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December 2021
Chief Executive's
Report on Activities

Santa and Mrs. Claus taking part in the wonderful Enchanted Cycle at Millennium Park, Dublin 15 on November 27th, 2021



A Message from AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council

As we approach the end of 2021 it is a good opportunity to look back and review all that has been achieved this year under challenging circumstances. Whilst we didn't get the respite from Covid 19 that we would have hoped for at this point in time we can still look back and be proud of what has been accomplished through the dedication and commitment of the Elected Members and staff alike.

We have delivered quality services to the people of Fingal across all our departments and new projects, initiatives and services were rolled out. We all acknowledged early on in the pandemic how fortunate we are in Fingal to have such wonderful amenities in our county and these have been a great source of respite during these testing times. Our teams in the operations department provided additional cleaning, litter bins and litter picking, additional staff resources were applied to key areas including the beaches, parks and open spaces and new public benches were installed. There was an increase in street furniture licensing to support business and enhanced outdoor dining in all areas. There was significant investment in public conveniences and new EcoToilets and Changing Places units were installed in a number of key locations and there were extended opening hours to the end of October. 2022 will see a Refurbishment Programme for existing Public Conveniences in Howth, Skerries, Rush, Portrane and Donabate. There is provision for an additional spend in Regional Parks, Open Spaces & Beaches of €1.2m which will greatly enhance these amenities for all.

Important work was done this year with much cross departmental collaboration to ensure that many of

our ambitious capital projects will see activity on the ground and reach key milestones in 2022. Next year will see us planning for Greenways, expending a significant annual budget not to mention our capital programme, Active Travel projects, Biodiversity, Digital Innovation, Integration and the provision of quality homes and infrastructure in Fingal and I think this clearly demonstrates the ambition we have and the desire to consistently enhance the lives of our citizens and stay aligned to our mission of being a vibrant, outward looking, well run Council that shows leadership and embraces diversity and opportunity.

The Development Plan review is going to be a busy time for both the Elected Members and staff first thing in the New Year. Work is ongoing to ensure arrangements are in place to facilitate the development plan meetings in January whilst being in a position to comply with the public health guidance in place at the time.

On behalf of myself and the Executive Management Team I would like to thank the Elected Members for their support and commitment this year and I also wish to thank each and everyone of our indoor and outdoor staff who adapted so well in an ever changing environment and responded with such positivity to all that was asked of them.

I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Stay Safe.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive



SCHOOLS HACKATHON

Coláiste ghlor na Mara are winners of the Smart Balbriggan Hackathon

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HOWTH CASTLE ITEMS AUCTION

Items of historic interest and significance from Howth Castle auction acquired by FCC

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Smart Balbriggan Schools Hackathon Success!

A group of students from Coláiste Ghlór na Mara were winners at Balbriggan's 'Hackathon' for their innovative proposal to tackle food waste through the development of a website to educate people about it.

Alisha Ní Riain, Ruaidhrí Ó Baoill, Cathal Mac Aoidh and Síofra Nic Mánaís took part in a Transition Year challenge run by Smart Balbriggan - an initiative of Fingal County Council - for secondary schools in the town.

Over the first week of October, a series of workshops were delivered to the students in collaboration with the Academy of the Near Future and What the Hack - organisations which engage the public in seeking solutions to challenges they face.

Participants were mentored to create innovative solutions to answer the question "How can we build a stronger, cohesive and more vibrant community?"

Ardgillan Community School, Bremeore Educate Together Secondary School and Coláiste Ghlór na Mara were among the schools which took part, involving nearly 100 students.

Through workshops, the students learned about how new technology and innovation can improve our community and developed their own creative ideas to tackle local issues.

Finally, the students 'pitched' their ideas to a panel of judges with a prize for the best concept.

The team from Coláiste Ghlór na Mara came up with a solution which aimed to tackle food waste with the development of a platform to educate people about food waste and meal preparation - prompting them to make changes to their food consumption habits.

Our Top Tweet of The Month!

Top Tweet earned 13.9K impressions

It's getting colder ❄️❄️ Fingal County Council crews will be salting the usual routes at 7pm tonight and again at 4am tomorrow morning. Please drive carefully and think of other road users. Bígí cúramach agus sábháilte. pic.twitter.com/HX6z8AeiJj



Fingal County Council are carrying out road salting across Fingal this winter.

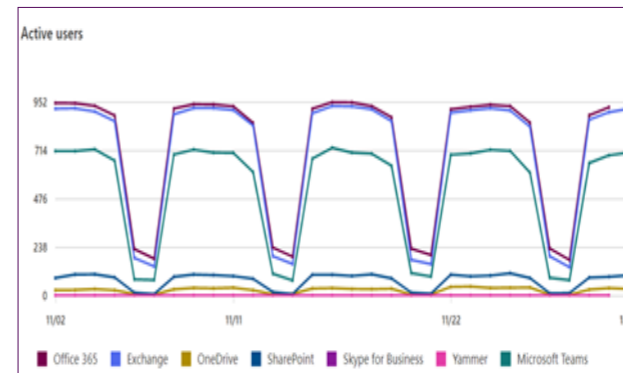
Our Twitter account, @fingalco, had 535,000 impressions during November and an average engagement rate of 1.2% for 307 tweets.

The best performing tweet, with 13,900 impressions and 385 engagements was a notice that Council crews would be out salting the usual routes.

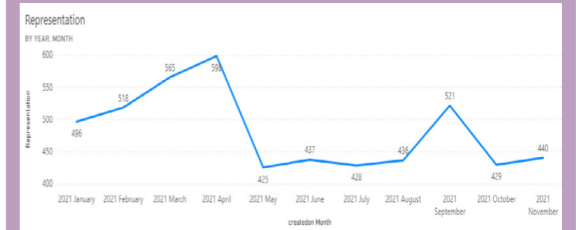
Our 266 Facebook posts during November had a reach of 856,454.

Digital Working

In November staff took part in 9,384 Teams meetings, 33,466 Calls took place, and 872,610 emails were received or sent by the Council.

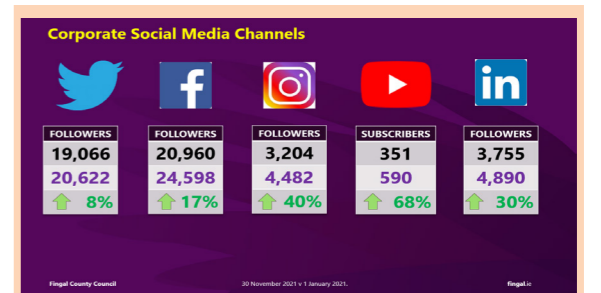


Staff Process 440 Councillors Reps in Nov.



Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to Councillors representations and complaints submitted by the public. During the month of November, a total of 440 Councillor's Representations were received. Operations and Water Services Department has received 2,605 Councillors Representations this year to date followed by the Housing and Community Department with 1,702.

Social Media Stats



Our Social Media Channels have all increased their number of followers since the start of the year and are closing in on major follower milestones

- Facebook 402 short of 25,000
- Instagram 518 short of 5,000
- LinkedIn 110 short of 5,000
- Twitter passed 20,000 in 2021
- You Tube passed 500 in 2021

Customers Calling!

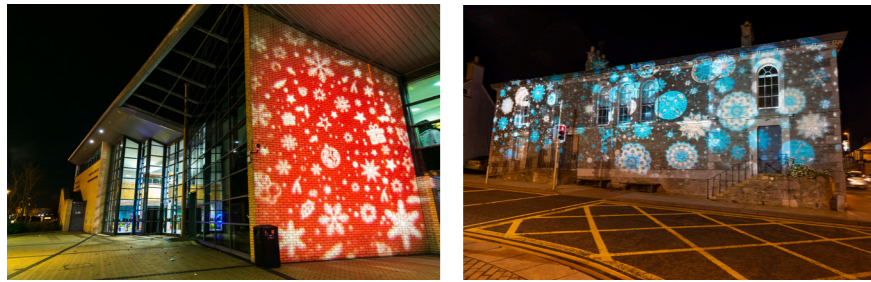
For the month of November 2021 the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of:

- 15,297 telephone calls
- 817 emails
- 1,539 visitors to our offices

Please note our offices are currently open to the public on an appointment only basis due to public health advice.



Christmas Markets, illuminations and overall festive cheer in Fingal



The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department has supported 15 market days, 11 illuminations of buildings and awarded funding/supports to 15 Festive projects in Fingal.



Conservation Works at Heritage Properties



Malahide Castle – The Great Hall conservation works have commenced and are scheduled for completion in Q1 2022.

Ardgillan Castle – the painting of the public areas of the Castle is complete. Further minor works to enhance the overall look of the public rooms have been identified.

Consultants have been appointed to undertake the Ardgillan Conservation Management Plan and work is to commence shortly.



Acquisitions from Howth Castle

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh visited Local Studies and Archives on 10th November to view acquisitions from the collections of Howth Castle. Following the sale of the Castle and estate in 2018, the contents of the Castle and its library were auctioned in September 2021. The items acquired by Local Studies and Archives include *The Earl of Howth Estate Atlas*, a manuscript atlas produced in 1863, which contains over 20 hand coloured maps, with details of every field in the estate and the names of the tenants. *The Howth Castle Rent Book* dates from 1766–1780 and contains 140 pages of hand-written entries of tenants, the rents they paid and any amounts owed.

Also obtained was an *Illuminated Address*, illustrated by the illuminator J. Hopkins and sent on behalf of the tenants in North County Dublin to the Earl of Howth on the death of his father in 1874. It is signed by nine of the tenants. These three items alone are extremely important as sources

for local and family history in North County Dublin.

Other items acquired at the library auction were *Almanacs* from 1765, 1775 and 1776 along with an 1840 edition of *The Antiquities of Ireland* by Francis Grose. At the Howth Castle contents auction Fingal Local Studies and Archives also acquired a George Petrie pencil and water colour drawing “Howth Castle” dated 1819, a watercolour “Ireland’s Eye” by Frederick Lawless dated 1879, a Francis Grose original watercolour “St. Mary’s Abbey, Howth” along with 6 original hand-coloured James Malton’s *Views of Dublin* and several photographs of Howth Castle.

These items will greatly add to the knowledge and understanding of the history of the Howth Castle Estate and Howth itself. The items are available to view by appointment at Local Studies and Archives, 46 North St., Swords: <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/local-studies-library>



On the 23rd November the Oversight Board of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor met and elected Cllr. Pete Byrne from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council as Chair of the DBEC Oversight Board, with Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, elected as Deputy Chair.

The eight local authorities involved in the development of the Corridor are:

- Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council
- Belfast City Council
- Dublin City Council
- Fingal County Council
- Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
- Louth County Council



- Meath County Council
- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

The DBEC Oversight Board will work collaboratively to develop a regional proposition for economic growth with the assistance of KPMG to deliver a development plan to identify priority areas of cooperation between the local authorities. DBEC members will examine how the local government network can collaborate to deliver jobs and sustainable growth and engage with the private sector to stimulate economic development along the corridor.

Further information on the Corridor is available at www.dbec.info and the development of the Corridor can be followed on Twitter @DBECIreland and LinkedIn.

LEADER Updates



The updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme has the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved for €1,882,175 to cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Of this amount, €1,411,631 is available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects approved, roughly corresponding to Fingal’s share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area.

The LEADER Programme reverted on the 1st April to EU Transition Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be prepared and put in place for 2023 onwards. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and LEADER Programme will continue to be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the same eligibility and LEADER implementation rules as before. LEADER continues to approve and fund new projects as usual.

During November, the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group, which oversees the LEADER Programme in Dublin, approved €230,748.76 in funding for 5 new projects in Rural Dublin. This brings the total number of projects approved

during the LEADER Transition Programme to 15 since it began on April 1st, 2021, with a total value of €543,984.52.

The approved projects are in the areas of Economic Development, Rural Environment and Social Inclusion.

The projects approved for funding were: Balbriggan Meals on Wheels which is approved for €24,063.75 for an outdoor dining area which will be of enormous help to facilitate the provision of meals to their clients in a safe outdoor setting.

Donabate Portrane Community Centre CLG which is approved for €24,354.00 for a Feasibility Study to capture the needs of existing groups that use the facilities to assist and guide them in expanding in line with community needs.

St Maur’s GAA Club Rush which is approved for €89,154.58 to install rainwater harvesting and irrigation in St Maur’s GAA Club premises and for use on the pitches. The Project will reduce the demand on the public water supply and reduce the volume of water going into the public drainage system.

The next meeting of the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) will take place in December. Going forward there is currently over €3 million in the new LEADER projects pipeline of which over €1 million is for Rural Enterprise.

Fingal County Council continues to deliver the financial and administrative oversight responsibilities for the approval and drawdown of LEADER funded projects following the national transfer of the LEADER Article 48 Administrative Checks from Pobal to the Local Authority Sector.

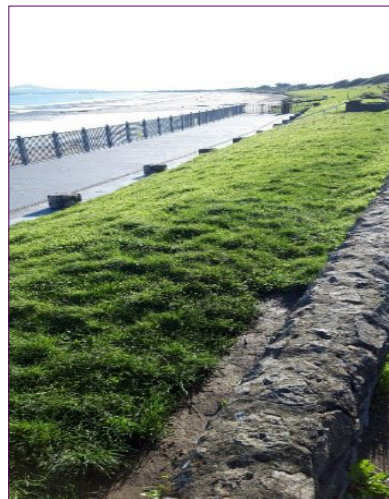


Millennium Park Market a Big Success!



The Operations Department was delighted to welcome a Christmas Themed Market on a pilot basis to tie in with the Enchanted Forest in Millennium Park this month. The Market proved to be a big success which received positive feedback from the members of the public.

Integrated Public Seating installed at Portmarnock



The integrated seating has been completed at Portmarnock Beach Front providing seating for the equivalent of up to 20 individual benches along the sea front. Stone stops along the run of seating will provide a place to put a coffee and act as a support for less able users sitting down or getting back up again.



Online Event for 2021 Green Flags

Due to Covid restrictions this year's Green Flag Awards Ceremony was again filmed and on line.

Filming for the Green Flag awards was carried out in Malahide Demesne.

This year, 6 Fingal parks received green flags and two Community Awards.

The Fingal sites to retain Green Flag status in 2021 are: Ardgillan Demesne, Malahide Demesne, Millennium Park in Blanchardstown, Newbridge House and Farm, Santry Demesne and St Catherine's Park. Santry Community Garden and The Rock Garden in Swords also received a Community Award, the second year in a row it has managed to achieve the accolade.



Restoration at Ardgillan

The glasshouse restoration project is starting to generate great interest from the public as the works become more visible. Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department are leading on this project and are facilitated on site by Operations Department Staff and the team at Ardgillan Demesne.

New Playground Toilet Facilities Now Completed



The final part of the overall Playground Toilet Refurbishment Contract was completed in Ardgillan Demesne during November 2021.

The before and after images speak for themselves. The unit contains 5 direct entry unisex fully wheelchair accessible toilets with an additional fully serviced 'Changing Places' special needs bathroom which remains locked but accessed with the Irish Wheelchair Association universal access key.

Similar toilets are also in situ in Millennium Park Blanchardstown, Santry Demesne and Newbridge Demesne.



Works Programme Almost completed

The Councillors discretionary works programme for all three areas in Fingal (Balbriggan/Swords, Castleknock/Mulhuddart and Howth/Malahide) for the year is nearing completion.





Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

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**FINGAL
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN
2023-2029**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DRAFT PLAN
DECEMBER 2021

The Chief Executive's Draft Plan was issued to the Elected Members on 3rd December, along with the sheets, appendices and environmental information.

Motions will be accepted on the same until 5th January 2022.

5 support sessions have been organised to discuss any queries arising.

Date	Time	Support Session via MS Teams OR Drop In Support
08/12/2021 (Wednesday)	2.30-4.30pm	Support Session to be held via MS Teams
10/12/2021 (Friday)	10.00-1.00pm	'Live' follow up support in Chamber (prior notice required to attend).
15/12/2021 (Wednesday)	3.00-5.00pm	Support Session to be held via MS Teams
17/12/2021 (Friday)	10.00-1.00pm	'Live' follow up support in Blanchardstown (prior notice required to attend)
21/12/2021 (Tuesday)	10.00-1.00pm	'Live' follow up support in Chamber (prior notice required to attend)

Forest of Fingal - A Tree Strategy for Fingal

Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal was approved at the November Council meeting. This ambitious new strategy aims to use every opportunity to continually develop a thriving, diverse and sustainable tree population in Fingal, in line with the County's sustainable urban development. The aims and objectives provide clear guidance to enhance the delivery of significant improvements to tree cover in Fingal for the future. The approach to urban tree management has evolved significantly in recent years and the new tree strategy takes account of these changes and innovation. The Council is aware of the value of our trees and the Strategy is proof of the Council's continued commitment to one of the most important natural assets in the County.

The Strategy applies to all trees, woodlands and hedgerows managed by the Council, as well as seeking to ensure due consideration is given to trees in the planning and development process.

As environmental awareness improves, more and more of us are conscious of the importance of our trees. This was made very evident with the considerable number of quality stakeholder submissions received as part of an active public consultation campaign earlier in the year. It is anticipated that the official launch and publication of the Strategy will take place early next year.



Updates from the Heritage Office



The Heritage Office was delighted to support Castleknock Tidy Town's Virtual Heritage Tour which was recently launched by Fingal's Mayor Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh. Featuring contributions from well-known local personalities including Bernard Brogan, Senior Dublin GAA footballer; Dr. Noëlle Healy, Senior Dublin GAA ladies footballer and Sarah Hawkshaw, Irish Olympian, the video focuses on the historic village of Castleknock from the 'hurry up bell' and Harry Clarke window of St Brigid's church to the Myo's pub, the site of a former blacksmiths. To view go to <https://www.castleknocktidytowns.com/heritage>

The eight Fingal projects funded by the Community Monuments Fund 2021 and administered by the Heritage Office were successfully completed. These included works at Castleknock Castle, Kilsallaghan

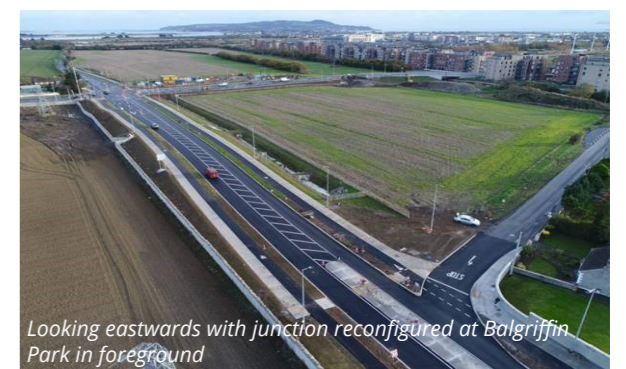


Graveyard; Burial site in Ward River Valley; Surveys of St Columba's Towers, Swords, Malahide Demesne Church, Lanistown Castle, St Catherine's and St Marnock churches, Rush Tower House and an archaeology audit of the Donabate-Portrane Peninsula. Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien was briefed on the Fingal projects ahead when he visited Lanistown Castle, Newbridge Demesne ahead of the launch of the Community Monuments Fund 2022 which is open for submissions from the public to the Heritage Office until 15 February 2022.

For details see: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/d21e3-community-monuments-fund-2022-call-for-projects/>

Hole in the Wall Road Upgrade

Works in November included completion of the new cycleways and footpaths and surfacing and lining of the road pavement. Remaining tasks include electricity connections for the traffic lights at the Mayne Road/ Drumnigh Road junction and fibre optic installation. Following the completion of these tasks, this project will be substantially complete and the new road can be opened to traffic for all road users which we are aiming for in early December. A road safety audit will then be carried out on the road. This FCC and LIHAF-funded project will serve to underpin the ongoing residential development in the area and significantly enhance road safety on the local transportation network.



Harry Reynolds Road, Balbriggan - Works Planned

Works are advancing to prepare for pre-construction site clearance works through the coming Winter and Spring to allow for commencement of the main project works in Q2 2022. It is expected that tree planting and tree felling works will commence in January 2022.



The Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage Darragh O'Brien T.D. recently visited the site at Hayestown, Rush and a presentation of the scheme was made by officials.

- Deliver a total of 62 dwellings.
- Mixed tenure.
- Planning approved.
- The Council recently commenced Stage 1 (Expressions of Interest) of a two stage Procurement process for the appointment of a contractor.



A Call for Fingal Turnkey Properties

Expression of Interest: Advance Purchase Arrangement for Residential Development Through Turnkey Agreements

Home builders and housing developers in Fingal are being asked to consider offering unbuilt houses or apartments with planning permission, to local authorities under an advance purchase turnkey arrangement.

Fingal County Council is seeking to enter into advance purchase arrangements to secure turnkey homes in areas where the need, in particular, for social and affordable housing, is most acute. This call is targeted at advance purchase opportunities for a minimum of 10 and a



maximum of 150 dwellings in any one scheme.

It is anticipated that, depending on circumstances and proposals, Fingal County Council enter into an advance purchase agreement for an approved number of homes, with payment on completion. The advance purchase agreement also provides for the direct sale of homes by the developer to an eligible purchaser nominated by the local authority. Joint venture arrangements that include an Approved Housing Body (AHB) will also be considered.

Further details on the scheme is available at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/call-proposals>



Fingal County Council Community Office, the Integration Officer and Fingal PPN (Public Participation Network) collaborated on Fingal Inclusion Week 2021. Events over the seven days 15th - 21st November highlighted the amazing work carried out by Groups and Organisation across Fingal.

Fingal Inclusion Week seeks to raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens leading to social exclusion. The week aims to assist in combatting issues, promoting understanding and action to improve the lives of our citizens. This year over 70 groups participated with a wide variety of events and workshops.

The Mayor Seána O'Rodaigh and the Fingal Inclusion Team have created a video message and collage to say Thank you to all participants which will be shared on social media and the Fingal County Councils website.

This is the third year of the project which really highlighted the positive work that communities, agencies and other organisations are involved in to reduce social exclusion and poverty in Fingal.



Balbriggan's Call to Action



On the 18th of October 2021 Mayor O'Rodaigh gave the opening address to mark the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Aster Family Resource Centre in Balbriggan in collaboration with Balbriggan Educate Together and support of FingalCommunityOffice joined in solidarity to raise awareness on "Child Poverty in our Community." This event was in collaboration with the 6th class students of The Balbriggan Educate Together National School and was a huge awareness campaign success.

The UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is a worldwide event that marks the significant gathering of 100,000 people in Paris to honour the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger. This gathering declared that poverty is a human rights violation and called for international effort to address it. Every year people come together to show solidarity with those who suffer under the violation of poverty throughout the world.

Sports Funding

Although the equipment and youth sports funding has closed for Sports Clubs, we have committed to funding over 105 clubs (9 applications to be approved at full council meeting in December) approximately €130,000 in 2021.

This practical element of the Women in Sport Masterclass Series was part of the overall plan to develop and encourage greater female involvement in coaching positions in sport.

This event was delivered by Dublin Ladies Football Manager Mick Bohan. The 2-hour workshop took place in Tyrrelstown AWP with 68 coaches in attendance from all over Fingal (50% from D15).

Mick spent time coaching the newly formed Tyrrelstown GAA Girls u10 team and worked with coaches on the principles of coaching children. We are looking at developing similar practical sessions in other sports in 2022.

Women in Sport Masterclass event by Mick Bohan, Dublin Ladies Football Manager



Enchanted Cycle in Millennium Park



The Enchanted Cycle at Millennium Park on Saturday evening 27th November 2021 was a huge success with a great turn out of festively decorated cycling enthusiasts of all ages. A great example of collaboration across departments, between Fingal Events unit and the Active Travel unit.

The DJ really knew how to get the crowd going, playing some fantastic motivational tunes and there was an incredible display of lights and a fantastic atmosphere. The cyclists started off from the carpark at Millennium Park and took in the beautifully illuminated forest, progressing to the Hartstown/Huntstown protected cycled lanes and then



back to the park for one last lap of the enchanted forest. It was wonderful to hear the positive feedback on the protected cycle lanes and how safe the cyclists felt on this route, especially the children amongst the group.

There was even a very special visitor who took time out from his busy schedule to wish the children a safe and Merry Christmas and to give them a well-deserved selection box for being on the 'nice' list! Well done to all the boys and girls who cycled the 7km route and big thanks to the Chief Executive, Mayor and local Councillors who came to support the event.

New e-Cargo bikes in Fingal

In June this year, Expressions of Interest were invited from local Businesses in Fingal to participate in a 12-month Pilot Scheme. A total of 11 Businesses responded. Following on from this, each Business was issued a questionnaire to complete, outlining their location, nature of business, frequency of deliveries, delivery locations and secure storage options for the e-cargo bike. A total of 7 Businesses responded.

Having consideration of the Local Electoral Areas, frequency of deliveries and catchment areas, we are delighted to announce that the following local Businesses have been successful:

- Village Garden Centre, Malahide
- Jack the Bachelors Steak House and Bar, Rush
- Altitude Coffee, Donabate
- Goldfish Design, Dublin 15

We will commence the launch of this wonderful initiative in December designed to assist businesses to convert to a greener transport solution for their deliveries and to play their part in the Climate Action challenge.

Each E-Cargo Bike will be branded with the Businesses logo to help them to promote their business and encourage the public to shop local.



Environmental Awareness Projects

Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti projects are ongoing and nearing completion in several communities including murals in Swords, Rush, Balbriggan and Corduff Dublin 15 and biodiversity areas in Mountview/Fortlawn Community Youth and Youth Community Sports Hub and Castlefield Park Clonsilla.

Teachers from 17 Fingal schools received online training for composting and had a site visit to assess opportunities for composting at the school. Several leaf mould cages were set up to compost leaves. Oberstown Childrens Campus young people are making the wormeries and pallet bins for the project. This is all part of the funded Composting for Schools Pilot in the Dublin area.

In support of ReUse month, repaired bicycles and instruments were gifted to a number of schools including a

full drumkit to New Cross College, 10 guitars and 5 keyboards to Lusk Community College & Lusk Senior National School.



Environment Department in cooperation with Operations and ERP Recycling held an Electricals drop-off day at Skerries Mills on Fri 26th Nov. The event was very well attended and two full truck loads of electricals were collected.



Cycle Protected Lanes in Fingal

Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2021 Allocations

Project Code	Project Name	Comments
FCC/20/0007	Hartstown/Huntstown Protected Cycle Lane Phase 1	Complete
FCC/20/0007	Hartstown/Huntstown Protected Cycle Lane Phase 2	Works complete for Phase 2a. Phase 2b design works which include junction and roundabout design are now 90% complete with works expected to begin early in the new year. Safe Routes to School design underway for front of school treatment at St. Philip the Apostle, enabling works were carried out over the Halloween school break with the remainder of the works expected to be carried out in Q1 of 2022.
FCC/21/0010	Bus Gate @ Littlepace (NTA)	This project is to be progressed by the NTA.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar	Draft brief is finalised, and an internal review is ongoing.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown SC	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief and engage consultants on concept development
TBC	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane (Section 1 Auburn Ave to Navan Rd)	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief
TBC	Luttrelstown to Ballycoolin Rd (Junction Review)	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief
FCC/20/0007	St Cronan's Avenue	Application for project funding is with the NTA for review and approval. Works expected to commence on site in January 2022. Appointment documents are currently being drafted for Contractor and legal requirements in relation to client's responsibility for project health & safety.
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking	An additional 82 secure bike locking stands were installed across Fingal between September and November 2021. These new stands have the capacity to lock 164 bicycles. Our contractor was busy during November working in Balbriggan Skate Park and Bandstand playground and Howth along the Main Street and surrounding carpark at Balscadden. The Active Travel team are now finalising the next works package for Blanchardstown, Carpentersdown and Castleknock with works expected to commence in December 2021.
FCC/20/0006	Safe to Schools Programme - infrastructure	Options report on the 11 schools identified through NTA & An Taisce is being developed at present and engagement with the schools is ongoing. Detailed design is being worked on in relation to a school in each area is being developed so that we can move onto full engagement and Tender stage with these.
FCC/20/0007	Rivervalley/Rathingle Phase 1	Phase 1 complete

FCC/20/0007	Rivervalley/Rathingle Phase 2	Works are now ongoing on Phase 2a kerb build outs and uncontrolled pedestrian crossings, with raised ramps at entrances to estates. Phase 2b, awaiting updated drawings for junctions and roundabout. Safe Routes to School design to be considered for inclusion for front of school treatment at Holy Family NS.	
FCC/20/0007	R132 Ministers Road to Blarney Cross	Currently waiting on a decision for reducing an 800m section of speed limit between Conall National School and Ministers Road. Consultants drafting the detailed design and tender package which is programmed to be complete in December or early January 2022.	

FCC/20/0007	Howth Road & Dublin Road	Footpath repair works 90% completed and projected to be finished next week. Junction works 60% completed and projected to be closed out next week. Road pavement and cycle lane repair works ongoing until 30th November. Line marking works and bollard installation to commence post carriageway and cycle lane repair works and is weather dependant. Gully replacement works 50% completed. Epoxy resin application paused until more favourable weather conditions allow installation.
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Baldoyle - Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme: Bollard installation on upgraded cycle lanes on Grange Road & Warrenhouse Road.

The Month in Numbers

31

The number of community centres in Fingal. You can find out more information on each of them on www.fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie



51

The number of affordable and social homes currently under construction at Dun Emer, Lusk.



112

The number of hires put in place by the Council's Fleet Management and Plant Hire Unit during the month of November engaging 24 suppliers.

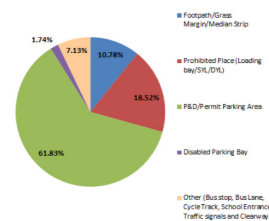
Hires include:

Market in Bremore Castle, Balbriggan

Enchanted Forest, Millennium Park, Blanchardstown

1,150

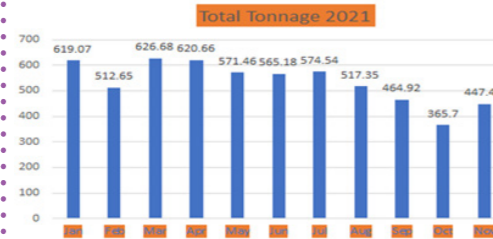
The number of parking tickets issued during October 2021. See the table below:



Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	124	10.78%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	213	18.52%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	711	61.83%
Disabled Parking Bay	20	1.74%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	82	7.13%
Total	1150	100%

447

The total tonnage of glass recycling collected by Fingal County Council in November 2021.



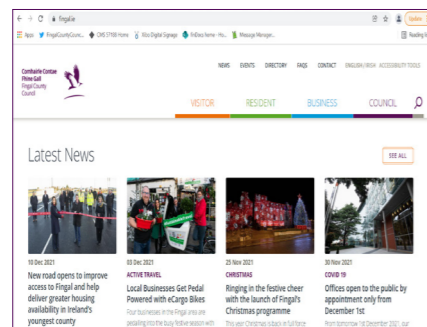
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The number of Fingal projects funded by the Community Monuments Fund 2021 and administered by the Heritage Office, which were completed this year.



114,200

The number of visitors to our website, www.fingal.ie during November.

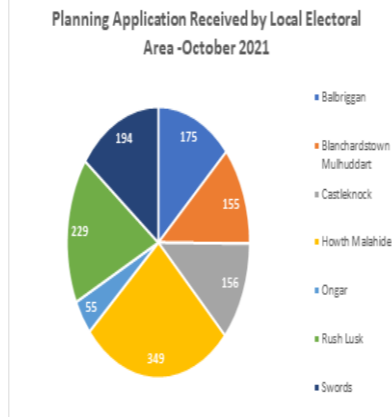


€343,000

The budget which has been allocated to 42 different creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme. See <https://www.fingal.ie/creative-ireland>

1,189

There have been 1,313 planning applications received to the end of October 2021, 80 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 1,233 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.



70+

The number of groups who participated in Fingal Inclusion Week which was held from 15th to 21st November 2021.



272

The number of planned route inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in November 2021. 22 fines were issued in the month of November with 39 warning letters issued.



Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown



Blanchardstown Courthouse

A Festive Fingal Round Up



The Casino, Malahide



Blanchardstown Village



Rush Library



Swords Castle



O'Connor's Village Inn, Naul

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