


# Scary facts about

# HALLOWEEN











**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 an-tanaí agus bhí cead siúil ag spioraid idir an dá dhomhan. Creideadh go bhféadfadh neacha neamhsholta agus osnádúrtha cuairt a thabhairt ar an mbeo, agus go bhféadfadh an beo cuairt a thabhairt ar an domhan eile.



## 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 they are sensitive to noise.
-  Every year Dublin Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Services 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.



**Bulbs not Bonfires** is a reward provided through South Dublin County Council's Social Credit Scheme. This initiative provides communities with flowers in the Spring instead of scarred open space throughout the year. Last year we spent €4,243 on bulbs for this popular scheme and similar will be spent again this year. For more information please contact the office at [envawareness@sducoco.ie](mailto:envawareness@sducoco.ie)



**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 Monday, 16 October until Friday, 24 November 2023. Last year a total of 137 passes were provided.

In 2022 the Council spent about €155,000 on clean-up operations associated with the 184 bonfires which took place. Just think what this kind of money could provide for **your** community.



# SPOOKY HALLOWEEN STUFF FOR KIDS TO DO!!

Community Services will be actively assisting a number of small local Community based Halloween Celebrations, organised by Community Centres / Groups across the County, a full list of these events can be obtained by contacting the Community Development Team and will be advertised on the Council's website and social media in the coming weeks. Visit [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie)



# HALLOWEEN @ South Dublin Libraries

## BALLYROAN LIBRARY

**Tuesday, 31 October - 3.30pm**  
Halloween Fancy Dress Storytime

Join us for spooky storytime with prizes for the scariest costumes!  
Ages 3-6 years. All Welcome.

**Tuesday, 31 October - 11.30am**  
Design your own Halloween Trick or Treat bag.

Make your own scary design using graphic design software on our library computers and we'll print them onto a canvas Trick or Treat bags for you.  
Ages 8 years and over.

Booking on:  
[Ballyroanlibraryeventbrite.com](http://Ballyroanlibraryeventbrite.com)

**Wednesday, 1 November - 10am**  
Erupting Pumpkins Science Workshop!

Make a pumpkin model and add a Scientific reaction to watch it erupt.  
Age 8 -12 years.

Booking on:  
[Ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://Ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com)

**Wednesday, 1 November - 11am**  
Hallow'een Potions Science Workshop!

Make some colour changing potions and watch them bubble and boil!  
Age 6-8 years.

Booking on  
[Ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://Ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com)

## CLONDALKIN LIBRARY

**Tuesday, 31 October - 3.30pm**  
Trick or Treat Storytime and Crafts

Get all dressed up to join Maria and Aoife for this special Halloween Storytime.

Listen to some spooky stories followed by some creepy crafts.

For ages 3 years and over.

Booking opens from 16 October through [clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)

# **HALLOWEEN @ South Dublin Libraries**

## **CASTLETYMON LIBRARY**

**Tuesday, 31 October 2pm-4pm**  
Horribly Terrific Halloween Party

**Tuesday, 31 October - 2pm to 3pm**  
Spooky Halloween Crafting and Fairly Scary Story. Ages 3 and over. Must be accompanied by grown up spook.

Booking at  
[www.castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.com)

**Tuesday, 31 October - 3pm to 4pm.**  
Frightful Fun Facepainting. Ages years and over.

Booking at  
[www.castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.com)

All Welcome Fancy Dress Party and competition , spooky colouring, and chilling tunes. 2pm to 4pm.

Winners announced at 4pm!

**Thursday, 2 November - 3pm to 4pm**  
Spooktacular Family Halloween Bingo and Craft.

Children must be accompanied by at least one adult ghoul. Ages 6 years and over.

Carry on with the Halloween celebrations this midterm with a spooktacular family bingo session and craft.

Decorate your own mask, produce your team's motto, and name and enjoy a fun spooktacular bingo session!

Booking at  
[www.castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.com)

## **LUCAN LIBRARY**

**Tuesday, 31 October - 10am - 12noon**  
Drop in Chess for Children - all abilities welcome

**Tuesday, 31 October - 12.30pm**  
Magnificent Magic Show - Magic Show with the magnificent magician Carl Campbell! Carl has been performing for over 16 years so prepare to be amazed by his cool magic tricks and illusions. Fun for all the family.

All welcome!

**Wednesday, 1 November - 3pm**  
Storytime for Under 6 years of age. All welcome.

**Thursday, 2 November - 2.30pm - 3.30pm**  
Pokemon Card Swop! All welcome.

**Thursday, 2 November - 5pm -7pm**  
DJ / Music Tech Workshop for Teenagers. Drop in DJ Skills workshop for ages 12-18 years, presented by NOISE Dublin. All welcome.

**Friday, 3 November**  
12noon - Lego Workshops with The Brickworx Club. Ages 5 to 9 years.  
  
1pm - Lego Workshops with The Brickworx Club. Ages 10 years and over.

Booking is essential  
[lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com](http://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com)

**Friday, 3rd November - 2.30pm**  
Creative Writing Workshop for Children with Maeve Devoy, MAD4Tales. For ages 8 to 12 years.

Booking is essential  
[lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com](http://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com)

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## NORTH CLONDALKIN LIBRARY

**Tuesday, 31 October - 12pm**

Spooky Cookie. For ages 6 to 9 years.  
To book call North Clondalkin Library  
on **01 414 9269**

**Tuesday, 31 October - 3pm**

Halloween Fancy Dress Competition.  
All welcome.

**Wednesday, 1 November - 2pm**

Autumn Arts and Crafts Session.  
All welcome.

**Wednesday, 1 November - 6.30pm**

Intergenerational Bingo with Dave.  
All welcome.

**Thursday, 2 November**  
**Spooky Science Workshops with**  
**Anyone4Science.**

Workshop 1: Scary Slime workshop -  
12pm to 12.45pm  
Age group: 6 to 9 years

Workshop 2: Erupting Pumpkin -  
1.15pm  
Age Group: 8 to 12 years.

To book call North Clondalkin Library  
on **01 414 9269**

**Friday, 3 November - 3pm**

Family Movie Time. All welcome.



## TALLAGHT LIBRARY

**Wednesday, 11 October - 5.00pm to 7.00pm**

Kids Halloween costume swap. Bring up to five costumes or costume accessories to swap and find your kids perfect Hallowe'en costume or favourite new dress up! Costumes must be clean and in good condition!

Costumes Drop off:  
Saturday, 7 October 10am and 4pm  
or Wednesday 11, October 4.30pm to 5pm.

**Thursday, 12 October**

Harry Potter book day quiz. Test your knowledge of all things Harry Potter. For ages 8 years and over.

Booking on [talib.eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) from Thursday 5 October.

**Tuesday, 31 October - 3.30pm**

Spooky Story time with Arts and crafts. For ages 3 to 6 years.  
All welcome.

## ELECTRICAL RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR HALLOWEEN 2023



**Recycle IT, in association with South Dublin County Council and in partnership with WEEE Ireland will be offering free electrical recycling opportunities to Residents Associations and Households in South Dublin prior to and during Halloween 2023.**

This year you can book a free resident's electrical recycling collection for your estate with all types of old or unused household, garden and small office electrical equipment accepted. Teams will collect from outdoor areas including gardens or drives on an agreed date. All items should be easy to see, accessible and ready for collection.

Households who are not part of a resident association can drop off appliances free in the weeks leading up to Halloween. Recycle IT will accept all types of electrical, electronic, and battery-operated equipment including old heaters, electronic toys, TV's washing machines, cookers, kettles, phones, and computers. Recycle IT are open for

free drop off from households between 8.30am and 4.15pm on Mondays to Thursdays and 8.30am and 3.15pm on Fridays.

If your residents group wish to arrange a collection in September, October or at another time during the year, please call 01 4578321 or email [info@recycleit.ie](mailto:info@recycleit.ie).



You can drop off old electrical items to Recycle IT, Unit 14/2 Crag Terrace, Clondalkin Industrial Estate, Clondalkin Dublin D22 TK37 or call 01 4578321 for further details.

Recycle IT is a Not for Profit, Social Enterprise based in Clondalkin. Visit [www.recycleit.ie](http://www.recycleit.ie) to learn more.

**STAY SAFE  
AND ENJOY HALLOWEEN**



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