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Gealach Gorm Theatre @ Kill Community Centre
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Visit the exhibits, displays and information stands from local organisations and individuals and enjoy performances by local singers, musicians and actors.

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- Waterford City & County Council LCDC
- Social Enterprise World Forum
- Creative Ireland, Waterford Council
- Waterford Bio-regional Weaving Laboratory
- Waterford & City and County Council
- Waterford Area Partnership – SICAP
- Waterford Leader Partnership
- Healthy Waterford
- South East Technological University
- Social Enterprise Republic of Ireland
- Western Development Commission – National Connected Hubs Network
- Tomar Trust Foundation
- Chamber of Commerce.
- Angela Mulcahy, Video Producer and Designer of CCN Newsletter
- Network Organising Committee – Senan Cooke, Angela Mulcahy, Deirdre Woodbyrne, Eoin Morrissey, James Gough.

Please watch our video which highlights some of the many assets and amenities in the 22 villages that are part of the Comhar Comeragh Network in Co. Waterford.

