

Skerries Pride of Place Day

Mon 2 September, 2 - 5 pm

Welcome!



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Welcome to our guests:

Martina Moloney
Colette Byrne

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**Welcome to all our public
representatives.**



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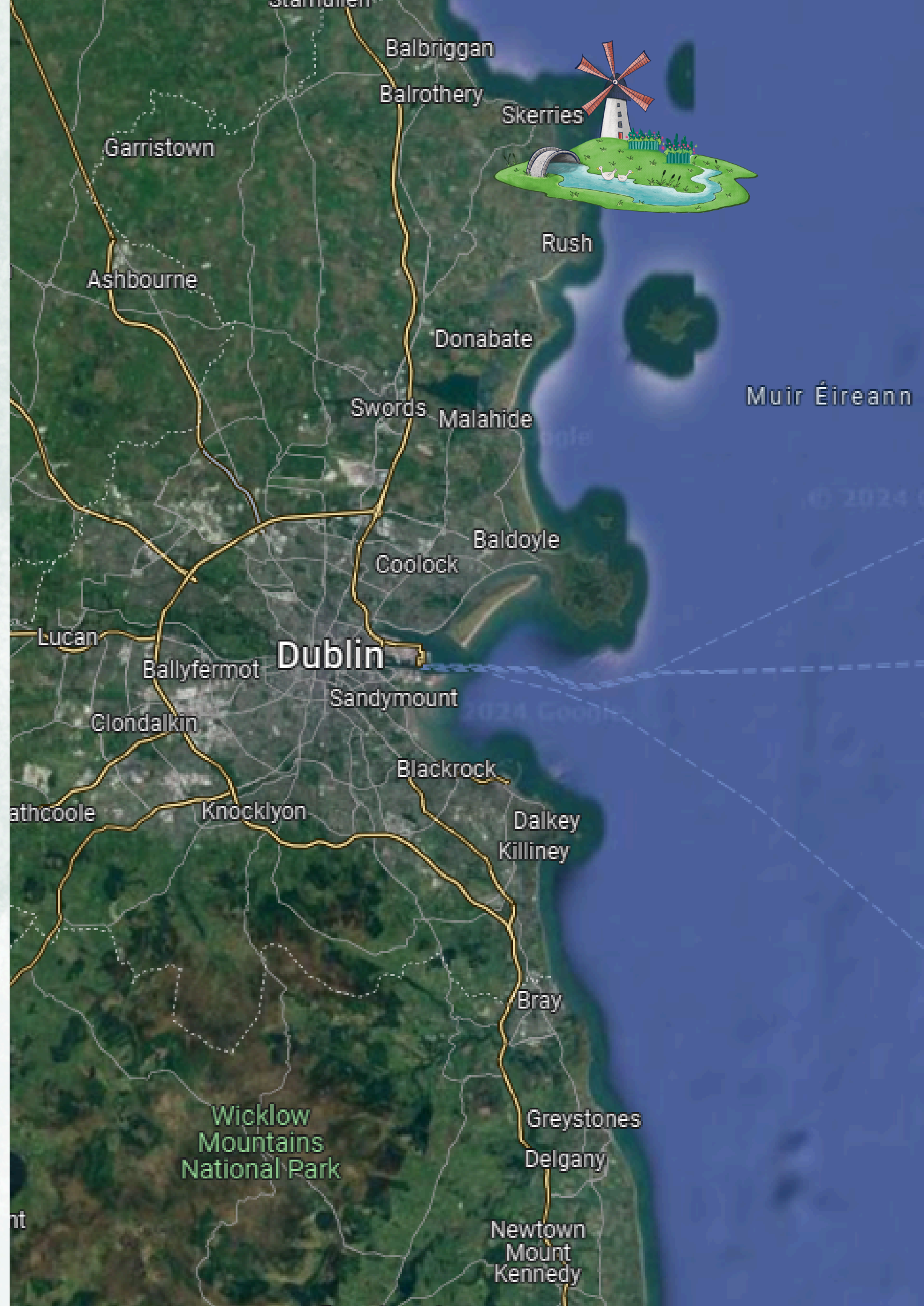
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**Welcome to Skerries,
to 10,000 of us...**





**A town north of Dublin,
on the 33 Bus
and on the trainline.**





**We're new blow-ins, old Skerries and more in-between,
We're young, old and middling and all very keen
To help our lovely town shine!**

Chorus:



South Strand

**South Strand, North Strand, Rockabill,
Red Island, the Ballast Pit and Skerries Mills –
all this is Skerries!**



Chorus:



**Downside, Hillside, Holmpatrick, too,
Skerries Rock, Kelly's Bay and Mourne View –
We all are Skerries!**

Original committee, Sustainable Skerries



**It started with a meeting in 2009:
A few committed people began the line
at Skerries Community Association**





Active Travel, bee friendly plants, Community Gardens - Skerries took a chance



**Renewable energy -
our Eco Town advanced.**



Chorus:

The Ballast Pit



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**So welcome to Skerries,
won't you stay a while?
There's coffee shops and restaurants
to make you smile...
Do bring your keep cup!**



**A first visit only can a taster be,
Come back and spend more time
and you will see:
There's much to love
in our town of Skerries!**



Final Chorus:

**South Strand, North Strand,
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Why the Ripple Effect?



Sustainable Skerries

- A committee of the Skerries Community Association (SCA)
- 15 years old
- Focus areas:
 - Biodiversity
 - Climate Action / Resilience
 - Sustainable Food
 - Circular Economy / Waste Avoidance
 - Water Management and Conservation
 - Energy
 - Transport
- Often in cooperation with others!



Sustainable Skerries Projects

- Started Skerries Allotments
- Started the Skerries Sustainable Energy Community Initiative
- Started the Skerries Mills Community Garden
- Started the Skerries Open Orchards Project
- Repair Cafés and gardening courses
- Car Boot Sale, Pub Quiz
- Talks, Seminars, Workshops
- Skerries Sustainable Food Festival 2021
- Skerries Eco Town Course 2022
- Skerries Eco Nights 2022-2023 (x2)
- Skerries Eco Festival 2023, 2024
- Started water project on nature-based solutions to run-off from hard surfaces like pavements and roads after heavy rain
- Engaged in many consultations
 - Fingal Tree Strategy / Biodiversity Action Plan / Development Plan / Climate Action Plan, National Climate Action Plan ...

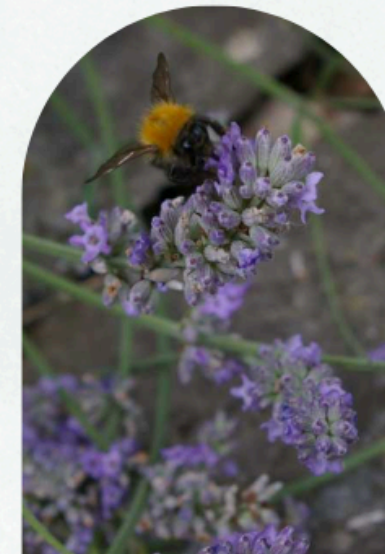




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**CHARLIE AND MARION
HEASMAN**
**Knowing the urgency of
climate change and
especially biodiversity
loss, we joined
Sustainable Skerries to
raise awareness and take
local action.**



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SABINE MCKENNA

The dual crises of biodiversity and climate change were getting at me, so I decided to take local action and joined Sustainable Skerries.

When we do what we love, like helping to plant trees in our open orchards, we can spread hope.

sustainableskerries.com





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KAREN POWER

**Inspired by my children, I'm
proud to take local action that
sparks broader change.
Seeing my kids talk about our
work gives me hope.**





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HELEN SCULLION

I joined to show my kids that small actions matter. I love that they've planted trees in Skerries that will bear fruit when they're grown.





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ANN MULLIGAN

I've always been passionate about reducing waste and encouraging repair. I'm proud of how Skerries fosters resilience and promotes biodiversity.





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BREDA NADDY

**My love of nature and the joy
of working outdoors, planting
trees, and connecting with like-
minded people is what brought
me to Sustainable Skerries.**





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EVELYN COTTELL

The best way to fight climate despair is to take positive action. Working outdoors in Skerries with like-minded people has deepened my appreciation of our town's beauty.





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MIRIAM SWEENEY

**The community spirit and local
climate action in Skerries
inspire me. We achieve so much
more together than we could
individually.**





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HANS ZOMER

**I joined to be part of the
solution to global crises.
The energy and dedication of
our community is inspiring,
and makes life better for both
wildlife and people.**





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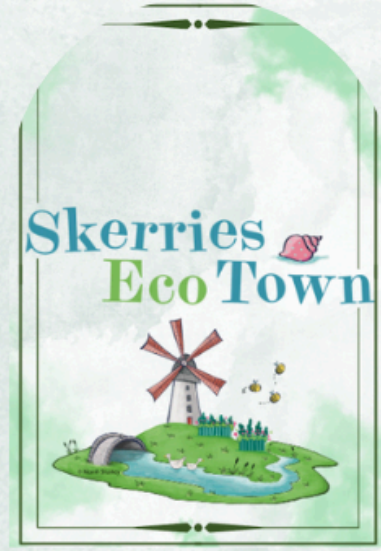
LEO CARROLL

@friendly.neighbourhood.bug

I joined to encourage the next generation in climate action.

Watching more people engage and focusing on Skerries' biodiversity gives me hope.





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SARA REDDY

I joined to apply my sustainability knowledge to real life in Skerries. It's inspiring to see so many others working to make our town more environmentally friendly.



We couldn't do it without the help of...

Community
Development

Biodiversity

Environmental
Education and
Climate Action

Various
Government
Departments

Local
Community
Development
Committee

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Operations

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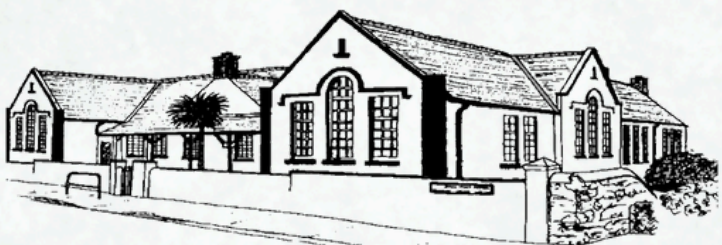
Skerries Local
Community
Liaison
Committee

*The Skerries
Community*

**SKERRIES
NEWS**



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The SCA & its
parts





The Skerries Community Association CLG

Sustainability & Inclusion



Skerries Age
Friendly Town



Skerries Autism
Friendly Town



Skerries
Community
Centre



Skerries Sustainable Energy
Community Initiative



Skerries
Tidy Towns



Skerries Town
Twinning



Skerries Cycling
Initiative



Sustainable Skerries

Ripples further afield:



Sustainable Skerries invited to speak at Showcase for Climate Action for the Community and Voluntary sector, Department of Rural and Community Development



Attendees at our events come from as far away as Donegal and Wexford



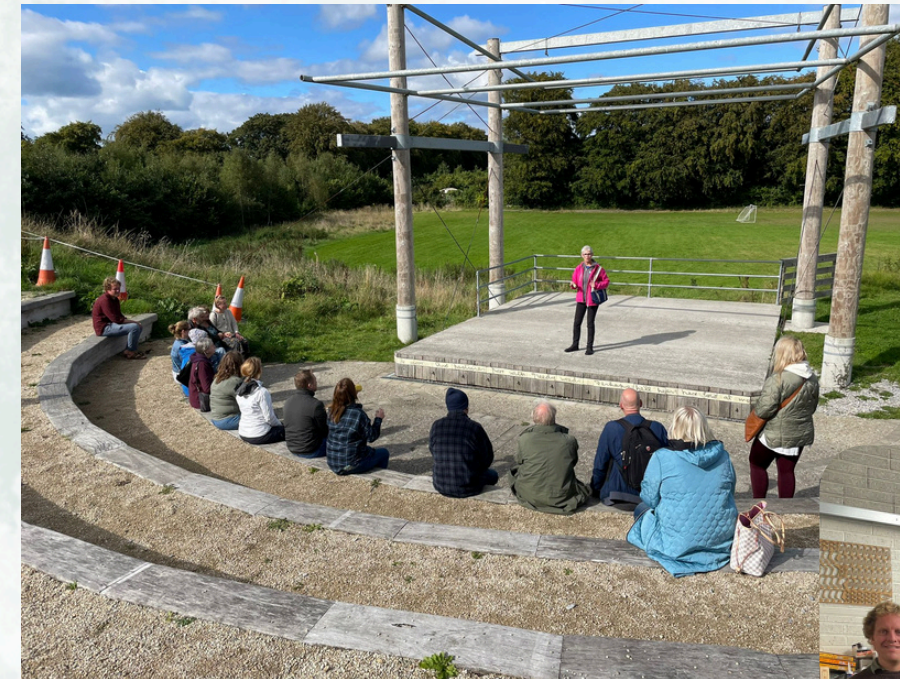
Skerries Wild Bee Festival inspired others in Tralee & Galway; Charlie & Marion invited to speak all over the country



Skerries Eco Town Course 2022

Participants from:

- Skerries Community Association Board of Directors
- Sustainable Skerries
- Skerries Tidy Towns
- Skerries Cycling Initiative
- Skerries Sustainable Energy Community Initiative
- Skerries Community Centre



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Skerries Eco Festival 2023 and 2024

With team members from:

- Skerries Community Association Board of Directors
- Sustainable Skerries
- Skerries Tidy Towns
- Skerries Cycling Initiative
- Skerries Sustainable Energy Community Initiative



Based in:

- Skerries Community Centre
- Skerries Mills & Community Garden



The logo for Skerries Eco Festival 2024 features a watercolor-style globe in the center. The text 'SKERRIES ECO FESTIVAL 2024' is arched over the top, and 'TURNING THE TIDE TOGETHER' is arched along the bottom.

**Fri 27th - Sun 29th
September 2024**

The logo for Sustainable Skerries is a circular emblem with a stylized tree or plant design.

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The logo for the Local Authority Waters Programme features the text 'Local Authority Waters Programme' with a small globe icon. Below it, in smaller text, are the words 'vibrant communities | catchment assessment | healthy waters'.

**Local Authority
Waters
Programme**
vibrant communities | catchment assessment | healthy waters

The logo for Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall (Fingal County Council) features a stylized bird or wing design.

**Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
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Skerries Eco Town Wall 2024

Showing in images what we all can do:

- Individually
- In our neighbourhoods
- When getting around the place
- Together with others
- By joining a group

Brand-new wall design by Niamh Sharkey

- Skerries Community Centre

To be unveiled today, right after this!



Skerries 
Eco Town

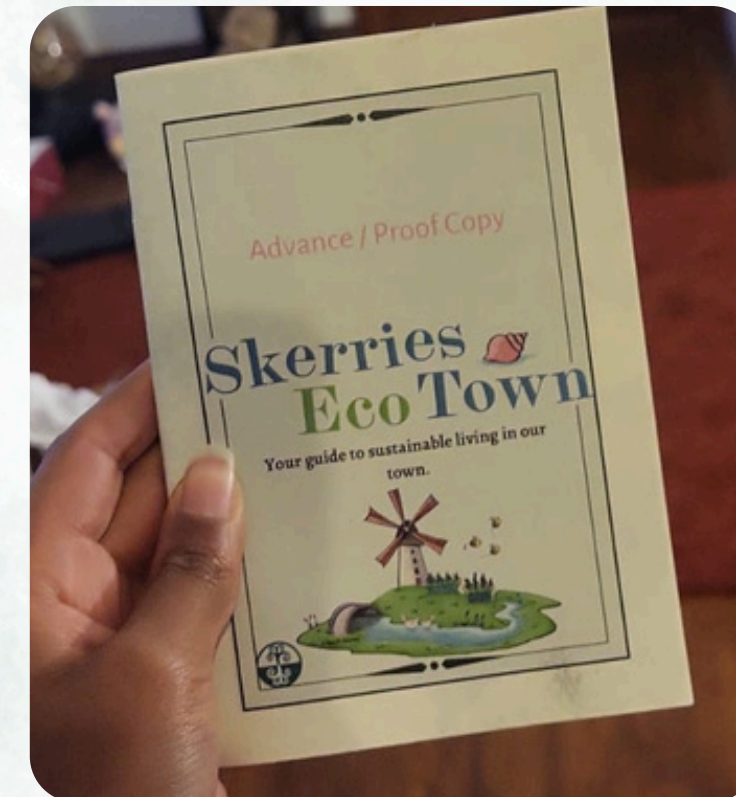


Skerries Eco Town Booklet 2024

Full of information about what we all can do here in Skerries:

- Individually
- In our neighbourhoods
- When getting around the place
- Together with others
- By joining a group

Brand-new BOOKLET
To be fully published soon!



Feedback and additional material to sustskerries@gmail.com please

Pride of Place - Skerries *Sustainability Ripple Effect* **AFTERNOON SCHEDULE**

2:30 PM

Old School: Bee Garden and Water Plans

Sticky Fingers Montessori, Bee Theatre, Sustainable Skerries, LAWPRO.

2:40PM

Community Centre: Skerries Eco Town Wall & more

Niamh Sharkey (artist), Sharon Guinane (manager)

2:55 PM

Bus leaves from Community Centre

Judges, Fingal County Council officials, Helen Scullion & Sabine McKenna as Sustainable Skerries ambassadors, Evelyn Cottell as timekeeper

3:05 PM

Kelly's Bay Open Orchard

Skerries Open Orchards Project, Dominica McKevitt and Kelly's Bay residents

3:15 PM

Mourne View

Mourne Estate Residents' Association

3:30 PM

Near the Beach Toy Library - South Strand

Skerries Tidy Towns, Foróige, Birdwatch Ireland Fingal, Skerries Cycling Initiative, Cumachaí na Scéirí, Cycling Without Age

3:55PM

Sensory Garden - Floraville

Skerries Autism Friendly Town, Chamber of Commerce

4:05 PM

Skerries Mills

Stream Huggers, LAWPRO, Men's Shed, Skerries Mills, Skerries Mills Community Garden, Skerries Allotments, Skerries Sustainable Energy Community Initiative

4:30 PM

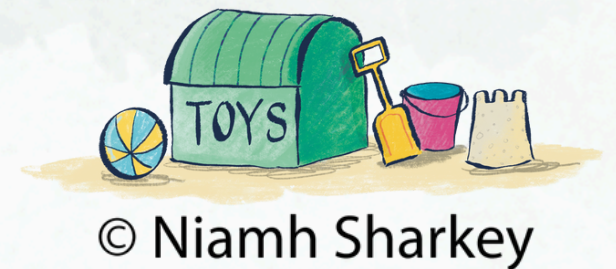
Skerries Mills Café (outdoors)

Refreshments for all and more music from the Ecoles.



And now:

- Over to the judges!
- 2.30 pm: Skerries Community Centre & the Skerries Eco Town Wall
- 2.50 pm: Tour of Skerries for the Judges:
 - Kelly's Bay Open Orchard
 - South Strand
 - Floraville & the Sensory Garden
 - Skerries Mills, Mill Stream, Skerries Community Garden
- 4.30 pm approx: Skerries Mills:
Refreshments and more music from the Skerries Ecoleles



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