

# Contae Átha Cliath Theas Inníu South Dublin County Today

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Image: Christmas tree lit up at Parthalán Place, Tallaght



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# Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful new year



A huge amount of work has been accomplished over the last six months as outlined in this newsletter. From festivals to improvements in our public realm to Green Flag awards and much more. You will find lots of information on our current achievements and news on next years budget and St Patrick's Day celebrations.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the South Dublin County Council staff and all the community groups who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to the benefit of everyone living, working or visiting our great county.

Congratulations to all the returning and new Councillors who were successful in the Local Elections held in June this year whom I look forward to working with over the lifetime of the Council and congratulations also to our three colleagues who were elected to represent the County in the Dáil in the recent general election - Shane Moynihan, Paul Nicholas Gogarty and Ciarán Ahern. I wish them all the best in the principal chamber of the Oireachtas.

This county has a great tradition of volunteering and community spirit and as this time of year can be difficult for some, I would ask everyone to remember to check in on your neighbours, friends and the most vulnerable in our society over the holiday season.

I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and joyous festive season.

Warm regards,

Baby Pereppadan,

Mayor, South Dublin County Council.

## Nollaig mhór mhaith duit agus go raibh bliain úr faoi shíocháin agat.

Cuireadh go leor oibre i gcrích le sé mhí anuas, mar atá leagtha amach sa nuachtlitir seo. Idir fhéilte agus fheabhsuithe inár ríocht phoiblí, agus ghradaim an Bhrait Ghlais agus go leor eile. Gheobhaidh tú go leor eolais ar ár n-éachtaí reatha agus nuacht ar bhuiséad na bliana seo chugainn agus ar cheiliúradh Lá Fhéile Pádraig.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas mór a ghabháil leis an bhfoireann ar fad ag Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas agus leis na grúpaí pobail ar fad a d'oibrigh go dian dícheallach i rith na bliana ar mhaithe le gach duine a chónaíonn, a oibríonn nó a thugann cuairt ar ár gcontae iontach.

Comhghairdeas leis na Comhairleoirí ar fad ar éirigh leo sna toghcháin áitiúla a reáchtáladh i mí an Mheithimh i mbliana a bhfuil mé ag súil go mór le bheith ag obair leo thar shaolré na Comhairle agus comhghairdeas freisin lenár dtriúr comhghleacaithe a toghadh le déanaí chun ionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar an gContae sa Dáil san olltoghchán - an Comhairleoir Shane Moynihan, an Comhairleoir Paul Nicholas Gogarty agus an Comhairleoir Ciarán Ahern. Guím gach rath orthu i bpríomhsheomra an Oireachtais.

Tá traidisiún iontach saorálaíochta agus spiorad pobail ag an gcontae seo agus toisc go bhféadfadh an tráth seo den bhliain a bheith deacair do dhaoine áirithe, iarraim ar gach éinne cuimhneamh ar ár gcomharsana, ár gcairde agus na daoine is leochailí inár sochaí, agus cabhrú leo, le linn laethanta saoire na Nollag.

Guím Nollaig mhór mhaith agus laethanta saoire suairce ort féin agus ar do mhuintir.

Le dea-mhéin,

Baby Pereppadan,

Méara, Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas.

# South Dublin County Council

## Elected Members



### Clondalkin Cluain Dolcáin

Councillor Francis Timmons	IND
Councillor William Joseph Carey	SF
Councillor Darragh Adelaide	PBP
Councillor Eoin Ó Broin	SD
Councillor Shirley O' Hara	FG
Councillor Linda DeCourcy	II
Councillor Trevor Gilligan	FF

### Rathfarnham - Templeogue Ráth Fearnáin - Teach Mealóg

Councillor Pamela Kearns	LAB
Councillor Ronan McMahon	IND
Councillor Paddy Cosgrave	LAB
Councillor Justin Sinnott	SD
Councillor Lynn McCrave	FG
Councillor Yvonne Collins	FF
Councillor David McManus	FG

### Tallaght Central Tamhlact An Lár

Councillor Dean Donnelly	IND
Councillor Britto Pereppadan	FG
Councillor Mick Duff	IND
Councillor Niamh Whelan	SF
Councillor Teresa Costello	FF
Councillor Jess Spear	PBP

### Lucan Leamhcán

Councillor Helen Farrell	IND
Councillor Vicki Casserly	FG
Councillor Liona O'Toole	IND
Councillor Caroline Brady	FG
Councillor Joanna Tuffy	PBP

### Tallaght South Tamhlact Theas

Councillor Patrick Pearse Holohan	IND
Councillor Kay Keane	PBP
Councillor Dermot Richardson	IND
Councillor Louise Dunne	SF
Councillor Baby Pereppadan	FG

### Firhouse - Bohernabreena Teach na Giúise - Bóthar na Bruíne

Councillor Alan Edge	IND
Councillor Brian Lawlor	FG
Councillor Emma Murphy	FF
Councillor Sarah Barnes	FG
Councillor Róisín Mannion	SF

### Palmerstown - Fonthill Baile Phámar - Cnoc an Fhuaráin

Councillor Jacqueline Sheehy	FF
Councillor Alan Hayes	IND
Councillor Niamh Fennell	SF
Councillor Glen Moore	IFP
Councillor Madeleine Johansson	PBP

### Party abbreviations

CIlr	Councillor
PBP	People Before Profit Alliance
SOL	Solidarity
FF	Fianna Fáil
SF	Sinn Féin
SD	Social Democrats
FG	Fine Gael
LAB	The Labour Party
IFP	Irish Freedom Party
IND	Independent
Green	The Green Party
II	Independent Ireland





## South Dublin County Council Celebrates Student Success with Annual Bursary Awards

**At a ceremony in November South Dublin County Council reaffirmed its commitment to supporting education accessibility through its 'Access to Third Level Education Bursary' programme.**

This initiative, launched in partnership with the Institute of Technology Tallaght (now TU Dublin) in 2006, aims to alleviate financial barriers for students from disadvantaged areas, encouraging them to pursue higher education. Fifteen students were honoured this year, including eight first-year students beginning their academic journey and seven second-year students who had successfully completed their first year with support from the programme.

Each recipient received €2,500 for the 2024/2025 academic year. Additionally, a runner-up student who joined TU Dublin through its Access Programme was awarded a special grant recognising their hard work and dedication.

The programme highlights the long-standing partnership between South Dublin County Council and TU Dublin, showcasing the impact of collaborative efforts to empower young people and promote equal opportunities in higher education.

## Dementia Café in Ballyroan

**As part of the on going Dementia Inclusive Pilot that is taking place in Rosemount, Ballyroan, a dementia café in Ballyroan Community and Youth centre was launched on 8 October.** The launch was attended by representatives from Cheeverstown Trustus Senior Care and members of the local community. Some attendees had family members with them with a dementia diagnosis and some who expressed an interest in learning more about dementia as they had friends or family members with the diagnosis.

**The café will run monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm** and will be assisted by Cheeverstown volunteers. It is planned to have some focused activities or presentations at each monthly café and staff from Ballyroan Library attended the November café to demonstrate the magic table resource that is now available to book in the library.



The dementia inclusive pilot came about initially as a result of a motion that council owned-buildings display the Understand Together sticker in their buildings. Further analysis by the community department showed that a whole community-based approach was required involving local community members and businesses in collaboration with the local authority to establish what a dementia inclusive community could look like. Ballyroan was selected as the first pilot area in South Dublin.



South Dublin County Council  
Community Services Staff

**The 2024 Community Endeavour Awards were held in the Plaza Hotel on 3 October. The awards recognise and reward community effort and achievement.**

Post covid, the council has been conscious of the efforts of many individuals and community organisations to mobilise and start investing in their communities. We have supported many of these groups to ensure their schemes are sustainable and inclusive.



South Dublin County Councillors with Mayor Baby Pereppadan

The Community Endeavour Awards provide an opportunity for community groups and organisations to have their work and their achievements celebrated collectively.



Chair of the Older Peoples Council Mary Lyons, Cllr Alan Edge, Vice Chair of the Older Peoples Council Declan Doyle



Teresa O'Brien awarded the Community Endeavour Award

**Teresa O'Brien was awarded the Community Endeavour Award for Outstanding Contribution to a Community.** Teresa has been a community activist in Tallaght for over fifty years.

She was a member of the committee which helped to fund raise for Dominic's Community Centre and she has actively campaigned for community resources for her entire career. Teresa has been the driving force for almost every community initiative in the Dominic's/Avonbeg area. The success of Dominic's Community Centre is a testament to her commitment.





# SDCC Delivering Climate Action

## Introduction

The Climate Action Plan 2024–2029 was approved by the Councillors of South Dublin County Council in early 2024 and includes 129 actions related to energy and buildings, transport, flood resilience, nature-based solutions, circular economy and resource management and citizen engagement. The plan seeks to increase energy efficiency by 50%, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 51%, build climate resilience, and engage the community.

## Energy Update

Achieving the targets of the CAP will require a significant reduction in energy use. An Energy Management Team has been established to progress ISO 50001 certification, an internationally recognised standard that demonstrates SDCC's commitment to continual improvement in energy management.

## Transport Update

### Smarter Travel Mark

With support from the National Transport Authority the Council is working towards achieving the Smarter Travel Mark, which recognises and celebrates organisations that support active and sustainable travel on the commute and beyond for their workforce and visitors, resulting in a reduction in single person car usage while increasing active and sustainable travel.

### Decarbonising our Fleet

In 2024 SDCC continued to transition our fleet vehicles away from existing diesel vehicles to help meet our climate action targets. To achieve this transition SDCC aims to introduce more electric vehicles and alternative fueled vehicles into the fleet. In 2024 the council began a pilot trialing Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil in our diesel vehicles. This will be done as an interim measure to allow sufficient time for our EV charging network to be implemented and to research an alternative fuel source for our larger fleet vehicles.

## Flood Resilience

SDCC is taking steps to make a flood resilient county. These steps come in small measures like gully maintenance and in large measures like a Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS).

### Gully Maintenance

In 2024 South Dublin has continued to review its gully maintenance plans. These plans will have a heavy focus on improvements to gullies and operations taken on gullies with known reoccurring issues. To date in 2024 South Dublin has cleaned out 2,957.6 tonnes of waste from gullies which will reduce chances of flooding in the urban environment.

## Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme

The River Poddle, which runs through South Dublin, has flooded frequently in the past causing millions of euros of damage and putting lives at risk. Work commenced on the Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme in April 2024. The 36 month programme will protect 900 homes and 50 commercial properties in a 1 in 100-year flood, once it is completed.

South Dublin County Council is leading on the River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme in collaboration with Dublin City Council and the Office of Public Works.

## Nature Based Solutions

The Council is leading the way in environmental innovation by adopting nature-based solutions to tackle urban biodiversity challenges. One standout initiative involves the use of the Miyawaki method to create mini-woodlands in urban areas, fostering sustainable habitats while engaging local communities.

This initiative has seen active collaboration between South Dublin County Council and local community groups. Together, they have transformed previously underutilised plots into thriving ecosystems, contributing to the county's broader goal of promoting sustainability and climate. To date over six South Dublin County sites, approximately 17,800 native saplings have been planted. An estimated 15,700 native saplings will be planted over the 2024/25 planting season (November – March) in six other locations in the County. Already, the first site planted in Sean Walsh Park in 2021 displays impressive growth, with many of the trees over four metres in height!

## Circular Economy and Resource Management

By adopting a circular economy, SDCC aims to reduce waste and ensure materials are used as efficiently as possible. Reducing waste and ensuring materials are used as efficiently as possible.

SDCC staff work closely with contractors to reduce waste. For example, single-use beverage cups have been eliminated from the staff canteen for some years and a deposit and return cup system was relaunched. Drinking water fountains have been installed across South Dublin as a measure to reduce the amount of single-use plastics going to waste and to support active travel options. Currently there are 26 drinking water fountains in the public realm in South Dublin.

## Community Engagement Update

Funding from Phase 1 of the Community Climate Action Programme has seen 28 projects supported through Strand 1 and 1a of the programme, totalling over €1.1m worth of climate investment in local projects.

A range of community organisations, from sports clubs to scouts, and charities to social enterprises have received funding to take climate action that has impact.

Phase 2 of the programme will be delivered, with a launch date to be decided. If you are interested in delivering a future community climate action project, please get in touch with us at [climatechange@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:climatechange@sdblincoco.ie). More information is available at <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/climate-action/community-climate-action-programme/>





# South Dublin County Council invites applications for the Tourism Event and Festival Grant 2025

Applications for the 2025 Tourism Event and Festival Grant will be accepted from January 2025. This annual grant scheme supports organisations and event planners hosting public events or festivals within South Dublin County's administrative area.

The grant aims to foster innovative events that enhance South Dublin's tourism offering, and strengthens the local visitor economy. Supported events focus on key areas such as culture, food, sports, hobbies, and activities.

The maximum grant available is €7,500, with funding amounts linked to projected attendance, including both local and international visitors.

With the recent adoption of South Dublin's Tourism Strategy, it is our mission to promote tourism development across the County. This scheme enables event organisers to bring new events that will have a positive impact on tourism growth and the broader South Dublin economy.



Up to €80,000 has been allocated for this year's scheme. Event organisers interested in applying can find more information on eligibility and application requirements at Tourism Events and Festivals Grants - SDCC

## TRAD Fest 20 IN SOUTH DUBLIN 22-26 JANUARY

An evening with  
**Peggy Seeger**

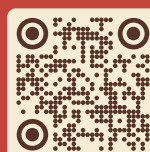
An evening with  
**Ralph McTell**

**Phelim Drew**

The Songs & Stories of Ronnie Drew & The Dubliners

**Daoirí Farrell Michelle Mulcahy Systir Laoise Kelly**  
**Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh Lorcán McMathuna & Martin Tourish**  
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# €391 Million Council Budget Approved for 2025

A budget for 2025 with proposed expenditure totalling €391,942,200 was approved by the Elected Members of South Dublin County Council at our annual budget meeting on 14 November 2024. This budget reflects the needs of a County that continues to develop and grow, with all the associated service demands and infrastructure requirements which that brings.

The first budget of the new Council term seeks to provide opportunity for all by enhancing key services and local quality of life, addressing the critical challenges of housing, climate action and economic development, and supporting continued investment in infrastructure across the County. It features a range of increasing resourcing to improve the impact of key public services including:

- **Over €26.6 million** for housing maintenance to ensure appropriate and efficient service levels for an expanding housing stock, including continued planned maintenance funding and extra provision for reletting of vacant properties.
- **€6.97 million** for facilities and services to respond to local and regional homeless challenges and to support households to exit homelessness.
- **€24.9 million** for maintenance of footpaths, regional and local roads.
- **€24.1 million** for management, maintenance and development of parks, pitches and open spaces, including almost €4.6 million for tree maintenance, with extra funding once again provided to deal with emergency and remaining legacy works outside the tree programme schedule.
- **€13.3 million** for litter management and cleansing.
- **€12.3 million** for community, sports and wellbeing initiatives and grants.
- **€27 million** for the regional fire service.

The most significant level of funding in the budget is to support the provision of social homes through Approved Housing Bodies and long-term leasing, with plans for expenditure of almost €104 million in this regard.

Funding is also continued for various initiatives to progress our Climate Action Plan, particularly through continued investment in retrofit works to improve the energy efficiency of Council-owned buildings, funding the transition to Hydrotreated



Vegetable Oil from diesel for all our large vehicles by Q1 2025 and continued transition to Electrical Vehicles (EVs) for smaller vehicles throughout the year, along with additional climate action related operational, community, adaption and innovation programmes.

**Economic and tourism development**, along with quality infrastructure and placemaking, all support ongoing investment and future prosperity in South Dublin and, for 2025, commercial rates are being maintained at existing levels, the vacancy rate refund credit is being reduced to 0% to strongly encourage occupancy of vacant commercial and industrial premises, while €2.9 million will be spent on traffic signal, bridge and regional road improvement programmes along with €1.9 million for further enhancements in our towns, villages and public realm. We are also providing over €1.6 million to support management and promotion of the extended Grange Castle Business Park and significant funding is also ring-fenced for the 12th Lock Masterplan (€1.5 million) and projects under our Tourism Strategy (€1.3 million). In addition, we will continue with our Business Support Fund and other supports for small and medium businesses through our Local Enterprise Office and working in partnership with South Dublin Chamber. We are also providing €300k for the operation of the Work IQ Innovation Centre in Tallaght and €100k for an economic plan for Rathfarnham Village in conjunction with the proposed Rathfarnham Castle / Stables project.





**Community and voluntary work**, together with our investment in social and cultural amenities and programmes, provide a better quality of life and wellbeing in the County and this is recognised in our community, sports, and libraries programmes all of which are being expanded in 2025. Specific provisions of note include €3.1 million to complete local parks upgrades at St. Cuthberts, Quarryvale, and Jobstown and for continued investment in teenspaces and playgrounds, while €2 million will be spent on pitch improvements, new astro pitches, sports pavilions, and storage facilities in parks and €1 million is earmarked to support management of community centres. We have also increased the libraries' book fund and have plans for additional cultural and artistic programmes with the Civic Theatre and Rua Red. We are bringing Tradfest events to South Dublin in January 2025 along with a range of seasonal festivals including for St. Patrick's Day, Halloween and Christmas and a programme of events for Parthalán Place in Tallaght.

**Making the budget** was a collaborative process with input from many Councillors and the outcome reflects and addresses key priorities for our citizens, including providing for inclusive, safe and sustainable communities, which is critical to underpinning quality of life and opportunity for all. Along with our commitment to the implementation of the Public Sector Duty Framework and ongoing work on housing adaptation grants, age friendly initiatives, Traveller inclusion and support, integration, sports inclusion, neurodiverse initiatives and many other programmes, extra funding is provided for accessibility works, a fund for a new equality and access work plan and a range of initiatives to support the introduction of the new Community Safety Partnership. In addition, specific projects requested by local Councillors include widespread roll-out of solar powered litter bins in town centres and parks, resources to tackle graffiti more effectively in local areas, a Columbarium wall and car park improvements at Bohernabreena cemetery, fit-out of new youth facilities in Citywest and Adamstown, family trails in Sean Walsh Park and Lucan House/Parco Italia, improvements to pedestrian crossings and local



road markings, enhanced cleansing of laneways and cycle tracks under the street cleansing service, examination of feasibility of additional sports facilities in Brookfield, Kingswood, Tymon, Collinstown etc. and a roll out of school streets.

The budget is largely funded by central government grants (40%), commercial rates (39%), and income from rents, loans, and service fees (13% combined), while Local Property Tax (LPT) currently accounts for approximately 3% of income. Our potential to expand key services and also to accommodate additional budget requests from Councillors while balancing the budget for 2025 was achieved despite the maximum 15% LPT reduction being applied by the Council at the October meeting. However, the ability to provide such discretionary extra measures in future budgets within the lifetime of this Council up to 2029 will be directly linked to the future LPT variation decisions.

Organisationally, we continue to expand our workforce to deliver the level of services committed to in this budget and to manage a significantly expanding capital programme. This is reflected by a 12.5% increase in payroll costs on the 2024 projected outturn as well as plans to improve our recruitment profile and processes. Corporate funding is also included for key organisational and workplace development initiatives, enhancing our connectivity with local communities and citizens, and other key corporate and governance measures including managing data access, cyber security, ongoing digitisation of services and debt management.

All of this means that the Council's budget for 2025 addresses a broad range of priorities that will allow us to effectively meet the needs of local citizens, communities and businesses in 2025, as well as providing the basis for greater opportunity for all in South Dublin under our new Corporate Plan over the next five years, as we seek to be a place that meets the needs and ambitions of everyone living, working and visiting here.



# Recruitment at SDCC

2024 has been an exciting and productive year for the recruitment team. So far this year the Council has employed 140 members of staff and advertised 52 competitions.

We facilitated the employment of 93 Graduates in the four Dublin Local Authorities with nine Graduates taking up employment with South Dublin County Council across eight skills area. We partnered with Ballyfermot Training Centre to offer 12 candidates a General Operative Traineeship, with an opportunity for a six month temporary contract. We continued to maintain strong relationships with 3rd level institutes including TUD Tallaght and UCD facilitating paid and unpaid placements in the area of ICT and Planning; we also partnered with AHEAD and the WAM Graduate Programme. In August, we successfully trialled rolling recruitment for our Clerical Officer competition and later extended it to the General Operative campaign; we hope to continue this approach for suitable competitions.

## Join our team!

We're hiring.

We expect to advertise the following posts between December 2024 and the Spring of 2025 - School Wardens, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Traveller Housing Liaison Officer, Graduate Planner, Supervising Inspector Mechanical, Analyst Programmer, Bricklayer, Graduate Landscape Architect, Executive Biodiversity Officer, Inspector Electrical Architects, Professionally Qualified Social Worker, Graduate Engineer Mechanical and Assistant Engineer.

We continue to encourage citizens and prospective candidates to register for job alerts on Jobs Page - ([sdccjobs.ie](https://sdccjobs.ie)) and review our general services vacancies on our career page Careers - SDCC and on The Echo online platform [www.echo.ie/category/jobs/](https://www.echo.ie/category/jobs/)

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL TALLAGHT 2025

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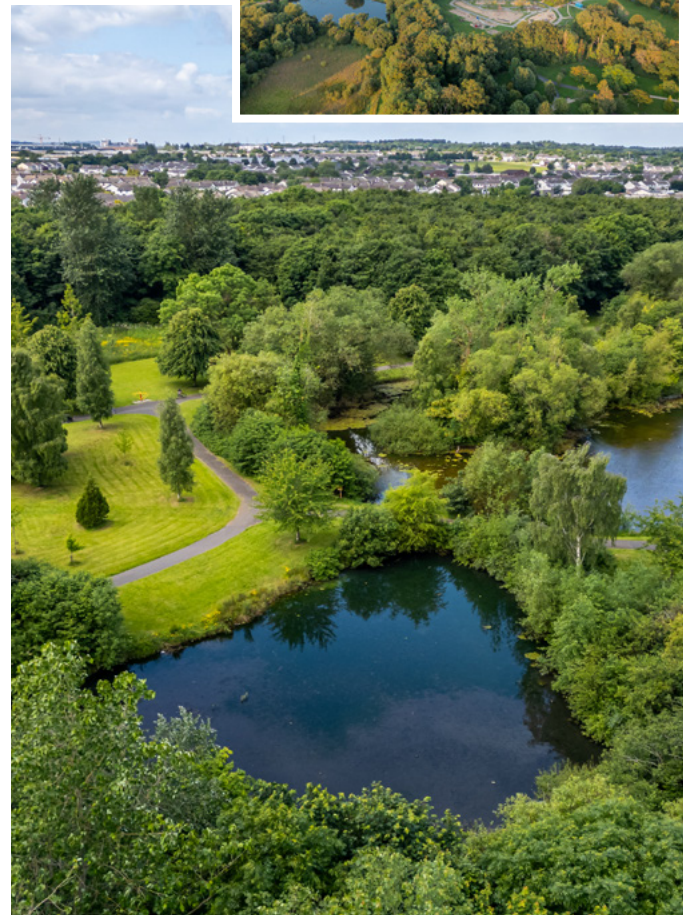


# Five South Dublin Parks receive Green Flag Award

An Taisce has awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award to five South Dublin parks. This recognition celebrates our commitment to high standards in park management, environmental responsibility, and community engagement. The parks honoured with Green Flags are Waterstown Park, Sean Walsh Park, Tymon Park, Corkagh Park, and Rathfarnham Castle Park.



The Green Flag Award scheme aims to promote the development of high-quality public parks and green spaces that are managed in an environmentally sustainable manner. It encourages parks and green spaces to achieve high environmental standards and effective management, with awards based on eight key criteria. Additionally, Tymon Park and Waterstown Park received high commendations in the 2024 All Ireland Pollinator Award.



Speaking on the announcement, Colm Ward, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council said; "Achieving Green Flag awards for five of our parks recognises our commitment to the continued development and management of high-quality parks and green spaces. It is great to achieve this prestigious award for our parks which are a haven for recreation and enjoyment by all. I would like to particularly thank our Public Realm staff for their hard work and dedication which has been instrumental in securing these awards, supported by active and welcome involvement by community volunteers and local residents' groups."



# Discover Something New at Your Library with Firstival!

## Are you ready to try something for the first time?

South Dublin Libraries invites you to Firstival, an exciting new festival designed for adults eager to step out of their comfort zones and dive into fresh experiences! This January, our libraries will transform into spaces of discovery, where you can explore unique activities you may have never tried before.

Firstival is all about “firsts.” Maybe you’ve always wanted to try painting, learn an instrument, or experiment with creative upcycling. Our lineup of workshops and events will include hands-on arts and crafts, movement and wellness sessions, and interactive music experiences—all led by friendly instructors eager to introduce you to their crafts. Whether you’re a complete beginner or just curious, these sessions are perfect for giving something new a try in a welcoming, no-pressure environment. Join us at Firstival and discover what your local library can offer beyond books. With each new experience, you’ll be surrounded by others who, just like you, are excited to start something new!

Firstival will take place from 13 – 18 January... keep an eye on [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie) for the full programme!



## Chamber Square Renamed Parthalán Place

Chamber Square, the space outside Tallaght Library and The Civic Theatre, has now officially been renamed Parthalán Place. This change reflects our community’s rich heritage and aims to foster greater connection through culture and creativity. It is the iconic new address for the Library, the Civic and RUA RED.

### Who is Parthalán?

Parthalán is a significant figure in Irish mythology, whose story is tied to the origins of Tallaght. His legacy symbolises exploration, cultural growth, and laying the foundation for future generations. The renaming honours this history and represents a new chapter for our cultural quarter.

### What is Parthalán Place?

Parthalán Place includes key SDCC cultural institutions, Tallaght Library, RUA RED, and The Civic, along with the public spaces in between. Recently, these areas have come alive with performances and gatherings, embodying the vibrant spirit of our community.

### Next Steps

You will soon see updated signage and public art reflecting this new identity. As we move forward, be sure to explore our exciting upcoming events.

Let’s all take pride in Parthalán Place as the heart of Tallaght’s cultural and creative life.





# Ballymount Civic Amenity

## Christmas and New Year 2024 / 2025 Opening hours

DATE	TIME	DATE	TIME
Monday 23 December	9am - 5pm	Monday 30 December	9am - 5pm
Tuesday 24 December	9am - 3pm	Tuesday 31 December	9am - 3pm
Wednesday 25 December	Closed	Wednesday 1 January	Closed
Thursday 26 December	Closed	Thursday 2 January	9am - 5pm
Friday 27 December	9am - 5pm	Friday 3 January	9am - 5pm
Saturday 28th Dec	9am - 5.30pm	Saturday 4 January	9am - 5.30pm
Sunday 29 December	9.30am - 5pm	Sunday 5 January	9.30am - 5pm



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## Recycle more this Christmas Déan níos mó a athchúrsáil an Nollaig seo

Wrapping paper, Christmas cards, Glass, Cans, Plastic, Christmas trees, Batteries and WEEE can all be recycled, so this Christmas South Dublin County Council is encouraging everyone to recycle. Please visit [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) for Christmas Tree recycling locations.

For more information on how these items & more can be recycled go to [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie)  
Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais maidir leis an athchúrsáil, tabhair cuairt ar [www.athcliaththeas.ie](http://www.athcliaththeas.ie)

# Be Winter Ready



## Helping make you, your home and your business more resilient and prepared for severe weather

**Severe weather challenges all of us. Activities that we take for granted can become difficult or even hazardous when severe weather occurs. However, by taking some simple steps you can reduce the impact of such events.**

South Dublin County Council's Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) meets in advance of all storms on foot of any Met Éireann Weather Warnings received. The SWAT is made up of senior staff from across the organisation. The purpose of the meeting is to assess the readiness of the council to deal with the upcoming storm and severe weather events and put in place preventative actions as required.

**Under the Major Emergency Management Framework, the Council has the following plans:**

- Major Emergency Plan
- Flood Emergency Plan,
- Severe Weather Plan, and
- Rest Centre Plan.

The protocols for severe weather are contained in the plans, and being actioned upon receipt of weather warnings from Met Éireann, are as follows:

**Status Yellow:** Be Aware - A general notification email is sent to relevant staff across the organisation- inspections of key infrastructure and equipment carried out by relevant departments.

**Status Orange:** Be Prepared - Triggers a meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) comprised of senior management across all departments, who discuss the issues particular to that weather event and agree the appropriate response/ action from each department.

**Status Red:** Take Action - this should be a comparatively rare event and implies that recipients take action to protect themselves and/ or their properties. The SWAT team is now a Crisis Management Team and meets as often as necessary - hourly, twice daily, etc., depending on dynamics of the weather event, possibly over the conference call facilities. National and Regional Emergency offices are likely also being updated via teleconference at this stage to facilitate inter agency cooperation between the LA, HSE and AGS.

The 2024-2025 Winter Maintenance Plan includes information on the seven gritting routes and also on salt barns and the locations and availability of salt bins. The seven gritting routes and the associated gritting truck can also have a snow plough attached if this is required. The Council has seven gritting trucks and seven snow ploughs.

South Dublin County Council will continue to provide information to citizens through weather events on all available social media including our website [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie)

The national winter ready website also has very useful information and can be found at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/?referrer=/>

<https://twitter.com/sdublincoco>

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You can also follow the below Twitter accounts to stay updated:

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<a href="https://twitter.com/gardainfo">@gardainfo</a>	

This winter-ready booklet produced by the Office of Emergency Planning (OEP) gives information on being prepared, providing practical advice for coping during episodes of severe weather, as well as giving contact details of organisations and agencies that can provide guidance and assistance. The main message is simple - be prepared, stay safe and know where to find help should you need it.

Download the 2024 / 25 booklet on this page or find out more at <https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/?referrer=/>

Download the Severe Weather Chart at [www.met.ie/weather-warnings](http://www.met.ie/weather-warnings) and pin up in your classroom, home or workplace.

### Severe Weather Chart



**Status Yellow** Potentially dangerous on a localised scale.



**Status Orange** Infrequent and dangerous weather conditions which may pose a threat.



**Status Red** Rare and very dangerous weather conditions.



# Tree Recycling

South Dublin County Council has arranged for Christmas Tree recycling at the following locations from Friday 3 January to Monday 13 January 2025. This service is free and intended for domestic household trees only, with a limit of one tree per household / vehicle.

Signage will be placed at each location to indicate it as an official recycling point. For more details and to find a location near you, please visit [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie).

## Tallaght/Rathfarnham

- Tymon Park – Limekiln Road car park
- Tymon Park – Tymon North Road car park
- Dodder Valley Park / Firhouse Road (car park opposite Woodlawn Estate)
- Rathfarnham Castle Park – car park
- Oldbawn Church – car park

## Lucan

- Beechpark Open Space
- Sarsfield Park open space
- Griffeen Valley Park – Haydens Lane car park
- Foxborough open space

## Palmerstown

- Glenaulin Park
- Woodfarm Acres

## Clondalkin

- Corkagh – Green Isle Road car park
- Collinstown Park
- Quarryvale Park





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