

Town Centre Street

Dún Laoghaire Central

Development

There are a number of new Public Realm Developments that are planned in Dún Laoghaire town to enhance the environment. Three that are of particular interest are:

- Myrtle Square
- Georges St / Marine Rd
- Moran Park

They are in different stages of at each of them.

Myrtle development that includes the area between St Michael's hospital Bloomfield shopping centre, as well as Convent Lane. Currently the tenders are out for companies to prepare the site demolish the buildings.



Artists impression of the new square: courtesy of DLRCoCo

named after Richard Toutcher. few weeks of Easter. in Laoghaire and we believe his urban area in the heart of DL. actions commemorating.

The Michaels Church up DLCRA & Tidy Towns have Georges St are currently being latest lockdown.

planning and we thought it both written to DLR to finalised and should be going would be good to have a look recommend that the square be to public consultation within a If you don't know of him, If you number of proposals were google him, we believe his looked at and a tiered public actions played a significant role space is the most likely the creation of Dún proposal , creating a new

> Moran Park is the official name of the square beside the and Plans for the area in front of St Lexicon that was being used to by the CoCo Market before the

Easter 2021



Pinterest: Creative Commons

has had difficulty taking root since the library opened and there is now an idea to pave the park and install new furniture. With new tables and chairs and an attractive paving, the park could become a beautiful social space. Many people who walk along the metals & sea front could use the space to stop and rest. There is the possibility of book themed furniture being used (see pictures) to give the park character along with canopies to offer protection from the elements. All furniture would be movable to facilitate other uses of the park when necessary.



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Letter to the County Council

The DLCRA made the decision architects to write to the County Council requesting concern the residents. concept is to assist public with communication Council on issues of interest to local residents.

If anyone has any suggestions on what other particular issues or questions that could be put to the council please contact us with your ideas and we will info@dlcra.ie submit a letter and publish the

We this time we wrote to the completion

department official to get an official answer about completion date for the Baths, a particular issue that might we received the following The response:

the Dear Mr Coffey

I refer to your enquiry re an date for expected of the completion Dún Laoghaire Baths Development.

The Contractor SMJV for the project had originally advised a handover date in August 2021. Unfortunately this date will now councils response in the next not be met due to ongoing site closures related to the Covid pandemic. Α revised once date

https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/ capital-programme/d%C3% BAn-laoghaire-baths.

Kind regards

Mary Hanrahan Architects Department

We would love to hear any topics or ideas that you might think it is worthwhile asking for official response

available will be set out at DLRCC.

Some ideas for writing could

A) What is the councils plan for public bathrooms in Dún Laoghaire, especially in light of Covid & increased footfall in the town?

B) What initiatives are the council undertaking to reduce the increase in dog fouling that has been happening in Dún Laoghaire town?



Street Cleaning Services

Summer is nearly here and with it Dún Laoghaire Town will no doubt have an influx of people out and about on the streets and enjoying walks along the sea and on the pier. Travel restrictions and the beautiful sea views that we enjoy in Dún Laoghaire coupled with all the food outlets in the town being closed to customers eating in, can result in a large increase of litter and waste being created in the town.

- Appointing a New Warden, the increase in dog ownership and resulting dog fouling is very noticeable!
- new Information Education campaign to make people more aware & to encourage behaviour like holding onto your rubbish until you find a bin.

These initiatives are not confirmed but we congratulate the council for being proactive in trying to



County Council aware of the prospective increase of pressure on the town's services infrastructure, and they are looking at ways to mitigate the problems that are likely to arise.

At this early stage nothing has been decided on, but it is good to see that the council is aware of issues and is problems.

under consideration include:

- Extending working hours of the street bin emptying teams to recognise that the town is being used much later in the day during the summer months
- Temporary bins to located in 'hotspot' areas attractive. such as Queens Rd near the East Pier.

are address issues before they

There has been confirmation that 40 new Big Belly bins will be rolled out during the year. There is also a trial of recycling bins across the county, there is one beside the People's Park (pictured).

The DLCRA feel that there is also a need for greater working on ideas to prevent enforcement of the current littering laws and bye laws. We don't need new rules on Some potential ideas that are littering just for people to start obeying the rules that are already there! There is an obligation on all of us to help and assist keep our beautiful town. The Gardaí and Litter wardens are an element in the enforcement of these laws, we can all play be our part in making the town

> The local litter wardens and gardaí are empowered to

issue on the spot fines of €150 not and have books of litter tickets encourage to issue fines to people, Business hopefully we will see more County Council, the Residents, fines being issued.

Dog fouling is litter

On the spot fine €150

Even if a bin is full, there is more than likely an empty bin within a 5 minute walk, people need to hold onto the litter until they find a bin.

It goes without saying that the food outlets that are selling what becomes the majority of the litter need to take a more active role in solving the issue.

The work of Tidy Towns does

go unnoticed, they all groups, the Association, the everyone to do more for their community and environment.

Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns are a shining example to all of us, giving back to the community and making huge efforts to keep the town attractive and litter free. They have many projects from planting flowers to doing localised clean ups in difficult areas. They are always looking for volunteers if you want to help out. It's a great way of meeting people and making new friends. If you can't give time they are always in need of some resources for equipment etc. You can think of donating via

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Garda Report

The pandemic has affected \Rightarrow No car in the driveway, nearly every area of crime. The majority of crime groups are lower year on year.

Burglaries

The Central Statistics Office has reported that the number of burglaries has fallen sharply nationwide, when compared with the previous 12-month period. The reduction in the Catalytic Convertors number of burglaries is most likely down to people spending more time at home during the lockdowns. It is still good to be informed.

Home Security:

The majority of burglaries take place in unoccupied homes. Most burglaries occur between 5pm to 11pm. Burglars are opportunists.

They look for:

- ⇒ No lights on at night, or just 'dead' lights on (porch, hall)
- pulled ⇒ Curtains during the day

uncut lawn, etc

Don't offer them assistance by

- Leaving any windows/doors open, unlocked
- Leaving a key in a 'good hiding place' outside.
- Failing to keep sheds locked.

In the past year there has been 9 reports of thefts of catalytic convertors in the Laoghaire Garda sub-district.

Community Policing Office, Tel: (01) 6665000

Community policing in Ireland is a partnership based, pro-active, community-orientated style of policing. Focused on building trust and enhancing the quality of life of the entire community, engaging in Neighbourhood across Watch, Community Alert, etc...

News

Tivoli Terrace Field: The residents living around the field on Tivoli Terrace South have organised into a loose group to promote the retention of the field as a green space. They will be making a submission on the development plan to encourage the council to retain the current Zoning of Open space Objective F. They believe that green space is at a such a premium in the town and it could be put to good use similar to the space at Hudson Park, which is now used as a public park and by local community groups.

Increase in Footfall: The new cycle lanes and other COVID inspired changes to roads are nearly a year old at this stage and it is interesting to look back and see if we can notice any effects of these changes. It was therefore very interesting to note that

last year there was an average 38% increase in the year-on-year footfall, in Georges St between May and October. A typical week saw an increase in pedestrians from 168,000 to more than 230,000. Hopefully this trend will continue into the future as people Shop Local.

St. Michael's SHD: A submission was made, under the SHD route to An Bord Pleanala, to construct a 13 story, build-to-rent tower on the St Michael's Private hospital car park overlooking Dún Laoghaire harbour.

Many groups felt that it was a case of over development in the Victorian heart of Dún Laoghaire and over 70 observations were lodged. The DLCRA made a submission regarding the its height and composition of units not being appropriate with ≈80% 1 bed apartments.

Best House & Shop Winners

Over Christmas we ran our traditional competition for the best decorated house and best decorated shop front in Dún Laoghaire.

Best Decorated Shop

The winner of the best shop front 2020 was a Dún Laoghaire institution, Hicks Butchers. The lights above their shop are a real highlight of Georges St, especially at night. A family run business





Hicks of Dun Laoghaire



was a way to bring some light the town." We wholeheartedly agree and hope to see more beautiful

Best Decorated House

There were many beautiful streets across the town and stiff competition from many houses, in particular we would highlight Clarinda Park East, Crosthwaite Park and particular Fairview Drive in Cualanor which all have very delightfully decorated houses.

The winner however as chosen by Rev Olafsdottir of the Anglican Church, was No. 7 Wellington St. Sisters Evelyn and Yvonne McKenna have made their 3 windows beautiful Christmas display that works during the day and in the night. house has no front garden so the windows are easy to look into from the street. "We do it the neighbours especially for the kids", said Evelyn. Each window is down with a different theme with the centre window



beautiful Nativity scene. Each one is beautiful in their own right with Santa's, Christmas Trees and Reindeer, they are light up at night and are a delight to stubble across so close to the centre of the town.



Library events during lockdown

Libraries generally play a key a bag of 6 books is delivered addition to create opportunities for education, and help shape new fresh ideas to a vibrant, creative and innovative society. To have through such a facility literally on our venture out of our house during 01-20802247 these harsh lockdown times is wonderful for residents in Dún Laoghaire.

Lexicon) is one such facility available to all residents.

excellent, aimed at cocooners, and

fundamental role in society and by volunteers, usually a week streaming and podcasts and tend to be a gateway to greater after contacting the library. all which can be accessed at knowledge and culture. The The Book Drop service does anytime during lockdown. Just services and resources they not expect any books to be logon to their website where provide help significantly to returned during the current you will find a myriad of COVID restrictions, so there is options and opportunities to fill learning, support literacy and no worry about how you might and enhance both your mind get the books back to the and your lockdown days. Here and library. It has been a great are just perspectives which are central success so far and has been an enormous help to many difficult an the prolonged lockdown. You can The magic of spring & doorstep without having to order your books by phoning email dlrlexicon@dlrcoco.ie

Its online facilities include books which you can Laoghaire-Rathdown download, newspapers and County Library Service, (dlr magazines which you can read online and you can even learn another language and all from the comfort of your own home. Its **Book Drop** service is They also offer online courses reference services, in

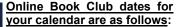
some of forthcoming events at the library:

summer Birds with Eric **Dempsey**

Thurs 8 April @ 7.00pm Sat 10 April 10:30am (family)

Furry friends & Feathery friends with Alan Nolan (family)

Thurs 1 April 3:00 pm Fri 9 April 3:00pm



- Wed 28 Apr @ 7.30pm
- Wed 26 May @ 7.30pm



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- Wed 23 Jun @ 7.30pm
- Wed 28 Jul @ 7.30pm

You can also stay in touch with the library and get all the latest news, events and updates, through their e:bulletin, which is emailed direct to you every two weeks, once you sign up.

More information can be got by going direct to the library website or on twitter.

Libraries.dlrcoco.ie





Courtesy of dircoco

Church Easter Services

Easter is a time for hope and HolyWeek. would welcome a little bit more available for a week. hope in the world.

For many, Easter and spring are almost synonymous. It's a time of newness, freshness, beauty rising out of the cold, brown-grey ground. Resurrection story of Jesus rejoicing for Christians, with "St Michaels Dun Laoghaire" hope arising from death, renewal from the old.

churches Dún Laoghaire will be conducting services throughout Week and over Easter, what follows is a list of the ways you can access their services.

Methodist

The Devotional Services for Holy Week can be found on their website at www.dlmc.org/

after the last 12 months, I typically be streamed live at Evening Services with the don't know about you, but I 11:00am and will remain other

Catholic

YouTube & can be accessed anytime. Follow this link:

www.youtube.com/channel/ UCxiVH2MV-K-wdz9OwY4XkWA

Christ, similarly, is a time of or go to YouTube and search

Mass Times:

Mon-Wed: 1pm Holy Thursday: 5pm Good Friday Station of the cross: 3pm & Celeb. of Lord's Passion: 5pm Holy Saturday: 7pm Easter Sunday: 11am

Anglican

Christ Church Dun Laoghaire has Eucharist at 8 a.m. Monday to Thursday on

Services will Zoom. We also Anglican Churches around us at 8 p.m. Monday to Good Friday on Zoom. Our live-streamed own St. Michaels Church services Friday Service is at 2 o'clock will be streamed live on on our Facebook page: https:// www.facebook.com/

DunLaoghaireChurch

Our Palm Sunday Service is access still there and the Easter meetings. Service will be live-streamed at 10:30. If you would like access to our Zoom Services, Evangelical please leave a message in the Facebook message box.

Presbyterian

All services can be accessed at the Churches facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/ DunlaoghairePresbyterianChurch/

Their website dl-pc.org has information on how to join their family email list and how to IN LIGHT



mid-week Zoom

The Evangelical church in Dún Laoghaire has its website at dec.ie and their Facebook page is DECDunLaoghaire, where you can find details on their holy week services.

NEVER GIVE UP HOPE— THE EASTER STORY MAY **BEGUN HAVE** DARKNESS, BUT IT ENDS



Dun Laoghaire Tidy Towns

Laoghaire Towns group continues to carry out regular clean-ups of the town and harbour area. These clean-ups are carried out in strict respect of social guidelines. distancing always, we meet each Saturday at 10h30 at the corner of George's street and Marine Road.

space of a year to 100 people who have registered as volunteers. On Saturday 20th March we had a record attendance of 36 persons! Many volunteers carry out individual clean-ups every day of the week. You will also notice the array of colour in the town as we have planted thousands of bulbs and bedding plants in the George's street lavender beds, Carnegie library garden, Haigh terrace and the Bell tower in St. are very grateful to DLRCOCO for supplying us with the bulbs and plants. Watch out for much more "green" activity as DLCRA. the days get longer.

Guatemala and Italy. We have biodiversity, many family groups of parents tidiness and

and their young children. 10 transition year students carried their Gaisce local support projects community with us.

Dún Laoghaire's well known author and historian, Tom Conlon, recently gave two one -hour talks via Zoom to our committee and to our general membership. Tom gave us a fascinating and entertaining historical insight into buildings, streets and monuments of the town. All of our group learned an immense amount. We are becoming increasingly active in learning about our rich heritage and the Our group has grown over the restoration and preservation of this heritage is one of our most important strategic objectives. Tom's book Victorian Dun Laoghaire, A Town Divided makes a fascinating read and a second book - a Victorian novel will be available soon.

This year's national Towns competition will take place and we are in the process of preparing our entry. The competition is not just about the Tidy Towns group. It includes all activities that take Michael's on Marine road. We place in the town whether by local businesses, the council, other community groups and last but by no means least the Towns adjudicated seven categories: community In addition to our local Irish engagement, streetscape and contingent, we have volunteers public places, green spaces from Argentina, Brazil, France, and landscaping, nature and sustainability, litter control,



Tidy Towns Volunteers of all ages making a difference

residential streets and housing areas, and approach roads, streets and lanes. We look forward to the continuing support of DLCRA and we are actively collaborating together.

Please Donate to **Support Tidy Towns**

DLTT Although receive financial support in the form of grants from the council for some of our projects, we also need funds for our running costs and other projects such Look at our website: as bee-houses, ant hotels, shrubs and flowers, and cleaning equipment. We are hoping to raise €2000 euro for our many projects in 2021. We have raised over €850 euros to date from generous individuals and local businesses. You can donate via the following link.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/ dun-laoghaire-tidy-townscleanup-and-environment

Any and all help is greatly appreciated.



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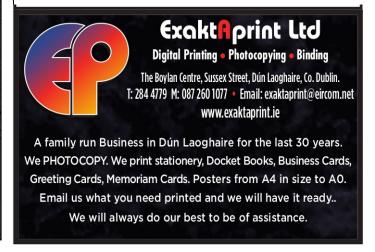
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Gardening Ideas

to get out into your garden and relieve the stress and tension lockdown. It is the perfect time to make your outside space even more beautiful and gardening is that pathway to help you achieve that goal while relaxing and getting some fresh air. We have set out some simple tips and ideas, which residents might find useful and assist you in garden some giving your needed TLC.



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know that mowing the grass at

Easter is an ideal opportunity appreciate the end result and gain a level of satisfaction with the work. Easter is the perfect of Covid 19 restrictions and time to start to cut your grass and this should be cut to an inch to start. To give your lawn that professional look, trim the edges with your spade to get an even cut. After cutting for the first time, do some repair work where you have removed any unwanted weeds or where there may be some bare patches. Re-seed these areas and use a fertilizer to give your lawn a lush and greener appearance and remember to spike your entire lawn with a fork as this will allow the roots to breathe.

<u>Vegetable Garden</u>

April is the ideal time to plant potatoes, carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, beetroot, cabbage, broccoli and peas as the more popular of the vegetables. There are of course many Residents who have a lawn will other vegetables, of choice which you can also plant at this the end of spring becomes a time of the year. Before you weekly task, which most of us start your planting, remove all don't particularly like doing but weeds by hand or with a hoe

and make sure you get the wonderful colour in your entire root out to prevent regrowth. Avoid gets that little bit warmer, so wood ash, pellets any of which will give you positive results and protect your plants as they begin to grow.

Flowers

Residents, who have already planted for the blooming season, are now enjoying the results of their work and the

garden with such flowers as using any Daffodils, Tulips, Azaleas, Iris, chemical weed killer in your Camellia and others you soil at all times. As those April choose in the planting season. showers arrive and the weather However you can now also plant some flower seeds and too do the slugs and snails bulbs at this time of the year for appear in your garden. Use later blooming. There will be a great variety of flower choices phosphate or organic slug at your local garden centre, where you can get excellent planting advice and choose the particular flowers you would like to have in your garden for later in the year.

> So whatever you decide to do in your garden this lockdown, enjoy it and have fun doing it.



Street Art Project

true for any festivals that artists and planned in Laoghaire this year.

Beatyard taking place in the domain, been proposed for festivals or that some might be aware of. events that can be held that won't result in large numbers Hopefully this will have a increases in COVID cases.

COVID has had an impact on A Street Art project is everyone's plans and that is currently being planned with sites Dún selected. The plan is to install the artworks in June to create an occasion to view While there will be no visual art in the public similar to the harbour other ideas have Waterford Walls art festival

gathering and accompanying beneficial impact on the town this summer.



Waterford Walls (William Murphy Creativecommons –ShareAlike 2.0)

Public Consultation

consultations on going at the website. The deadline is the moment. Remember that 9th of April. democracy only works people engage in it and your voice will never be heard if you don't make submissions

consultation until the 16th of meeting with KPMG to discuss April, we encourage everybody make at submission. You can view the where you can also view our current draft and make a submission on the dircoco some of the submissions that first people have already made if Consultation. you are wondering what kind of topics a submission can

There is a **Litter Management** Plan being drafted at present. It will set out objectives and targets for the period 2021-2023. You can see the plan and make a submission/

There are a number of public observation on the dlrcoco

Earlier in the year KPMG undertook a public consultation on the Economic & Spatial of Development Dún The Draft Development Plan Laoghaire. The DLCRA made still open for public a submission and had a the main issues. You can view least one our submission at www.dlcra.ie initial submission to the Draft Development Plan that was You can also see submitted last year during the round

> There is also a nationwide consultation on Solid Fuel Regulations, but you will have to be quick to make a submission as the deadline is the 2nd of April.

See dlrcoco.ie/en/dlr-news for more information



Dún Laoghaire Central

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Message from our Chair few days has really lifted our

Dear Fellow Resident.

Its hard to believe that four months have gone by since our last newsletter and so much has changed and yet, so much remains the same. Just this week government announced a slight lifting of restrictions and a relaxing of the 5 kilometres curfew. None of will The rubbish on the streets and ever forget the year 2020, the amount of illness and deaths from covid, it has been horrific, but we must look forward with hope in our hearts for a covid free country.

Meanwhile, Dun Laoghaire is beginning to shape up for a good spring and summer. The good weather over the past

spirits and what the vaccine being available, we will soon be able to visit friends and relations. But we still need to be careful, keep our social distance and wear a mask when in shops. The parks and street planting make for a very uplifting effect when out and about in the town.

at the Piers leaves so much to desired, most of which is from fast food outlets, if the bin is full, take your rubbish to another one. We all must work together to make our town and county somewhere to be proud to visit and live in. Now that the weather has improved the amount of litter around the streets is an embarrassment to We know these are difficult all of us.

the winter, we are responsible information, help local groups should be swept regularly, spirit in Dun Laoghaire. especially after windy days. Some of the streets now have If you wish to support the work weeds growing in the leaves of the DLCRA to enable us to and mud which has been continue we would appreciate allowed to remain since last any small financial support you autumn, altogether, it makes can provide. Funds enable the place look neglected and running costs to be covered. unloved. If your street, park, avenue or road has Residents' Association, organise a clean up, DLRCC will give you bags, litter pickers and will collect the bags within days. If you do this on a regular basis, you will find it doesn't take so long to do it, The Council are only too happy to talk to you and help out Chair DLCRA whenever needed. Should you have а Residents' Association. email us info@dlcra.ie and will we gladly help.

times for many but we have a simple request. We are Many of the residential streets seeking to develop the DLCRA in our town are often full of as a non-political residents leaves, twigs and debris after association providing local the pavement directly to make representations and outside our houses, they seeking to develop community

a Donations can be made to at the following site: GoFundMe search DLCRA or https:// gofund.me/545b2df6

> Have a lovely summer, stay well and stay safe.

Frances Kelly,



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You have been invited to join the secret society of the Maritime Order of Dún Laoghaire. Their entrance ritual requires you to extract the gold coin of the order from a corked maritime bottle, without removing the cork or

boring a hole in it or without breaking the glass bottle. How do you join the order?



The Dún Laoghaire Knights of the Harbour have invited you to join the Order, which is a very exclusive order. You have been tasked with two questions, which you must answer correctly in order to become a Knight in waiting.

What do you throw out when you want to use it, but take it in when you don't want to use

I have seas without water, coasts without sand, towns without people mountains without land?



Let's put the heart back into Dun Langhaire town

Have your say

We thought it would be beneficial to give people the opportunity to give their opinion on some potential ideas for the centre of Dún Laoghaire. You can find the questionnaires on our Website or Facebook page. You can also email your responses to our email address info@dlcra.ie. Results will be published on our website and in the next Newsletter

Pedestrianisation

different forms over the years is idea? the removal of traffic from Dún Laoghaire town centre.

There has never been a complete removal of traffic from George's St and some feel there would be a social and economic benefit to Are the pedestrianisation of a section of Georges St, from the bottom of Patrick St down to St Michaels hospital? hospital. As a resident of the

An idea that has been tried in town what do you think of this

Pros: Makes the town a more attractive place to be

Cons: no buses means further to walk to shops & hospital.

you in favour pedestrianising part of Georges St from Patrick St to St Michael's

https://dlcra.ie/surveys



Cycle Lane Improvement?



cycle lanes were created along some feedback on how you think the coast making many changes the cycle lanes have worked? to the road network in Dún Laoghaire. There has been much discussion on the impact the cycle lanes have had on the town, both positive & negative. Earlier Cons: Have we felt the impact to we point out increased footfall on Georges St since they were installed coincidence causation? See our website for a more detailed discussion on impacts on the traffic.

It is nearly 1 year since the new Now we would like you to give us

Pros: Environmentally friendly & a positive news story about DL for a change?

car travel times yet?

Have the new cycle lanes along coast improved Laoghaire?

https://dlcra.ie/surveys

CCTV to Stop Litter?



problem with littering in Dún Laoghaire ove the last 12 months.

People putting domestic waste into bins which then blocks the in the town. mouths of bins creating further littering is a major issue. Using more CCTV cameras to try and catch offenders is a theoretical Would you approve of CCTV on possibility.

There has been a noticeable Putting more cameras up to catch people littering would be effective but what are we giving away?

Pros: It will reduce litter problems

Cons: Are we giving away our privacy for a trivial issue?

bins to catch litterers?

https://dlcra.ie/surveys

New Cigarette Bins

It is not just takeaway food outlets that are the cause of litter in the town, there is also the issue of cigarette butts blighting the town.

NoButts is a recycling solution for cigarette butts that uses bins like the one pictured here to capture butts that would otherwise pollute the environment, typically being placed beside street furniture. Would you like to see bins like these along Georges St and other busy

Pros: Practical and sustainable solution to known problem.

Cons: Maybe they don't fit in with the image of DL and look a bit ugly.

Would you like to see these bins in the town?

https://dlcra.ie/surveys/



Courtesy of NoButts.ie

