

HALLOWEEN

SAMHAIN /HALLOWEEN 2026





Did you know?

Did you know that ‘Halloween’ as we know it originates from the ancient Celtic ‘Samhain’ festival?

In Celtic Ireland about 2,000 years ago, Samhain was the division of the year between the lighter half (summer) and the darker half (winter). At Samhain the division between this world and the otherworld was at its thinnest, allowing spirits to pass through. It was believed that various supernatural beings and the dead could visit the living, and the living could visit the otherworld.



An raibh a fhios agat go bhfuil fréamhacha na féile ‘Halloween’ le fáil sa tseanfhéile Cheilteach ‘Samhain’?

2,000 bliain ó shin in Éirinn, is amhlaidh gurbh í Samhain an deighilt idir an dá chuid den bhliain – an chuid gheal (an samhradh) agus an chuid dhorchá (an geimhreadh). Le linn na Samhna bhí an deighilt seo idir an domhan seo agus an domhan eile antanaí agus bhí cead siúil ag spioraid idir an dá dhomhan. Creideadh go bhféadfadh neacha neamhshaoilte agus osnádúrtha cuairt a thabhairt ar an mbeo, agus go bhféadfadh an beo cuairt a thabhairt ar an domhan eile.



Report Bonfire Material Stockpiles

- Residents can help reduce the number and size of bonfires in their communities by reporting stockpiled bonfire materials to SDCC. Early reporting allows us to identify locations, assess risks and, where possible, arrange for the removal of materials before they are burned.
- Bonfire materials can be reported online using the Bonfire Material Report Form or by contacting Customer Care on (01) 414 9000.



- By reporting stockpiles early, residents can help reduce harmful air pollution, prevent damage to public spaces, improve community safety and support efforts to minimise the volume of materials burned during Halloween.

Bulbs Not Bonfires is a reward provided through our Social Credit Scheme. This initiative provides communities with flowers in the Spring instead of scarred open space throughout the year.

Last year we spent almost **€6,500** on bulbs for this popular scheme and similar will be spent again this year. For more information please contact our Environmental Awareness team at: envawareness@sdcubincoco.ie

Avoid Building or Attending Bonfires

- Bonfires are bad for our environment — burnt earth on our open spaces takes approximately 18 months to recover.
- Do not leave material in places where it may be accessible and targeted for a bonfire.
- Do not give waste to unpermitted collectors.
- Do not buy, use or supply fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors around Halloween night — they are sensitive to noise.
- Every year Dublin Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Service answer hundreds of calls over the Halloween period.
- Respect the Emergency Services, Council Staff and An Garda Síochána who are already busy fighting fires and saving lives. Bonfires are an unnecessary and avoidable extra burden on them.
- Remember, Halloween can be a dangerous night. Children should be reminded of road safety and take extra care crossing roads, especially in poorly lit areas and in bad weather conditions. Young children should be accompanied by an adult and high visibility armbands / vests should be worn.



Spooky Halloween Stuff for kids to do!!

SPOOKDALKIN



Event/Description	Location	Date	Time	Contact Details
Feile Samhain (Páistí agus Tuismitheoirí) - celebrating the traditions and mythological backdrop of Samhain, with story telling and creative workshops	Áras Chrónáin	27th Oct	2pm to 4pm	Áras Chrónáin Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin. Contact Person: Tailte Ni Cuana Nutáin Tel: 01 457 4847 Email: eolas@araschronain.ie
Clann Chrónáin Creepy Crawl for Halloween (Siúlóid Taibhsí Staire Chluain Dolcáin	Meeting at 6.50pm at the Viking Rune Stone monument, beside Woodford Hill Roundabout, Monastery Road	28th Oct	7pm	Clann Chrónáin Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/people/Clann-Chronain/100069781543993/
Active Age Halloween Arts and Crafts Workshop	Orchard Lane	30th Oct	11am to 1pm	Orchard Lane Meeting Centre, Unit 1 Orchard Lane, Clondalkin D22 NV9F. Contact Person: Michelle Dolan Tel: 089 429 2322 Email: manage.olmc@gmail.com Prior booking essential through the centre contact number above
Fancy Dress Céilí (Daoine Fásta) - A fancy-dress Halloween Céilí for adults, celebrating Samhain through Irish traditional music, dance and community	Áras Chrónáin	31st Oct	8pm	Áras Chrónáin Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin. Contact Person: Tailte Ni Cuana Nutáin Tel: 01 457 4847 Email: eolas@araschronain.ie
Spookdalkin - Family Friendly Fun Day with live entertainment, art workshops, face painting, puppet show and much more	Bru Chrónáin, Round Tower Visitor Centre	1st Nov	12.30 to 5.30pm	South Dublin County Council, Branding and Events Team, Corporate Services, County Hall, Tallaght D24 A3XC. Email: sdccrebrand@sdblincoco.ie
Halloween Activities Week	Knockmitten Community Centre	26th to 30th Oct		Places limited, please contact Knockmitten Community Centre for more information Tel: 01- 411 1511 Sensory Session Age 6 to 10 years old
Little Adventurers	Clondalkin Leisure Centre	27th to 30th Oct	9.30am to 12.30pm	Email: info@clondalkinleisure.com Tel: 01 457 4858 Age 3 to 5 years old
Halloween Splash Camp	Clondalkin Leisure Centre	27th to 30th Oct	9.30am to 2pm	Email: info@clondalkinleisure.com Tel: 01 457 4858 Age 6 to 13 years old



North Clondalkin Library:

Event/Description	Age Group	Information	Date	Time	Contact Details
Costume Swap	Junior	Got costumes your kids have outgrown or no longer want? Don't let them go to waste - bring them to the NCL Halloween Costume Swap! For the first 2 weeks of October, you can drop in a costume to us and exchange it for a token at the desk. On the evening of the swap (October 15th) you can exchange your token for a new-to-you costume. It's that simple to be sustainable.	15th Oct	5-7pm	Booking on eventbrite
Spooky Storytime and crafts for kids	Under 6s	Join us for a fun storytime and spooooky craft with staff!	12th Oct	3.30pm	Booking on eventbrite
Makerspace: Design Your Own Trick Or Treat Bag	9-12 years	Take home your own unique Trick or Treat bag	20th Oct	2pm	Booking on eventbrite
Family Movie	All welcome, kids event	Join in for our family friendly Halloween movie!	27th Oct	6pm	Booking on eventbrite
Cooky Spooky Food Workshop	6-8 years	Make some Halloween themed snacks at the library	28th Oct	2pm	Booking on eventbrite
Cooky Spooky Food Workshop	9-12 years	Make some Halloween themed snacks at the library	28th Oct	3.30pm	Booking on eventbrite
Halloween Disco and Fancy Dress Party!		Dress up and party and NCL!	29th Oct	3pm	Booking on eventbrite
Halloween Code Club	9-12 years	Join our Halloween code club! Booking essential on Eventbrite	27th to 29th Oct	1.30pm	Booking on eventbrite
Spooky Slime workshop	8-10 years	Join staff to make different types of slime!	30th Oct	3pm	Booking on eventbrite

Clondalkin Library:

Event/Description	Age Group	Information	Date	Time	Contact Details
Drop-and-Swap Halloween costumes!	All ages	Take-a-costume, leave-a-costume all month long at our halloween costume swap rail in Clondalkin library.	1st Oct to 20th Oct	All day	No booking required
Lets Sing! With Rachel	0-4	Join Rachel for a Halloween themed sing along toddler time!	27th Oct	10.30am	No booking required
Spooky storytime and crafts	3+	Listen to some spooky halloween stories and make some crafts with library staff	20th and 27th Oct	3pm	No booking required
Trick or treat treasure hunt	3+	Can you find all the ghosts and ghouls that have gotten loose around Clondalkin Library? Pick up the clues from the desk and unscramble them to win a prize.	30th Oct	All day	No booking required
Facepainting and ballon modelling	All Ages	Drop into Clondalkin Library for some halloween face painting and balloon modelling fun	30th Oct	2-4pm	No booking required

Tallaween

Event/Description	Location	Date	Time	Contact Details
Decoration & Mask Making	The Square Shopping Centre, Level 3 Inside the Odeon Cinema Lobby	24th Oct	12.30pm to 3.30pm	The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. D24 ND77. Tel: 01 452 5944 Email: customerservice@thesquare.ie
Sensory Play	The Square Shopping Centre, Level 1, Unit beside Mc Cables Pharmacy	25th Oct	12pm to 4pm	The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. D24 ND77. Tel: 01 452 5944 Email: customerservice@thesquare.ie
Slime and Guts Workshop	The Square Shopping Centre, Level 3 Inside the Odeon Cinema Lobby	26th Oct	12.30pm to 2.30pm	The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. D24 ND77. Tel: 01 452 5944 Email: customerservice@thesquare.ie
Mad Scientist Shows	The Square Shopping Centre, Level 3 Outside Odeon Cinema	28th Oct	12.30pm to 1.45pm	The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. D24 ND77. Tel: 01 452 5944 Email: customerservice@thesquare.ie
Sillybilly Toddler Group	The Square Shopping Centre, Cheeky Monkeys Level 3	29th Oct	10am to 11am	The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. D24 ND77. Tel: 01 452 5944 Email: customerservice@thesquare.ie
Ealaíona agus Ceardaocht - Mask Making Workshop for Halloween	Aon Scéal	29th Oct	10.30am to 12.30pm	Gaelphobal Thamhlachta, Aon Sceal agus An Sciobol, 518 Main Street, Tallaght, D24 P298. Contact Person: Dawwn Nic Iomhair Mob: 085 7691042 Email: gaelphobalthamhlachta@gmail.com
Peinteail Scanruil - Spooky Painting Halloween Workshop	Aon Scéal	29th Oct	7pm to 9pm	Gaelphobal Thamhlachta, Aon Sceal agus An Sciobol, 518 Main Street, Tallaght, D24 P298. Contact Person: Dawn Nic Íomhair, Mob: 085 7691042 Email: gaelphobalthamhlachta@gmail.com
Fancy Dress Cycle in aid of Barnardos	The Square Shopping Centre, Centre Mall, Level 2	30th Oct	9am to 5pm	The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. D24 ND77 Tel: 01 452 5944 Email: customerservice@thesquare.ie
Tallaween - Family Friendly Fun Day with live entertainment, art workshops, face painting, puppet show and much more	Parthalan Place	30th Oct	12 noon to 6pm	South Dublin County Council, Branding and Events Team, Corporate Services, County Hall, Tallaght D24 A3XC. Email: sdccrebrand@sdbulincoco.ie
Halloween Live - with the Sanderson Sisters, Beetlejuice and the Bobs	The Square Shopping Centre, Centre Mall, Level 2	30th Oct	2.30pm to 4.30pm	The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. D24 ND77. Tel: 01 452 5944 Email: customerservice@thesquare.ie
Halloween Spooktacular Party	The Square Shopping Centre, Level 3 Outside Odeon Cinema	31st Oct	12pm to 3pm	The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. D24 ND77. Tel: 01 452 5944 Email: customerservice@thesquare.ie
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The Rocky Horror Halloween Experience - Live music, film and costume party	Priory Markets	31st Oct	7.30pm to 12.30am	Priory Market, Main Road, Tallaght Village, D24 YYK4. Tel: 085 730 4777
Over 30s Club: Rave To The Grave Dublin - Fancy Dress Welcome	Maldron Hotel, Tallaght	25th Oct	5pm to 9pm	https://www.glistrr.com/events/e/over30s-rave-to-the-grave-dublin-1-2466



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Gearoid Mc Carthy Live in Concert	Maldron Hotel, Tallaght	30th Oct	8pm	Tickets available from: https://www.ticketmaster.ie/gearoid-mccarthy-dublin-30-10-2026/event/180064A67F2173F8
Little Adventurers	Tallaght Leisure Centre	27th to 30th Oct	9.30am to 12.30pm	Email: info@tallaghtleisure.com Tel: 01 4523300 Age 3 to 5 years old
Halloween Splash Camp	Tallaght Leisure Centre	27th to 30th Oct	9.30am to 2pm	Email: info@tallaghtleisure.com Tel: 01 4523300 Age 6 to 13 years old
Pocus Hocus – The Civic Spooktacular	Civic Theatre, Parthalán Place, Tallaght	23rd to 31st Oct		Times vary - check with Civic Theatre Email: www.civictheatre.ie Tel: 01 4627477



Tallaght Library

Event/Description	Age Group	Information	Date	Time	Contact Details
Makerspace workshop: make your own Halloween Mask	Ages 7+	Join us to make your very own halloween mask!	27th Oct	2pm	talib.eventbrite.ie
Halloween Storytime and Craft	Ages 3 - 6	Join library staff for a Halloween themed storytime, followed by colouring and craft.	27th Oct	3.30pm	All welcome
Makerspace workshop: design your own Halloween trick or treat bag	8+	Design your very own trick-or-treat bag to collect your Halloween goodies!	29th Oct	11am	talib.eventbrite.ie
Halloween Toddler Time with Twinkle Kids	18 months - 3 years	Join us for a special Halloween toddler time with Katie from Twinkle Kids! Come in your Halloween costume for music and fun.	31st Oct	10.30am	All welcome
Spooky fun time at the library	All ages	Join us for some Halloween fun! Meet a witch, watch a juggler in action. Treat yourself to some face painting and balloon animals. Come in your costume!	31st Oct	11am to 1pm	All welcome

Castletymon Library

Event/Description	Age Group	Information	Date	Time	Contact Details
Scary story writing workshop with Conor Leahy for young adults	Young Adult	Join Conor Leahy for this fun seasonal young adult writing workshop.	27th Oct	10am to 12pm	Booking on eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/castletymon-library-32465225843
Halloween watercolour sessions with Jen	Adult	Create a spooky watercolour scene in this beginner friendly 2 part seasonal art session. All materials provided.	27th to 28th Oct	12pm to 1:30pm	Booking on Castletymon eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/castletymon-library-32465225843
Halloween music session	All Ages	Join us for this atmospheric spooky Halloween music session.	28th Oct	6:30pm	Booking on Castletymon eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/castletymon-library-32465225843
Halloween spooky arts crafts and stories with Jackie and Jen	Age 3 plus	Join us for our Spooky Halloween stories and crafts with Jackie and Jen. Ages 3 plus must be accompanied by a grown up ghoul!	31st Oct	1:30pm	Booking on Castletymon eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/castletymon-library-32465225843

Other Events in South Dublin

Ballyroan Library



Event/Description	Age Group	Information	Date	Time	Contact Details
Candlelit Tales	Adults	Kick off the Halloween Season with this spooky storytelling session for adults. You will be terrified by these candlelit tales!	22th Oct	6.30pm	Booking essential on Ballyroan library eventbrite Ballyroan Library
Halloween High-Jinks with author Alan Nolan! Story and Drawing workshop.	Age 9 years and over	Join author & illustrator Alan Nolan as he brings you on a spooky Halloween tour around Dublin's lost landmarks and creepiest crypts	27th Oct	2pm	Booking essential on Ballyroan library eventbrite Ballyroan Library
Make your own Halloween Trick or Treat Bag!	Age 8 years and over	Make your own Halloween Trick or Treat Bag. Children will create a one-of-a kind Halloween bag using easy-to-use digital design software on our library pcs.	28th Oct	3pm	Booking essential on Ballyroan library eventbrite Ballyroan Library
Fear, Monstrosity and Dracula - Lecture by Prof. Jarlath Killeen, TCD	Adults	This talk will look at Bram Stoker's 1897 masterpiece, Dracula, and ask the question: what is supposed to be so frightening about this book?	28th Oct	6.30pm	Booking essential on Ballyroan library eventbrite Ballyroan Library
Halloween comic workshop	Children Ages 8-12	Create your perfect Halloween day comic. What costumes will you wear? What is your favourite sweet to receive? Do you like telling spooky stories? Participants are encouraged to use their imagination to the fullest extent and exercise their artistic talent.	29th Oct	3pm	Booking essential on Ballyroan library eventbrite Ballyroan Library
Spooky Storytime	3 to 6 years	Come along to our special Halloween Story-time for some slightly spooky tales at Ballyroan Library!	30th Oct	3pm	Booking essential on Ballyroan library eventbrite Ballyroan Library
Halloween Spooky Movie - Coco	5 years and over	Join us to watch the Halloween-themed film Coco. (Please be advised that this film might contain a few unsettling themes for younger children with additional needs: themes of death and the afterlife)	31st Oct	2pm	Booking essential on Ballyroan library eventbrite Ballyroan Library

Lucan Library

Event/Description	Age Group	Information	Date	Time	Contact Details
Halloween Outfit Swap	Adults	Bring your pre-loved Halloween costumes and get a token to return and choose a new costume. Up to 12	15th Oct	5-6pm	Booking essential on Lucan Library Eventbrite Lucan Library
Chompsaw workshop	Age 9 years and over	Make Your Unique Hallowe'en Mask! Ages 8-12 years	29th Oct	3pm	Booking essential on Lucan Library Eventbrite Lucan Library
Comic Workshop with Alan O'Rourke	Age 8 years and over	Join us for a fun-filled comics workshop. For fans of Dog Man and Bunny vs Monkey. Requirements: Bring your favourite Joke, story or pick one on the day, and we will turn it into a comic. Ages 7-10	28th Oct	12pm	Booking essential on Lucan Library Eventbrite Lucan Library
Halloween STEAM event	Adults	Create Spooky Jesmonite Moulds. Aged 6+	27th Oct	5pm	Booking essential on Lucan Library Eventbrite Lucan Library



Electrical Recycling Collections for Halloween 2026



Recycle IT, in partnership with SDCC and WEEE Ireland, is offering free electrical recycling for Residents' Associations and estates before and during Halloween 2026. You can easily book a free electrical recycling collection for your estate by calling 01 4578321.

Recycle IT's collection teams will pick up all types of old or unused household, garden, and small office electrical equipment for safe recycling. They will collect items from outdoor areas like gardens or driveways on a date that suits you. Please ensure that all items are easy to see, accessible, and ready for collection.

If you're not part of a Residents' Association, you can still drop off your electrical items for free in the weeks leading up to Halloween. Recycle IT accept all types of electrical, electronic, and battery-operated items, including old heaters, electronic toys, TVs, washing machines, cookers, kettles, phones, computers, cables, chargers, and more. Recycling these items helps protect the environment by keeping hazardous materials out of landfills and conserving natural resources.

If you prefer to drop off your items, the Recycle IT recycling centre is open from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm Monday through Thursday, and from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm on Fridays. You can bring your old electrical items to Recycle IT at

Unit 14/2 Crag Terrace, Clondalkin Industrial Estate, Clondalkin, Dublin D22 TK37. For more details, call 01 4578321.

If your Residents' Association would like to arrange an electrical recycling collection for your road or estate before Halloween or at another time during the year, please call 01 4578321 or email info@recycleit.ie. Recycle IT is a not-for-profit social enterprise based in Clondalkin. Visit www.recycleit.ie to learn more.



A Free Pass to Ballymount Civic Amenity Centre

will be provided to every Social Credit applicant / group. One pass allows entry for one car and will be valid from Friday 16 October to Friday 21 November 2026. Last year a total of 216 passes were provided.

In 2025 SDCC spent in the region of €165,000 on clean-up operations associated with the 150 bonfires which took place. Just think what this kind of money could provide for YOUR community.



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