

# Newsletter

WINTER 2016

## ROAD CLOSURE N24 PILL ROAD - INVESTING IN CARRICK ON SUIR'S FUTURE

### Tipperary County Council has made an Order to close the following road:

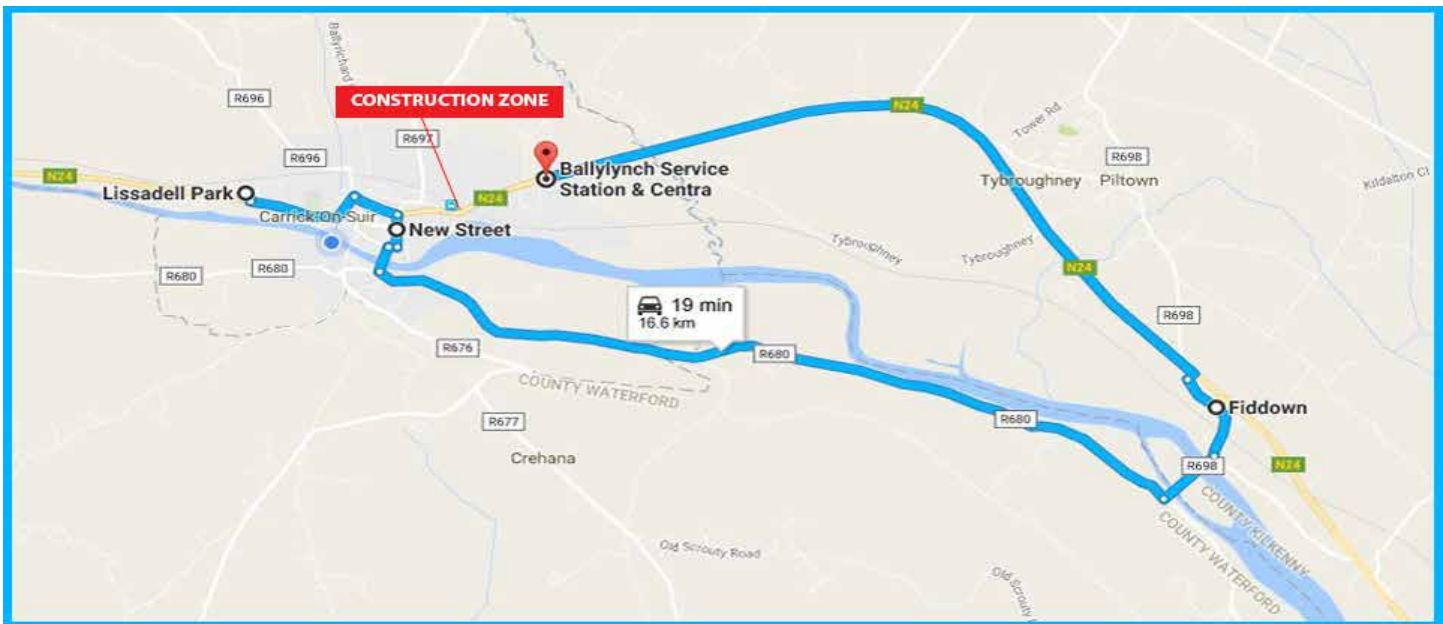
#### Road to be closed: N24 Pill Road Carrick-on-Suir (at the Railway Bridge)

**Period of Closure:** From 20.00 hrs on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 to 08.00hrs on Monday 27th February 2017 (i.e. 24 hrs per day during school mid-term break).

#### Alternative Routes: (Allow up to 20 minutes drive time by car)

1. Traffic travelling from Carrick-on-Suir town centre towards Ballylynch/Tinvane area of Carrick-on-Suir & towards Piltown/Mooncoin will be diverted from the N24 onto New Street Carrick-on-Suir & across Dillon Bridge and then follow the R680 to Fiddown Bridge and then rejoin the N24 at Fiddown Co.Kilkenny.

2. Traffic travelling from Ballylynch/Tinvane area of Carrick-on-Suir & from Piltown & Mooncoin will be diverted off the N24 at Fiddown and across Fiddown Bridge onto the R680 towards Carrick-on-Suir and then across Dillon Bridge onto Main Street Carrick-on-Suir to rejoin the N24 at O'Mahoney Avenue mini-roundabout in the town.



The above diversion routes using the Regional Road R680 to cater for heavy vehicles will be clearly sign-posted. Other routes using local roads will BE AVAILABLE but will not be signposted. The purpose of this road closure is to facilitate works by Irish Rail to replace the existing railway bridge in Carrick-on-Suir over the N24 with a new bridge at a higher level in order to reduce the number of bridge strikes that have occurred on a regular basis.

**Emergency access** will be provided at all times within Carrick-on-Suir via a private link road between Cregg Road & Hawthorn Crescent. It is also planned to have a **shuttle bus service** operating for pedestrians on this link road for period of the road closure. The Shuttle bus will run from 06.00am to 02.00am daily.

To help the flow of traffic through the town centre there will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** to any illegal parking, especially along Main Street and Sean Kelly Square. Upon our request The Local Council has granted **FREE PARKING** in the Town Hall Carpark for the duration of the works. We would advise all businesses on the route to avoid deliveries if possible on these dates or work with delivery companies to ensure they do not have to double park.

We understand that there will be a lot of disruption for a few days but getting the work done will greatly benefit the town in the long run. If any member business have any queries we can be contacted at [cos.business@gmail.com](mailto:cos.business@gmail.com), and will follow up with the Local Council.

### SHUTTLE BUS ARRANGEMENTS:

1. The service will be provided by Lyons Bus and Coach, Mainstown, Carrick-on-Suir.
2. The service will be between the official bus stop at Dunbane on the N24 and the official bus stop at the Fairgreen.
3. There will be a pick-up / drop off at Cregg Road and Greenhills Village.
4. Persons under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult in loco parentis.
5. The service is being made available on the understanding that persons using the service will accept any directions given by the driver.
6. The service will operate between 6:00 am and 2:00 am. It will begin at 8:00 pm on the 22nd of February.
7. The service will be provided all night on Saturday night, and an additional bus will be provided between 12:00 midnight and 4:00 AM.
8. The service will be continuous while it is operating.
9. There will be no charge for persons using the service.

## 'Carrick-on-Suir Strategic Vision 2030'

Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee launched their 'Carrick-on-Suir Strategic Vision 2030' document in the New Comeragh College, October 2016.



COSBA was delighted to have played a significant role in the development of the plan. We would like to congratulate COSTEDC on the publishing of the plan and offer whatever supports are necessary to achieve some of the goals set out.

The simplest way to sum up the document is to quote the mission statement. 'Our Mission is to make Carrick-on-Suir an attractive town to visit, to live in and for work and shopping; a place where new and existing entrepreneurs are encouraged and supported: where training and employment opportunities are actively generated.'

Noble words from a plan that points the direction that Carrick-on-Suir can travel with the support of the community. Lets ask ourselves, is there any thing WE can do to help achieve any of the goals set out in the plan, what can I do to help? This plan is a very positive step forward for our community and points towards

a positive future for Carrick-on-Suir.

## COSBA NEEDS YOU TO HELP BUILD A BETTER BUSINESS VOICE



### NEW BUSINESSES

COSBA are delighted with the news of at least 4/5 new small businesses are due to set up in the Town during the early months of 2017. We believe that Small businesses will play a major role in the future of Carrick-on-Suir, whether they are retail or services. The very fact that small businesses are opening is a great vote of confidence in the area.

If anybody has a business idea or plan and would like any assistance please contact any COSBA member or send an email to [cos.business@gmail.com](mailto:cos.business@gmail.com), and we will make sure that you are put in contact with the right people to help you explore your idea.

**JOIN COSBA:** If you have a business in Carrick-on-Suir, we need you to help us build a better business voice for tomorrow!! Call Rosann 086 3922774 or email [cos.business@gmail.com](mailto:cos.business@gmail.com) for an application form. All support greatly appreciated!



### TIDY TOWNS

2016 saw Carrick-on-Suir again increase its points in the Super Valu Tidy Towns Competition. Well done to the Council Staff and Town Gardener on their efforts. We would like to especially congratulate our neighbours in Tullahought and Windgap Tidy Towns on their Silver medal and Endeavour awards, you have put the pressure on us!

There was a good community involvement i.e. *Mental health Mural art work engaging local Youth* etc (refer to photo bottom right) It is time to start planning for 2017. We need volunteers and ideas. We fell short badly in the 'Sustainable Waste and Resource Management' and 'Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities', areas. We have our own facebook page [www.facebook.com/carrickonsuirtidytowns/](http://www.facebook.com/carrickonsuirtidytowns/), why not follow us and leave your comments.

## 3RD CARRICK MUSIC THEATRE FESTIVAL

**THE STRAND THEATRE**  
CARRICK-ON-SUIR

4TH, 5TH, 6TH NOVEMBER 2016

**FRIDAY 4TH**  
Two and a Half Tones

**SATURDAY 5TH**  
Wexford Light Opera Society  
Thurles Musical Society

**SUNDAY 6TH**  
Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society  
Tipperary Musical Society

CURTAINS: 8PM  
TICKETS: €16

€30 - 2 NIGHT PASS / €40 - 3 NIGHT WEEKEND PASS  
GROUP CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

**BOOKING: THE STRAND THEATRE BOX OFFICE**  
Tel: 051 645050 Mon-Fri 11am-1pm / 2pm-4pm  
TUDOR ARTISAN HUB Tel: 051 640921 Tues-Sat 10am-6pm  
42 Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary (beside Theatre)

The Third Carrick Music Theatre Festival which took place on Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November 2016 was another success. Four of Ireland's top Musical societies battled it out to compete for the prestigious Dick Meany Trophy. Congratulations to all competitors for their outstanding performances. Big congratulations to Wexford Light Opera for winning "Best Overall Show" again and taking back the Trophy to Wexford.

COSBA would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Businesses for supporting the Festival again this year, it is a vital contributor to the economy of the Town. With your continued support this Festival will continue to grow.

## Ireland- Newfoundland Festival



Great Celebrations at the Farmer's Market, Carrick-on-Suir Friday 26 August 2016 as part of the Ireland- Newfoundland Festival. Well done to all involved, COSBA was delighted to support this event.

## TIDY TOWNS "The Edge project"



# FANTASTIC INITIATIVES IN PROGRESS INVESTING IN CARRICK-ON-SUIR'S FUTURE

## ORMOND CASTLE RENOVATIONS

## IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST



The Ormond Castle renovations are going well and the opening date is not far off! Over 1.5 million euro will have been spent on this project to ensure that the Ormond Castle becomes a significant offering within Ireland's Ancient East. Carrick-on-Suir is listed on Ireland's Ancient East Trail, with new signage next to Ormond Castle.

### HOW TO LINK THE ORMOND QUARTER AND THE RIVER SUIR BLUEWAY?

Summer 2017 promises to be an exciting time for Carrick-on-Suir, with the reopening of the Ormond Castle and the official launch of the River Suir Blueway: a walking, cycling and paddling trail from Carrick-on-Suir to Cahir and back.

We are also now listed on three of Ireland's Tourism Destination initiatives: **The Butler Trail, The Munster Vales and Ireland's Ancient East.**

COSBA is currently collaborating with the Local Council to link the Ormond Quarter to the River Suir Blueway with a view to maximising visitors to the Centre of Town.

We expressed a desire to see the slipway at the bottom of Priest's Lane (in front of Wicklow Gardens) as the official start/finish of the River Suir Blueway. This would allow the Strand Carpark to be used as an ideal park for cars with trailers (boats and canoes) and traffic in general. The addition of a 'Bike Rack' would also allow cyclists to visit the town centre for food, drink or to view the Castle, Heritage Centre and other retail, cultural, heritage and tourism attractions. This start/ finish in the Ormond Quarter would be on the doorstep of the Castle, and would help avoid any parking difficulties that may occur around Sean Healy Park and draw extra visitors into the town centre.

### OLD BRIDGE RENOVATION WORK



Rehabilitation works were recently carried out on Carrick-on-Suir's historic Old Bridge, which is designated as a national monument. The project includes repairing damage to the bridge's abutments on the river bed, pointing of the stonework and removal of vegetation overgrowth on the bridge. The Council had an archaeologist supervising the renovations and repairs. The remainder of the works are due to be carried out Summer 2017.

## RIVER SUIR BLUEWAY



The River Suir Blueway: a walking, cycling and paddling trail is currently being developed in Tipperary along the River Suir Tow-path from Carrick-on-Suir to Cahir. This will be a great asset to the town. Go out and enjoy!

## NEW PRIMARY CARE CENTRE CONSTRUCTION



The construction of the new Primary Care Centre adjacent to St. Brigid's Hospital in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary. The new PCC in Carrick-on-Suir will prove an invaluable asset to the community and ensure a state of the art facility is built to provide these essential services. The project is expected to be completed and ready for operation by the end of March 2018.

## ST. MOLLERANS CHURCH



Roof Repair and Conservation works to Saint Molleran's Church is well underway. The church, which stands on the site of a 13th Century Friary, is an historic part of the town and a major part of the community and the boundary walls were constructed during the famine.

## CHRISTMAS 2016 IN CARRICK-ON-SUIR



**The Christmas Tractors of Carrick-on-Suir**

### BUSINESSES SUPPORTING CHRISTMAS TRACTORS FESTIVAL

Thousands of locals and visitors thronged the streets of Carrick-on-Suir to see over 25 tractors and farming equipment decked out in Christmas lights drive over the New bridge and through the streets of the town, then finishing up in the Car park on New Street which was in full carnival swing. Families enjoyed a spectacular parade of lights and an evening of fun and games organised by Stuart Downie, supported by the Crop Cruisers, Carrick-on-Suir Business Association and the Tipperary County Council. This event, now in its third year raises money for the farming charity Embrace, which helps families affected by farm fatalities and serious accidents. Well done to all involved!



### BUSINESSES SUPPORTING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Carrick River Rescue brought Santa into town Saturday November 26 to switch on the Christmas Lights. Thank you to COSBA members, Tipperary County Council, Carrick-on-Suir River Rescue and Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band for bringing this event to the Town. Thank you to everyone who braved the chilly temperatures that came along into town to welcome Santa and of course a big thank you to Santa for stopping by to help us kick-start the Festive Season! Over €100,000 has been spent on providing and maintaining the Carrick Christmas lights over the past six years. This amount has been funded by the members of COSBA with support from the local council.

**Attention COSBA Members:** If you have a business anniversary or milestone celebration that you would like us to include in future Newsletters or on our Social Media network - Please let us know!

#### HOW TO CONTACT COSBA:

Secretary: Rosann O'Sullivan Office: Heritage Centre, Main St., Carrick-on-Suir  
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COSBA would like to receive any feedback or suggestions on their work. Remember that COSBA is run by volunteers and would welcome any input from existing or new members.

### VIRTUAL SANTA POP-UP RETAIL SPACE



This Christmas we added another dimension to the shopping experience in the town by installing a virtual santa display in an empty retail space. Thank you to the businesses in town for supporting this endeavour.

### Children's Craft Project with Lions Club For Nursing Homes



The Carrick-on-Suir Lions Club in conjunction with the Tudor Artisan Hub sponsored a paper craft workshop for children to make cards and gifts for the local Nursing Homes.

### Winter Wonderland in Dove Hill Irish Design Centre



As always the Winter Wonderland in Dove Hill Irish Design Centre is a huge attraction, bringing visitors from far and wide.

### Christmas Window Displays in Carrick-on-Suir



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