



As 2024 draws to a close, we reflect on a transformative year for climate action in Portlaoise. Together, we've made great strides toward a more sustainable and active community.

This month's highlights include the launch of our Bike Library, providing free access to bicycles for schoolchildren learning to cycle, and the festive Santa Stroll, bringing families together while promoting active travel. Laois Fire Services have adopted the Green Plan, focusing on reducing their environmental impact. We look forward to collaborating with our Greener Together partners on exciting new projects and initiatives in 2025. More details on these stories are inside this month's newsletter.



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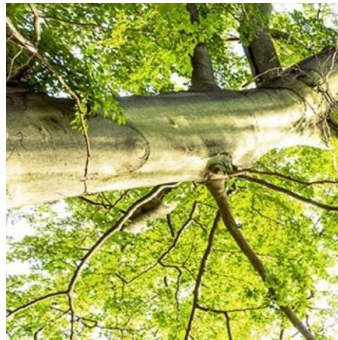
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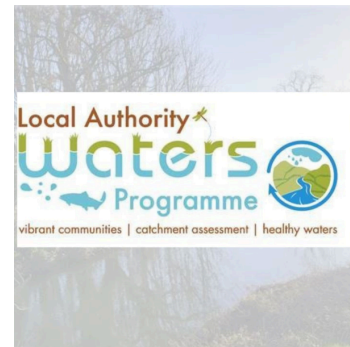
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RECENT EVENTS

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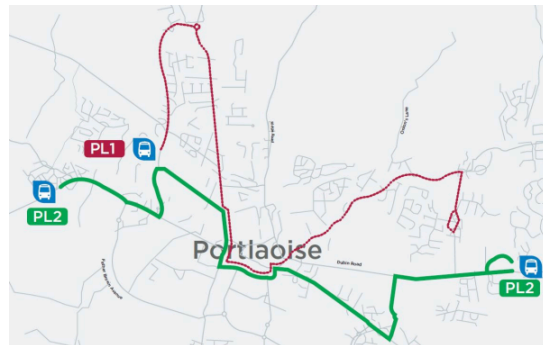


In a pioneering move towards sustainability, Neil McCabe, known as The Green Fireman and CEO of The GreenPlan, visited Portlaoise Fire Station to launch the implementation of The GreenPlan system. This

innovative certification framework, developed based on Neil's transformative work greening the Dublin Fire Brigade, is designed to embed sustainable practices into organisations and communities while reducing carbon emissions, saving costs, and fostering societal benefits.

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New bus routes for Portlaoise



Exciting news for Portlaoise! Kicking off in the New Year Portlaoise will have two new bus routes. The routes PL1 and PL2 will operate very 30 minutes, overlapping with the train station and St. Peter and Paul's Church providing an approximate 15 minutes frequency along this section. Watch out for the new infrastructure around town!



Bike Library at People's Park

Laois County Council is delighted to unveil a new Bike Library at People's Park, Portlaoise. Developed by the Council's Active Travel Team as part of the Travel Cluster Project, this cross-organisational initiative aims to provide access to bicycles, promote cycling, and support training programmes that encourage safer and more sustainable travel within the community.

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Portlaoise schools cluster together for greener travel



Students from the Portlaoise primary and secondary schools gathered at the Council Chambers for a Portlaoise Travel Cluster Project Forum to discuss creating safer, healthier, and more sustainable school journeys.

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Launch of Portlaoise's Climate-Friendly WOW days

Portlaoise experienced a transformative morning as the usual hum of car engines gave way to the cheerful chatter of students walking to school. This was the launch of Walk on Wednesdays (WOW), a weekly initiative encouraging students from all 10 local schools to walk, cycle, or use park 'n' stride for their school commute.

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DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know your wrapping paper has to pass the "scrunch test" to be recycled? If you can scrunch it up and it stays that way, it's good to go! But if it's shiny with foil or glitter, it belongs in the general waste. Keep it simple and keep it green!

[Find out more >](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

Laois Chamber Alliance
Advancing business together

CHRISTMAS EVENT
Members FREE
Non Members €25

WHERE Charter Bar, Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise.
WHEN Thursday, 19 December 2024
TIME 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Join us for
The Christmas Mingle
An evening get-together for our business community. Collect your event wall calendar gift, kindly sponsored by Mochua Print.

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The Christmas Mingle 19 Thursday 2024

Laois Chamber Alliance are hosting an evening for their business community. Members are free, Non-members €25.

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