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OVER EIGHT THOUSAND CANCELLATIONS AT TALLAGHT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN 2023

TD for Dublin South West Seán Crowe has revealed that there were 8,673 appointment cancellations at Tallaght University Hospital last year, an increase of 20% on 2022, according to new data released to Sinn Féin spokesperson on Health David Cullinane TD by the HSE.

Teachta Crowe said “The Government is failing to tackle hospital overcrowding which is leading to record levels of cancellations. There were 8,673 hospital appointments cancelled at Tallaght University Hospital in 2023. This represents an increase of 20% on 2022 and is an extremely concerning figure that represents real people missing out of vital appointments and hospital care.

“The 13 years under Health

Ministers Varadkar, Harris, and Donnelly have made the health service worse. They have decimated local health services and created a crisis in our hospitals. The Government does not have a plan for hospital overcrowding, and this is forcing hospitals to rely on cancellations. This is shifting the problem from overcrowded emergency departments onto lengthy waiting lists. It is not a sustainable solution.

“Sinn Féin has a plan for the health service to improve access, tackle hospital overcrowding, and reduce lengthy waiting lists. We would deliver 3,000 hospital and community beds to tackle overcrowding and inefficiency, end the recruitment embargo and train more health care professionals to

safely staff the health service, and invest in better local health services including GP care and a pharmacy-first model.

“We would fast-track elective centres so that we can separate unscheduled, emergency care from scheduled surgeries and procedures. This will increase surgical theatre capacity, help to reduce the number of cancellations, and free up capacity in hospitals for emergency care. “We would also invest in home support, community step-down beds, and diagnostic capacity so that patients can be discharged home or to a supported care setting when they are ready, and to ensure that patients’ experiences are not delayed by lengthy waiting lists for scans.

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP OPEN DAY



Pictured in Fettercairn Community Centre at the South Dublin County Partnership Open Day were Adam Smyth and Cllrs Lilian Gueret and Charlie O’Connor.

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COMMUNITY VICTORY AS SAGGART'S NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENS SOON

The transformation of Saggart's old St. Mary's National School building into a modern community centre is a testament to the power of community activism and collaboration.

This success story, initiated by the Saggart Village Residents Association (SVRA) and now managed by the Saggart Schoolhouse Board, reflects the resilience and vision of the entire community.

"In Saggart, we've witnessed the remarkable impact of community-driven

initiatives," notes Lynn Tierney, chairperson of SVRA. "Saggart's population has tripled since 2006 and is Ireland's youngest place by average age according to the 2022 census. It's important to create spaces that cater to our growing community's diverse needs."

In 2016, when the old school building was for sale, SVRA, a group of dedicated residents, successfully campaigned for South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to buy the building and invest in its transformation into

a community centre. Lynn Tierney, who is a candidate in the upcoming local elections for the Social Democrats, credits the community centre campaign as where her passion for community representation developed. "I joined SVRA in 2016 and, the following week, the committee made the decision to push South Dublin County Council to invest in Saggart. I'm incredibly proud of what the community has achieved," Ms Tierney reflects.

The Saggart Schoolhouse Board, formed in 2019, has overseen the building works completed by SDCC and secured significant funding for the project through the Leader Programme for Rural Development.

"The Saggart Community Centre represents a significant milestone and much-needed community facility. With various rooms for activities, a café, and

hot desk spaces, it promises to be a dynamic hub for all." A former chairperson of the Schoolhouse Board,

Ms Tierney concludes, "I congratulate the Board of Management and SDCC and wish them the best of luck

over the coming weeks as they make their final preparations to open the doors."



Pictured Lynn Tierney, Social Democrats candidate, Clondalkin LEA, in front of the Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre

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COST OF GRAFFITI REMOVAL ALMOST DOUBLES

It is estimated that the cost of removing graffiti will almost double in 2024 according to councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh. The councillor is calling for tougher measures and penalties for those bent on mindlessly spray painting our public spaces. Cllr Ó

Brádaigh said “In 2023 South Dublin County Council spent €71,000 on graffiti removal and it is estimated that this cost will almost double this year. Most of it was removed from public buildings, parks and play areas, council managed shop car parks

and residential areas. As one example, when the new Airlie Park opened in Lucan, there was graffiti daubed all over the playground within the first 24 hours. More action needs to be taken and Gardaí need to be better resourced in terms of community policing.

including areas of large scale new development such as west Lucan, and it is these very forums that could offer outlets for youths to develop their ambitions in a way that actually rewards them and benefits the community.

provision of €131,500 has been made for the removal of graffiti in Budget 2024. The Public Realm section has for some years been working in partnership with the probation services to enhance the response to graffiti. The engagement with the probation services

stems from a Community Service Graffiti Removal Project which was an initiative of the probation services and forms part of community service for offenders and is very welcome. We need to further support and develop these initiatives going forward.”

Cllr Ó Brádaigh stated “A

Ó Brádaigh added “Like others, I am constantly submitting requests to the Council to remove newly emerging graffiti. The Council do their best and such is the problem that they must prioritise removing the ‘most offensive’ graffiti first. But perhaps we need to tackle the problem differently. The street art projects are just one way that could be expanded upon.

The Councillor said “In my time as a Councillor, I have called for community mural projects that I believe help to celebrate and recognise artistic young people and indeed the shared communities they live. Neutral community space is wanting in so many of our many communities,

€72K FOR MONASTERY ROAD SCULPTURE

“As a musician I’m a huge fan of art. However, given the fact that local prefab school, Gael Scoil Na Camoige is waiting 30 years for their school to be built, a secondary school needed in the surrounding villages, and a badly needed public health nurse in the area, we need to be very transparent about how and where this money is spent.” - Stated Cllr Trevor Gilligan PC.



“The National Transport Authority (NTA) invited proposals for a permanent outdoor sculptural artwork, funded through the Monastery Road Improvement Scheme. It is vital, that funding goes towards road safety, traffic movement, bus routes, and

so on. NTA must focus on addressing the ever growing traffic issues. The adjacent roundabout was upgraded at a cost of €300K and this was met with opposition and backlash from the residents. Questions need to be raised at how the NTA spends public

money, given the current cost of living crisis. Residents were not consulted or asked their thoughts. This money does not grow on trees... or sculptures. The green area has also been left in an awful state, post works.” - Stated Cllr Trevor Gilligan PC.

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TD WELCOMES EXTENSION OF LONG COVID SCHEME FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

TD for Dublin South West Seán Crowe has welcomed the extension of the long Covid payment to healthcare workers and has called on the scheme to be extended to other frontline workers who contracted the virus through their workplace or occupation.

Teachta Crowe said “Long-COVID continues to be a serious health problem for hundreds, if not thousands, of healthcare and other frontline staff. It is a condition without precedent and needs to be responded with sympathy and greater understanding. “A great deal of research published over the last four years confirm it is a complex multi-organ condition that continues to impact negatively on people who previously showed no underlying symptoms.

“It is essential that we can develop an agreed and permanent solution for those affected. The temporary extension announced recently provides a bit of much needed breathing space for conciliation and will provide some peace of mind for affected health workers following months of uncertainty and worry. Government needs to follow this by including other workers including teachers, members of an Garda Síochána, firefighters, bus drivers, and others who contracted this virus through their work.

“Long Covid is debilitating and has left some with no quality of life. Some have been left bedridden, unable to even eat normally. Others have lung, heart or kidney conditions. It needs to be recognised by the government as an occupational condition with support including access to social protection and welfare schemes.”

NEW PAVILION BUILDING AT AIRLIE PARK, ADAMSTOWN



Pic credit: Ben Ryan

South Dublin County Council is delighted to announce the new pavilion building at Airlie Park, Adamstown. with changing facilities and Tram café.

Adamstown is the first designated Strategic Development Zone in the country; allowing for much needed residential

development to be delivered in tandem with the facilities required to support sustainable living.

Airlie Park opened in 2023 and is the second of the large-scale public parks planned for the strategic development zone. (Nearby Tandy’s Lane Park was opened in 2021). Airlie Park is designed with a

mix of formal and informal recreation facilities, such as a large (GAA) sized Artificial Grass Pitch, three natural playspaces, tennis courts, half court MUGA, a cricket pitch, alongside high quality soft and hard landscapes.

The design incorporated a small stream into the park landscape which augments

the biodiversity of the area and augments the western boundary of the park.

Airlie Park has been designed for all abilities and ages, with a range of recreational opportunities that will invite users back for repeat visits and Tram café is a welcome addition to the park facilities.

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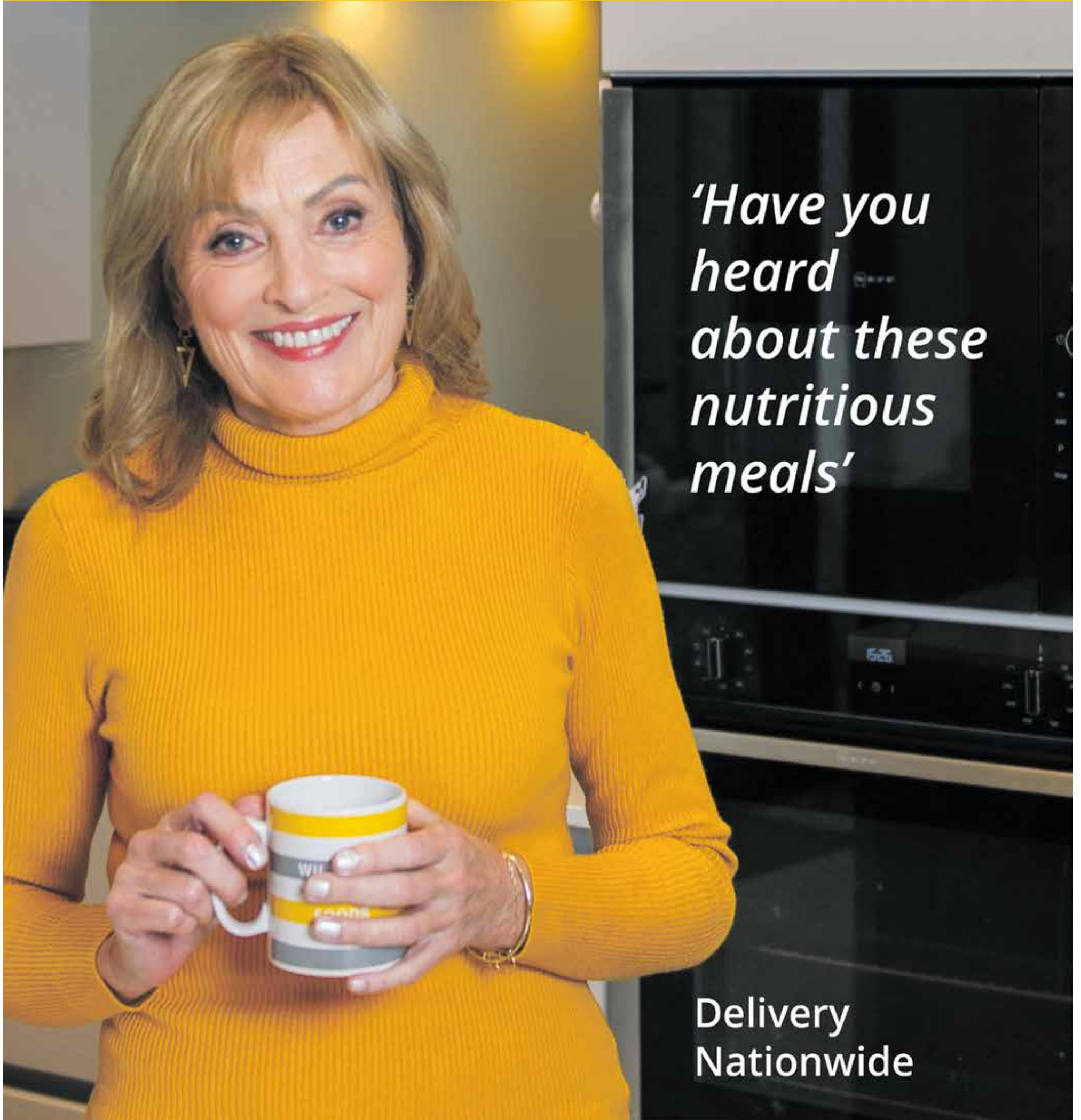
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LOCAL MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM RECEIVES DONATION

A local mountain rescue team has received a €1,000 donation from the team at Amazon's fulfilment centre in Dublin. Dublin and Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team (DWMRT) responds to emergencies in upland areas of Dublin, Wicklow

and Louth. The team consists of over 60 highly trained volunteer mountain rescuers, working closely with the National Ambulance Service, the Irish Coast Guard and Defence Forces. The donation from Amazon in Dublin will go towards

helping continue to provide a professional-standard rescue service to emergencies in upland areas of Dublin, Wicklow and Louth.

Speaking on the donation, Darragh Kelly, General Manager at Amazon in Dublin, said "Enjoying the outdoors is an important part of maintaining good wellbeing, but sometimes people find themselves in tricky circumstances when the weather turns, or other external factors impact their activities. That's where charities like DWMRT come in for making sure people are looked after in emergencies. I'm pleased to make this donation to DWMRT on behalf of Dave, who loves to hike in Ireland's gorgeous mountains."

Dave Carneda, an employee at Amazon in Dublin who nominated the charity for support, said "The bravery of the volunteers of DWMRT is what encouraged me to put the charity forward to receive a donation from Amazon. Their skill and passion deserves to be rewarded, and I'm delighted that Amazon in Dublin is



recognising that with me."

Shane Daly, Team Leader at DWMRT, added "On behalf of everyone at DWMRT, I want to thank Darragh, Dave and the team at Amazon in Dublin. We are a volunteer rescue service, available 24 hours per day, every day, to respond to any emergencies that arise. Donations like this help us in our mission to help those in need, as demand for our services has increased more than threefold over the last decade, with our team

now responding to more than 100 callouts per year."

The donation to Dublin and Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team was made as part of Amazon's programme to support the communities in and around its operating locations in Ireland. Since opening its doors in 2022, the Dublin fulfilment centre has supported many community organisations locally, with donations totalling over €40,000. Charities supported by the

team at the fulfilment centre include Cliona's Foundation, Jigsaw and LauraLynn Children's Hospice. The Amazon fulfilment centre in Dublin, the first of its kind in Ireland, opened in August 2022 providing more than 500 new permanent jobs.

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TOURISM AND COMMUNITY AMENITY - PLANNED FOR LUCAN HOUSE

Proposed plans for the former Italian Ambassador's Residence in Lucan Village were presented to Councillors of the Lucan and Palmerstown-Fonthill Area Committee on the 23rd of April. The sale of 'Lucan House' is expected to close in June with a formal handover event to be arranged.

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh was speaking following the meeting and said "the acquisition of Lucan House and its incredible surrounding grounds by South Dublin County Council was greeted with excitement and welcomed by everyone when we first learned of this last year. Lucan Village as a gateway to the Liffey Valley was designated as a 'destination town' by Fáilte Ireland under its destination development programme, something I wholeheartedly welcomed.

Accompanied by €2m in allocated funding by the Council last year for public

realm improvements to the weir, village green and entrance to St Catherine's Demesne, the potential now to grow and expand the economic potential, whilst promoting the cultural and historical richness of Lucan is immense.

Cllr Ó Brádaigh said "The closing sale is expected to happen in June and there will be a post-handover assessment of the house and grounds thereafter. However, it is expected that the intended purpose of the wonderful house and space will be to serve as a driver to attract tourism into our beautiful village, whilst developing the house and demesne as a community and wider county amenity.

The opportunities are great in my view, and I do hope to see Lucan House now being open to the public and providing locals and visitors with a space that can be enjoyed by families in the near future. The Councillor

also said "The appointment of consultants to develop a masterplan are scheduled to take place before the end of August of this year. Naturally this will consider conservation of surrounding nature and the built heritage within the property. The masterplan will investigate the best uses for the mutual benefit of the community and beyond, whilst examining the potential economic, recreational and environment uses.

Ó Brádaigh concluded by saying "The property dates to the eighteenth century with the palladian villa style house built in 1772, with additional buildings and structures of note including a bath house, single arch stone bridge, a steelwork bridge, two gate lodges, stable block and more. The history itself dates to 1560.

The development of the property going forward will be included as part of the Capital Provision 3

Year programme and the investment is significant. This is a brilliant project,

and I am fully supportive in welcoming this progress and commend South Dublin

County Council for their vision and investment in Lucan."



CLONDALKIN STUDENTS RAISE OVER €6000 FOR CLARE'S WISH CHARITY



In January, Talented Kids Performing Arts School and MVW Talent Agency were contacted by Kevin Clancy, Founder & Wish Granter of Clare's Wish Foundation. Kevin spoke about the amazing charity, founded in honour of his late sister and father, that helps grant wishes to adults with terminal illnesses. Talented Kids Performing Arts School and MVW Talent Agency were astounded as they had never heard of a charity like this. On the 22nd and 23rd March, the school held a fundraiser. An overwhelming number of students took sponsor cards and after returning them on their PJ fundraiser day, they had raised over €6,000 for such a worthwhile cause!

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**SOD-TURNING CEREMONY FOR JOBSTOWN
PARK UPGRADE**



Pictured: Mayor of SDCC Cllr Alan Edge, Teresa Walsh (SDCC Director of Service), Cllr. Louise Dunne, Cllr Charlie O'Connor, Brendan Redmond, SDCC Staff with Eamonn Stapelton, Thomas Foy and Peadar Burke from Clonmel Enterprises at the sod turning in Jobstown Park. Picture credit: Ben Ryan

On Monday 22nd April, the Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr. Alan Edge officially turned the sod to mark the commencement of works on Jobstown Park upgrade. The Mayor was joined by Teresa Walsh, Director of Services, Staff of South Dublin County Council, local Councillors and guests to celebrate this event.

Speaking at the event Mayor Cllr. Alan Edge said "This sod-turning event here in Jobstown Park is a significant day for the local community here in Jobstown as this 28-acre neighbourhood park in West Tallaght is

soon to be upgraded to meet the growing needs of the community. Once completed, Jobstown Park is envisioned as a community gathering space for all ages that offers accessible, inclusive, and flexible recreation opportunities for all while connecting Jobstown Park to the wider open space network of the county. The park will offer amenities, interconnected green infrastructure, and biodiversity enhancement including habitats for pollinators.

The works that are about to commence will include

the upgrading of the main park entrances, a teen space area, an outdoor workout area, a pump track, an informal kick-around area, a natural playground, a dog park, a footpath exercise loop, a cycle south Dublin link that will connect to the wider cycle infrastructure as well as landscape and biodiversity improvements.

I would like to thank the Public Realm Section in South Dublin, who along with Nicholas de Jong Associates Landscape and Urban Design Consultants have carried out the planning and design work on this project to

date. Construction work on site will be carried out by Clonmel Enterprises Ltd and I wish them every success during the construction stage. We acknowledge and thank the community for their assistance and input during the preliminary design stage and their support for this project in general. We ask them to kindly bear with us during this construction process. We will endeavour to cause as little inconvenience to them as possible.

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NEW SUBARU SOLTERRA EV OFFERS SILENT RUGGEDNESS



By Breda Corrigan

The new Solterra AWD SUV is Subaru's very first fully-electric EV, and rather than going it alone, Subaru has worked with Toyota to combine their all-wheel drive expertise with Toyota's extensive battery know-how. As a result, the Solterra is very closely related to the Toyota bZ4X, with the main visual difference being that the Solterra has slightly different frontal styling around the grille. However, it does come to the market with a four-wheel-drive system as standard, and this provides enough capability to tackle some light off-roading.

Spacious Cabin & Boot.

The Solterra's interior is presented in an ergonomic fashion, with the car's 2.85-metre wheelbase providing generous leg and headroom for the driver and up to four passengers. The cabin features a high-mounted digital gauge cluster, a large infotainment system touchscreen and an elevated centre console with an easy-to-operate rotary shift knob.

The 12.3-inch touchscreen is located in the centre of the dash and it features Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and a wireless phone charging facility as standard. The Solterra's deep windscreen, large side glass and panoramic sunroof

(trim dependent) give the cabin a light and airy feel. Various storage areas dotted around the car will come in handy for family trips away, and the large bin under the centre console adds even greater practicality. The boot has a useful 452-litre capacity, and there is a storage compartment underneath the boot floor for the charging cables too.

Subaru Safety Sense.

The Solterra comes with a suite of advanced driver-assistance technology under the title of 'Subaru Safety Sense', and it includes such features as: Adaptive Cruise Control, Pre-Collision System, Emergency Steering Assist, Lane Departure Alert, Lane Centring Function, Blind-Spot Monitoring, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Reverse Automatic Braking, Traffic Movement Notification, Pre-Collision Throttle Management (and Reverse Throttle Management), and Safe Exit Assist, which supports the safe exit from the vehicle on busy streets.

Impressive Specification.

Trim options consist of Limited AWD and Touring AWD versions, and buyers can choose from a palette of six fashionable colours. Entry-level

Limited trim comes as standard with key features such as: 18" alloy wheels, Subaru Safety Sense, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto, fabric seats, panoramic view monitor, heat pump, heated front & rear seats, and keyless access & start. Additional features in Touring trim includes an upgrade to 20" alloy wheels, leather seats (synthetic), panoramic sunroof, wireless phone charging, Harmon/Kardon audio system with subwoofer, electric passenger seat, and an electric driver's seat with memory function. The inclusion of a smartphone app (on both trim versions) lets users remotely operate the car's heating and ventilation system to heat or cool the cabin as required, or to lock or unlock the doors, or to schedule charging in order to possibly take advantage of night-rate electricity costs.

Dual-Motor Powertrain.

A dual-motor powertrain with 218PS (215bhp) and 336Nm of torque provides brisk acceleration, with the car capable of reaching 100km/h from a standstill in just 6.9-seconds, on its way to an electronically-limited top speed of 160km/h (where permitted). The power on offer can be deployed differently depending on the drive mode, of which there are: Eco,

Normal, and Power, along with an X-mode which is intended to help in wet and slippery conditions, or on rough terrain, by independently regulating the power distributed to all four wheels when required. Drivers who do wish to take their Solterra off-road will benefit from 210mm of ground clearance, along with the fact that the Solterra can distribute 60 percent of its torque to the rear axle in order to achieve maximum grip with minimum fuss.

The Solterra's battery pack has a usable capacity of 71.4kWh, and this is enough to provide a range of up to 465km on a single charge. When plugged into a domestic wallbox (11kW) power outlet, the onboard charger can fully recharge the battery (0-100%) in approximately 9 hours. However, when connected to a public DC fast-charger, a 10-80% charge can be achieved in as little as 30 minutes.

Test Car Details.

My Solterra Touring AWD test car was finished in stylish grey metallic paintwork that complimented the car's stylish 20" alloy wheels. The relatively-small steering wheel adds an element of sportiness to the driving experience, and the responsive steering helps to

make the Solterra fun to drive. On a motorway, the car performs in a serene manner, and there is always lots of instant acceleration available for overtaking slower moving vehicles, with wind and tyre noise well insulated from the cabin. When travelling along a back road, the Solterra's agile chassis provides the car with enjoyable handling characteristics, with the reassuring grip from the all-wheel drive system adding confidence to every journey. Drivers can increase the amount of brake regeneration by using a button control, or steering wheel-mounted paddles to choose between four levels of deceleration.

Verdict, Pricing & Warranty.

The new Subaru Solterra EV successfully blends its excellent on-road driving dynamics with impressive off-road capability, and it also benefits from the low running costs associated with EVs. The Solterra Limited AWD and Touring AWD are priced at €51,495 and €56,495 respectively - inclusive of current EV subsidies for private buyers.

The Solterra comes with a 3-year/100,000km vehicle warranty and an 8-year/160,000km battery warranty as standard.

IKEA OPENS ITS FIRST DISTRIBUTION CENTRE IN RATHCOOLE

IKEA Ireland recently opened its state-of-the-art distribution centre in Rathcoole, marking a significant milestone in the company's expansion within Ireland. This new facility, employing over 200 people, follows investments in six plan and order points, upgrades to the Ballymun store, and an innovative collaboration with Tesco Ireland on affordable collection service, all to bring IKEA closer to customers across the country.

The new distribution centre will result in IKEA's business in Ireland having one of the shortest delivery times in Europe. Before now, IKEA deliveries to Irish consumers required dispatch from the UK. With the inauguration of this new multi-million-euro facility in Ireland, delivery times will reduce to just three days.

This strategic move not only brings IKEA products closer to its Irish customers but also significantly improves product availability throughout Ireland. The

vast distribution centre is over 27,000 square metres, has a storage capacity of 20,000 cubic metres - equal to over 258,000 flatpack BILLY bookcases or double the size of Croke Park pitch - and is capable of housing up to 9,000 different product lines, spanning across almost every product in the IKEA range. IKEA expects the distribution centre to be making more than 300,000 deliveries in the first year of operation, with that figure almost doubling to nearly 600,000 within five years. Eventually the plan is to be able to deliver up to three million items a year from the centre.

"The opening of Ireland's first IKEA distribution centre will greatly benefit our customers through faster and more reliable deliveries," said Jakob Bertilsson, Country Customer Fulfilment Manager, IKEA Ireland and UK. "It marks a key step in our ambitious expansion plans across Ireland. We remain committed to - and are continually investing in - the future of our physical

store in Dublin, but we want people to enjoy the IKEA experience no matter where they choose to engage with us, whether through our full-size store, plan and order points, or online. This new distribution centre will greatly enable this, by increasing availability of our products and reducing lead times," he added.

Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, Emer Higgins TD, said "IKEA's new distribution centre in Rathcoole will provide a boost for the local economy, creating 120 new jobs. It is also positive news for its customers, significantly reducing IKEA's delivery times and enhancing accessibility for its Irish customers. This state-of-the-art facility is also a testament of IKEA's unwavering commitment to sustainability. This building is one of the most energy efficient logistic facilities in Ireland and will support IKEA's transition to 100% zero emission deliveries by August 2025. There is no doubt IKEA's dedication to become climate positive sets a commendable standard for the entire retail industry."

"The opening of this new distribution centre not only demonstrates IKEA's desire to become more accessible to our customers in Ireland, but also our commitment to sustainability and innovation," said Marsha Smith, Deputy CEO of IKEA Ireland and UK. "IKEA is committed to the Paris Agreement and to helping limit the global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. By transitioning to zero emission deliveries and having an energy efficient distribution centre, we are playing our part in protecting the planet, and taking another significant step in our journey to becoming a climate positive business," she added.

CASP'S OFFICIALLY OPEN WELLNESS CABIN

Clondalkin Addiction Support Programme, CASP officially opened their new onsite Wellness Cabin and launched their Strategic Plan 2024 - 2027, Annual Report 2023, and the independent evaluations of the Family Support Family Support Back to Basics Programme, and Recovery Cafes. The event to celebrate this was held on Wednesday, 24th of April 2024 at the CASP building on the Fonthill Road, Clondalkin.

CASP's new onsite Wellness Cabin is a serene and tranquil space nestled within the CASP's premises which will serve as a sanctuary for people who use CASP services on their journey to recovery from their own or a family member's problem substance use. Treatments including reiki, ear acupuncture, massage, facials and group meditation and relaxation sessions will take place in this wellness cabin.

The wellness cabin is dedicated to John McCann, RIP who was one of the founding members of CASP. John McCann's dedication to getting CASP established in 1995 to meet the needs



of young people in North Clondalkin who were problem substance users and their families is now honoured by naming this wellness cabin, Grizzly's Cabin in his memory. The team in CASP are very grateful for his tireless efforts that he made to ensure that CASP got established.

At the event, the Clondalkin Recovery Choir sang 'Rule the World' and 'Crazy World' which really added to the sense of celebration and positive atmosphere on

the day. The Strategic Plan launched on the day outlines CASP's goals, objectives, and strategies from 2024 - 2027 and describes models of work that CASP work from both in Clondalkin and the project it manages since 2012, CSMT, Community Substance Misuse Team in the mid-west which works with young people and families in Limerick, North Tipp and Clare. Both CASP and CSMT work with people who use their services as they are and without judging them while working to support





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KEY MILESTONE FOR HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY SCHOOL RATHCOOLE

Fianna Fáil candidate in the upcoming local election Ciarán Power, has received confirmation from Minister for Education Norma Foley that a Letter of Intent has been issued for the Holy Family Community School in Rathcoole. The large scale capital project at Holy Family Community School, Rathcoole will provide accommodation for

a 1,000 pupil school and is at an advanced stage of the tender process. Power, who is a past pupil of the school and named the school as one of the key reasons for running in the local elections, recently facilitated a meeting between Tánaiste and leader of Fianna Fáil Micheál Martin, Principal of Holy Family Community School Ingrid Fallon and

Dublin MEP Barry Andrews to discuss the pressing necessity for a rebuild, noting that despite significant population growth, the school infrastructure has remained unchanged since he attended as a pupil. Welcoming the announcement he said, "I was pleased that Tánaiste Micheál Martin, along with Dublin MEP Barry Andrews,

recently took the time to sit down with Ms. Fallon and I to thoroughly grasp the issues surrounding the school. Together, we discussed the critical importance of pushing this project across the finish line without further delay and I was delighted to receive confirmation from Minister Foley that a Letter of Intent was issued.

"I understand that the next major milestone will be the issue of the Letter of Acceptance to the successful contractor. This will be done following further engagement with the successful contractors in relation to their tenders for the design and construction of the new school. This engagement will also provide clarity on the contractor's programme of works for the delivery of the projects and timelines. "Every child deserves a learning environment that matches their potential. The issuance of this letter of intent is a testament to Fianna Fáil's dedication to providing the best possible education for all students.



Pictured from L-R Dublin MEP Barry Andrews, Tánaiste and leader of Fianna Fáil Micheál Martin, Principal of Holy Family Community School Ingrid Fallon and Fianna Fáil local election candidate Ciarán Power.

LOCAL CAMERA INTERCLUB COMPETITION



Palmerstown Camera Club are in winning form again, they recently won the interclub competition between Tallaght, Clondalkin, and Palmerstown Camera Clubs and Palmerstown took away the overall Trophy. The club meet weekly every Wednesday from 8pm to 10pm in the Palmerstown Parish Hall. Why not attend one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how your photography could benefit from being a member just drop in or contact Secretarypcc82@gmail.com

Recently in Palmerstown Camera Club, they had an Open Projected competition with winning image in the Advanced category "Gentle Giant" by Lorraine Morris.



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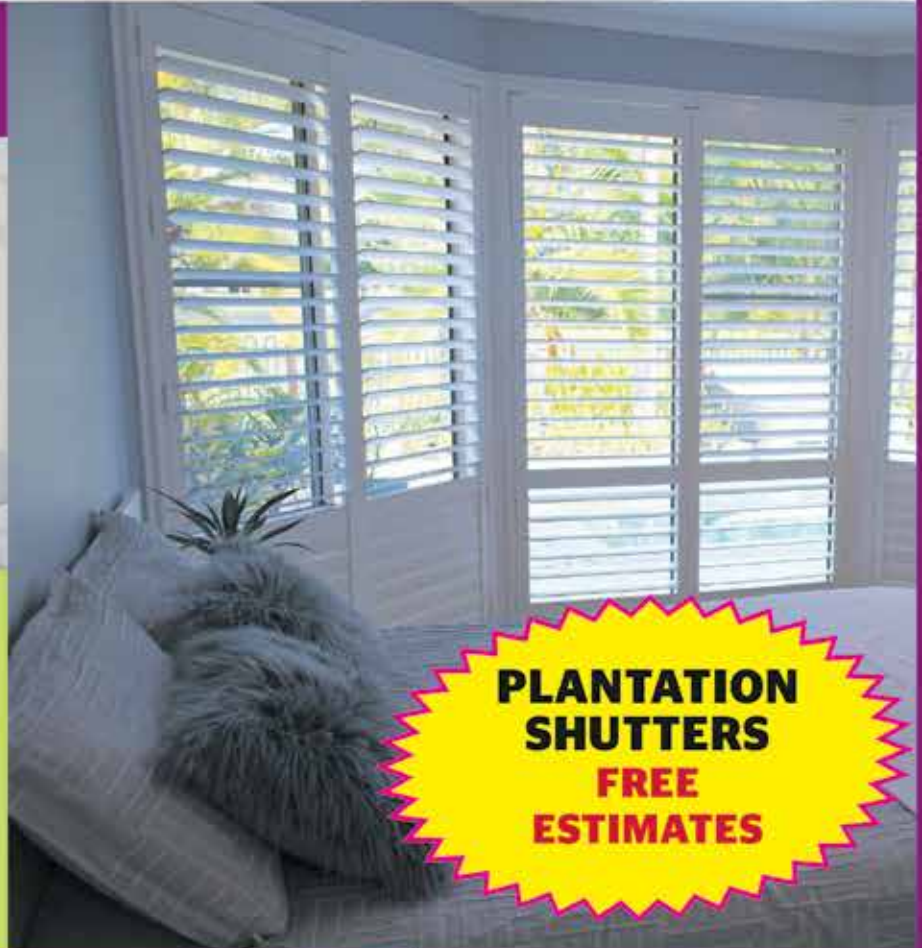
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