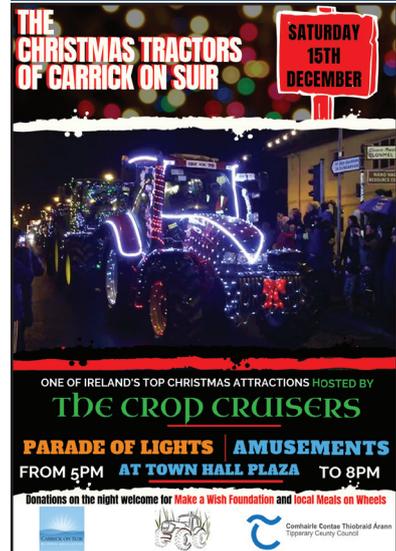


# Newsletter



**WINTER 2018**

## CHRISTMAS IN CARRICK ON SUIR



ONE OF IRELAND'S TOP CHRISTMAS ATTRACTIONS HOSTED BY  
**The Crop Cruisers**  
**PARADE OF LIGHTS** | **AMUSEMENTS**  
 FROM 5PM AT TOWN HALL PLAZA TO 8PM  
 Donations on the night welcome for **Make a Wish Foundation** and **Local Meals on Wheels**

COSBA is delighted to once again support **The Christmas Tractors of Carrick-on-Suir** Parade of Lights and Amusements on Saturday December 15th. This event attracts thousands of visitors to the Town.

This year will be the 5th year and it has quickly become one of the Town's biggest attractions annually.

The Junior Christmas Tractors will return with over 40 young participants taking part. This year will probably see the over 100,000 Christmas lights adorn a variety of tractors of all shapes and sizes. Join the tractors after the parade in the newly renovated car park opposite the Town Hall for some fun and amusements! Get up close and personal with the Tractors, meet the drivers, pick up some last minute gifts at 'The Crop Cruisers' Shop.

Where else would you get a party like this one?



### WE ACCEPT CARRICK-ON-SUIR CREDIT UNION GIFT VOUCHERS

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**

Tudor Artisan Hub

**BRIDAL WEAR**

My Dress

**BUTCHERS**

Kehoes Butchers  
 Whelans Butchers

**CAFÉS**

Café West  
 Martys Pantry

**CHARITY SHOPS**

NCBI  
 River Rescue  
 Sue Ryder  
 Vincent de Paul

**CHEMISTS**

Coghlan's Care Plus  
 Havens Patrick Lannen  
 Sam McCauleys

**CLOTHING**

Blarney Group - Dove Hill  
 Bourkes  
 In the Wardrobe  
 Leonias at Bourkes  
 Wurlitzer

**COMPUTERS**

Splash and Chat

**CYCLES**

O'K Cycle & Sports

**DRY CLEANERS**

Strand Cleaners

**ELECTRICAL AND TVS**

Butler Electrical

**FLORISTS**

Rosebowl

**FOOTWEAR**

Meanys Shoes  
 Shoe Centre

**FUEL MERCHANTS**

Treacy Fuel Merchant

**GYMS**

Sean Kelly Sports Ctr

**HAIRDRESSERS**

Jans

**HARDWARE**

Clearys Hardware - Topline  
 John Hearn Hardware

**HEALTH STORES**

Solero Viva

**KID'S ENTERTAINMENT**

World of Bounce & Mini Farm

**OFF-LICENSE**

No 21 Off License

**NEWSPAPER/PRINTING**

Three Counties

**RESTAURANTS/HOTELS**

Carraig Hotel  
 Dragon Inn  
 Kilkieran Cottage Restaurant  
 O'Ceallachains Bar & Bistro  
 The Junction Bar & Bistro

**SOFT FURNISHINGS**

Aoki Interiors  
 Carrick Carpets

**SPORTSWEAR**

Outfield Sports

**SUPERMARKETS**

Centra - Ballylynch  
 SuperValu

**TRAVEL AGENTS**

Lynne Keane

**TYRES**

Suir Tyre Centre

**VETS**

CCW Veterinary

Subject to change and update, check our website for current listing

[www.carrickonsuir.net](http://www.carrickonsuir.net)



## CARRICK ON SUIR VOUCHERS

Since COSBA started, one of the greatest successes is our 'Shop Local Campaign' with the Carrick on Suir Vouchers, which are available from the Credit Union. To date over €500,000 worth of vouchers have been sold and this is money that may have been spent outside the Town. The Carrick Vouchers have been a phenomenal success and COSBA would like to thank the Credit Union, Local businesses and the Carrick public for their participation in the scheme.

We would also call on all local sporting and social clubs to consider Carrick Vouchers for prize giving. Why not keep your business local with your sponsors? Or indeed to all businesses that give Christmas bonuses, why not choose (Tax Free up to €500) Carrick on Suir Vouchers and help build the local economy?

# COSBA NEWS:



## NEW OFFICE

We are delighted to announce that in 2018 we opened a new office at The Business Centre in the Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre. Our office is open 5 days a week from 9am-5pm. Ted Hennessy has been appointed COSBA Business Development

Manager. Ted, since his appointment, has had great success in researching grant aid for various initiatives and also supported us greatly in the day to day running of COSBA and COSTEDC projects.

## HOW ELSE DOES COSBA PROMOTE THE TOWN?

### SOCIAL MEDIA

We are always trying to improve our online presence, we daily update our social media platforms - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, with posts from COSBA member businesses as well as local news and events. This engagement has proven to be a great success with thousands of hits weekly. If any COSBA member has a special promotion, offer, anniversary or event you would like us to share and promote, please email us on [cos.business@gmail.com](mailto:cos.business@gmail.com)

### NEW WEBSITE

We are in the processing of upgrading and relaunching the Carrick on Suir website. The new website will be more interactive and updated on a regular basis. This website will become a newsreel for locals and an introduction to visitors, promoting places to visit, shop, eat, drink and stay. COSBA has hired web designer Stephen Kirby of Digio to carry out the technical side of the upgrade. Ted along with assistance from the Tudor Artisan Hub team will support COSBA with content. This initiative is funded by the Tipperary Community Enhancement Programme 2018.

### DIGITAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN

At the start of the year, COSBA with the support of the Tipperary County Council launched a new Digital Marketing Campaign for Carrick on Suir. We commissioned Pete Smith in association with the Tudor Artisan Hub to produce the marketing video 'Carrick on Suir, for Heritage, Business and Leisure'. The reaction and engagement locally, nationally and internationally has been very successful. If anybody has not yet seen the video, we would recommend you take a look, like and share. You can find a link on the COSBA Facebook page or [www.carrickonsuir.net](http://www.carrickonsuir.net) website.

COSBA has always played a major role in the running and financing of local festivals and events annually. In the past year, we have been involved in or have sponsored The St. Patrick's Day Parade and Fireworks displays, The Clancy Brothers Festival of Music & Arts, The Children's Halloween Laneways Walk, The Christmas Lighting Ceremony, The Carrick on Suir Christmas Tractors Parade and Amusements and Carrick on Suir's Tidy Towns initiatives.

Over this past year, each one of these events has contributed greatly to the businesses in the town and on behalf of the Business Community we would like to say thank you to all the organisers of these Festivals and Events.

We have also just been informed that the town has won a prize in the Tidy Towns from MDC. Through Carrick's Tidy Towns initiatives we have facilitated the clean up and painting of buildings on both Kickham Street and Main Street. While this is a good short term solution, we would call on the Government and Local Authorities to pass legislation to allow them to take control of these derelict sites and redevelop them to encourage either new business or much needed residential accommodation.

The reintroduction of a 'section 23' type scheme to redevelop empty retail units into accommodation should be encouraged. This would breathe new life back into premises and create a better footfall in our town centre.

# FESTIVALS 2018



**ST. PATRICK MEETS THE TUDORS**  
SATURDAY 17TH MARCH - CARRICK-ON-SUIR

**PARADE** **FIREWORKS**

**EVENING CELEBRATIONS - FROM 5.30PM**

**ASSEMBLY FROM 5PM** **ENDING AT**  
**CO-OP CARRICK BEG** **ORMOND CASTLE FIELD**

Dress up, Come into Town and Enjoy!



# HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL 2018



With Artist Mia Carney

# CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2018



## CARRICK 2030 VISION - COSBA WELCOMES NEW CONSTRUCTION

Over the past several years there has been a significant amount of Public money spent on research, design, planning and construction in Carrick on Suir, all very much welcomed by COSBA.

### COMPLETED WORK

Recently completed are **The Comeragh College, the Suir Blueway, the Ormond Castle and Tudor Manor House, The Primary Health Care Centre, Chapel Street renovations, the historic Old Bridge improvements, the raising of the Railway Bridge, The Municipal Town Hall, Plaza and Carpark.** This is all fantastic news for the town and local businesses.

### NEW PROJECTS

COSTEDC has recently received funding to research the upgrade of **The Heritage Centre**, which is more good news for our town. This will also be a great draw to visitors from the Ormond Castle and the Blueway, to entice them to walk through the town and past the shops and cafés.

COSBA has also applied for Leader funding to facilitate the display of replicas of the hoard of **81 gold coins** dating from the 17th century that was found by builders working on Cooney's Pub in the town centre pub back in 2013. This discovery has been hailed by the National Museum of Ireland as one of the most significant discoveries of its kind ever in Ireland. This display would be based in the Heritage Centre. We hope to have a positive announcement in the very near future on this.

The owners of 19 buildings in Carrick on Suir town centre have signed up to receive **Historic Towns Initiative grants** to upgrade the appearance of the properties this year. COSBA in

partnership with COSTEDC played a significant role in securing funding for this renovation work. Work recently completed November 2018. This is a vote of confidence in the future of business by the owners of the premises and hopefully this type of grant aid can be sourced for other areas in the town in the near future.

The Tipperary County Council Engineers are currently drawing up plans for upgrades to buildings along the streets on the approach to the Ormond Castle.

COSBA has been involved in representing our members in negotiations with the Council, Councillors and the planning department on planning applications and street closures. We have been involved in the planning application for **Seán Kelly Square** and **New Street** closure. It is a fine line trying to ensure that we get improvements to our infrastructure and environment and the least amount of disruption is caused to business.

The New Town Hall Plaza and entrance to the Town Hall Car Park will finish in early December. Part of the redevelopment will allow space for Tour Buses to park when they visit the Ormond Castle.

### NEW BROCHURES

In order to attract visitors from the Ormond Castle and the Suir Blueway up into the centre of town, we produced and printed promotional brochures in collaboration with the Tudor Artisan Hub. This quad fold brochure advertises local attractions, places to visit, eat and drink and where to stay in the town and the surrounding areas. Every visitor to the Carraig Hotel now receives a copy at check in.



## CARRICK 2030 VISION - COSBA EXPLORES NEW 3D MODELING CONCEPTS



### Carrick 2030 vision - 3D modeling pilot programme with Tudor Artisan Hub and LIT Clonmel Campus.

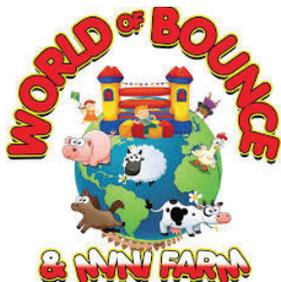
In May 2018, COSBA/COSTEDC commissioned the Tudor Artisan Hub in collaboration with LIT Clonmel to design a 3D interactive virtual digital model of Kickham Street as it currently is and to build in interactive development options for what it could become should funding become available for upgrades. Blue sky thinking was encouraged! 3D streetscape modeling offers a new, innovative platform to showcase and visualise streetscape planning and design options, a concept which we hope to explore further in the near future.

## WHY JOIN COSBA?

Our Mission Statement is to represent and promote all business interests in Carrick on Suir and the surrounding area, to encourage new businesses to start, operate or relocate to Carrick on Suir, to promote the welfare and prosperity of the town and its hinterlands, so that all will prosper. COSBA's strategy plan, which puts the mission statement into practice, includes Networking, Promotion, Support, Training and Lobbying for our members both at home and abroad.

## NEW BUSINESS

**World of Bounce & Mini Farm** this is a family run business located in Curraghnagarraha, Carrick on Suir. Children can enjoy the indoor play area and strictly non-smoking outdoor play area. There is a large party area where you can book any event - Birthdays, Christenings, Communion etc. See our lovely animals within our mini farm - Alpacas, Ponies, Goats, Rabbits, Ducks, Guinea pigs and more. Adults can relax in our café area with a lovely Mean Bean coffee. In our Café an all day breakfast and freshly made cakes are served or enjoy a lovely meal/snacks from our menu. The café is also open to the general public. During the month of December come and join us for a magical Christmas experience. See Website for full details [www.worldofbounce.net](http://www.worldofbounce.net) and follow us on facebook.



## COSBA & COSTEDC SUPPORTING CARRICK ON SUIR 2030 VISION

Over the past few years, in partnership with COSTEDC, we are reaching out to the Diaspora in Dublin, Cork, London and the USA, building links for potential investors to invest in Businesses in our Town. Diaspora engagement is important for economic development, to raise the Town's profile nationally and internationally. Diaspora engagement can add value to areas of investment and innovation that are important to community and economic development, bringing impact in areas such as support for SMEs, local enterprise and job creation.

In 2018, together with COSTEDC, we have actively been lobbying for the implementation of a Digital Strategy for Carrick on Suir. This strategy will allow us to attract new and established businesses to the town. It is imperative that the town is put in a position to benefit from the changing landscape of Ireland's business opportunities across the globe and this research will allow the town to prosper in the future and create jobs for the Community. We are currently in the development phase, details at this stage are limited, but we are hopeful of significant updates early in 2019.

This is only a very short synopsis of the work carried out by COSBA. We would urge more businesses to get involved to help promote Carrick and attract more business to town and to help push the Vision for Carrick on Suir 2030.



**We wish all our members, customers and friends  
a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.**

## HOW TO CONTACT COSBA:

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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.

## CONDOLENCES

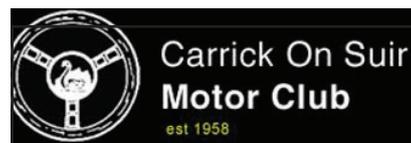


One of the regions most charismatic, forward thinking entrepreneurs and businessmen, Johnny O'Shea passed away October 9th on his 65th birthday. COSBA would like to express our condolences to the O'Shea family and to all of Johnny's colleagues in O'Shea's farms and Iverk. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## ANNIVERSARIES



2018 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society. To commemorate this prestigious year the Society will be hosting a special celebratory evening on Friday 14th of December in the Carraig Hotel. In December, the Carrick-on-Suir Library is also hosting an exhibition for the Musical Society, showcasing memorabilia down through the 75 years.



2018 marks the 60th Anniversary of the Carrick-on-Suir Motor Club (formerly known as Carrick on Suir Light Car and Motorcycle Club) - Congratulations from all at COSBA.

2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Carrick-on-Suir and District Lions Club. COSBA wishes the Club all the best as they celebrate this remarkable milestone.



## 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!

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