



THE MOHILL INSIDER

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MOHILL SECURE THEIR NINTH LEITRIM SENIOR FOOTBALL TITLE!



Photo courtesy Leitrim Observer

Mohill was buzzing on Sunday evening, 8th October when the whole town turned out to welcome home their all conquering heroes who beat St. Mary's Kiltoghert by 2-10 to 0-14 in a very exciting game of football. Led by Captain Shane Quinn and Man-of-the-Match Ronan Kennedy, the entire team of happy heroes was paraded triumphantly through the town. The streets were bedecked with flags and lined with delighted fans who were thrilled to see the Fenagh Cup back in its rightful home once again.

We would like to acknowledge the great work done by the management team Eamonn O'Hara, Ronan Gallagher, Mickey Quinn and Cian Mulrooney and all those who support the team in so many different ways throughout the year. The celebrations will continue. Mohill Abú!

SUPPORTS FOR SHOPFRONTS & FESTIVALS

Leitrim County Council is in the process of developing support schemes for the town during this phase of Public Realm improvements.

The Mohill Shopfront Improvement Scheme is one such project and will be funded through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and Leitrim County Council. Full scheme details will be announced in the coming months, and it is envisaged that commercial, residential or unoccupied buildings on Main, Glebe, Hyde and Castle Streets will be eligible for support.



The scheme will be part-funded by Leitrim County Council and part-funded by participating businesses or residents.

As the Council develops the proposal for eligible works under the scheme they would like to hear from interested businesses and residents in the town. Adjacent businesses are encouraged to consider taking part in the scheme.

Events and Festivals — Expression of Interest

Likewise, funding will be available for those organising an event or festival over the next 12 months and the Council invites you to get in touch. Funding for this scheme is also available through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and Leitrim County Council.


If you would like to find out more about either funding opportunity, please contact Rebecca Farrell at Leitrim County Council to express an interest in the shop front improvement scheme or the events and festivals scheme with details of your proposed event. Rebecca can be contacted at mohillstreets@leitrimcoco.ie

PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS

Leitrim County Council are undertaking a Public Realm Improvement Works Scheme in Mohill and have appointed Kerrigan Quarries Ltd to carry out the works. The aim is to make Mohill more attractive and accessible for pedestrians, drivers, residents and visitors alike. In 2020 Minister Heather Humphreys announced funding for this project by the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) with Leitrim County Council also contributing funding to ensure its completion.

Evaluation process

In 2019, after extensive stakeholder consultation, an Economic Development Plan was produced for the town. The Town Health Check which was subsequently carried out in 2020 can be viewed on the Heritage Council website (www.heritagecouncil.ie) These reports highlight the town's strengths and weaknesses, challenges and opportunities. Today's public realm improvements will address some of the key issues raised. (Cont. on p2)



ACTOR'S MOHILL ROOTS
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MOHILL GAA OPEN NEW STATE OF THE ART CLUBROOMS
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MOHILL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
 SUN NOV 19TH 2023, 11AM-3PM
 SANTA CLAUS WILL VISIT!



MOHILL GAA'S NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART CLUBROOMS

Article courtesy Maureen Lynch



The official opening of the new Clubrooms: Seamus Mitchell, Paul Murphy, Geraldine Walpole, Anne Macklin, John Prenty (Secretary of Connacht GAA), Pádraig McLoughlin, Pádraig Kiernan. Photo: Therese Foy.

As 2016 dawned, Mohill was the most successful GAA club in the county, winning and contesting at every age level over many years. Despite this other aspects of the club had not progressed, and there was a need to modernise the buildings.

The then Chairman, Pádraig McLoughlin decided to do something about it and called a meeting to start fundraising. 'Mohill does Strictly' in 2016 was an enormous success and raised over €50,000. A special committee, Mohill Park Sport and Leisure (MPSL) was then set up to apply for funding. In 2021 the Leader Programme awarded the club a generous grant aid of €300,000. The building was completed without delay by local builder Pádraic Bohan and now stands proudly with all modern facilities in Páirc Philib. There are two large dressing rooms, toilets and showers. Upstairs there is a large gym with organised classes, a fitted kitchen, and windows looking on to the pitch. A photographic archive dating from 1910 to present day, recorded by local photographer Therese Foy, with assistance from Maureen Lynch tells the story.

The Leader grant covered a percentage of the undertaking so the Committee continued fundraising and with a wonderful group of voluntary club members raised over €100,000, raffling a car and other big prizes in a time of severe restrictions during the Covid pandemic. A sponsorship wall and supporters jersey raised a further €50,000. All the businesses, organisations and families who donated are acknowledged on the list of sponsors displayed on the outer wall of the building.

The official opening of the new Clubrooms took place on Saturday August 26th last. Before the launch, every underage player and coach from Mohill, Eslin and Cloone took part in games. The large crowd who gathered included past players, officers and supporters; all who remembered the days of tagging out behind the ditches!

Fr Nigel Charles blessed the building and John Prenty, Secretary of Connacht Council did the honours by officially opening the new Clubrooms. Shane Quinn, the inspirational Senior Captain addressed his young fan-club, making sure they appreciated the new luxurious facilities that are now available to them!

Mohill GAA is justly proud of their new modern Clubrooms at Páirc Philib Mhic Aonghusa. This magnificent building is a credit to the hard working officers of the MPSL, Pádraig McLoughlin, Ann Macklin, Geraldine Walpole, Pádraig McKiernan, Paul Murphy and all the fundraisers and the local community.

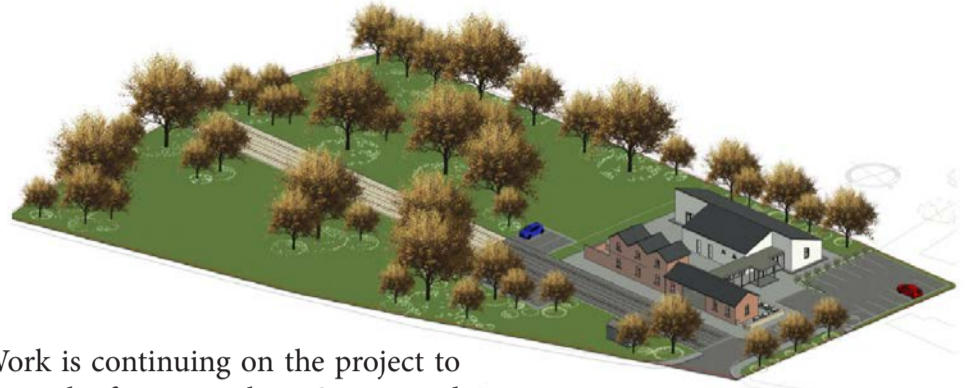
IRISH ACTOR'S MOHILL ROOTS



Tony Flood who originally hailed from Hyde St., Mohill, and still maintains strong links to the area has a hugely successful son, actor Richard Flood. Many will remember Richard for the award-winning Irish drama Red Rock and more recently for his appearance on one of the most popular series on TV, the medical drama Grey's Anatomy.

Richard, who now lives in Italy, is playing the lead role in a new four-part drama called The Gone every Sunday night at 9.30pm after the main evening news on RTE 1. Don't forget to tune in.

MOHILL STATION HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT



Work is continuing on the project to bring the former Railway Station and Stationmaster's House back into use for the community. The Railway Station will provide a range of amenities including a location for heritage and arts events in the town.

Planning permission was recently secured for the redevelopment of the building and the Mohill Town Team successfully secured €500,000 as part of the Town & Village Renewal Scheme to redevelop the Station House.

Over the last number of decades, a huge effort has been made by the community in Mohill, especially the original trustees, to retain ownership of the building and to seek avenues of funding to bring life back into the building. To leverage the funding secured of €500,000, we need to raise €55,000. We are seeking your support in helping us to raise this amount and to ensure this landmark building becomes a vibrant part of the town's fabric once more.



PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS

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Work to be carried out

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 social areas for community gatherings. Kerrigan Contractors will work with businesses and residents to navigate the disruption during this time.

You can send any queries to Leitrim County Council by contacting: mohillstreets@leitrimcoco.ie

Funded by: Department of Rural and Community Development & Leitrim County Council. Contractors: Kerrigan Quarries Ltd.

If you would like to contribute to the development of the Station House an account has been opened with Bank of Ireland, Mohill.

Mohill Station House

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By contributing to the development of Mohill Station House, however big or small, you are helping to preserve our unique heritage and culture for future generations. Your generosity and foresight will have a lasting imprint on Mohill.

We would greatly appreciate any support that you can give. To discuss further you can email the Town Team on mohilltownteam@gmail.com or come along to the monthly meetings which take place in Mohill Community Enterprise Centre tel. 071 9632024.

COMMUNITY NETWORK WIN 'LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE' AWARD



Members of Mohill Community Network receiving their award from Leitrim County Council

Congratulations to members of Mohill Community Network who won the top prize in the Love Where You Live Competition run by Leitrim County Council in the Cleaner Greener Category.

The hardworking members of the Network who are out every week keeping our town looking its best, richly deserve our appreciation and support. They are very grateful to the business people in the town who keep the outside of their premises clean and tidy but they need the support of everyone to keep our town looking its best.

Volunteers are always welcome to assist each Saturday morning when the group meets at 11am at The Community Garden. For more information check out Mohill Community Network Tidy Towns Facebook page.



Photo: Mark Kelly.

HOME INTERNATIONAL ROWING REGATTA HELD AT LOUGH RINN

The first ever Home International Rowing Regatta to be held at Lough Rinn Recreational Facility took place on Saturday 22nd July last. A huge undertaking for both Rowing Ireland and Leitrim County Council, the Lough Rinn enclosure looked spectacular and the flat calm conditions on the water over the 3 days meant competitors were given ideal conditions for both race preparation and race day itself.

Crews and boats arrived into the area from Thursday afternoon with the Welsh crews first to sample the facilities early on Friday morning for a training spin with Scotland, England and Ireland arriving on to the course shortly after. All nations commented on arrival, on how surprised they were to see such a stunning venue in a relatively rural part of the country.

Racing started early on Saturday morning and the event was broadcast live on Rowing Ireland's YouTube channel thanks to local production company Diamond Water Products / David Wynne from Mohill. Leitrim County Council used the opportunity of a live international audience to run a number of advertisements during breaks in racing showcasing the best of what Leitrim had to offer.

In all, 48 races were held over the day across a range of different categories and boat classes. England won the trophy for overall points scored by all their crews while Ireland finished second to England in senior and junior men's classes.

This was the first big international regatta to be held in Lough Rinn and while there will have been a number of constructive lessons learned from the weekend, it was hailed as a huge success for all at Rowing Ireland and Leitrim County Council. It won't be long before we see more events like this coming to the area once again. It was great to see so many locals from the Mohill and South Leitrim area out viewing the racing, while the business community would have been especially pleased with the large influx of visitors to the area over the 3 day period.

LEITRIM ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (LAPWD)



Located on Mohill's Station Rd, LAPWD's mission is to empower and enable people with disabilities in Co. Leitrim to achieve independent living and equal participation and inclusion in society.

LAPWD's core objective is assisting people with disabilities to live independently in their own homes or in a place of their choice, allowing them

make choices and direct the services and supports they require. The key service of the organisation remains the delivery of a personal assistant service to allow our Leaders live independent lives.

Transport Services

LAPWD operates a wheelchair accessible vehicle, providing our door-to-door assisted service enabling people to attend hospital appointments and social events. To make a booking you can contact the office on 071 96 51000.

The Country Market

The country market is in the LAPWD building every Friday morning from 9am to 1pm and is such a wonderful asset to the community, it has become a great social event that we all look forward to each week.

MOHILL COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE CENTRE NOW PART OF CONNECTED HUBS NETWORK

Mohill Enterprise Centre now provides flexible office space, hotdesking, a media room and flexible training and meeting rooms. Our new improved IT network provides broadband speed of up to 300MBps with scope to increase in the future if required. It also continues to deliver full and part-time training courses QQI Level 3 to 5 in partnership with MSLETB.

Connected Hubs Network – The Centre is now part of the national connected hubs network which allows anyone to book a hotdesking space, meeting room or media room remotely from anywhere in the world. The media room is fully equipped with display, lighting, green screen, camera and sound bar.

The centre can be accessed 24/7 via a secure code which is emailed to the user when booking. There are daily and weekly booking rates for anyone working remotely who wishes to book a hot desk.

The Centre has recently been recognized as a TUS (Technological University of the Shannon) Learning Gate which means that local students can access third level courses directly from the hub. For more information on services and costs please email info@mct.e or tel. 071 9632024



David Wynne, Local Photographer Capturing Mohill

'CAPTURING MOHILL' STAGE 1 COMPLETE

Earlier this year local photographer, David Wynne, was out on the streets of Mohill to document the town before public realm works commenced. Still images and drone footage of the streets were captured under stage one of this project, led by the Mohill Town team in partnership with Leitrim County Council

The aim is to preserve images and footage of the town before changes are made. David will continue to capture the town during the public realm works to document the progress and changes. As we embark on exciting changes for our town it is important to create a record of our development and showcase progress.

Membership

Membership of LAPWD is open to everyone on the completion of Annual Membership form and payment of membership fee of €10. Family membership is €20.

Contact details

Phone 071 9651000 & keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for regular updates and information.



The Social Area at Mohill Enterprise Centre

VACANT HOMES REFURBISHMENT GRANT SCHEME AVAILABLE



Example of a house that is availing of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant provides funding for owners to refurbish vacant and derelict homes. It can also be used to renovate vacant commercial properties that have not been used as residential properties before.

Grants are available for the refurbishment of the vacant property as a primary residence, or as a rental property.

Up to €50,000 is available to fund the renovation of a vacant property, if the property has been vacant for more than 24 months. A further top up grant is available up to €20,000 if the property is confirmed to be derelict i.e. is either on the local authority's derelict site register, or an independent report prepared by an appropriately qualified professional has been submitted stating that the building is "structurally unsound and dangerous".

The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage through the Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund and application can be made to Leitrim County Council.

To find out more about the fund and the criteria involved, please visit https://www.leitrimcoco.ie/eng/services_a-z/housing/vacant-homes/ or contact the Vacant Homes Officer in Leitrim County Council at vacanthomes@leitrimcoco.ie

MOHILL AGRICULTURAL SHOW CELEBRATES 95 YEARS

Now in its 95th year Mohill Agricultural show celebrated another very successful show day in August, in glorious sunshine. Its continued success is entirely due to the work of a group of dedicated volunteers currently under the leadership of Chairman Mack Crowe.

A special word of appreciation needs to go to the two people who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes for the past forty years as joint secretaries of the Show Aideen Abbott and Lourda McGowan.

Aideen has stepped down from her role as secretary and handed the baton to the very efficient Kathleen Ellis who is now working with Lourda as

joint secretary. Aideen has moved to the role of President of the show. Her 40 years of stellar service were recognised by a large gathering of family, friends and show supporters at a function held in Casey's Bar on Friday 20th October. On the night Aideen was presented with a beautiful painting by Leitrim artist Gail Quin.

We sincerely thank Aideen and her family for the incredible service she has given to Mohill Show over the past 40 years. Next year's show will take place on Sunday August 18th 2024.



Aideen Abbott with her family receiving a presentation to mark her 40 years of service from Chairman Mack Crowe. Photo: Therese Foy.

COUNTY AWARD FOR MOHILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Participants and Contributors taking part in Heritage Week event "The Half of the Moon and the Whole of the Hill" Discovering Mohill through its Music, Songs, Poetry and Stories. Source: Mohill Historical Society.

Congratulations to Mohill Historical Society who won the award for best event in County Leitrim during Heritage week. The award, from the Heritage Council, was for the "The Half of the Moon and the Whole of the Hill - Discovering Mohill through its Music, Songs, Poetry and Stories".

This memorable event celebrating Mohill's rich history and heritage was held on 14 August 2023 with a host of diverse and uniquely talented contributors performing to an appreciative audience. The event was conceived and brilliantly executed by Fionnuala Maxwell, assisted by Kim Taylor and Fiona Slevin.

At each local landmark from the O Carolan sculpture to the Old Station House a song, a recitation or a piece of music was performed by local people from the area. Contributors to the event included Kim Taylor, John Gerard Reynolds, the McNamara sis-

ters, Mandi Frankham, Gerry Bohan, Fiona Slevin, Fionnuala Maxwell, Mary Taylor, Martin Prendergast, Matt Gaffey, Sarah Gordon, John Tuohy, Aoife Bentout, Tiernan Kellegher, M-A Djeribi, Jarlath Gallagher and the Kellegher Family.

A huge congratulations to everyone involved in this event which has just won the National Heritage Week 2023 county award. A video of the event is available online from Mohill Historical Society. If you would like to know more about their programme of events contact Kim at Mohill Library tel. 071 9631360



TOWN TEAM SEEKS YOUR SUPPORT!

Mohill Town Team have been working in partnership with Leitrim County Council to promote the regeneration and economic development of Mohill and surrounding areas. The Town Team is open to everyone to join and contribute to the development of our town and locality. The Public Realm Improvements are about to start and progress is continuing on the refurbishment of the old Station House.

This newsletter has been developed to acknowledge all the great work that has been happening in our town and to ensure that every person living in the area is kept fully informed about all the exciting projects that are about to happen.

There are great opportunities to get involved and volunteer a little of your precious time to make our town and environs a better place for everyone to live, work and do business in.

We ask you to continue to support our local businesses, sporting and community organisations like Mohill Tidy Towns and we welcome any help you can give.

The Mohill Town Team meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6.30pm in Mohill Community Enterprise Centre and all are welcome to join. For more information or if you want to include something in a future issue of our Newsletter here is how to get in touch. Tel. 071 96 32024 email mohilltownteam@gmail.com.

ESLIN COMMUNITY NETWORK & TIDY TOWNS

Eslin Community Centre is the hub of the area and is a meeting place for all the community. The committee have been busy upgrading the Centre over the last number of years making it a safer and more comfortable place for all the users. Eslin Community Responders meet and train in the Centre.

This is a group of volunteers who are trained to respond to emergency calls in the Eslin/Drumsna/Mohill area. The community is fortunate to have these people available when needed.



Eslin Community Responders

Eslin Women's Group is a group of women in the Eslin /Mohill area who meet on a regular basis in the Centre, organise cookery classes, talks, exercise classes, demonstrations and social events. A dancing class for young children takes place every Thursday evening in the Centre and this has proved very popular with the children.

Eslin G.A.A. keep busy both on and off the pitch. They have set up a Healthy Club and have organised lots of activities for all age groups in the area. This was very valuable during Covid when activities were organised remotely via Zoom. One of the most popular activities they organised during Covid was the Tractor Run. The annual Tractor Run takes place on Sunday 10th December this year. It is a spectacular event and moved one local person to write a poem depicting the sight:

*"Fairy Lights a flashing,
Tractors all aglow,
Lifting not only the darkness,
But the hearts of young and old"*

Lough McHugh is a big attraction in Eslin where people can fish and relax. The entrance is opposite the G.A.A. pitch entrance and work has been carried out on the road to the lake and there is a new car park where people can safely park their cars.

MOHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY EVENTS



A group of primary school teachers on a history tour of the town.

Have you visited your local library recently? It's a great place to relax, browse, study and avail of our computer and print facilities.

Check out the ongoing programme of exciting events for children and adults on: facebook.com/leitrimcountylibrary or call 071 9631360.