

Clogherhead's Women's Shed



Catherine Kirwan and Mary Clarke at the 1st anniversary of Clogherhead's Women's Shed. Photo: Colin Bell Photography

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Hunt for suspect in sexual assault incident

Gardaí in Drogheda are continuing their investigation of an alleged sexual assault of a woman that occurred at the Ramparts walk along the River Boyne in Drogheda last year.



The Evofit image of the suspect have spoken in Arabic.

The incident took place on Friday 26th April 2024 at approximately 9.30pm.

Gardaí released an Evofit image of the suspect. (This is a system for constructing facial composites of offenders by witnesses and victims of crime).

It also featured on a recent episode of Crimecall, with gardaí appealing for information.

The gardaí said, "The victim was walking along the Ramparts scenic walk when a male approached her. During the incident, a member of the public came to the victim's aid and the suspect subsequently ran away in the direction of Drogheda town centre."

The suspect is described as being approximately 23 – 25 years old and of slim build with curly dark hair. He wore a grey jacket, light blue jeans and light-coloured trainers. He is believed to

have spoken in Arabic. People are asked to contact Gardai if they have any information. You can also call the Garda Confidential line on 1800 666 111.

Megalithic art at Knowth

The Office of Public Works (OPW) has announced a new art exhibition at Brú na Bóinne by artist Erika Tyrer, which showcases the megalithic art at Knowth.

Tyrer has interpreted both the familiar and lesser known art on the kerbstones and orthostats of Knowth drawing inspiration from Ireland's ancient landscape and folklore. Her research into early

mark making, in collaboration with archaeology and heritage experts, has resulted in a stunning collection of artwork.

Using acrylics, pen and ink on high quality Fabriano fine art paper, Tyrer has captured the essence of these ancient symbols with a carefully selected colour palette that reflects the pigments that may have been used almost 6,000 years ago.

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2025

Louth County Council invites applications for grant assistance under its **Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2025**.

The Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme is available to local retailers and business owners within County Louth. Shopfronts are one of the most important elements in determining the character, quality and perception of retail streets and it is hoped to promote good quality shopfronts through this initiative. To help businesses achieve this, Louth County Council has also published a **Shopfront Design Guidelines** booklet.

Details of the scheme are available on www.louthcoco.ie or you can request the design guidelines, application form or make enquiries by emailing: shopfrontgrant@louthcoco.ie. The 2025 Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme will open to applications on **Monday 7th April, 2025** and the closing date for receipt of applications is 5.00pm on **Friday 28th September, 2025**.

Colette Moss
Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development, Louth County Council

Drogheda THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme Public Consultation

Louth County Council, in partnership with Shaffrey Architects, have developed an ambitious heritage-led regeneration plan for Westgate House & the former Drogheda Youth Development building at West Street, Drogheda. The Council, following public consultation, will also provide information on an Integrated Urban Strategy for the West Street Area which provides a pipeline of potential projects within this area.

Members of the public are invited to participate in a public consultation in relation to the proposed project and potential funding under the Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme (THRIVE) for the centre of Drogheda.

THRIVE is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021-27, it aims to allow Local Authorities and citizens to reimagine and revitalise town centres through the renovation and reuse of publicly owned vacant or derelict heritage buildings. Louth County Council are eager to hear from groups or individuals with proposals or future intended uses in this area.

A drop in consultation event will take place on **Thursday 10th April between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm** at the Louth County Council Drogheda Civic Offices, Fair St, Monymore, Drogheda where members of the public can meet members of the design team.

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Leinster Fleadh

Drogheda is no stranger to hosting Fleadhs and will do so again with the town having been chosen to host the prestigious Leinster Fleadh for the first time, with thousands of visitors expected.

The Leinster Fleadh 2025 will run from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th July and the welcome mat will be rolled out for thousands of Irish traditional musicians and Irish music enthusiasts from across the province for a weekend of concerts, dancing, Fleadh competitions and street entertainment.

Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

West Gate House and Drogheda Youth Development Building Refurbishment and Extension, West Street, Monymore, Drogheda, Co. Louth
SITE NOTICE

Louth County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out development works at West Street A92 K273, West Street A92 KW13 and 62-63 West Street Drogheda A92 X7WR a protected structure (DB-306). The development site of 0.065 ha on West Street, at its junction with the George Street (Regional Road R132), is bounded to the east by Father Connolly Way. The western boundary of the site aligns with the town wall Scheduled National Monument (LH024-041014). The site is located within the Old Abbey Lane Architectural Conservation Area 17 as designated in the Louth County Council Development Plan 2021-2027 varied).

- The development will consist of:
1. Refurbishment and conservation works with internal alterations, external alterations, signage, repair and upgrades with services integration to 62 West Street (West Gate House) and Former Drogheda Youth Development, West Street.
 2. Change of use from community /guesthouse use to cultural/community with café facility.
 3. New single storey extension to the rear of the Former Drogheda Youth Development building, including landscaped roof podium.
 4. Part demolition of single storey (Former Drogheda Youth Development) building onto West Street to facilitate new extension in-fill with single storey frontage onto West Street stepping to three storey over double basement to provide new universal access circulation throughout building complex.
 5. Raising of a section of roof to the single storey building (Former Drogheda Youth Development) to create consolidated ridge line while remaining single storey to West Street.
 6. New two storey extension to the rear of 62 West Street (West Gate House) to provide link to rear annexes.
 7. External works to West Street and Fr. Connolly Way including new pedestrian access to landscaped podium.
 8. External works to rear of new extension including boundary treatment
 9. All associated site development works and associated services.

In accordance with Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, Louth County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination pursuant to the provisions of article 120(1)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

Where any person considers that the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, he or she may, at any time before the expiration of 4 weeks beginning on the date of publication of this notice, apply in accordance with the provisions of article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended to an Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have such effects.

In accordance with the provisions of article 250 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, Louth County Council has carried out a screening of the proposed development to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on a European site. Accordingly, Louth County Council has determined that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, from Wednesday 9th April 2025 until Wednesday 7th May 2025 (inclusive) at the offices of Louth County Council during public opening hours at the Drogheda Civic Offices, Fair St, Monymore, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 PP78. Plans and particulars will also be available to view online on the consultation portal of Louth County Council <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/>

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, clearly marked "Westgate House Refurbishment Part 8" may be made either:

- In writing to the undersigned at Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth
- Via National Part 8 Planning Portal <https://planning.local.gov.ie/en>

before 5.00pm on Wednesday 21st May 2025.

Dated 9th April 2025
Terry Hamilton, Town Regeneration Officer,
Placemaking and Physical Development, Louth County Council

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