

Planning Update

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AN BORD PLEANÁLA REFUSE PERMISSION FOR LACKENROE SHD.

A decision was issued by An Bord Pleanala on 19th of April in the application via the fast-track system for a housing development at Lackenroe. On consideration, the Board refused permission for the reasons that the development would lead to increased numbers of people walking and cycling on local roads which are substandard and lead to traffic congestion which would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard.

The Board did not accept the third refusal reason put forward by the inspector, that the development was out of character and "would thereby constitute a substandard form of development which would seriously injure the amenities of the area and be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."

In this case refusal was recommended by all parties, the local authority, the planning inspector and the board. The Chief Executive report submitted by Cork County Council recommended refusal on four grounds and called the proposal *"an inappropriate form of development which does not demonstrate a sustainable and high quality, people centred, liveable and safe environment."*

The Planning Authority recommended that permission be refused for the proposed development due to the excessive scale of the development, the fact that the scheme is car dominated and the development does not facilitate ease and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

The inspector's report is published on the pleanala.ie website and makes agreeable reading. The

planning inspector spent time walking and driving the roads and delivers an informed account of the location.

It is very rewarding to read that the observations submitted from locals in "third party observation" and comments submitted from our local councillors are referred to, and agreed with, in the inspector's report.

The third and final SHD in Glounthaune, the Ballynaroone SHD is due to be decided by the board on the 30th of May.

UPDATE ON THE CORK COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028 and Glounthaune Local Area Plan.

Councillors voted to accept the new county development plan on Monday 25th of April which includes the new local area plan for Glounthaune. This will come into effect on 6th June 2022. The documents are available on the corkcoco.ie website.

The vision for development in Glounthaune is set out as follows:

"The vision for Glounthaune to 2028 is to secure an increase in the population of the settlement, balancing the maximisation of the sustainable transport benefit offered by the railway station, with development appropriate to the character, setting and scale of the village, in conjunction with a significant enhancement of local services and community facilities, and to strengthen infrastructure provision."

I think this is a vision we can support and we look forward to seeing improvement in local community facilities.

WHY JOIN US AT THE AGM?

Contributed by Kate Cuddy



Glounthaune
Community
Association

AGM

19 MAY '22
8.30PM
on ZOOM

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

The Glounthaune Community Association Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 19 May at 8.30 pm on Zoom.

This is an opportunity to meet the current Committee Members and find out what they been working on over the past year, in your community, on your behalf.

Learn how you can support the work of the Association by becoming a member of the Committee or by volunteering some time for specific projects or events at a commitment level that suits you. Remember, that everyone on the Committee is volunteering their time to make

Glounthaune the great place that it is - it would be great to see some new faces bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm. The more members we have, the more we can spread out the workload so that no one is burdened in any way.

Everyone is welcome, and we are especially interested in getting some input from local residents with some experience in the following areas: Web maintenance, Social Media management, Building maintenance, Event coordination, Environmental Sustainability, Grant Applications, Public Relations.

The Zoom link to attend the meeting will be available from ww.glounthaune.ie, our Facebook page or you can request the link directly by emailing admin@glounthaune.ie. We look forward to seeing you there.

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WEEKLY CLASSES IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Monday Art Class ● Irish Dancing ● Yoga

Tuesday Yoga ● Teen Yoga

Wednesday Yoga ● Irish Dancing ● Art Class
Sewing Class ● Zumba

Thursday Dynamic Pilates ● Tai Chi/Qigong
Kids Yoga ● Yoga

Friday Coder Dojo ● Music Lessons

Saturday Art Therapy ● Kids Dance Class

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE CLASSES, OR TO BOOK ENQUIRE
ABOUT A ROOM FOR YOUR CLASSES/MEETINGS/PARTIES EMAIL
ADMIN@GLOUNTHAUNE.IE

UPSTART FESTIVAL

Contributed by Jesper Pederson

LINE-UP FOR UPSTART FESTIVAL 2022 ANNOUNCED!!

Five rock bands will play in the brilliant & beautiful setting of Craig's Field, Glounthaune:



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presents

FIRST CLASS AND COACH is a four piece alt-Rock band based in Ballydehob.

FONDA - Limerick power pop ...a rare sweet spot between The National, The Lemonheads and Pavement

LITTLE KNOWN

"..fans are excited for what's to come from the rising act." - Hot Press

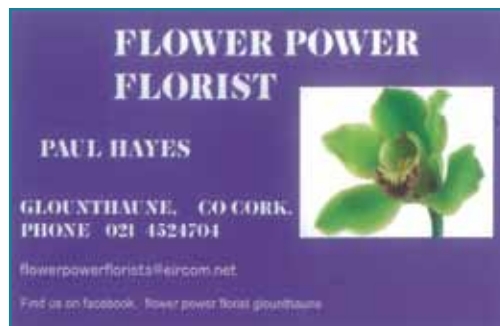
The Cliffords - 2022 UCC BATTLE OF THE BANDS WINNER !!!

+ 1 more band to be announced!

Tickets for GCA's Upstart Festival are on sale. Please support the festival, get your tickets & spreads the word!!

Early birds will be entered in a great competition for band merch and more!!

Tickets, competition, Info, etc....
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GLOUNTHAUNE TIDY TOWNS NEWS

Contributed by Garry Tomlins



WILD FLOWERING STRATEGY AT JOHNSTOWN PAYS DIVIDENDS



Photo: Garry Tomlins

WILD FLOWERS BLOOM IN JOHNSTOWN

The hard work and management of the meadow in Johnstown has rewarded the team led by Hester Forde and Ailbe Ryan with a super display of colour and a pollinator oasis for butterflies, all enhanced by sensitive bulb planting to make a spring delight. Their hard work, planning and endeavours in cutting, raking and gathering the meadow last autumn are to be applauded!

Plans are afoot for an even better display next year with new bulbs (any sponsors out there?), saving and sowing Yellow Rattle seeds with the objectives of de-riching the grass to encourage more wild flower growth.

Make a point of walking the meandering path cut by the Glounthaune mowing team through the meadow to enjoy and sample natures delights.



Primula Veris Cowslip

Photos: Hester Forde

GLOUNTHAUNE TO GET SENSORY GARDEN

The alertness and prompt action by our most recently elected TD Pádraig O'Sullivan has secured significant funding for a sensory garden in Glounthaune. A CoCoCo team led by Paraig Lynch in Cobh and Robert O'Sullivan are planning to undertake this project using direct works and the Tidy Towns/Community Association are delighted to support and help this welcome initiative.



The question is where should it be sited? The general consensus is that Craigs Field is the perfect location as it is away from traffic and safe with close by parking. We need input here - see end of this item.

What Is a sensory garden?

A sensory garden is an outdoor garden environment designed to stimulate a person's senses, using a combination of the landscape, the aromas and colours of plants and flowers and stimulating interactive sensory equipment.



What are the benefits of a sensory garden?

A sensory garden, is a great place for a wide range of people to have a chance to explore their senses in a safe and fun environment. Those with differing sensory disorders can all take different positives from the sensory garden as well as those without sensory conditions - the benefit being they are all in one place and are combinations and individual sensations that they wouldn't normally experience

A sensory garden, why would we need one?

A great way to create an adventure for the children is through a Sensory Garden- this is a carefully selected and placed group of plants and accessories that provide experiences for:



Seeing - Smelling - Hearing - Touching -Tasting - Pushing - Moving

Sensory gardens have a wide range of educational, remedial and recreational applications. They can be used in the education of special needs students, including autistic people. As a form of horticultural therapy, they may act as therapeutic gardens to help in the care of people with dementia. Sensory gardens can be designed in such a way as to be accessible and enjoyable for both the disabled and non-disabled. For example, the

garden may contain features such as: scented and edible plants; sculptures and sculpted handrails; water features designed to make sounds and play over the hands; textured touch-pads, magnifying-glass screens, braille and audio induction loop descriptions.

In addition our garden is expected to have the necessary infrastructure to permit wheelchair access and meet other accessibility requirements. So we can expect a stimulating journey through the senses while enjoying a positive learning experience.

Where should it be sited?

The County Council are designing and will undertake the building of the sensory garden in Glounthaune. The proposed site for this is Craig's Field.

Where should it be located? Favoured options are

Option 1:- The marked area behind and adjacent to the playground.

Option 2:- The marked area at the west end of Craig's Field near the picnic tables.

We are interested in your choice and any other suggestions. Please submit your suggestion by email to info@glounthaunetidytowns.com before Tuesday 31st May 2022.

THANK YOU NIAMH!

Glounthaune Tidy Towns want to say a big Congratulations to another Wonderful Transition Year Student from Scoil Mhuire, Wellington Road, Cork.

Niamh Bugler has just completed her placement and has contributed so much to the community. Niamh, a resident of The Woods, has a great interest in biodiversity and environmental issues and it was a real pleasure to work with her.

Young people bring a great passion and motivation to work experience. They also have many ideas which they are so willing to share and many stay in touch with us and are more than willing to come back from time to time to help with projects.



Niamh litter picking at Harper's



Angela Reidy and Niamh dead heading

Photos: Hester Forde

GLOUNTHAUNE'S ENTRY FOR TIDY TOWNS 2022

The entry application task for the 2022 Tidy Town's competition is upon us, and Ailbe Ryan is closeted with his computer, 24/7, generating a major dissertation on the things that have happened in Glounthaune over the past year – capturing everything that has been planted, sprouted, pruned, mowed, painted, added, erected and improved!

On this point we hear that we now have a resident Tidy Towns invigilator in our midst! Our immediate past Tidy Towns Chairman, Conor O'Brien, has been recruited by the national Tidy Towns Organisation and will be judging entries far and wide! Fortunately, Conor is embargoed on judging his home place as he knows too many of our secrets! Congratulations Conor on your appointment – an honour indeed.

stryker® WORK DAY

We were lucky to be offered the services of a team of Stryker managers for a day who were put to task painting the flower boxes in Glounthaune, supervised by ex-military man Terry Fleming. I am reliably informed that if you don't keep moving in Glounthaune this side of Tidy Towns judgement day that you stand a good chance of being painted! Thank you to Stryker for their civic minded gesture which is much appreciated.



MEN'S SHED LENDS-A-HAND TO TIDY TOWNS



A work team from the Men's Shed crafted 5 new planter boxes for Tidy Towns to complement the ones already supplied a few years ago. Crafted out of Douglas Fir, a team comprising (L to R) Richard Guinee, Dan Leo, Derry Delany, Michael Bulger, and Garry Tomlins, with the leadership of Terry Fleming. These were completed in record time.



Additionally, the Men's Shed has completed 10 new windows in Oak for the second hide and these are being fitted currently. The idea is to reduce the possibility of bird disturbance as the originally specified windows proved to be too big and bird flushing occurred. We have approximately 20 fine Oak windows spare to hand and we are open to offers!



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Pledge your Garden for Pollinators

Our pollinating insects are in decline, with one-third of our 98 wild bee species at risk of extinction. The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan aims to reverse these declines and make the island a place where pollinators can survive and thrive. By taking simple steps in your garden, you will help provide much-needed food and shelter for our pollinating insects, while creating a beautiful, colourful garden.



Pledge your garden for pollinators at www.pollinators.ie

See pollinators.ie/gardens for lots of advice, videos, pollinator-friendly plant lists and to download our booklet: **Gardens: Actions to Help Pollinators.**



Here is just a small sample of common pollinators you may see in your garden if you reduce grass-cutting and provide pollinator-friendly plants. And remember, if you help pollinators, you are also helping all our biodiversity.



The **Red-tailed bumblebee** is all black apart from its red tail. It is very common in gardens.



The **Early bumblebee** is Ireland's smallest bumblebee. It is excellent at pollinating fruit and vegetables, especially raspberries.



This **Marmalade hoverfly** is common in gardens. The adults feed on nectar, but the larvae feed on aphids, making this a very useful garden visitor!



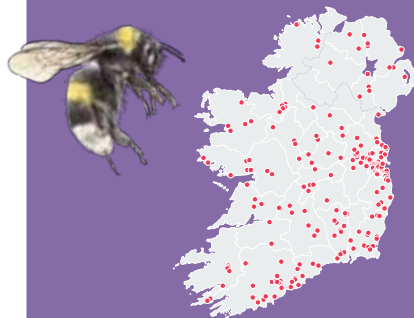
Leaf-cutter Bees cut circles of leaves or petals to line their nest. We have five different types in Ireland. These are the bees most likely to use your garden bee box.



The **Grey mining bee** is black with two grey stripes. Like most of our 62 solitary bee species in Ireland, it nests by making tiny little burrows in bare soil.



The **Garden Tiger moth** is just one of approx. 1,400 moth species in Ireland. Its larvae feed on Dandelion leaves.



Put your garden on the Map!

The Pollinator Plan's online mapping system tracks actions for pollinators across the island. Please add your pollinator-friendly garden to our map at: pollinators.biodiversityireland.ie

Here are just some ideas for ways you can help pollinators each month:

January

Make a pollinator plan for your garden
Wild pollinators are hibernating now and don't need our help just yet, but you can use this time to get prepared. Look through all our tips, videos and plant lists at www.pollinators.ie, and draw up a 'pollinator plan' for your garden.



February

Create solitary bee nesting sites
Expose a south/east-facing bank by removing vegetation for mining bees. Or erect a small bee hotel for cavity-nesting bees. See **'Creating Wild Pollinator Nesting Habitat'** guide at pollinators.ie/gardens



March

Let Dandelions Be
The humble Dandelion is a super food for pollinators. If you can avoid cutting your lawn while Dandelions are flowering in March and April, you will be helping to provide much-needed food for early pollinators.



April

Pots for Pollinators
Even if you only have a very small garden or none at all, you can still help. Plant a 'pot for pollinators' to flower on your patio, balcony or window sill throughout the season. See instruction guide at pollinators.ie/gardens



May

No Mow May
Could you leave your lawn mower in the garage during May? This will allow Red and White Clover to bloom in your lawn to feed the hungry bees.
(True bee-lovers cut their grass just once a month – at the end of June, July and August – to let wildflowers bloom all summer!)



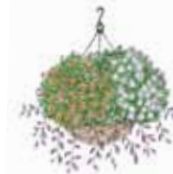
June

Ask your garden centre for pollinator-friendly plants
Unfortunately Daffodils, Tulips, and traditional bedding plants, such as Begonias or Petunias, are of little value to pollinators. But there are lots of pollinator-friendly options to choose from. See pollinators.ie/resources



July

Hanging baskets can be pollinator-friendly too
Considering a hanging basket? Make sure it contains *Bidens* or *Bacopa*, pollen-rich flowers that do well in containers.



August

Collect wildflower seeds
It is important to only plant native wildflower seed of local provenance. August is a good time to collect seed locally from your favourite wildflowers. This can be grown on in pots and then added as plugs to your wildflower patch. See our guide **'Collecting and using pollinator-friendly Wildflower Seed'** at pollinators.ie/resources



September

Cut long-flowering meadows now
If you have a long-flowering annual meadow area, it is very important to cut and 'lift' or remove clippings now. This helps to reduce fertility of the soil (wildflowers grow best in less fertile soils).



October

Plant a shrub, tree or native hedgerow
Add a pollinator-friendly shrub or tree to your garden that will flower and provide food for pollinators for years to come. There are lots of different types and sizes to choose from!



November

Plant bee-friendly bulbs
Plant pollinator-friendly bulbs such as *Crocus* or *Snowdrops* now, to flower next February/March. This will give early bumblebees a good start to the new year.



December

Take willow cuttings locally to plant in your garden
Willow can be grown easily from cuttings. (It's best to plant well away from house to avoid damaging pipework.) Don't forget you can also create pollinator-friendly gardens in your school, business, or housing estate. Winter is a good time to make plans.



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A pollinator-friendly garden provides **FOOD** in the form of pollen-rich flowers, **SHELTER** for nesting, and **SAFETY** by eliminating chemicals. Try to make sure your garden has pollinator-friendly flowers in bloom from mid-February through to the end of October.

FOOD

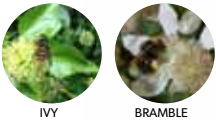
Plant big patches of each pollinator-friendly plant for better foraging efficiency.

FOOD

Plant pollinator-friendly containers. Choose pollinator-friendly bulbs, such as *Crocus*, which will flower in early spring.

FOOD

Allow *Ivy* and *Bramble* to grow in a corner of your garden as they provide important food sources in late summer and autumn for pollinators.

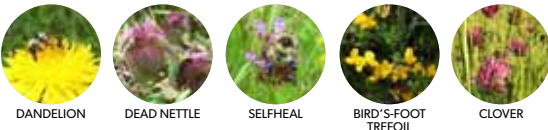


IVY

BRAMBLE

FOOD

Reduce mowing to allow wildflowers to bloom around your lawn in patches or strips (you don't have to buy wildflower seed! just stop mowing).
★ This is the most cost-effective way to help pollinators. The more of these flowers, the better:



DANDELION

DEAD NETTLE

SELFHEAL

BIRD'S-FOOT TREFOIL

CLOVER



SHELTER

Areas of long grass for bumblebees to nest.

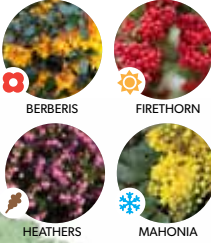
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Add pollinator-friendly flowers such as *Bidens* or *Bacopa* to hanging baskets and window boxes.



FOOD

Plant pollinator-friendly shrubs.



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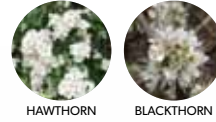
FIRETHORN

HEATHERS

MAHONIA

FOOD

Native flowering hedgerows, such as *Hawthorn* or *Blackthorn* provide important food in spring.



HAWTHORN

BLACKTHORN

FOOD

Plant pollinator-friendly trees such as *apple trees*, or native trees such as *Wild Cherry* or *Rowan*.



APPLE

ROWAN

SHELTER

Erect a small bee hotel for cavity-nesting solitary bees. You could also simply drill holes in walls or fencing.

SHELTER

Earth Banks bare soil/dry stone walls for nesting solitary bees.

Did you know only 10 species of Irish bees are likely to use a garden nest box, but we have 62 species of mining bees?

FOOD

Your fruit and veg. patch will benefit from pollinators and vice versa.

SAFETY

Avoid using harmful chemicals.

FOOD

Create a herb bed to benefit your cooking as well as the bees!



CHIVES

THYME

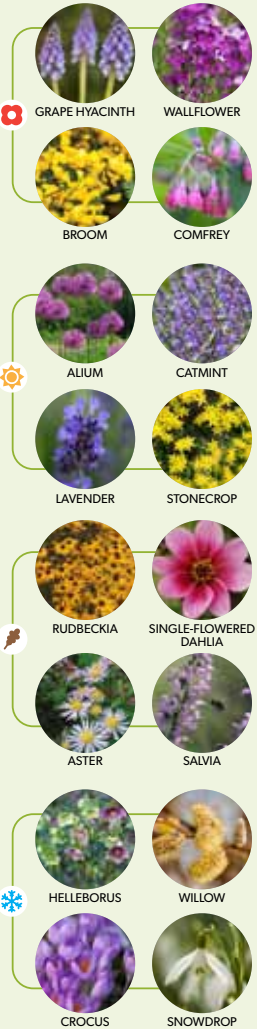
OREGANO

ROSEMARY

While reducing mowing and planting native trees and shrubs is always best for biodiversity, there are also lots of pollinator-friendly ornamental plants. Here is just a small selection:



SPRING SUMMER AUTUMN WINTER



You can find lists of pollinator-friendly flowers, shrubs and trees at www.pollinators.ie

SECAD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Contributed by Nuala O'Connell



Using funding from the LEADER programme, SECAD has worked with communities to facilitate the development of Community Plans which incorporate ideas and opinions from all stakeholders in the community and identify and prioritise actions to be implemented in their local area. An example of these planning processes are the development of Strategic Plans 2017-2022 for Carrigtwohill and Passage West using Town and Village Renewal Funds <https://www.secad.ie/news/news-2018/local-female-entrepreneurs-lead-the-way-in-south-and-east-cork-2/>

In 2018, SECAD launched the My Town, My Plan Community Training Programme with trainers and facilitators from Hincks Centre for Entrepreneurship Excellence at CIT and the Discovery Centre who worked with eight communities in South and West Cork to develop plans for their areas <https://www.secad.ie/leader/my-town-my-plan/> In East Cork, plans were developed for Youghal, Midleton, Cobh and Carrigaline.

Following on from this programme which concluded with a Shared Learning conference in Autumn 2020, SECAD has followed up by developing the SECAD Sustainable Communities Training Programme <https://www.secad.ie/leader/sustainable-communities/>

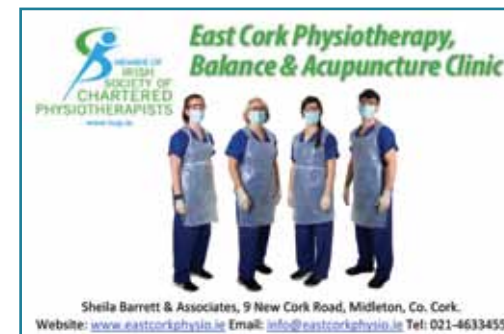


www.secad.ie/leader/sustainable-communities/. This LEADER funded programme has enabled SECAD to engage trainers Change by Degrees and MaREI in South Cork and VOICE in West Cork. Glounthaune is among the communities participating.

Since September 2021, weekly training sessions have covered topics like Listening and Learning; From Vision to Action; Introduction to Climate Change and Climate Action; Climate Leadership; Training and Resource Identification; Biodiversity and Nature; Project Management; Waste and the Circular Economy; Renewable Energy; Buildings and Infrastructure; Financing Sustainability and Project. These involve up to ten community members per area and the resources from this training area available for additional community members on the SECAD online learning platform.

Each of the communities, including Glounthaune, are currently working on Sustainability Plans with short, medium and long terms goals and actions and will also identify a Legacy Project. Once these plans are completed, the aim is that communities will also have identified the resources (eg finance, staff, voluntary resources required) and will be in a position to implement their plans for the future development of their communities.

As part of the programme, we were delighted to have a field trip to Harper's Island on Sunday 23rd January, kindly hosted by Conor O'Brien and the Glounthaune Community Association.



THE GREAT IRISH POTATO FAMINE. EFFECTS LOCALLY 175 YEARS AGO PART IV

Contributed by Patrick Twomey

This is the forth and penultimate contribution of Patrick's series on the local effects of the Great Famine. See preceding issues for the first three contributions. The final contribution will appear in our July issue.

The Blight returns. (1846)

The return of the blight in 1846 triggered a huge exodus of mostly destitute people seeking refuge mostly in British towns initially but over time this expanded to Canada, America and Australia. The unfortunate destitute members of the population who for multiple reasons could not travel either had to starve or try to enter the nearest workhouse (Poor House). The following are the records of Catholic marriages and births for the whole parish of Glounthaune during the famine period. There can be no doubt there is a serious drop off in marriages in particular during the period say 1846-50.

Baptisms

1841. 194.	1842. 167.	1843. 192.	1844. 175.	1846. 184.	1847. 140.
1848. 101.	1849. 124.	1850. 106.	1851. 98.	1852. 116.	

Marriages

1841 28.	1842 39.	1843 40.	1844 31.	1845 30.	1846 42.
1847 12.	1848 20.	1849 16.	1850 12.	1851 14.	1852 17.

What was the likely situation locally during this period? As I already mentioned there appears to be no doubt that there was a soup kitchen operating in Knockraha during the height of the famine but there is no record, as far as I am aware, of one in Glounthaune or Little Island.

The adjoining parish of Lisgoold suffered greatly during the famine. The Parish Priest in 1847 Father E.O'Hea wrote to the editor of Examiner on February 24th complaining about the frightful change that had taken place in the parish over the last few months.

The deaths from want of food are so numerous that there was no point in calling the coroner. Scarcely a day passes without four or five deaths. Unfortunately the priest felt that "we are only at the beginning of our miseries" He appeals for help from "the good and human". Father O'Hea signs off the letter "while writing two applications for coffins".

We must also bear in mind that New Glanmire village was on the main route to and from Cork/Midleton/ Queenstown/Youghal during the famine years. A route traversed by the poor unfortunates trying to make their way to Cork in a mainly fruitless search for work or heading to the workhouse. This does not mean that local people did not suffer greatly as a result but they probably had just about enough to survive. And of course as already referred to there was a Relief Committee in place for the surrounding area. This area was as follows: Parishes of Cahirlag, Little Island, Ballydeloher, Templeusque, Part of Saint Michael's and part of Dunbullog. In the Examiner of 9/12/1846 the following contributions

of local interest were acknowledged to the famine relief fund:- James Daly, Patrick Daly, R.D.Beamish, Mrs. Bury £5. The Misses Bury, John Cantillon, Laurence Cotter, Mrs. Dring, Simon Dring, £10. Some of the other contributors who also lived close to the village, particularly Dring, were Sir Riggs Falkiner Bart., Joseph Grogan, Rev S.Lucey, Richard Martin, Matthew Mullins. These figures and names are recorded in the Cork Examiner of 9/12/1846. What I find interesting is that Laurence Cotter and Joseph Grogan lived in the village at this time and whilst it is no guarantee, I feel if things were dire close by, they would have considered charity should begin at home. Some of the other contributors were close by as well, in particular Dring, Beamish and the Parish Priest Father Lucey. Riggs Falkiner was residing in London but still had large property rentals in the area. Whilst I have only recorded the above item it is clear from research that the contributions noted for every collection during these years from this locality never varied.

Work Houses (Poor Houses)

The workhouses (Poor House) were introduced into Ireland as part of the English poor Law System in 1838. The British Government saw the system as the most cost effective way of tackling the desperate state of poverty in Ireland. At the time the population of Ireland was approximately twice what it is today and many of those eight million inhabitants were suffering from disease and starvation.

The workhouses were always perceived as the last resort in cases of destitution. Paupers were very reluctant to enter them. They were probably the most hated and feared institutions ever established in Ireland.

Cork Union Work house was built to accommodate 2000. All the workhouses were based on the one design, with separate male and female blocks, an entrance block, porter's lodge, waiting hall, and arrival rooms, stores, and an attic. They had yards and gardens, a kitchen and laundry, and a dining room which doubled as a chapel. At the back of the workhouse would be an infirmary, with a ward for "idiots". By April 1843 one hundred and twelve new workhouses were completed, with eighteen more nearly finished, and also some existing buildings were adapted to become workhouses. Lack of finance meant that some new workhouses were not opened for years after completion.

The Board of Guardians had a meeting room/ board room upstairs and there were some small dormitories. The authorities had trouble collecting the taxes that were supposed to pay for the operation of the workhouses-the poor rate- and the beneficiaries were very slow to go inside as they did not want to lose their independence. By mid-1846 the new workhouses were only half full

The regime was tough with cramped dormitories, straw mattresses on planks, and poor ventilation. A water shortage and overflowing toilets added to the misery. The diet typically consisted of potatoes, bread, milk, oats, and occasionally herrings, and in some cases meat soup dinners once a week.

The potato blight did not make a significant impact until 1846. Whilst the crop failed in 1845 it was expected to recover the following year a pattern which was not unusual during the nineteenth century up to then. However the 1846 crop failed as well, therefore

admissions increased to the workhouse from October, 1846. During the week ending 3rd April, 1847 there were 4803 paupers (Men 709. Women 2182. Remainder children under 15) in the work house. Death was never far away. Indeed burials were often problematic. In Cork in one day 36 bodies were interred in the same grave, and from autumn 1846 to May 1847 10,000 persons were buried in Father Matthew Cemetery in Cork and he was forced to close it.

The workhouses were stretched to their limit with people all in desperate need. Washrooms and stables were converted into temporary accommodation, and at times buildings were rented to cope with rising numbers. It reached a stage where finances were exhausted and many workhouses were forced to refuse new admissions. Some unions became insolvent and diseases such as typhus fever and dysentery spread through the workhouse like a plague leaving thousands dead.

The starving people besieged the Work House, City Hospitals, food depots, and soup kitchens. By the end of January 1848 there were 5329 people in the workhouse, almost twice the intended capacity, and of these 1480 were sick. A total of 91 deaths in the last week in January 1847, which increased in the second week of February to 164, and continued to rise in the following weeks. On 29th March, 1847 after the death of 757 inmates the Board of Guardians closed the workhouse against further admissions, until they got a clean bill of health. Temporary work houses and fever hospitals were established. By July the numbers in these temporary buildings totalled 845 and continued to grow. It was June 1849 at which time there were 745 inmates in temporary workhouses, before the numbers admitted started to decrease.

The expansion of the workhouses was an enormous burden on the City ratepayers, and there was an air of hostility towards the unfortunates who came into the city looking for relief, they were not natives of the Cork Poor Law Union, but of some other Poor Law area. The fact that a lot of these unfortunates were sick and diseased did not help as the citizens knew their diseases were contagious. In addition the number of deaths daily in the City put enormous pressure on the cemeteries in the City, and affected the proper dispersal of their remains. In June 1847 Saint Joseph's Cemetery was closed to further burials, and the remains sent to Curraghkippane, and the Council arranged for a new burial ground to be purchased at Carr's Hill.

Life in the workhouse was usually harsh with many strict rules and staff could be cruel. Families were split up and inmates were treated badly, fed poorly, and often had little to do. Some paupers preferred prison because it had better food and a less strict regime. The workhouse was not allowed to compete with commercial enterprises, making it difficult to find work for all the inmates. Some workhouses had a capstan wheel which ground corn – women and children pushed it in circles for hours on end. Other jobs included the men breaking stones for road works. Women did cleaning, laundry work, kitchen help or nursing. Elderly inmates were tasked with making clothes and spinning wool. Girls were trained to be domestic servants



CONSUMER AFFAIRS: SMALL CLAIMS PROCEDURE

What is the purpose of the Small Claims Procedure?

The aim of the Small Claims Procedure (also known as the small claims court) is to provide an inexpensive, fast and easy way for consumers and businesses to resolve disputes without the need to employ a solicitor. Both the person making the claim (the claimant) and the respondent (the person you are claiming against) must be living or based within the State. If either party lives or is based in another EU member state, the European Small Claims Procedure should be used. The small claims procedure is provided by the local District Court offices.

What kind of issues are dealt with through the small claims procedure?

The following types of consumer claims can be dealt with under the small claims procedure:

- Consumer claims such as for faulty goods or bad workmanship. You must have bought the goods or service for private use from someone selling them in the course of business.
- Claims can also be made for minor damage to your property.

- Claims for the non-return of a rent deposit for certain kinds of rented properties, such as, a holiday home or a flat in a premises where the landlord also lives.

The claim cannot exceed €2,000.

Are there some consumer claims not covered by the small claims procedure?

Consumer claims cannot be made through the small claims procedure for debts, personal injuries or breach of leasing or hire-purchase agreements.

Is there a fee for making a claim?

The current fee for making a claim through the small claims procedure is €25. This fee is payable by cheque (made out to the Small Claims Registrar) or postal order. The Small Claims Registrar will accept the fee in cash if you pay it in person. If you apply online, you are required to pay online. If your claim is accepted as suitable for the small claims procedure the fee is not refunded, even if your claim is successful.

How do I apply to have a claim dealt with by the Small Claims Procedure?

You can access detailed guidance on how to apply to the Small Claims Registrar on the Courts Service website www.courts.ie.

You can print an application for the small claims procedure from the website. This application form is also available from your local Citizens Information Centre or from the local District Court offices. Staff in the District Court office can help in completing the application form.

It is important when completing the application form to give all the necessary information. This will help the Small Claims Registrar to process your claim and try and resolve the dispute. If no resolution can be reached, it will also make it easier to enforce a Decree (or court order) if one is granted.

You can also make an application for the small claims procedure online. Using Courts Service Online you can create and pay for a small claim application. You can also check the status of your online small claim securely, using a username and password. To create a claim online you need a credit or debit card and an email address to which you have access.

Where do I apply?

The small claims procedure is provided through local District Court offices. You make your claim to the District Court office in the area either where:

- The person you are making a claim against lives or carries on business or
- Where the contract was made or
- Where the damage to property took place

You will find a list of district court areas on the Court Service website.

What is the European small claims procedure?

The European Small Claims Procedure provides an inexpensive and easy way for

someone to pursue a cross-border claim without the need to employ a solicitor. Similar to the Small Claims Court it can be used in civil and in commercial matters. The claim cannot exceed €5,000. It is an alternative to other options that may exist under the national laws of EU member states.

The fee for the European Small Claims Procedure is €25. You may have to pay for the translation of your documents if they are in a language the defendant does not understand. If you win you can claim for such additional costs. If you lose, however, you may have to pay for any translation or other costs incurred by the defendant.

What cases does it apply to?

The procedure applies to cross-border cases. In other words, the party with whom you are in dispute must be domiciled or habitually resident in another member state and you are pursuing the action in Ireland. It allows you, for example, to make a claim in Ireland for a faulty product which you bought online from someone living in another EU country.

How do I apply to the European Small Claims Procedure?

European Small Claims Procedure claim forms are available from your local District Court office. You cannot make a claim online but can download the claim form from the Courts Service website www.courts.ie

You must complete the form, giving details of your claim, the amount you are seeking and any other details required. You must give the name and full physical address of the party you are in dispute with, even if it is an online business.

The completed claim form together with any supporting documentation and the fee must be lodged with the Registrar in the local District Court office.

For anyone needing information, advice or who has an advocacy issue, you can call a member of the local Citizens Information

team in Cork City North weekdays from 10am to 4.30pm on 0818 07 6850, they will be happy to assist. Alternatively you can email us on hollyhill@citinfo.ie or log on to www.citizensinformation.ie for further information.

Further information on this and other subjects is available from the Mayfield Citizens Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

Mayfield Citizens Information Centre: Tel: 0818 07 6880

Currently open for phone queries only, Monday to Friday 10am – 4.30pm

Information is also available from the Citizens Information Phone Service 0818 07 4000 or online at www.citizensinformation.ie

Note: Citizens Information Centres have recently moved to the 0818 telephone prefix as listed above. Calls to 0818 numbers will cost no more than calling a landline number and will be included in your bundle of call minutes if your bundle includes landline calls.



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GLOUNTHAUNE GRAMOPHONE CIRCLE CELEBRATES 20TH BIRTHDAY

Glounthaune Gramophone Circle celebrates its 20th Birthday this year and to mark the occasion, a very pleasant function was held in Cork Golf Club recently thanks to our long time member Tom Stacy.

It is hard to believe it is 20 years since we started with a small number of music enthusiasts, numbering 8 or 9, that has grown over the years to be 30 or 35 on any given evening.

We are often asked to describe a Gramophone Circle and the simple answer to that question is a group of people who like to listen to music together and contrary to what you might think, we are not all sitting around listening to an old Gramophone, a bit like the old advertisement for His Master's Voice with the dog!

These days it is mainly CDs and the format is very simple. One of our members will play a selection of their favourite music for the evening. Sometimes we have a guest presenter from another group. We start at 8pm and finish at 10pm with a short break for a cuppa in between.

The idea for the Gramophone Circles evolved over the years when a few friends would get together to share the music of a new record one of them had acquired.

Back in the early 50's and 60's these records were expensive to buy and by sharing with others, more people got the enjoyment of hearing beautiful music.

I am told it is a Cork tradition and there are many groups like ours in the City and County. Presentations are held at various times of the day throughout the week, many of them in local libraries who are most accommodating. A list of these events is available at Cork City Library or on their website.

We have had many presenters over the years most of them our own members many of whom live locally. We also have loyal members who travel from Ballinlough, Ballincollig and Ballinhassig. A very popular guest with us was the late David McInerney. David was a stalwart of Cork musical and theatre life for many years and always loved a visit to Glounthaune to share music and memories with us.

Over the years we have had to say goodbye to some of our members but have happy memories of them all.



We are delighted to have reached the milestone of 20 years. We look forward to many more evenings of music and would be happy to have new members to share our enjoyment.

We meet in the Church Centre Glounthaune on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8pm (except July and August).



Further information from:

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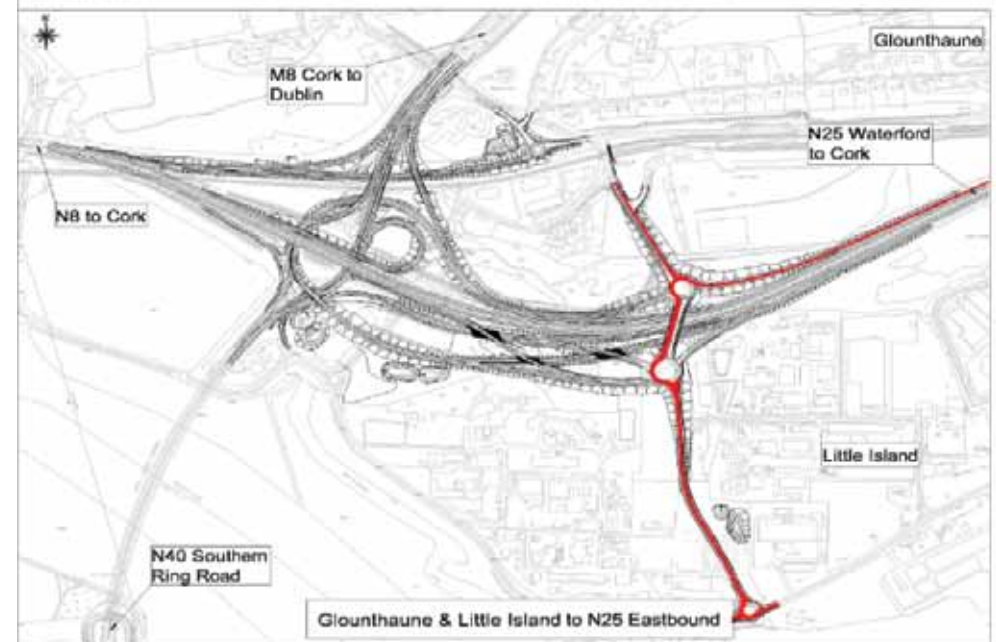
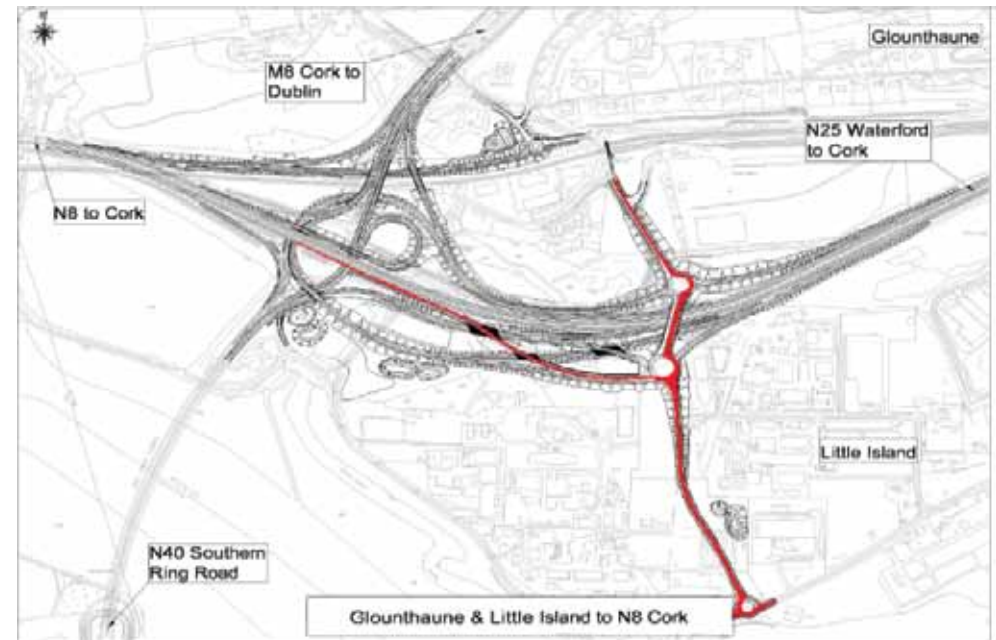
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The mystifying complex of new overpasses, new roundabouts and embankments will gradually begin to make sense as the project approaches the halfway stage of the 42 month construction period which began on October 2020. The target planned completion is in early 2024 approximately 20 months from now.

Motorists who live in the Glanmire/Caherlag Kilcoolishall will have the choice of using a new link to the N25 as outlined in red in the maps shown below. To go towards the city will involve using the old Bury's bridge and heading south via two new roundabouts separated by the new overpass and immediately heading west towards the Dunkettle exchange. Also, heading for Dublin will require the same maneuver but tracking further south to join the tunnel exit for Dublin.

The existing Little Island link to the N25 will remain as it is so that residents from Glounthaune village and surrounds will continue as before.

See diagrams on pages 27-28.



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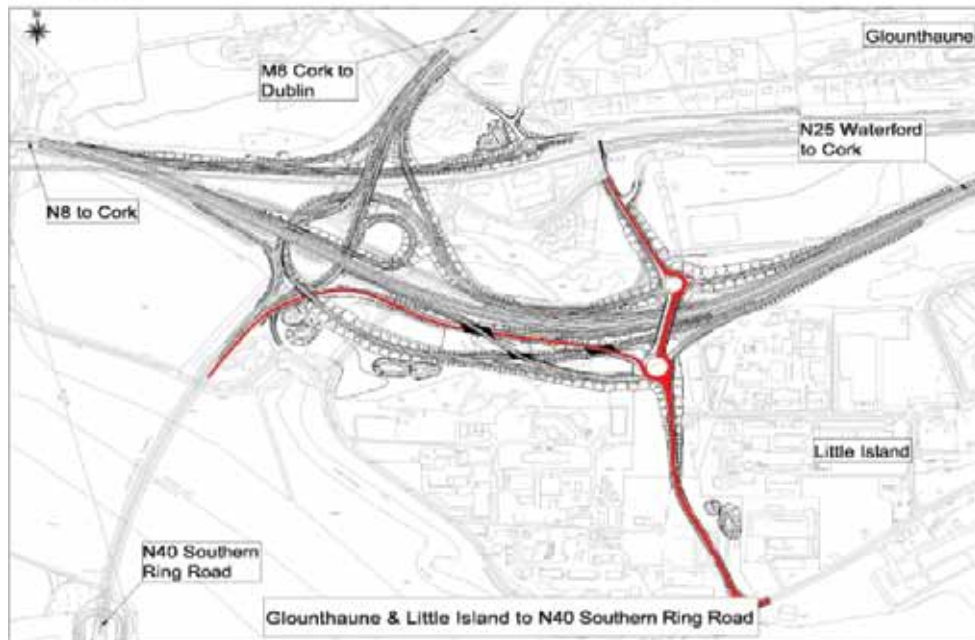
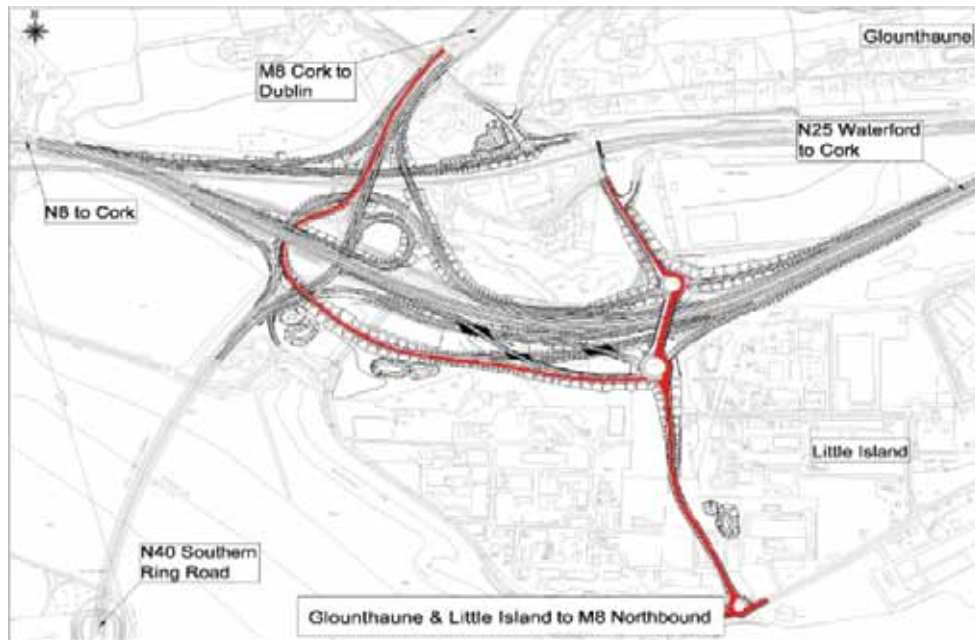
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Stay safe and follow the public health guidelines.

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ROOSTER

Contributed by Maeve O'Keeffe

It's funny how coincidental things can sometimes happen. The stuff that typically drops through our postbox are bills and flyers, but one morning, there was an envelope addressed to me. Not my birthday, so who would be sending me a card? It was a thank you from a woman who, years ago, had attended some of my art classes. She had recently seen the bird mural I did in Glounthaune station and decided to send me a card. Here's the funny thing. Although I hadn't met her in years, just the week before, she was on my mind and I spoke about her in art class!

I was drawing a farmyard scene featuring a colourful cockerel and told the children about Helen, a lady I knew who had a similar bird. However, unlike the calm creature we were drawing, this rooster was a holy terror! Anyone venturing into the garden ran the risk of being chased and having their legs pecked. Helen kept a diary and drew sketches of interesting things that happened, and showed me her hilarious drawings of running in fear from this furious fowl! The children liked the story and some noteworthy suggestions were made about tackling such a tough tormentor.



I loved that Helen drew sketches alongside her diary entries. Observing and sketching the people and places we see, or incidents that occur is a great discipline and practice to improve drawing skills, even if our motivation is a raucous rooster!

For information about upcoming art classes this autumn, check out my website: www.frazzledmammy.com or Facebook page FB: www.facebook.com/frazzledmammy or contact me at 087 6684021

UKRAINE COLLECTION

Glounthaune Community Association would like to thank all those who supported our St. Patrick's Day collection.

We collected the sum of **€423.38** which was lodged in Glounthaune Post office where it was sent directly to the Red Cross.

I would also like to give a big thank you to the **80th Cork Scout Group Little Island**, Glounthaune for their great help on the day.

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