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Judge's Visit 2026

Today concludes our 2026 Judge's Visits of our Shortlisted Projects for the 2026 National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards. Congratulations once again to the 36 shortlisted projects, and thank you to everyone who submitted an application this year. We look forward to the Big Night on October 8th in Limerick, where we will find out the winners of our 10 categories!

National Updates

The Attune Project

Survey to inform home support services in Ireland for older adults



Evidence for Policy



An Roinn Sláinte
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Invitation to Share Your Experiences of Home Support in Ireland

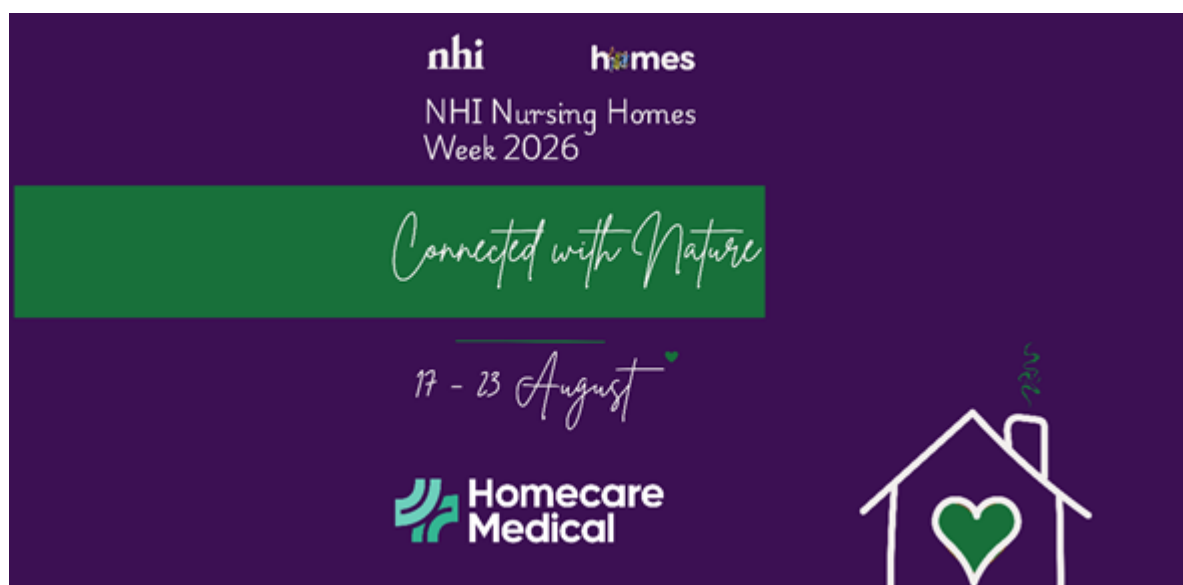
There is a national survey of home support for older people in Ireland. The findings will help inform how home support is provided in the Republic of Ireland.

The survey is by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) University of Medicine and Health Sciences. It is funded by the Department of Health and the Health Research Board. It has been approved by an ethics committee.

The survey is for people who are 65 years of age or older and have experience of getting home support in Ireland. If you prefer, a family carer or someone you trust can complete the survey on your behalf. Filling in the survey is entirely voluntary and anonymous and you will not be asked for your name. If you choose to complete the survey it will not affect any support that you do or don't currently get, however your answers will help to improve home support across Ireland.

Follow-up interviews: The research team is also inviting some service users to take part in a 30-minute telephone or video interview to discuss your experiences of home support in more detail. As a thank you for your time, interview participants will receive a shopping voucher by post. If you would like to take part register at the link below or the project website. Or email the Lead researcher: elizabethmorrow@rcsi.ie

Take the Survey



Nursing Homes Ireland (NHI) Nursing Homes Week 2026

The Nursing Homes Ireland (NHI) Nursing Homes Week 2026 is taking place from Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd of August and will be guided by the theme; Connected with Nature.

This weeklong event is open to ALL Nursing Homes in Ireland and is an opportunity to celebrate the people who live and work in nursing homes, and the rich lives and communities they continue to shape every day. Through the Connected with Nature theme, nursing homes will celebrate the beauty, connectivity, and therapeutic essence of nature and gardening, as well as the unique and idyllic natural surroundings of Ireland's towns/villages.

NHI are asking all interested Nursing Homes to Register your Nursing Homes Participation in the NHI Nursing Homes Week 2026 by emailing info@nhi.ie by the 12th of August!

To help support Nursing Homes to plan for, and take part in, the NHI Nursing Homes Week 2026, they have developed a helpful Connected with Nature Brochure, which is Full of Creative Ideas for NHI Nursing Homes Week 2026, and Further Details about How to Get Involved in this Year's Celebrations.

Brochure

NHI Week Info

Local Updates



Community Consultation

AF Kerry were delighted to meet the Kerry Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) team at their community consultation session in Killorglin Library this week. The Kerry LCSP has commenced the development of the first Community Safety Plan for Kerry. Details of upcoming community consultation sessions are available on the attached flyer.



Comhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Áitiúil Chiarraí

Kerry Local Community Safety Partnership

Have your say on community safety in County Kerry

Community safety is about people being safe and feeling safe in their own communities.

Public Consultation

The Kerry Local Community Safety Partnership is inviting members of the public to take part in the following community consultation sessions to help shape the first Kerry Local Community Safety Plan

Date	Venue	Time
July 23 - Thursday	Kenmare Library	11 to 1
August 4 - Tuesday	Killorglin Library	11 to 1
August 6 - Thursday	Listowel Library	4 to 6
August 11 - Tuesday	Dingle Library	11 to 1
August 13 - Thursday	Tralee Library	4 to 6
August 20 - Thursday	Caherciveen Library	11 to 1
August 27 - Thursday	Killarney Library	4 to 6
September 1 - Tuesday	Ballybunion Library	11 to 1
September 3 - Thursday	Castleisland Library	11 to 1

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VOICE
MATTERS**

Public Survey

The information gathered by this survey will play a key role in shaping the Kerry Local Community Safety Plan

To take the survey, simply scan the QR code or visit:
<https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/en/content/kerry-local-community-safety-plan-public-consultation-survey>



Further Information at:

-  communitysafety@kerrycoco.ie
-  www.kerrycoco.ie/local-community-safety-partnership/
-  www.gov.ie/communitysafety

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Louth OPC Members meet with Louth GAA

Members of Louth OPC Harry McCarthy and Joe Grogan met with Bob Doheny from Louth GAA on Tuesday 4th August to discuss how the GAA and Age Friendly Louth can work together at community and club level. Louth Age Friendly Programme Manager Sinead McVerry was also in attendance. There are 40 GAA clubs in Co Louth with an array of amenities and facilities. Age Friendly Louth & Louth GAA are exploring how these facilities and amenities can be fully utilised by older people across Co Louth. Bob also provided an update on the new Louth Stadium that is currently under construction and invited the OPC members to visit the stadium when it is completed.



Launch of Age Friendly Homes in Castlerea, County Roscommon

The Cathaoirleach of Roscommon County Council, Cllr Domnick Connolly, recently officially opened a new Age Friendly housing development in the Meadows, Castlerea designed to support older people to live independently in their own community for longer.

Developed through a partnership between Tuath Housing and Roscommon County Council, The Meadows provides six modern, single-storey two-bedroom homes tailored specifically to the needs of older residents. Funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage through the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS), the development reflects a growing commitment to creating homes that enable people to age comfortably and confidently in place.

The homes have been thoughtfully designed with accessibility and independence in mind. Features include level-access wet rooms, step-free entrances and garden access, wider doorways, generous turning space throughout and a second bedroom that can accommodate family members or overnight carers when needed. The A-rated homes also incorporate air-to-water heat pumps, helping to keep energy costs low while ensuring year-round comfort.

The occasion also marked the unveiling of An Craoibhín Aoibhinn, a specially commissioned public artwork by local artist James Gannon, which now serves as a focal point within the development's shared green space, creating an attractive and welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.

The Meadows is a strong example of how thoughtful housing design can support positive ageing and enhance quality of life for older residents in County Roscommon.



The Bonnicoln Show, Co. Mayo

Library News



Tullamore Library

August – Tullamore Library

- Wordsmiths Writing Group every Thursday @ 18.00
- Heritage Week - Preserve Your Story: Memory Capture Lab – Mon 17th August 11.00 – 16.00
- OurKidsCode – Coding Intergenerational Family Event - Tuesday 25th August at 5pm.
- Heritage Week Exhibition - Tullamore Library will be hosting an exhibition by participants of Fieldcraft for the Curious, from 13-31st August.

Birr Library

August – Birr Library

- Embroidery Workshop - Thu 13 & Fri 14 Aug · 10:30am · Adults · Booking required
 - Preserve Your Story: Memory Capture Lab - Wed 19 Aug · 11:00am–4:00pm · Adults
 - The Rambling House: Heritage Week Film- Thu 20 Aug · 11:00am · Adults
 - Digital Skills Device Help Drop-in - Need help with a phone, tablet or other tech? Every Friday · 10:30–11:30am
 - Silver Screen Film Club - 2nd Thursday · 1:30pm · Adults
 - Breakfast Book Club - 1st Tuesday · 10:30am · Adults
 - Main Street Book Club - Last Thursday · 2:30pm · Adults
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Musical Film Evening for Adults – Thursday 13th August at 7.00pm

Want to watch a fun classic musical? Tell me more? Why not pop into Bunclody Library for a fun evening of music and film. This movie is for adults only and it's the one that you want! No need to book. All are welcome!

Adult Sensory Collection

A new collection of sensory and assistive resources designed specifically for adults has been launched by Wexford County Council Library Service, providing practical support for older people and those living with a range of additional needs. The collection is now available to borrow from all library branches across County Wexford and can also be reserved through the library's online catalogue. The new initiative has been developed to support:

older adults, people with visual impairments, sensory needs, acquired brain injuries and those living with dementia.

The collection features a wide range of resources aimed at promoting independence, wellbeing and engagement in everyday life. Items available to borrow include:

- large-piece jigsaw puzzles,
- one-button radios,
- giant print playing cards,
- radio-controlled talking watches,
- activity cushions,
- simple day clocks,
- talking tiles and
- a variety of other assistive devices and activities.

The resources have been carefully selected to encourage cognitive stimulation, improve fine motor skills, support sensory processing and boost confidence through meaningful, accessible activities. Contact Bunclody Library at 053 9375466 or any Wexford branch library for more information.

Loughboy Library Weekly Online Clinic

Tuesdays 11th and 18th August from 2.30 - 3.30 pm

Would you like to learn more about the wealth of online resources available from Kilkenny Libraries?

Pop in to see us at our weekly online clinic and we can demonstrate to you how to use such fabulous online resources as Borrowbox, Universal Class and more!

No booking required. Just drop in!

Ciorcal Comhrá Gaeilge / Irish Conversation Group in Loughboy Library

Wednesday 12th and 19th August from 11.00 – 11.30am

This is an enthusiastic gathering, seeking to use their cúpla focail. It is open to all levels of fluency, beginners, improvers and advanced.

Just come along any Wednesday agus beidh fáilte romhat!

Knitting and Crafting Group in Ferrybank Library

Every Tuesday from 10.00 am – 12.30pm

Do you enjoy getting creative with crafts Meet fellow craft lovers at our weekly get together, where you can share tips, swap inspiration, and work on your own projects in great company.

All are welcome - no booking required.

Nattering Knitters in Castlecomer Library

Every Thursday from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Join this talented bunch of knitters for a knit and a cuppa every Thursday morning 10am to 12pm. No need to book, everyone welcome. Please note, the Nattering Knitters will take a break on Thursday 6th August and will return on 13th August.

New Poetry Group in Castlecomer Library

Thursday 13th of August from 2.00 – 3.00pm

Join Lori for our Poetry Group, where we'll read, write, chat and enjoy poetry together in a relaxed, friendly space. All levels are welcome - whether you're a complete beginner, a curious dabbler, or someone who already loves putting words on a page.

Each session will include gentle writing prompts, shared reading, and time to explore your own voice. Bring a notebook, bring a friend, or just bring yourself.

Tea and coffee provided. Everyone is welcome - no booking required.

Chess Club in Castlecomer Library

Saturday 15th of August from 11.00am to 12.00pm

Our Chess Club continues every Second Saturday, 11.00am to 12.00pm. This is a self-led, everyone welcome, beginners and seasoned players Chess Club.

Come along and share skills or learn from one another and enjoy chess at any level. No Booking Required.

National Heritage Week Event - An Insight into Gulliver's Travels Talk at Castlecomer Library

Tuesday 18th of August from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Celebrate the 300th anniversary of Gulliver's Travels with Jonathan Swift scholar Dr Brendan Twomey.

Discover how Swift's time in Kilkenny Influenced one of the worlds most celebrated books, and explore its enduring themes and relevance today.

Booking is required. Contact Castlecomer Library at 056 444 0561 or email castlecomer@kilkennylibrary.ie.

Heritage Week Lecture by Orla Murphy in Mayfair Library

Saturday, August 15th from 2.30 - 3.30pm.

Booking is required. Contact Mayfair Library at 056 7794174 or email mayfair@kilkennylibrary.ie.

Heritage Week Workshop on Recording Place Names in Mayfair Library

Wednesday, August 19th from 2.30 – 4.00pm.

Booking is required. Contact Mayfair Library at 056 7794174 or email mayfair@kilkennylibrary.ie.

Local Studies Digital Roadshow in Mayfair Library

Thursday, August 20th from 10.00am – 12.00pm

Booking is required. Contact Mayfair Library at 056 7794174 or email mayfair@kilkennylibrary.ie.

Heritage Week 1926 Census talks in Mayfair Library

Tuesday, August 26th from 11.30am - 12.30pm

Booking is required. Contact Mayfair Library at 056 7794174 or email mayfair@kilkennylibrary.ie.

Adult Book Club in Graiguenamanagh Library

meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome.

Ciorcal Comhrá Gaeilge / Irish Conversation Group in Graiguenamanagh Library

Every Wednesday, 11.00am – 12.00pm If you're looking to use your cúpla focal, this is a great group to meet up with. It's open to all levels of fluency — beginners, improvers, and advanced speakers are all welcome. Just drop in any Wednesday agus beidh fáilte romhat!

Crafty Crew in Graiguenamanagh Library

Every Wednesday from 10.00am – 12.00pm Enjoy meeting up with like minded crafters? Drop into the library any Wednesday morning to share tips, have a chat, and enjoy a cuppa while you work on your projects. All are welcome — no booking required.

Word Searches & Sudoku in Graiguenamanagh Library

Every Friday from 11.30am–12.30pm Drop into the library for an hour of quiet time and enjoy our weekly word searches and sudoku. A lovely way to unwind at the end of the week.

Film & Book Club in Graiguenamanagh Library

meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6.00 pm.

Age Friendly resources available at Graiguenamanagh Library

include hearing loops, magnifiers, C Pens, and a book trolley for use within the library. Reading glasses If you forget your glasses, fear not — we have a selection of reading glasses available to use in the library.

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