



Maynooth Newsletter



Recording the Social Footprint of Maynooth since the 1970s

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8th Kildare Maynooth Scout Group Celebrating 50 Years



On Saturday 30th August 2025 the 8th Kildare Maynooth Scout Group celebrated its 50th anniversary of continuous scouting in Maynooth.

A little bit of background

In 1974 a show was put on in Maynooth. The show was Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Joseph's Coat of many colours was a scout campfire blanket covered in many badges for scouting from all over the world.

Once the children saw the blanket they got very excited and asked:

"Is there Scouts in Maynooth?"

The 8th Kildare St Mary's Scout Group was then formally established in early 1975.

Since then, so many youth members and adults scouters have experienced their scouting journeys, which included camps, both domestic and foreign, hikes and many different challenges and competitions.

Many Jamborees were attended, and many projects were undertaken within the community. Some of these included: Helping the Senior Citizens at their Annual Sale, helping the SVP at Kerdiffstown House, assisting at the Annual Darkness into Light event, plus helping with various other community events.



Life Honorary
Members Plaque
Tony Muldowney
1979 - 2025

And now the 8th Kildare Scouts are looking forward to the next 50 years of Scouting in Maynooth!

Johnny Dowling and Peter Garrad



Jose Lefrano (founding member) wearing the Campfire blanket



Group Leaders: Gina Mizzoni, Deirdre Dempsey, Peter Garrad, Johnny Dowling, Tony Muldowney



Current Scouters Back L to R: Adam Sykes, Graham Dempsey, Nadine Foley-Sethi, Neill Wells, Karl Quinn, John Judge
Front-L -R: Deirdre Dempsey, Tony Muldowney, Gina Mizzoni, Johnny Dowling, Peter Garrad, Aileen Garrad



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Mission Statement

The Maynooth Newsletter is a community focused online publication available free to the people of Maynooth. It plays an important role in gathering together, recording and distributing community based news. We encourage all groups and individuals in the community to submit material to let us know about their activities and any upcoming events.

The Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and we hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

The Editorial Board endeavours to ensure independence and balance in the Newsletter content and reserves the right to omit/edit or abridge material which in its opinion might render the Newsletter as a promoter of sectional interests.

In addition we undertake the following:

- In the case of errors of fact we will publish corrections when we become aware of such.
- In the case of unwittingly or unfairly impugning the reputation of any person we hereby offer that person the right to reply.

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Maynooth Newsletter Archives

The management and staff of the Maynooth Community Employment Project started a project in March 2011 to acquire and digitise all available issues of the Maynooth Newsletter dating back to 1975. These back issues along with current issues are available by following the archive link on our webpage - www.maynoothcep.com.

The Newsletter Archive can be viewed and searched in pdf format. In addition, there exists the capability to be able to search an entire year. Please be aware the single files associated with the year are larger and will take a little longer to load.

The Archive provides an important historical footprint of the Town and records the community profile of Maynooth from the mid-seventies to the present day. We hope you enjoy using it and that it brings back memories of people, places and times and that it equally provides an interesting insight to the development of the town and university for newly arrived members of our community.

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Editorial

The theme of the 2025 Irish Tourism Industry Confederation annual conference which was held in Kilkenny this year was "Resilience in an uncertain World". Held a week before the 2025 Budget, the conference identified tourism industry priorities, what the future holds, and how the Irish tourism industry can prosper into the future. Tourism is a high priority for Maynooth and I know that there is a vibrant tourism sector in the area



Tourism sign in Perignan, France (editor's photo)

More visitors are often the result of a recommendations from previous visitors. As the town grows, we must ensure that we maintain our attraction to visitors. We all know from our own travels that once you arrive in a place you want to get orientated. Sadly, Maynooth doesn't make that easy with no directional signage and often no place names. Many visitors need to use google maps to find their way around Maynooth when we should make it easier.

Of course, how we present Maynooth to visitors as an attractive environment is also important. Maynooth Tidy Towns have been to the forefront for many decades voluntarily helping to improve the area by maintenance and enhancement projects. Their efforts are regularly recognised and acknowledged locally and nationally. As one of the areas representing Ireland in the 2025 Entente Florale Europe, it is fitting that their work and commitment was recognised internationally with the award of the Gold Medal.

As October has arrived, we see the return of students to Maynooth University and with this traffic volumes in the centre of the town. There is a particular difficulty this year with road works in Mill Street until the end of the year. Parking for all this traffic is also an issue as there isn't adequate parking provided. Casual and sometimes careless parking in residential areas is an issue. There is a narrative that the shortage of rental accommodation for students in the Maynooth area means that students need to travel to Maynooth by car. This is not necessarily the case because there is a range of private bus services as well as Dublin Bus and of course the train service. It is time that an updated mobility study was done on the origin of where people travelling to Maynooth by car start their journeys. Unfortunately, for people coming to Maynooth by car the guarantee of a parking space is not something that can be taken for granted.

Paul Croghan
Editor

Submission Date for November Edition is
5pm on 23rd October 2025



Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Hello all,

We are back, after our 60th Anniversary celebrations and our annual August break.

Just to let you know that there has been a change in our Committee Executive. I would like to express our thanks to Garry Bermingham, our outgoing Chairperson for his commitment and work on the Committee over the last four years. Along with the usual committee work arising out of the monthly meetings, Garry very successfully launched and organised the annual pub quiz fundraiser for Maynooth Senior Citizens. He also set up our Facebook Page and had been adding content to that as and when.

At our meeting in September, Susan Durack (former Secretary) was elected as Chairperson and Jakki Cunningham was elected as Secretary. Joan Lennon remains as the Minute Secretary.

Three new members have come on to the committee in the last couple of months.


Our morning clubs continue on Tuesday and Thursday.

Recently we have had a pottery class which proved to be very enjoyable and the usual bingo and art sessions, not forgetting the chance for a chat and a cuppa. Transport to the club is a vital service to the club mornings. We will be having body movement sessions for the next 6 weeks.

Coming up we will have the Annual Pub Quiz in November and the Christmas Lunch in December, but more about that later.

Will keep you posted nearer the time.

Susan Durack, Chairperson,
Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

Cllr. Donna
Phelan


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If you have any issues or want to arrange an appointment feel free to get in touch.




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NEWSLETTER NOTES for October 2025

Road Fatalities

September has been a bad month for cyclist fatalities on our roads. Nearly nine months into the year, the number of cyclist fatalities has risen to 13 compared to 10 for the whole of 2024. The government is not doing enough.

- In Helsinki, a city of approximately 600,000, there were NO road fatalities in the last year. The critical measures to achieve this included -
- Reducing speed limit in 50% of streets from 50kph to 30 kph over the last 50 years
- Better enforcement by the police

After announcing that they were going to reduce the default speed limit in urban areas, the government has changed its mind. They said that local authorities could lower the speed limit on certain roads but identifying individual roads where the speed limit is reduced is more bureaucratic rather than reducing the default speed limit where only higher speed roads have to be explicitly specified. You can view a short film about road safety in Helsinki on our facebook page [here](#). Kildare County Council proposes to open public consultation on speed limits shortly.

Car Parking & Motornormativity

Motornormativity is an unconscious cognitive bias in which the assumption is made that motor car ownership and use is an unremarkable social norm. In essence it is a windscreen view of the world and the place of cars in it.

September has drawn to a close and a new year starts for university students in Maynooth. A few "new" cars have started to park on our

estate road which is close to the university and has provoked some residents to place a note on them which states "No Parking" here and "Park in the GAA".

The cars were parked on a public road which is in the charge of the council. As far as I am aware, they did not drive in a way that would pose a risk to children or adults in the estate. They were not blocking any entrances and not preventing any emergency vehicle from entering the estate. They weren't even taking up a parking space in front of a private house.

Placing notes on cars about where they are parked is a clear example of motornormativity. People don't feel entitled to park on grassy sections of public parks but they do feel entitled to illegally park on footpaths and to tell others that they can't park on public roads.

Royal Canal Opens in Dublin

Finally, some good news - the Irishcycle.com website reports that the central section of the Royal Canal Greenway in Dublin City is now fully opened after two and a half years of construction to make the route accessible for pedestrians and people cycling.

The project included installing new, more gentle ramps, which are more accessible, and new shared crossings at the canal at the Phibsborough/Drumcondra Road, Russell Street/Jones' Road, Ballybough Road, and then finishing at the existing crossing on North Strand Road.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is an independent local lobby group for better cycling facilities in Maynooth and Kildare generally.

If you would like to support our efforts, we welcome new members. Why not join us - you can find details [Here](#)

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Stay safe everyone.



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Water filling stations

I called on the Council to set up water filling stations in the municipal district to encourage members of the public to reduce their plastic waste. Many residents have contacted me about this issue. The Council responded stating that the addition of water filling stations would require suitable locations to be identified and a budget to deliver them. Additionally, the work required will have to be considered in the context of commitments to existing projects across the municipal district and the required staff and financial resources to deliver these. I asked that a pilot scheme be considered and that the Council liaise with sports clubs and other stakeholders such as Waterways Ireland to pursue this initiative.

Road markings on the Newton Road

At the September Council meeting I called on the Council to update the road markings at the Newtown Road T-junction. I welcome the response from the municipal district engineer who has confirmed that he will inspect the location and renew the road markings as required.

Beaufield Estate needs resurfacing

At the September Council meeting I asked for Beaufield Estate to be included in planned resurfacing or repairs to be carried out in

Maynooth. The estate is one of the older estates in the town. The Council confirmed that general repairs will be carried out in the estate as part of routine maintenance. I will work to ensure that any further resurfacing of the estate will be included in the 2026 works programme.

Update on fire brigade site

I asked the Council to provide an update as to when the new fire station for Maynooth will open and its plans for the vacated fire brigade site. I welcome the news that the construction of the new fire station in Maynooth is now substantially complete. The contractor is still in possession of the site and is currently dealing with some remedial snag items. The contractor is also awaiting the installation of an Eircom line into the building. Once all of these remaining issues are completed, the building will be handed over to the fire service. Control of the current fire station building is being taken by the Community Directorate, with the future use of the building being determined by that directorate. The Community and Housing and Regeneration teams are working together to develop a Feasibility Study for the entire site incorporating the Fire Station. I will continue to pursue this important issue for Maynooth and thank you to all who signed my petition calling for the old site to be used for a Community Hub for Maynooth.

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band



September 7th saw the Senior Band paying a visit to the National Stud in Kildare for the third time. Unfortunately, it was third time unlucky as the weather gods were unkind to us, but our recital went ahead in the lovely Osborne Hall where the Band produced another excellent performance to a very appreciative audience. Hopefully next year will favour us with some sunshine.

Friday September 19th which was Culture Night, offered our Academy Band another opportunity to show the tremendous progress they have been making over the past year, but unfortunately once again, the weather was against them however, with the help of our Gazebos the show went on to a very brave and appreciative audience.

The Academy Band have also given recitals at the Saturday

morning markets in the Square as well as an event in Ardlough on Saturday 13th September for the Arthur Guinness Festival. We extend an invitation to any musicians living in Maynooth and surrounding areas to come and join either Band and visit our Bandhall on Pound Lane on Monday nights or Saturday mornings where you will be made most welcome. We will be taking a break from recitals in October but we will still be working on rehearsals for our Band

Mass for Deceased Members at 1pm on Sunday 12th November and our Christmas Concert in St. Mary's Church of Ireland on Saturday 13th December at 7pm.



Road: R418 – Main Street / Leinster Street / Parson Street Junction → Kilcock Road / Moyglare Road Junction

Dates: Tuesday, 14 October – Sunday, 25 October 2025

Times: Nightly closures from 8:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.


The R418 will be closed between Main Street / Leinster Street / Parson Street Junction and the Kilcock Road / Moyglare Road Junction during the above times and dates to allow for essential works.


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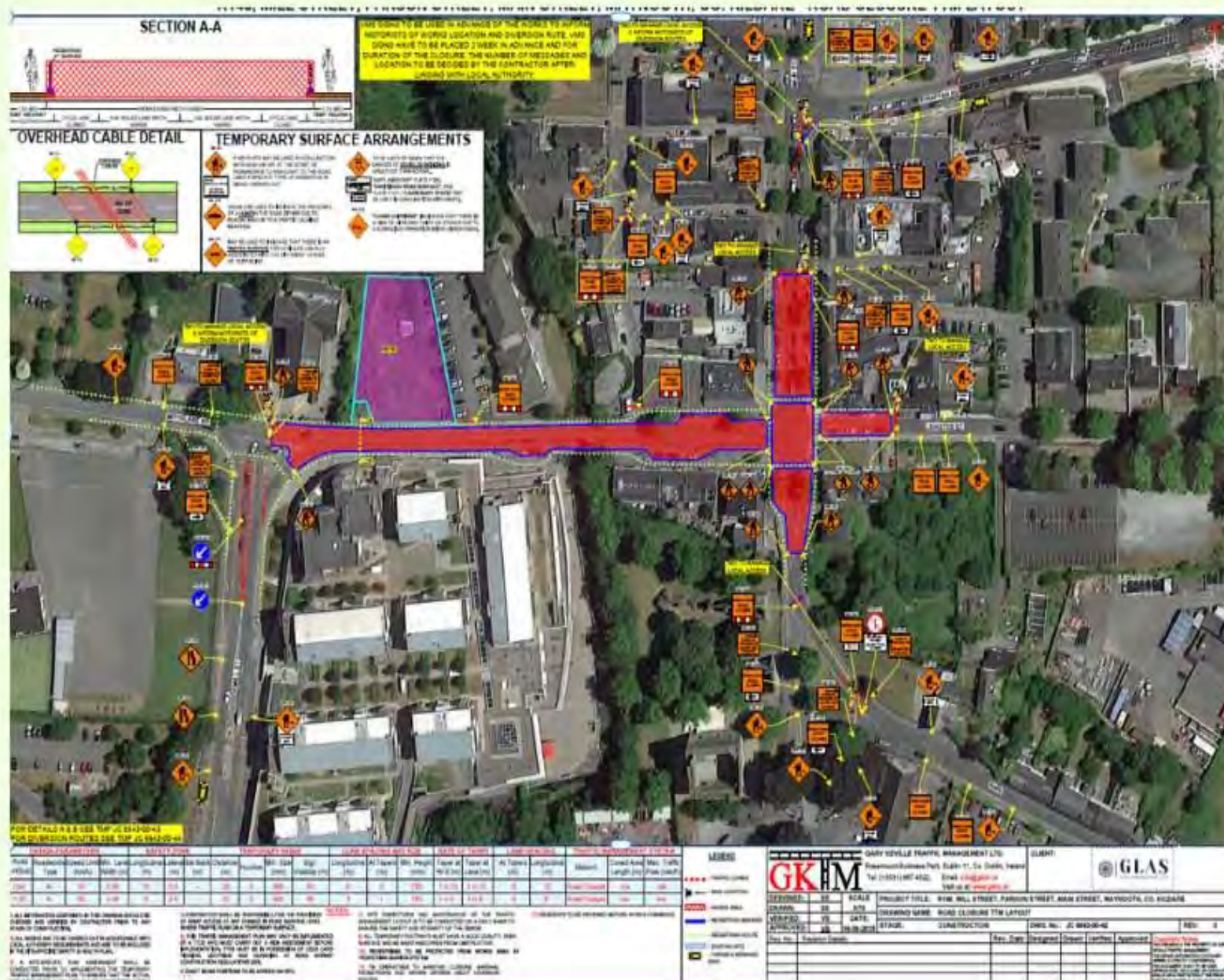
From Parsons Street: via Meadowbrook Road → Meadowbrook Link Road → Straffan Road (R406).

From Kilcock Road (R148) / Moyglare Road: via Lyreen Avenue → Dunboyne Road.

From Main Street (R148) / Straffan Road (R406): via Dunboyne Road → Lyreen Avenue.

 Diversion routes will be clearly signposted for the duration of the closure.

 Please allow extra travel time and follow all traffic signage.



Clr. Donna Phelan

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IPMS IRELAND LAUNCHES NATIONAL COMPETITION FOR SCALE MODELLERS 2025



Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October

International Plastic Modellers' Society (IPMS) Ireland is delighted to announce its annual Irish national scale model show and competition 2025 for scale model builders of all ages. The show, which is supported by South Dublin County Council, will be held in Dublin on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October in the Lucan Spa Hotel, Junction 4A just off the N4 West. This is the main annual show for the Society and is a gathering for all those interested in the hobby of plastic scale modelling. It is also an opportunity for the public - whether young or old - to see displays of models, and other related attractions, including many model traders' stalls. The show also hosts IPMS Ireland's annual model competition which is open to competition entries from both members and non-members and includes categories for junior (under 16) modellers.

Awards are presented in more than 38 competition categories covering scale models of aircraft and vehicles both civilian and military, ships and submarines, historical figures and busts, dioramas, science fiction, and fantasy subjects. Thirteen Special Awards are also presented to winning entries, cumulating in Best of Show. All models in competition are also on public display and members of the public also get their say by voting for the People's Choice Award, based on the votes of all those visiting the show.

Last year, the show welcomed 485 visitors, and with children under fourteen being free, it's hoped that figure will increase this year. More than 270 models were entered into competition last year with at least another 50 also on display. With entries and visitors coming from all over the island of Ireland and with some from the UK and Europe, it's a fun weekend out for all the family. There's also plenty of free car parking on site at the hotel.

**Admission to the show is €5 per adult, covering both days of the show,
with accompanied children under 14 free.**

For more information, please contact ipmsireland@gmail.com

IPMS Ireland was formed in 2008. IPMS Ireland is the Irish national organisation of The International Plastic Modellers' Society (IPMS), founded in the UK in 1963 and now an international body, with branches spread across Europe and around the world.

IPMS Ireland has members from across the island of Ireland as well as abroad. Currently there are 3 local chapters/branches: Dublin, Mid-West (Shannon), and South East. Club members build and paint everything from standard plastic construction kits to complicated, hand-built models, using plastic as the primary medium. Branch meetings are generally held at local venues on a monthly basis, as well as monthly online meetings using Zoom.

The hobby covers building scale models of aircraft and vehicles both civilian and military, ships and submarines, historical figures and busts, dioramas, and science fiction / fantasy subjects. As an Irish scale modelling society, Irish subjects feature prominently among our members' models.

Contact details for IPMS Ireland can be found at our Facebook page, on Instagram (IPMS_Ireland) or on our web Forum www.ipmsireland.com





Gold Medal Winners

2016 - 2017 - 2018

2019 - 2021 - 2022

2023 - 2024



Maynooth Tidy Towns
representing Ireland in the
Entente Florale European
Competition

At the time of writing, 6 of us are preparing to attend The Entente Florale European Competition finals in Veneje on the weekend of September 26th and 27th, representing Ireland in the large town category. Fingers crossed for a good result, and that we bring home Gold. We also applied for the Presidents Prize in the form of The Retrofit House in Meadowbrook.

We have so many people to thank for helping us get this far in the competition, especially Maynooth University, Kildare County Council and of course, The Department of Rural Affairs. Last but not least, Mark Nolan - a local businessman, Taxy and Lily's Cafe, Pound Lane.

Please Support our sponsors.

We also received our 3 invitations to the results of The Tidy Towns Ireland Competition in Croke Park on the 24th October.

September was a busy month for our Volunteers. We did a clean up of The Royal Canal and the Lyreen River on the 20th. There was so much dumping in the Canal, we filled 9 bags of litter. Thanks to an invitation from Maynooth University, 6 of us attended the official opening of their new apartments on Leinster Street. The red ribbon was cut by James Lawlor TD.

We cut back all the trees along the Meadowbrook link Road. Much safer now for our pedestrian traffic in that area.

If you wish to volunteer with Maynooth Tidy Towns please follow us on Facebook or email us at MaynoothTidyTowns@outlook.ie. We meet every Saturday morning at 9am in the Council Car Park just show up all equipment supplied.

Mary Molloy PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns Association



MU President Prof Eeva Leinonen, Minister James Lawless TD and MSU President Maeve Farrell at the opening of Teach Uí Bhuachalla



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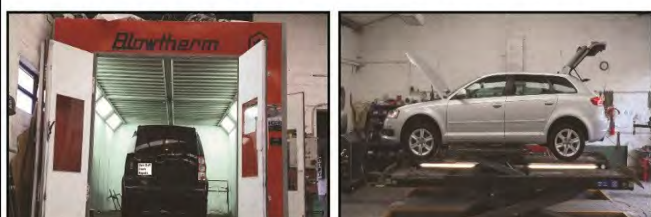
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SEPTEMBER UPDATE

National Playday in Aras Cill Dara



Kildare County Council hosted another fantastic National Play Day on Saturday, the 6th of September, with something for everyone to enjoy. From a dedicated sensory-friendly space to bouncy castles, creative workshops, and my daughter's favourite making your own kite it was a truly amazing day. A huge thanks to the Parks Department for organising such an inclusive and fun-filled event for families across the county.



Amgen Irish Open

I was delighted to attend the Amgen Irish Open at the K Club and witness Rory McIlroy's brilliant win. It was a wonderful family day out, and we're fortunate to have such a world-class event right here in our Municipal District. Straffan looked fantastic, and huge credit is due to the operational team for delivering such a well-run and memorable occasion.



National Service Day 6th September

National Services Day was marked in style with a spectacular parade through Naas, celebrating the incredible work of our frontline and emergency services. A special highlight of the day was the induction of eight new "Little Blue Heroes" by An Garda Síochána, bringing huge smiles and pride to the community. Go Raibh mile maith agat.



Grand Opening of Teach Uí Bhuachalla

On the 8th of September, Maynooth welcomed the official opening of Buckley House, a brand-new 116-bed student accommodation. This state of the art development that provides much needed housing for postgraduate students and marks a significant step in addressing student accommodation needs in the town. Named in honour of Domhnall Ua Buachalla, a proud Maynooth native and patriot, Buckley House connects the future of education with our town's rich history and heritage.

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Kildare County Council

Fianna Fáil Women's Network Conference

On Saturday the 20th, I had the pleasure of attending the Fianna Fáil Women's Network Conference in Tullamore. It was an inspiring and informative day, filled with engaging discussions, insightful speakers, and the opportunity to connect with women from across the country. The conference also looked at national policy and how the country is shaping and adapting to meet the changing issues we are facing daily.

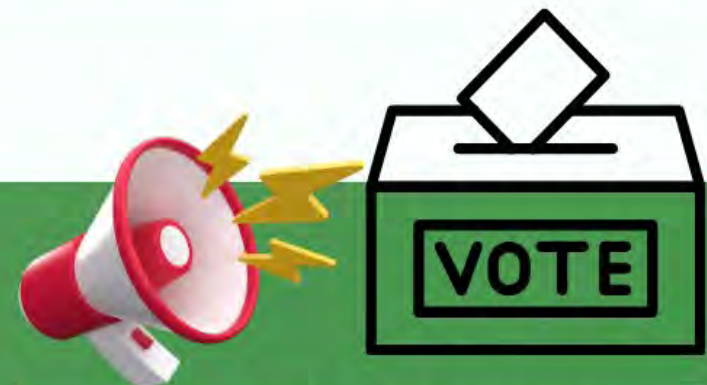


Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) celebrates 20 years in existence

I attended the 20-year celebration event for Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) in Maynooth and had the opportunity to present Minister Dara Calleary with the County Kildare Irish Language Plan. Kildare is the only county to have this work completed. On the evening, the Minister also announced a €2.3 million investment in TEG which is located in Maynooth University.



On Monday the 22nd of Sept I was nominated to represent Kildare on the HSE Dublin and Midlands Regional Health Forum. This is an important platform to ensure our communities have a strong voice when it comes to healthcare services. Maynooth urgently needs a fit-for-purpose health centre, and I will not stop fighting until we get the facilities our town deserves.



Register of Electors Presidential Election October 2025

In advance of the forthcoming Presidential Election, the following important voter registration deadlines apply:

Postal Vote Applications:
Deadline for submission is
29 September 2025

Ordinary Vote Applications:
Deadline for submission is
07 October 2025

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Councillor Peter Melrose



September Updates

On Monday September 22nd, I hosted the *Solas & Savings Community Energy Evening*, an event I organised with Life Credit Union, Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community, the SEAI, and Kildare County Council. The goal was to bring together residents, suppliers, and experts to explore grants, group discounts, and practical steps toward solar panels, retrofitting, and EV charging. I'm happy to report that the evening was a resounding success, with a strong turnout and clear interest in working towards a more sustainable Maynooth.

I also attended the opening of *Buckley House* with Aidan Farrelly TD, a new 116-bed student accommodation facility that tastefully incorporates the birthplace of 1916 volunteer and Irish culturalist Dónal Ua Bhuachalla. The occasion was a chance to celebrate much needed community development and acknowledge the work of Maynooth University and others who were instrumental in bringing the project to fruition.

As a primary school teacher, I was proud to stand in solidarity with school secretaries and caretakers during their recent strike action, supporting their call for fair treatment and recognition for pensions. I also liaised directly and repeatedly with *Bus Éireann* to address the ongoing concerns around bus provision for the school transport scheme. I was furious that the situation, which should have been resolved over the summer, was let spill into the academic year.

On the planning front, I have been actively engaging with Kildare County Council on several key developments: the *Harbourfield project*, the NTA *Mill Street* upgrade, the NTA Celbridge Road upgrade, the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (MERR), and several residential developments. All are crucial to the town's future.

The Harbourfield tender package is complete. This means we have everything we need, except the all-important

funding. Lobby your TDs and councillors to put pressure on government to ensure that we receive the funding we need to get the project underway. Harbourfield has such potential.

The Mill St. upgrade continues apace. Sometimes. It can be incredibly frustrating to get caught in the traffic in town. I am in regular contact with the project manager on the schedule for the project, due to finish by end of year. Fingers crossed we don't hit any bumps along the way.

The Celbridge Road upgrade has some chinks of light. The NTA has a very particular process that must be followed, and it would appear that some flexibility has finally been found in relation to the junction of the Celbridge and Straffan Roads. With this hopefully now moving forward, I will do all I can to progress the works. It is a project that the Maynooth councillors are united on.


The tender has been awarded for the MERR. We are all hoping that ground will be broken before end of year. This will transform traffic patterns in the town, but it is a monumental project. A 2-3 year timeline is expected, given the size and complexity of the works. The MERR, coupled with the North-East Maynooth Outer Orbital Route (MOOR) in Moygaddy, coupled with the Griffin Rath-Mullen Park Link Road, would go a long way to helping ease congestion in the heart of the town. Don't get me started on the main portion of the MOOR...!

Finally, I have been in regular contact with *Irish Water* regarding the *Maynooth Wastewater Transfer Pipeline*, which is currently on the Dunboyne Road stage of the works. This is another huge project for the sustainable growth of the town. I would hope that they will be off the road in the coming weeks.

As always, if there is anything you want to raise, please do not hesitate to reach out by phone, 0892637612 or email, pmelrose@kildarecoco.ie.

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MU congratulates design student on winning James Dyson Award

Maynooth University extends warm congratulations to product design graduate Zoë O'Sullivan, who has been named National Winner for Ireland at this year's prestigious James Dyson Award for her invention Lymphia. Lymphia is a handheld portable device that teaches and guides patients through manual lymphatic drainage massage. It is designed to support recovery and help prevent lymphoedema, a chronic condition caused by fluid build-up after breast cancer treatment. Zoë O'Sullivan created Lymphia as part of the final year of her BSc in Product Design and Innovation at Maynooth University, when she was required to create an original design, which was then prototyped and manufactured on campus.

Kate Brown, another MU product design graduate, was named as a runner-up in the Irish category for Gotcha, an innovative make up opener designed for people with limited hand or arm mobility.

Welcoming the award, Zoë O'Sullivan said: "I am thrilled about winning the national Dyson award for Lymphia. It feels great to have my work acknowledged and so highly praised, and I am grateful for the awareness it will raise about lymphoedema and breast cancer."

Breast cancer treatment often damages or removes lymph nodes, putting patients at high risk of lymphoedema. If untreated, lymphoedema can become a lifelong condition. By providing accurate, real-time feedback, the device enables patients to perform genuine Manual Lymphatic Drainage (MLD) at home, reducing reliance on physiotherapists, conflicting online information, and trial-and-error approaches.

Zoë plans to use the prize money from the award to fund a patent application for her innovative design.

Lymphia is now set to progress to the international stage of the James Dyson Award. The international top 20 shortlist will be announced on October 15th and the international winners on November 5th. Congratulating Zoë O'Sullivan, Dr Iain MacDonald, Head of the Department of Design Innovation at Maynooth University, said: "Zoë is an inspiration, who has shown the power of



Zoë O'Sullivan and her invention Lymphia

human-centred design to improve the lives of people, which we proudly teach at Maynooth University."

Dr MacDonald said the University was delighted that its BSc Product Design and Innovation programme had received national and international award recognition for the second year in a row. Last year, another product design graduate Andrew Meehan won first prize in the Designing Healthy Future category at the international Cumulus Green awards for Curo, designed to reduce people suffering muscle loss while wearing a cast.

The James Dyson Award, run by the James Dyson Foundation, is an internationally recognised competition that celebrates, encourages, and inspires the next generation of design engineers.

Minister Lawless opens new MU student accommodation



MU President Prof Eeva Leinonen, Minister James Lawless TD and MSU President Maeve Farrell at the opening of Teach Uí Bhuachalla

Maynooth University welcomed Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science James Lawless TD to officially open Teach Uí Bhuachalla Student Accommodation, its new purpose-built student housing in the heart of Maynooth town. Located on Leinster Street, the 4,000m² complex spans four floors and provides 116 self-contained, en-suite student rooms, supported by communal kitchens designed for social cooking and dining.

This state-of-the-art development is the first project to be delivered under the Government's Short-Term Activation Programme to help with the supply of student accommodation. The building includes seven accessible rooms, is heated by heat pumps and has a BER cert rating of A2. It brings the total number of student beds available at Maynooth University to 1,262 from 1,146.

Designed by Demesne Architects and delivered by Vision Contracting, the project strengthens the connection between the University and the wider community. It is situated in the middle of Maynooth town on the historic site of the original Buckley House - a detached, three-bay, two-storey residence dating back to the early 1800s. Minister James Lawless, who officially opened the new housing, said: "This is a proud day for our sector. The delivery of Teach Uí Bhuachalla is not just a milestone for Maynooth University, it marks a significant step forward in how we deliver student housing across Ireland. "As the first project completed under the Government's innovative Short-Term Activation Programme, it sets a new benchmark for what can be achieved through strategic investment in purpose-built accommodation that supports

student success and well-being. Teach Uí Bhuachalla offers secure, high-quality housing that enables students to focus on their studies, build lasting connections, and fully engage in university life.

"By reserving places for students from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds, it also shows how public investment can help remove barriers and ensure access to opportunity where it's needed most." Welcoming the new student accommodation, Maynooth University President Prof Eeva Leinonen said: "We are delighted to officially open Teach Uí Bhuachalla, providing 116 high-quality new student beds right in the heart of Maynooth. At a time when there is a well-recognised shortage of student accommodation across Ireland, this development reflects our commitment to supporting our students with safe, modern, and accessible housing that enhances their university experience.

"We are grateful to Minister Lawless and the Government for their support in making this important project a reality. We look forward to working collaboratively with the Government and partners as we continue to invest in student accommodation in the future."

Although the project was delayed due to the pandemic, thanks to the Government's support and innovative funding model, Maynooth University was able to deliver on this important milestone in expanding student accommodation, which is a vital part and cornerstone of our strategic vision and plan.

Maynooth University Alumni Reunion 2025

The Development and Alumni Relations Office welcomed alumni back to campus on Saturday, 6 September 2025, to celebrate milestone anniversaries for graduates of 2015, 2005, 1995, 1985 and 1975.

Guests enjoyed a lively reception in Renehan Hall with music from Mickey Joe Harte, followed by a three-course luncheon in Pugin Hall accompanied by harpist and MU alumna, Alida Loftus.

Vice President for External Affairs, Rebecca Doolin, addressed attendees, sharing exciting University updates and celebrating the growth of Maynooth's alumni network, now more than 100,000 strong worldwide.

Departments across the University were represented, with Biology, History, Classics, Geography, and the International Office all hosting a table of alumni and staff. The Office of Equality and Diversity joined the celebration, showcasing the incredible work that is being done through the Excellence in Exile, led by the EDI Office. The day was filled with memories, reconnections and celebration - a true reflection of the Maynooth University spirit. We look forward to welcoming alumni again next year.



MU Alumni at the 2025 Reunion



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Deadline: 21st October 2025

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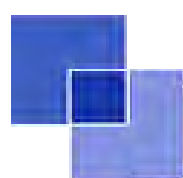
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Spooky fun at Maynooth Local Market this October

Autumn is in full swing on Court House Square and we're leaning into the season with a special Halloween-themed market on Saturday, 25th October. Families can look forward to a packed Kids' Zone with face painting, storytelling and pumpkin painting — perfect for little ghouls and budding artists alike. It's a great excuse to wrap up, meet friends and neighbours, and pick up something tasty or handmade from local makers.

In the run-up to Halloween, Collie Flower Designs will launch their Halloween-themed dog accessories on Saturday, 27th September. Each piece is handmade in Maynooth and approved by Pup-in-Charge Zowie, who's already modelling one of the latest looks. Treat your four-legged friend while supporting a local creator.

October also brings a new collection from local artist Maura McDonnell, inspired by the colours of nature — think wild hedgerows, blue hydrangeas and a fresh Maynooth streetscape. Keep an eye on our social media for news of a giveaway to celebrate the launch.

Of course, the heart of the market is the fantastic group of vendors who join us most weeks. From farm-fresh eggs and seasonal vegetables to hand-poured candles, poetry, photo prints, bubble tea, noodles and more, there's always something different to discover and enjoy.

Our market runs on volunteer power. If you can spare a few hours a month, we'd love to have you on the team — it's a rewarding way to give back locally and get to know more people in your community. We're also on the lookout for hot food vendors to add even more flavour to the weekends.

Get in touch at maynoothlocalmarket@gmail.com and be part of what makes Saturdays on the Square extra special.





Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

On Growing Old

For some reason the poem, 'An Gleann 'Nar Tógadh Mé', 'The Glen where I was Raised', composed by Douglas Hyde's— or to use his pen name An Craobhin Aoibhinn, The Delightful Little Branch — came back to me today. In the first two stanzas Hyde detailed the things he enjoyed while in the prime of life, mountain climbing, boating, running, in fact anything he felt like doing if it caught his fancy. Then in the third and final stanza there is a dramatic change, Do bhí mé luath is tá mé mall ; 'I was fast and I'm slow'. He doesn't know what broke the old strength of the heart and power of the limbs. He did much and learned much, but wasn't satisfied:

'Alas, alas that I'm not again
Young in the glen where I was raised!'

In contrast to above poem I recall an English translation of a poem by the 1st century B.C. Italian poet Horace, which goes something like this:

Happy the man who lives on his father's land,
Taps with his stick the road he rambled in play,
Who counts his sire's bequest from hand to hand,
One house, one home, once theirs and his today...

This rustic isn't concerned about physical deterioration. He's out on the road with his walking stick, keeping an eye on the property he inherited. The question is, which poet is giving the better picture of aging? I think most readers will agree that Horace is giving a rose-tinted view, while Hyde is telling it like it is, at least for most enfeebled oldsters. We forget the various triumphs and long for our lost physical vigor.

Which brings to mind 81-year- old President Joe Biden, who until recently was in denial about the insidious consequences of aging. To see him shakily mount the steps of the presidential jet, not to mention his lapses into incoherence during his debate with 78-year-old Donald Trump, is to be convinced that, for most of us, there is no escaping the cruel hand of Time. Now in my 88th year on this planet, I can vouch for that inescapable fact.

Which brings me back to Hyde's poem. Part of its appeal for me is that he was raised in a big house just outside Frenchpark, a County Roscommon village, not far from Derrylow, where I myself grew up. Derrylow is a farming townland, but, unlike the situation in Hyde's neighbourhood, nobody there spoke Irish, except for the cúpla focal learned in school. That is not surprising, given that in the three quarters of a century between my birth and Hyde's so much of our cultural heritage had been lost. As Tennyson so memorably phrased it in *Morte d'Arthur* :

'The old order changeth, yielding place to the new,
And God fulfills Himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world.'

The only people in our townland who exhibited an aura of past simplicity were the Conways, an aged couple who lived in a small, thatched house, not far from our own farmhouse. Joe was crippled and sat all day on a chair near the fire, while his wife hobbled about the kitchen by supporting one knee on a wooden box. Despite their basic circumstances, Joe had a love of learning, indicated by the leather-bound Webster's Dictionary containing colour plates of birds and animals, which he left to my father. I feel that, apart from their English language, they retained much of the traditional Gaelic culture that Hyde so esteemed.

And speaking of learned older people, one might mention some outstanding examples from the classical period. The Greek scholar Plato died at about 80, while Socrates died at age 71, having been condemned to drink hemlock for allegedly corrupting the minds of Athenian youths. Had he lived he might have exceeded Plato's age. Only the third person in this illustrious trio, Aristotle, died at the comparatively young age of 62.

But I'm in danger of being classed as a *Laudator temporis acti*, a praiser of past times and my answer to that is, 'What's so wonderful about present times?' We live in an age of increasingly dangerous regional conflicts, backed by the threat of intercontinental nuclear missiles that could make World War 2, which occurred during the latter years of Hyde's lifetime, seem like a bearable tragedy. In fact, during those fraught years Ireland was neutral and Hyde was appointed our first president, so he was unlikely to be lamenting his lost youth. Today, in addition to the possibility of nuclear annihilation, there's the looming threat posed by artificial intelligence, all of which suggests a future where mankind may become the victim of its own ingenuity. If such should be our lot, how trivial Hyde's lament for his lost prowess becomes.

P.G.Nerney

Village Rebirth?

Visiting Achill I walked
its bleak Deserted Village,
a line of stone-built, roofless cabins
inhabited by hooded crows and ravens,
bared like rotted teeth
along a rutted track-way.
Before them black-faced sheep
cropped the verges' meagre grasses;
behind them tracks of lazy beds
that once grew 'lumpers',
food for half-starved families
until blight caused the Great Hunger.

Today I gaze at a painting
of picturesque Achill dwellings,
eight russet-roofed cottages
with gleaming, white-washed walls,
two or three small windows,
red half-doors and gable chimneys,
linking electric poles aslant,
yet know that the originals
are two-storey, slated houses
electric poles securely upright,
then wonder if even supreme art
could make the roofless village bright.

Colin Scott

Guglielmo Marconi



**Pach Brothers .
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Guglielmo Marconi, the pioneer of wireless communication, was born in Bologna, Italy in 1874. He was the second son of Giuseppe Marconi, an Italian aristocrat and landowner, and Annie Jameson, Irishwoman from the distinguished Dublin family renowned for its whiskey distilling empire: Jameson & Sons. Marconi married Beatrice O'Brien, a daughter of the 14 Baron of Inchiquin in 1905 but they would later separate.

Marconi revolutionised global communication by developing wireless telegraphy, a technology that would play a life-saving role aboard RMS Titanic. The ship's Marconi Room (wireless radio room) was at the cutting edge of technology. It allowed passengers to send personal messages ashore, and enabled the crew to receive vital weather and ice warnings from other ships. Its long-distance capabilities were unmatched at the time, with a daytime range of 300-400 miles and a nighttime range of up to 1,200 miles, depending on weather and atmospheric conditions.

Aboard Titanic, Jack Phillips and Harold Bride were highly trained Marconi men. Both had worked on prestigious liners such as Lusitania and Mauretania, and had served at the Marconi station in Clifden, County Galway until 1911, before being assigned to White Star Line.

As Titanic struck the iceberg and began to sink, Phillips and Bride worked heroically at their posts. Phillips continued transmitting distress calls until just ten minutes before the ship went under. Bride, fought to keep the equipment powered as long as possible.



**Francis Godolphin Osbourne
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Their tireless efforts ensured that Titanic's distress signals were received by nearby ships, a critical factor in the rescue of over 700 lives. Phillips tragically perished in the disaster while Bride survived.

THE EARLS OF KILDARE & THEIR TITANIC CONNECTIONS

In 1708, Robert FitzGerald, 19th Earl of Kildare, married Mary O'Brien, daughter of the 3rd Earl of Inchiquin. This union linked two of Ireland's most storied noble families: the Anglo-Norman FitzGerald and the Gaelic O'Briens, direct descendants of Brian Boru, High King of Ireland.

Over two centuries later, Guglielmo Marconi, would himself marry into the O'Brien family. His wife, Beatrice O'Brien, was descended from the same lineage as Mary O'Brien, making a loose genealogical connection between Marconi and the FitzGerald.

The FitzGerald of Kildare are connected to Titanic history in another unexpected way. John Pierpont Morgan, the American financier who bankrolled the Titanic and her sister ship, was an avid collector of rare books and manuscripts.

Among the treasures that found their way into his collection was a 'Book of Hours' once owned by the FitzGerald. The book had previously resided in the great library of Maynooth Castle.



Alan Cleary

Created in Rouen, France around 1425, this illuminated manuscript was used for private devotion and contains marginal notes and drawings that detail events in the lives of the FitzGerald family. These were likely added by members of the FitzGerald's family themselves.

Today, this remarkable volume is housed in the Morgan Library in New York, where it has been digitised and made available for public viewing.

Alan Cleary

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Seniors Alert Scheme

Introduction

The Seniors Alert Scheme provides funding for a free personal monitored alarm for people aged 65 and older who have limited means.

The scheme supports older people to live securely and independently in their homes. You may be living alone or living with another person. The Seniors Alert Scheme is run by Pobal, which manages programmes for the Irish Government and the EU.

You must contact a community or voluntary group in your area who are registered with Pobal to access the scheme. They will apply to Pobal on your behalf. Pobal does not accept applications from individuals.

Who can apply for the Seniors Alert Scheme?

To apply for the Seniors Alert Scheme, you must:

Be aged 65 or over

Have limited means or resources.

You must also be any of the following:

Living alone

Living alone for significant periods of time during the day

Living with another person aged over 65 with limited means

Caring for someone else in your household

You must also:

Live in the area covered by a registered group

Be able to benefit from the equipment supplied

Be willing to keep contact with the registered group

How much does the Seniors Alert Scheme cost?

All the alarm equipment and installation under the scheme is free.

The alarm monitoring service is free for the first year. After the first year, you will pay the annual monitoring fee for the alarm.

The annual monitoring fee will vary by service provider and the type of alarm or pendant supplied. The cost may be approximately €70 a year. Your local group can tell you about the cost in advance.

If there is no landline available in your home and a mobile signal is used to connect to the equipment, you may have to pay a fee for mobile SIM rental.

How does a personalised monitored alarm work?

You can get a monitored personal alarm that is worn as a pendant or around your wrist like a watch. These alarms connect to a national helpline through a base unit installed in your home.

When you press the alarm button, it immediately rings the helpline, which is open 24 hours a day all year round. A helpline operator talks to you in your home and decides whether to alert a local volunteer responder or, if necessary, the emergency services.

If you no longer need it, the alarm must be returned as the scheme equipment remains the property of the registered group.

How do I get a Seniors Alert Scheme alarm?

Registered community or voluntary groups apply to Pobal on your behalf. Pobal does not accept applications from individuals. A family member or neighbour can apply on your behalf with the local group if you can't apply yourself.

Contact a community or voluntary group registered in your area. Find a list of registered organisations by area on pobal.ie.

The registered community or voluntary group will:

Assess if you are eligible for the scheme and will support you to complete the application form

Identify the equipment you need and advise you of the current cost for monitoring and SIM card credit (if you need it)

Send the application and supporting documentation to Pobal

You will be asked to confirm that you understand the purpose and use of the equipment and that you will pay the annual monitoring fee after the first year.

What groups can register as providers of the scheme?

Community, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations can apply to register with Pobal for the scheme. They must have a recognised structure and be able to show that they can manage the grants. They must also have a record of working with older people in the community.

A group will not be able to register if there is an existing group operating the scheme in the area. Groups wishing to register for the scheme can register online at pobal.ie.

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Home Support Service

What is the Home Support Service?

If you are an older person, the Home Support Service is a free service that help you continue living in your own home for as long as possible. For example, it can provide support to you with everyday tasks such as getting in and out of bed, bathing and dressing.

Your individual needs are assessed to decide what supports you need. The supports will be provided by the HSE or by an external provider, approved by the HSE.

The Home Support Service does not replace informal care you may have. It is not possible to deliver 24-hour care to individual clients in their own homes, as funding available for the Home Support Service is limited.

How much does the Home Support Service cost?

The Home Support Service is free. It is not means-tested so your income is not assessed. You do not need to have a medical card to apply for the Home Support Service.

Who can apply for the Home Support Service?

The Home Support Service is available if you are aged 65 or over and you need support to continue living at home or to return home following a hospital stay.

You may need the services:

Due to your illness or disability

After a stay in hospital or rehabilitation in a nursing home

You may be able to get the service if you are younger than 65 and need support. For example, if you have early onset dementia or a disability.

What services are included?

The services you get will depend on your individual needs. For example, you may get help with everyday tasks such as

Getting in and out of bed

Showering, bathing, and shaving

Dressing

The HSE will sometimes review the services you are getting. They may increase or decrease the supports you are getting, depending on your care needs, or the supports may remain the same.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121



When you apply, the HSE arranges an assessment of the support you may need. This is called the Care Needs Assessment.
HSE review of your Home Support Services
If your situation changes, you must notify the local HSE Home Support Office if this affects your need for home support.

How to apply for the Home Support Service?

To apply for the Home Support Service, you must fill in the application form. An application form can requested from your local Home Support Office, or Print the application form and information booklet for the Home Support Service (pdf).

You return the completed application form to your local Home Support Office. After you apply, the HSE will assess your health care needs (see below).

Help filling in the application form

You can complete the application form yourself or ask someone to complete it for you such as a family carer, GP or public health nurse. Staff in your local Home Support office can help you if have questions or need help filling in the form.

If another person helps you fill in the form

If someone else is completing the form for you, you must sign the Declaration and Consent section in Part 1 of the application form. This is to show that you have decided for yourself that you want the service.

If you are in hospital, you can ask the person dealing with your discharge plan about applying for the Home Support Service. They might be a nurse, a discharge coordinator or a social worker. They will help you with the application form and send it to your local HSE Home Support Office.

If you nominate a person to decide for you

If you are not able to sign the declaration on Part 1, then the application can only be signed by someone you have nominated to support you in making decisions. Your nominated decision maker can apply on your behalf. Read more about who your nominated decision maker may be. If you would like to be considered for Consumer Directed Home Support (CDHS), tick the box for this on the application form. (see below)

Care Needs Assessment

After you apply, the HSE will assess your health care needs and social circumstances. The assessment will identify the level of care that you currently have and what other supports you may need. A healthcare professional such as a public health nurse or physiotherapist will do the assessment.

They will consider:

How you carry out everyday tasks such as bathing and shopping
Any medical, health and other supports provided to you
Your family, social and community supports
Your wishes and preferences
The HSE will write to you to let you know their decision about the supports you need.

Appealing the decision of the care needs assessment

If you are not happy with the HSE decision, you can write to your local HSE Home Support Office within 20 days of getting the decision with the reasons you are not happy. The HSE will make an impartial review of the decision and will tell you the outcome of the review.

How does the Home Support Service work?

If you are approved for Home Support Services, the service can be delivered by:
The HSE

An approved provider arranged by the HSE, or
An approved provider arranged by you (Consumer Directed Home Support (CDHS))

HSE provided home support

The HSE provides and organises the home supports if staff are available.

HSE organise home care staff from approved provider

If you are approved for the Home Support Service and the HSE does not have available staff, a company will deliver the service.

This external provider will be approved by the HSE.

The HSE will ask you to choose from a list of approved home support providers. You deal directly with the approved company to arrange the days and times for the support.

All of these Home Support Service companies must meet certain standards. These include ensuring staff are trained and that there is a process for regularly consulting with service users.

Consumer Directed Home Support (CDHS)

You can deal directly with your chosen care company from the HSE list of approved providers. This is called the Consumer Directed Home Support (CDHS).

If you are approved for the CDHS, you will receive a letter telling you the weekly amount of HSE funding you can use to arrange the home support from your chosen provider.

You will then arrange the times and days of service directly with the provider. For example, if you have a family carer on a Tuesday, you may prefer to have a CDHS support hours provided on a different day. The number of hours of home support that CDHS funding provides depends on the rates charged by the provider. The provider will tell you the rates they have agreed with the HSE.

You can choose Consumer Directed Home Support when you apply for the Home Support Service. You just tick the box on the application form.

You can change your home support from CDHS to the HSE organised or from HSE organised to CDHS if you give notice.

How to complain about the Home Support Service

You can make a complaint or provide feedback on the Home Support Service in a number of ways:

In person by speaking to an HSE staff member
Online using the online feedback form
Sending an email to yoursay@hse.ie
Writing to your local home Support Office
Phoning LoCall 1890 424 555
Filling in a paper feedback for

You can also print and fill in this feedback form (pdf), or a feedback form in your own language
Put it into the feedback box in your local health service
Give it to a staff member
Post it to the HSE address on the form.

Further Information

You can find a HSE approved Home Support Provider near you.

You can contact your nearest local HSE Home Support Service office.



Events at Maynooth Community Library



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October Events

Events for Adults

Homelessness & Housing Supports Information Clinic Wednesday 1st October, 2pm - 4pm

Looking for advice on homelessness and housing supports? Visit this Kildare County Council drop-in clinic in Maynooth Community Library to learn about the supports available.
Drop in, no booking required

Luain Press Poetry Café

Tuesday 14th October, 6.00 pm – 7.00pm

Call by Maynooth Community Library for an hour of poetic activities! Share, listen and create! *Drop in, no booking required*

Toys , Technology and Training

Who Do We Tell? How Do We Tell? How Do We Manage the Process? When Your Child has a Neurodiverse Diagnosis

Thursday 2nd October, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Suitable for Adults

The period following your child getting a diagnosis can be very emotional for parents and family members. There is a lot of decisions to be made and appointments to be scheduled as well as trying to emotionally process the diagnosis. The subject of “telling” often comes up, who should we tell and how do we break the news but keep the information private at the same time? This workshop looks at simple ways to approach these topics and provides practical advice and tips for parents, carers and family members.

Booking link <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=21226646>

Occupational Therapy Workshops with Kevin Prior, Everyday OT Tuesday 4th November, 6.30pm - 8pm Suitable for Adults

Empowering Kids: Strategies for Supporting Children with Daily Living Skills (Self-Care, School, Play and Gross Motor Skills)

This workshop will equip caregivers with practical strategies to nurture independence in their children. This comprehensive workshop provides actionable insights for fostering essential self-care abilities, such as dressing, grooming, eating, and toileting.

Booking link : <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=21251222>

Age Friendly

Age Friendly Coffee Morning

Wednesday 8th October, 10.00 am – 11.30 am

As part of our Age Friendly Programme, drop in for a cup of tea/coffee

and a chat with library staff and find out more about the libraries online and other services.

Drop In. No booking required

Let's talk about Parenting

Supporting Anxious Children and Teens

Dr. Mary O'Kane

Thursday 23rd October, 6.30pm - 8.00 pm

All children worry at times, but for some, it can be a real challenge to manage their anxieties. As parents, when your child is anxious it can be difficult to know how best to support them. In this talk Mary explains how anxiety impacts children and teen's brains and bodies and offers parents practical advice on how to support them during difficult times, helping them to manage their fears and find the bravery we know they have within them.

<https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20912841>

Dealing with Substance Misuse in Adolescents

Presented by Tommy Hunt (InSync Halo Project)

Thursday 30th October 6.30pm - 7.30 pm

An introduction for parents, and professionals working with young people engaging with substances. Tommy Hunt is a Psychotherapist and co-ordinator of the Halo Project with InSync Youth and Family Services. He has 18 years' experience working with young people and will provide valuable information re signs and symptoms; how to manage situations; and the supports available from the In Sync 'Halo' Project.

Book here: <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20911564>

Kildare Readers Festival

Poetry in the past and present tense: Kimberly

Campanello and Jessica Traynor.

Tuesday 14th October , 7pm – 8pm

Join us in Maynooth Public Library as Kildare Readers Festival presents:

In their latest collections, poets Jessica Traynor (New Arcana, Bloodaxe) and Kimberly Campanello (An Interesting Detail, Bloomsbury) excavate the distant and immediate past for histories and her stories, dreams and myths, bodies and beliefs, bringing them shimmering, pulsing, and very much alive into our shared present. How does a poem become a message to be read, like a tarot card, a document, a monument? What can it teach us for the years ahead?

Join us for a special evening of readings and conversation, hosted by poet and academic, Catherine Gander.

Ticket Tailor link: <https://buytickets.at/kildarereadersfestival/1801665>

Climate Action Events

Zero Waste Maynooth

Saturday 11th October, 2pm – 4pm

Join a free community event with Zero Waste Maynooth as it hosts its ladies clothes swap shop. Bring up to three pieces of clean clothes in good repair and swap for something new to you! All sizes and brands welcome. Enjoy swapping clothes as a way to tackle textile waste and save some money!

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Chat to volunteers from Cloth Nappy Library Ireland. A massive way to save waste and save money. So simple to use, drop by and chat to a volunteer for a quick demonstration on how cloth nappies work.

With thanks to Kildare County Council we are delighted to welcome back, Vanessa from The Craft Corner. Vanessa will have her Sewing Machine and hand sewing equipment to show you how to repair your clothes. This drop in service will allow you to learn skills to keep your clothes longer. Keeping our clothes in good repair saves on buying new, which is great for the environment and your pocket.

Kids toy swap - bring one, take one! Let's get the kids used to the idea of swapping before buying! Small toys only and no baby equipment.

Kildare libraries service supports the following sustainable development goals: 11 (sustainable cities and communities); 12 (Responsible consumption and production); 13 (Climate Action)

Exhibitions

Aliveness" - An Art Exhibition by Kamila Lukaszewicz October 1st - 31st October

In her latest exhibition, "Aliveness," Kamila Lukaszewicz offers a profound exploration of the human experience. This mixed-media collection is a visual exploration of what it means to truly come alive, delving into the layers of self through the lens of somatic expression. Kamila's artistic process is rooted in her deep understanding of the body as a vessel for memory, emotion, and transformation. Each piece serves as a tangible record of this journey, where she visualises the internal landscapes of the body's wisdom. The works invite viewers to connect with their own physical and emotional narratives, recognizing that the process of coming alive is an intimate and multi-layered art form.

Kamila Lukaszewicz is a multidisciplinary artist and holistic therapist from Alchemy Multiverse. She integrates Argentine Tango, somatic art

practice, with healing arts into her creative process. Dance, music, visual arts, writing, and crafts would be the primary ways of expressing.

To learn more about Kamila's work, visit: www.alchemymultiverse.com

Exhibition Bookings

If you are a local artist or art group and would like to book our exhibition space, please contact us. Maynooth Community Library's Exhibition Space is available to host exhibitions from October 2026. To be placed on a waiting list to use the exhibition space in 2025, or for booking enquiries, please email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie.

Groups and Clubs

Maynooth Community Library Craft Club

The Library Craft Club meets every Monday , 11.30am - 13.00 (except on Bank Holidays)

Bring something you are working on, and exchange ideas and skills with this social craft group.

Baby and Toddler Group

Every Thursday , 10 am – 11 am

If you have a young baby or toddler and would like to meet other parents or minders in the area, come to our stay and play group every Thursday morning at 10am. *No need to book, just drop in!*

To find out about more events that are happening in Maynooth Community Library, why not subscribe to our monthly events newsletter at the link below.

Email Subscription Form - Kildare Library Service
<https://kildarecoco.ie/library/newsletter/index.html>

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area Planning Applications received from 26/08/2025 to 23/09/2025 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App #	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
2561079	Kildare County Council	Independent Trustee Company	Site at rear 750 Old Greenfields, Maynooth, Co Kildare	23/09/2025
2561076	Kildare County Council	Rachel Clarke and Martin Thompson	240, Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare	22/09/2025
2561074	Kildare County Council	Eileen Maguire	20 Castlebridge, Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	20/09/2025
2561071	Kildare County Council	Stephen Reilly	5 The Green, Newtown Hall, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	19/09/2025
2561024	Kildare County Council	Warren & Ann Marie Parkes	51 Carton Wood, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	05/09/2025
2561013	Kildare County Council	Warren & Ann Marie Parkes	51 Carton Wood, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	04/09/2025
2561017	Kildare County Council	Claire Matthews	2 Beaufield Grove, Maynooth, Co Kildare	04/09/2025
2561006	Kildare County Council	Kevin & Anita Shortall	45 Rockfield Court, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	03/09/2025
2561012	Kildare County Council	Independent Trustee Company	site to rear 750 Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	03/09/2025
2561002	Kildare County Council	Claire Matthews	2 Beaufield Grove, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	02/09/2025
2560993	Kildare County Council	Kevin & Anita Shortall	45 Rockfield Court, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	01/09/2025



Memories From the Archives Celebrating 40 Years of Maynooth Community Employment Project Producing the Maynooth Newsletter October 1985

Link to the Archive: www.maynoothcep.com

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COURSE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Readers, who are involved in voluntary groups which aim to help the community, should be interested in a course which will be run by the Adult Education Department of Maynooth College, in conjunction with Maynooth Community Council. An evening course in Community Development will begin in early October, and the course will cover very practical aspects of community and voluntary work, as well as exploring some more theoretical issues.

Some of the very practical topics will be:

- Planning and decision-making in voluntary organisations.
- How to organise and run meetings. The functions of officers in an organisation.
- How to deal with state and voluntary bodies which can help your group. How to work with people.

More theoretical issues will be explored, including:

- What is Community Development?
- How is Maynooth community structured?
- What does the future hold for Maynooth?
- The experience of other community groups.

The course will also provide an opportunity for participants to draw up a development plan for their own organisations.

Course in Community Dev. Contd.

The course will consist of weekly sessions of two hours each, and will run for twenty weeks. The registration fee will be about €25 - €30.

Further information may be obtained from Siobhan Hall, (01) 284325. All enquiries are welcome.

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All items for inclusion in the next edition of the Newsletter should be handed in on or before the deadline date of 15th October 1985.

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1985 Tidy Towns Competition

PROGRESS REPORT

Centre: MAYNOOTH Category: E
County: KILDARE 1985 mark: 125

	Max.	1985
EFFORT assessment may take into account sustained effort over a number of years or the overcoming of special local difficulties The main street is impressive, and there are many fine efforts throughout the town. There are, however, numerous bad lapses in less conspicuous locations which are just as important in the overall impression and effort must be spread more evenly.	40	28
TIDINESS appropriate placing of litter bins, absence of litter, advertising hoardings and indiscriminate dumping Minor approach roads look quite untidy; this has much to do with the neglect of roadsides and the occurrence of untidy yards, lanes and entranceways. There is still a sprinkling of litter but vigilance seems to have improved since last year.	35	17
PRESENTATION OF BUILDINGS shops, business premises, banks, factories, historic and public buildings, derelict sites and buildings, statues and monuments The university buildings are well presented. The church on the bend of the Kilcock approach is fine. The old grain store near the bridge is very unsightly. Most commercial premises achieve a high standard of presentation though some fronts are not entirely appropriate. Maynooth Livestock Sales should be screened.	35	30
PRESENTATION OF NATURAL AMENITIES open spaces, village greens, river banks, foreshore, parks, trees Particular attention must be drawn to the poor appearance of the public conveniences and the accompanying open space - this area is right in the centre and too prominent to be so badly neglected. Trees along the street contribute a great deal to the town's character.	30	19
APPEARANCE OF APPROACH ROADS verges, streets, back lanes and footpaths. Also car parks, seats, telephone kiosks, post boxes, litter bins, pumps and road signs The Kilcock approach is disrupted by roadworks at present. The committee has drawn attention to the unsightliness of rubble dumped at roadsides by the County Council. Another failing is the incidence of weed which is growing along many stretches throughout. The condition of litter bins is often poor, more frequently than is acceptable. Telephone kiosks are in good repair.	40	16
PRESENTATION OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS including open spaces There is a fairly uniform standard of presentation along the main streets, with several attractive terraces. Derelict and disused properties detract at times from good surrounding efforts. Some of the outlying ribbon development looks untidy.	20	15
Some progress has been made on issues raised in previous years, and marks should continue to improve if this effort can be sustained.	200	125

12 Bord Fáilte Irish Tourist Board

Recent Wedding

Congratulations to Ann and Harry Liffen on their wedding, August 29th in England. Ann is daughter of Madge Dowling, Leinster Collages.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Br. Peter Dowling, S.S.S., Blessed Sacrament Community, who has taken his perpetual profession on 8th September.

Recent Wedding

Congratulations to Sheila Horan, Greenfield, Maynooth and Mark Jermain, California. Sheila and her husband Jermain have gone to live in California. Wishing them every happiness for the future.

Recent Deaths

We wish to express sympathy to the following -

The relatives and friends of the late Michael Cox, Winegates, Maynooth

The wife, family and relatives of the late James Bennett, Rail Park, Maynooth

Mrs. Josephine Egan, Greenfield, Maynooth on the death of her aunt.

Leo McGlynn, 85 7 Greenfield, on the sudden death of his sister Miss Elizabeth McGlynn, late of Bay Road, Mountmellick, Co. Laoighise.

The wife, family and relatives of the late Patrick Donovan, Greenfield, Maynooth.



Ann McStravick supervising Greenfield Estate Team in the Community Week Tug-O-War Competition



Owen Byrne, Lord Mayor of Maynooth, presents trophy to Matt Callaghan on behalf of Greenfield Estate, winners of Community Week Tidy Estate Competition

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