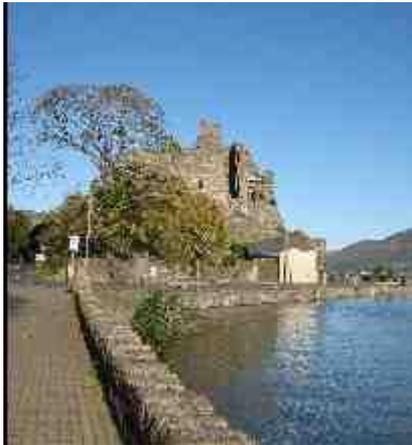


CARLINGFORD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is jointly produced by the four bodies representing the Carlingford community, namely:

<i>Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust</i>	<i>CLHT</i>
<i>Carlingford & Cooley Tourism Assoc.</i>	<i>CCTA</i>
<i>Carlingford Tidy Towns</i>	<i>CTT</i>
<i>Carlingford Community Development (The Foy Centre)</i>	<i>CCD</i>

Heritage News

The Carlingford Heritage Centre has 3 events booked for November 2015.

Friday 4 November.

*Quatuor De Luxembourg Concert
More information to follow.*

Sunday 8 November.

Kieran Quinn - Pianist/Composer and ex-football player from Sligo.

Kieran is currently putting the finishing touches to his second album and plans to release the album shortly. He is bringing his music to a venue in each of Ireland's 32 counties. He plans to bring 1 or 2 musicians with him and hopes to involve some local musicians in each gig as special guests.



Here are a few YouTube clips, which will give you an idea of what he does...

His own tune - 'The Match' - with Steve Wickham, Seamie O'Dowd and Cathy Jordan
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReFaW7E9g94>

His solo piano version of Bohemian Rhapsody -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cm9F0OaPdWA>

His website is www.kieranquinn.ie and you can find him on Facebook - Kieran Quinn Music - and Twitter - @kieranquinnn

Friday 27 November.
The Carlingford Choral Festival.

Carlingford & Cooley Tourism Association News

*CCTA have recently launched a new Facebook page called **CCTA Carlingford Offers** where we advertise any special offers, discounts, promotions and breaks etc . So far it is proving very successful and we encourage all our members to email any special deals they have and we will publish them on the page. The more we have the more likely we are to improve on trade.*

The marketing sub-committee is working hard to try to improve midweek trade to the town over the autumn months. Again any deals you have will be posted on our website as well as on the Facebook page.

The town now has 12 new tour guides trained up. This will enable a visual representation of our heritage on the streets throughout the annual calendar and next season.

We will be holding a one day training course for bus tour guiding in October. Enquiries to the Tourist Office.

We may be able to produce some New Walking Literature too. Suggestions to the Tourist Office please.

The CCTA committee would like to offer huge congratulations to all those who received awards at the Tidy Towns Together awards ceremony. Well done to all involved, your hard work and efforts have paid off !!!

The Foy Centre

The Foy Centre has not had a busy schedule recently. Jonathan Flynn who runs The Orchard Bakery in the Foy Centre has now opened up a tearoom. We wish him every success.

The TUS worker Andrius painted the small kitchen for use as a yoga studio for Martina the yoga teacher but Martina has since found more suitable premises and so the room is once again available.

The Creche has moved into the old bedroom area and it seems to be very suitable.

Marie is continuing with her fitness classes in the hall and Andy is organising indoor football for teenagers which, has been most successful.

Carlingford Refugee Support group held a clothes collection at the Foy Centre and over 300 bags of clothes were collected. You will be pleased to hear that these are now on their way to the refugees.

Carlingford Tidy Towns

CTT has received a glowing report from the judges of the National Tidy Towns Competition for 2015. The results have been published this week and CTT is proud to report that we have gained six more points over last year. The points were gained in different categories showing a consistent improvement across the board. If you would like to read the judges report, please look at the link to it on our Facebook page. Or click on the link below

http://www.tidytowns.ie/u_reports/2015/2015%20County%20Louth%20Carlingford%20489.pdf

Several of Carlingford's businesses are to be applauded for winning in the Best Shop Front category in the Louth Looking Good Awards announced recently. These included The Bay Tree Restaurant, Taaffe's Public House, McKeivitt's Village Hotel, Magees Bistro, PJ O'Hare's, The Kingfisher Bistro and Carlingford House B&B.



We would also like to report what great initiative and collaboration the businesses in Tholsel Street display.

They got together to arrange for the whole street to be power hosed and cleaned last week. Well done.

CTT is also awaiting the results of the Pride of Place competition which should be published during October.

Now that the children have gone back to school and it is starting to turn distinctly autumnal, you would be forgiven for thinking that the Tidy Towns volunteers would be resting on their laurels after such a busy summer – but not a bit of it, we have several projects planned for the remainder of the year including making a start on reducing the size of the tree bases along the promenade.

On Monday last, four Tidy Towns volunteers did trojan work by removing the white kerbing upstands surrounding all 13 trees along the promenade, which had been a potential trip hazard for quite some time. We hired a Kango hammer and generator for the day without which we could not have tackled this task.



We were most grateful for the supply of a skip, free of charge, from Skips R Us which we filled with the concrete spoil.

The day was hard and long and we eventually loaded up all the kerbing material and took it away for storage to be used for a future project.



On Tuesday we were able to move into the next phase of the project. To minimize disruption for pedestrians, CTT will work on one tree base at a time until each is completed. We aim to complete three or four tree bases this calendar year with the remainder to follow in 2016.

The TUS workers were employed to remove the earth from the first tree base and then back filled with a dust and chipping mix which we can tamp down to form a hard surface on which to lay block pavers.

The block pavers will reduce the size of the tree bases allowing more space for people to walk. A one meter square will be left unpaved to allow the tree water and growth but this will be covered in resin coated aggregate as is best practice in public spaces. (For example, as along the quays in Newry).

The Wildlife Sanctuary

CTT has had an interpretive sign made which will be installed at the sanctuary shortly.

Love Your Lough

On Saturday the 24th October the Carlingford Tidy Towns and the Love Your Lough groups will be joining forces and holding a Lough Clean up event along the Carlingford town shores of our Lough.

There is so much non-biodegradable waste generated from society and industry on the Lough shoreline. This pollution is endangering the Lough's marine mammals, birds, flora & ultimately ourselves! The Lough really needs our help.

We would like to invite everyone from the Carlingford Lough community to join us for this event and give a helping hand if they have time. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Please bring the kids along as they will learn the importance of protecting & preserving the Lough. It will be fun for them too...we promise!

This will take place for 2 hours @low tide on Sat 24th Oct. Time to be confirmed on Facebook.



A cry for help from the Lough!

Thank you for supporting your community

If you have any ideas or comments please send them to Email: patkins520@btinternet.com and I will ensure they are brought to the attention of the appropriate committee.