



THE MOHILL INSIDER

MOHILL ENTERPRISE CENTRE IS HOLDING A **SHOWCASE & OPEN DAY**

FRIDAY 28TH APRIL
10AM - 5.30PM

"OUR HUB, OUR LOCALITY, ONE COMMUNITY"



connected hubs
SHOWCASE DAY

mohill enterprise centre

AGE FRIENDLY

THE 1ST TOWN IN CO. LEITRIM TO BE DESIGNATED AS AN AGE FRIENDLY TOWN, FULL STORY PG 4




PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS IN MOHILL, 2023

There are exciting changes afoot for the streetscape of Mohill with plans to make the town more attractive and accessible for pedestrians, drivers, residents, and visitors alike. The Irish Architectural Foundation states that well designed public places can ‘contribute to and be a catalyst of positive change’ with the ability to ‘transform lives and places where we live, learn, work and play’.

What is the public realm? It is the parts and infrastructure of our locality which the public can access freely e.g footpaths, streets, and roads and parks, public buildings – all of which need to be maintained to ensure public safety, public enjoyment and ease of access, be that traffic or pedestrians.

This project is being funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) and Leitrim County Council. Minister Heather Humphreys announced a fund of €2.5 million with works due to commence later this year.

The Scheme will include the widening of footpaths and the introduction of shared surface space to provide enhanced pedestrian crossings. Existing road surfaces and street lighting will be improved. Street furniture, signage and landscaping will be used to create more social areas for community gatherings. Four areas of the town have been earmarked for improvements which are : the junction of Main Street (R201) / Castle Street (R202) O’Carolan monument / St. Marys ; Glebe Street (R202) / public Car Park and Water Street; Main Street (R201) and Hyde Street (R202) / Glebe Street (R202) and Main Street / Green Lane / Butter Market; Main Street (R201) and Chapel Lane (at St. Patricks Church). Works are also being carried out to the curtilage of St. Mary’s Church which is a protected structure.

Full details of all the work to be carried out, can be viewed on the Leitrim County Council website www.leitrimcoco.ie

leitrimcoco.ie



An artist's impression of Mohill's Public Realm works, Source: Leitrim County Council

NEW LIFE FOR MOHILL STATION HOUSE

In 2019 Mohill's Economic Development Plan identified the redevelopment of the Railway Station & Former Stationmaster House as a key priority for the town. Furthermore in 2020 a Town Health check by Queen's University further reiterated the significance of developing the Station House site.

In 2021 the Town Team successfully led on an application for funding under the Town & Village scheme and secured €500,000 to rejuvenate the Railway Station. The aim of the funding is to bring the building back into use for the community and provide space for a range of amenities, including arts, heritage and tourism.



MOHILL: OPEN FOR BUSINESS

We thank all the local businesses who have continued to provide a good service over many years and ask everyone to support them. We warmly welcome all the new and refurbished businesses that have opened in recent times: Bellz Cafe, Berry & Brew, Gavin Mitchell Butcher, Stensons Gala, Clarkes Hotel and Callaghans Pub. We also remember Sean Clarke one of Mohill's most highly regarded businessmen who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.



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SATURDAY 29TH APRIL, 11AM
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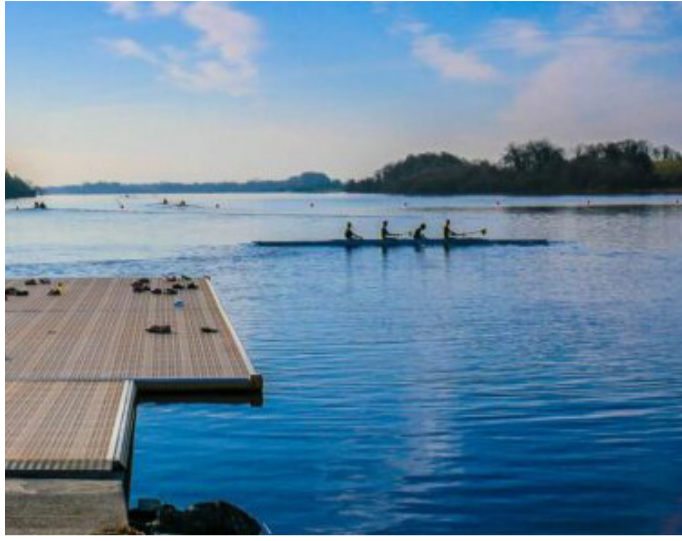


Image 1 & 3 courtesy of Mohill Town Team. Image 2, credit to photographer Mark Kelly.

GREAT NEWS FOR LOUGH RINN!

This state-of-the-art 2000-meter, 8 lane course, will see its first international event with the hosting of the 2023 'Home International Rowing Regatta' this July! Easily accessible from town, Lough Rinn is a great destination for those interested in rowing, kayaking and canoeing. The lake hosts national and international events while acting as a training base for international teams in advance of major rowing competitions.

'Rowing Ireland' the national governing body for the sport of rowing across the island of Ireland, north and south, together with Leitrim County Council is committed to developing Lough Rinn as a top-class resource for rowers.

The event calendar for 2023 is testament to their joint efforts. 2023 brings a calendar of events attracting both national and international teams and competitors including:

- National University Rowing Championships - **Sat. 8th April**
- The Lough Rinn Regatta - **Sat. 6th May**
- 1K Classic Rowing Event - **early July**

- The 'Home International Rowing Regatta' - **Fri 20th - Sun 23rd July**

The confirmation of the inaugural coming of this international event to Lough Rinn is great news for Mohill, our neighbours, county Leitrim and Rowing Ireland. This event will bring visitors from all over the island of Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales and with them great opportunities for our local businesses.

This is the first time in its 61 year long history that the event has been to Leitrim – the only other locations in Ireland have been Blessington Lakes in Co.Wicklow, and Innishcara in Co.Cork.



Mohill Town Team intend to produce this Information Newsletter for Mohill and surrounding areas 3 times annually. We are very grateful to all the organizations who have contributed to this first edition and to Leitrim County Council for its ongoing their support with the production.

If you have an important event coming up or a good news story happening in your area that you would like to share please let us know. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the Town Team or any of the other great community organisations working in the area we want to hear from you.

Here is how to get in touch: Tel. Mohill Community Enterprise Centre 071 963 2024 or email mohilltownteam@gmail.com

MOHILL 2023 AND BEYOND: CAPTURING MOHILL THROUGH A LENS

Mohill town and environs like many others has experienced great challenges and changes down through the years. However it is now looking forward with confidence to the exciting new plans to make our town a better place to live, work, visit and do business in. Capturing Mohill is a photographic project led by Mohill Town Team in partnership with Leitrim County Council. The objective is to record images of the town prior to Public Realm works commencing and to document key stages of the project until works are complete.

Local photographer David Wynne is working with the Town Team to capture images of the town, its shops, streets and surrounding areas. The project will include still images and drone footage that will be archived to create a record of the town at this time in our development. This will also form part of an exhibition showcasing our town. You will spot David out and about with his camera over the next few weeks.

We would like to thank everyone involved for their cooperation, especially our local businesses.

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE RAILWAY STATION

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Noel Smith and Associates are the architects appointed to lead the design of the project which gets the ball rolling.

The Railway Station in Mohill was an important link in the Cavan Leitrim narrow gauge railway line which opened in 1887, linking the towns of Dromod, Mohill, Drumshanbo, Arigna and Ballinamore in



Images: Above - Mohill Train Station, source: www.leitrimexperience.ie; Right - HG Casserley Engine, source: Michael Kennedy, The Cavan & Leitrim Railway.

Co. Leitrim to Ballyconnell and Belturbet in Co Cavan. The former station building comprises a two-storey station Master's House and Station reception rooms. The station building stands on a circa two-acre site. This project aims to resume connectivity between this historically significant building and the town of Mohill.



LEITRIM ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (LAPWD)

Located on Station Road, Mohill, the LAPWD's core objective is assisting people with disabilities to live independently in their own homes or in a place of their choice. Currently LAPWD supports over 50 disabled people throughout Leitrim and West Cavan. It employs 55 staff which comprises of a team of community based personal assistants and administration staff who coordinate and support the service.

Other services provided include wheelchair accessible transport, a Community Physiotherapist and a broad range of classes in partnership with the Education and Training Board. Classes starting shortly are Yoga, Arts and Crafts and Weaving.



Membership of LAPWD is open to everyone on the payment of an annual membership fee of €10. Family membership is €20.

For more information check out the Leirim Association of People with Disabilities Facebook page, call 071 965 1000 or email: karen@lapwd.com

MOHILL TOWN TEAM

The Mohill Town Team has been working in recent years to promote the economic development and regeneration of Mohill and the surrounding areas. The members of the Town Team are made up of representatives from active groups working in the town such as Mohill Enterprise Centre, Tidy Towns, Business Association, Community Network, Family Resource Centre etc. This Newsletter has been developed in partnership with Leitrim County Council to assist in communicating the exciting projects and plans that are happening in the area to everyone in the local community. In 2019 a comprehensive Economic Development Plan for Mohill was completed following extensive consultation and input from residents, community and business owners. This plan was on public display in the town and can be accessed on www.leitrim-coco.ie. It guides the work of the Town Team and has helped us secure essential funding for all of the exciting developments that are now taking place.



Photo by Therese Foy

During this process, it became apparent that Mohill required its own distinctive branding, suitable for use for all future initiatives relating to the town. We set about the task of creating a distinctive logo which you will see on display in this Newsletter and in all publicity material, social media etc. promoting developments in Mohill and the surrounding areas. You will see this logo on initiatives taking place in Mohill and the surrounding area.

The Town Team has three working groups - Heritage, Business and Station House. If you would like to hear more about the work of the town team or would like to join one of the working groups that have been established, please get in touch by emailing mohilltownteam@gmail.com or drop your contact details into Mohill Enterprise Centre and we will be back in touch with you. **Working together we can achieve so much for our local community.**

Gerry Kilrane, Chair, Mohill Town Team



Mohill Enterprise Centre, image source: connectedhubs.ie



MOHILL ENTERPRISE CENTRE (TRAINING & BUSINESS HUB)

The Mohill Enterprise Centre (MEC) opened in 1998 and included five industrial units, Office Space, Hotdesking and IT training Rooms. Since 2018 the Centre has been transformed into a modern energy efficient learning and IT hub delivering training in partnership with MSLETB from QQI Level 3 to 5 to job seekers and those wishing to upskill. The QQI Level 5 Computer Applications Course provides 14 people each year the opportunity to upskill in a world class technology enhanced environment.

The Enterprise Centre also provides flexible Office space, Administration services, hot desking, Social Areas, and Media Rooms for small businesses with broadband speeds from 300Mbps and 24/7 access. For more information on the facilities and courses offered please check out www.mct.ie or contact the Manager, John Mannion at 071 963 2024 or info@mct.ie

Come along to our Open Day on **Friday 28th April** and see the facilities for yourself. We will be starting our enrolment to our QQI Level 5 Full Time Course which begins this September 2023. We look forward to meeting you on the day!

A WARM WELCOME TO MOHILL FOR UKRAINIAN FAMILIES



Mohill's Mary Mahon pictured here with some of the younger members of Ukrainian Families at the Welcome Evening. Photo courtesy of Mary Mahon.

We warmly welcome the Ukrainian families who have escaped the terrible war in Ukraine to seek refuge in Ireland. A number of families are now living in Clarke's Hotel Mohill and their children are attending the local schools and creche.

A 'Meet and Greet' evening was organised soon after their arrival by Mohill Community Network and Cllr Thomas Mulligan. The evening included the sharing of important local information and a walk through town. We hope they will enjoy living in our town as a valued part of our community.

Ласкаво просимо до Мохілу

Щиро запрошуємо вас до нашого міста. Сподіваємося що тут вам буде добре та безпечно.

Знаємо що вам було дуже сумно залишити дімівку та рідних, дуже сподіваємося що ця війна у вашій країні скоро скінчиться. Сподіваємося ближче познайомитися з вами під час вашого перебування тут.



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MOHILL COMMUNITY NETWORK TIDY TOWNS

We are very grateful to the wonderful, dedicated team of volunteers who keep our town and surrounding areas in pristine condition. They are relentless in their efforts to ensure that the whole community can enjoy a clean and safe place to walk and enjoy nature at its best. They meet every Tuesday evening at 7pm and every Saturday at 11am behind St Patrick's Church at the Community Garden. They need our help, so please volunteer a little of your precious time any Tuesday evening or Saturday morning.

A bumper Community Litter Pick morning is being arranged for the May Bank Holiday weekend on Saturday 29th April at 11am. We are calling on everyone young and old to put that important date in your diary and come along and show your civic pride in your town, meet some new friends, and do some valuable work to help make your town a better place for everyone. For more information check out Mohill Community Network Tidy Towns Facebook page.

MOHILL LIBRARY EVENTS

The library in Mohill is so much more than a place to borrow books. It is a free, accessible and welcoming space for the community with state of the art, IT and print facilities, and a full programme of events managed by very helpful staff, Kim Taylor and Emer Guckian. The library is open Tuesday to Saturday and hosts a number of on-going events to which new members are always welcome.

- **'Friends of Breastfeeding' Group** - 10am-12 noon on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, and last Saturday of every month. For more info check out friendsofbreastfeeding.ie/about-us/
- **Mohills Writers Group** – a group of enthusiastic writers meet up on Tuesdays from 5.30 – 7pm, to write, chat and learn new skills.
- **Bridge Group** - Thursday mornings from 11-1pm
- **Craft Group** - This group meeting in the afternoon of the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and is an opportunity for you to learn and share craft making skills.
- **Book Club** - For all book lovers. The first Tuesday of every month, 11am.
- The **Citizens Information Outreach Clinic** is available to all from 3-4pm each Wednesday.

Follow Mohill Library on Facebook to stay up to date with library events: facebook.com/leitrimcountylibrary



Bridge class at Mohill Library.

DR. MULDOON COMMEMORATION

On 18 March 1923, Dr. Paddy Muldoon was shot dead at Bridge Street in Mohill, as he walked home after his usual Sunday evening game of cards with friends. In the aftermath of the murder of the young husband and father, it was suspected that the church and fledgling state were involved in a cover-up as they attempted to protect the perpetrators. No-one was ever convicted of the murder. One hundred years later, on Saturday 18th March, 2023, Mohill Historical Society marked the tragic event. Starting at St. Patrick's Church and moving down towards the site of the murder, the event traced the final footsteps of the ill-fated doctor.

Historians Fiona Slevin and Kim Taylor spoke on the night, with Dr. Pádraig McGarty delivering a short talk, in the Church. The Kellegher family and Irish traditional singer Fionnuala Maxwell provided entertainment on the night.

Diamond Water Productions' David Wynne produced and edited the film which was shown on an outdoor screen to a large crowd gathered outside Caseys pub.



Authors Ken Boyle, Tim Desmond and Fiona Slevin.



Local businessman Colm Reynolds of Reynolds Topline receiving his AF Business Charter.

MOHILL AGE FRIENDLY INITIATIVE

Mohill has been designated as the first Age Friendly Town In Leitrim. This initiative was established in 2010 as part of the World Health Organization Global Network to connect cities, communities and organisations worldwide with the common vision of making our communities a better place to grow old in. Mohill was also the first town in Leitrim to be declared an Age Friendly Business town.

This project is a collaboration between Leitrim County Council's Community Development, the Local Enterprise Office and the businesses of Mohill. Fourteen businesses and service providers in Mohill have taken part in the Age Friendly Business programme and they were recognised by Leitrim County Council with the presentation of "Age Friendly Charters". This programme is now being relaunched and we are calling on all businesses in the town to support the age friendly programme.

Some of the very simple ways businesses can help older customers is by making reading glasses available, offering seating, free delivery of purchases, one-to-one consultations, using a large font on labels, offering discounts on specific days etc. Many participating businesses have already received branded reading glasses and an age friendly branded chair for their premises.

For more information:

Visit: agefriendlyleitrim.ie/contact-us/ or email Susan Barry, Leitrim Age Friendly Programme Manager at sbarry@leitrimcoco.ie

MOHILL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE, CANON DONOGHUE HALL

The Mohill Family Support Centre located in the Canon Donoghue Hall provides many services including advice and support services for individuals and families with their Family Support and Parents Drop-in services. The centre is currently recruiting volunteers to help with a number of services including the Youth Café, Summer Camps, and Arts & Crafts and Lego groups. Training will be provided.



Mohill Community Garden

Did you know there is a beautiful green space located beside St. Patrick's Church where any member of the community can go to enjoy nature? And if you would like to learn more about growing your own vegetables there are horticulture courses running every Tuesday morning.

For more information on all of the above, please contact Majella in the Family Resource Centre: Tel: 071 963 1253 / Mobile: 087 6713445

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