

Alison hosting Ribbon Runway fashion show in aid of Hospice

By MARGARET RODDY

Following in the success of last year's event, Alison McCabe of Breastcare by Alison has announced that this year's charity fashion show 'Ribbon Runway' will take place on Friday, May 5th in Dundalk Golf Club in aid of North Louth Hospice.

Alison runs the specialist lingerie and prosthesis service for women who've had surgery for breast cancer, from a studio at her Blackrock home as well as providing a mobile service for women in counties Louth, Cavan, Monaghan, Meath and Dublin.

"I have the pleasure of working with so many wonderful women who have been through breast cancer, at various stages of their journey," she said. "The North Louth Hospice has a special place in my heart. It is so important for these vital services to be available for those who need them. I urge women of all ages to come along and enjoy the night. Among the many models will be a group of my own ladies who will show everyone going through cancer that you can still look and feel gorgeous!"

Last year's fashion show was a huge success and several of the models who took part were clients of Alison.



Alison McCabe.

This year's Ribbon Runway fashion show promises to be a fabulous ladies' night out featuring summer styles from Ozone, Ruby Nu, Sheba and Carraig Dunn boutiques, as well as swimwear from Breastcare by Alison. The evening will be hosted by Caroline McElroy, stylist and presenter.

Tickets are available from

all participating boutiques and Dundalk Golf Club. Each ticket costs €25 and includes a glass of bubbly on arrival, with all proceeds going to the North Louth Hospice. There will also be spot prizes on the night, including dinner for two sponsored by Neven Maguire, who is a strong supporter of Breastcare by Alison and the work she does.

Virtual driving school helping learners reduce carbon footprint

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Learner drivers can reduce their carbon footprint for World Earth Day, as the Dundalk-based Drive Virtual Driving Academy, Ireland's first car simulator driving school, is celebrating World Earth Day on April 22, by offering free driving lessons that day.

The event aims to promote sustainable driving practices and encourage people to learn about eco-friendly ways of learning to drive that can help reduce their carbon footprint. It is also an opportunity for individuals who may not have had access to driving lessons due to financial constraints to start their driving journey at no cost.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer free driving lessons on World Earth Day," said Paul Brady, owner of Drive



Paul Brady, Virtual Driving Academy, Williamson's Mall, Dundalk.

Virtual Driving Academy. "Sustainability is important to us, and we believe that educating people about eco-friendly driving practices is a small but significant way we can contribute to a greener future."

The lessons will take place

in their studio in St. Williamson's Mall and will be open to anyone over the age of 16. Places are very limited so booking is essential and can be made through the Drive Virtual Driving Academy website or by calling 0879900017.



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

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford Regeneration Scheme, Carlingford, Co. Louth

Louth County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out public realm enhancements to Carlingford town centre, The Ghan Road, the R173 and the Liberties areas within the greater Carlingford area as consisting of:

- Upgrade of footpath materials and widths to give greater comfort to pedestrian traffic;
- Traders Facilities;
- Upgrade of traffic and pedestrian management within the town to give greater emphasis to pedestrians and create a clear hierarchy that puts pedestrians before vehicular traffic within the town centre. This will be achieved by reducing road carriageway widths, widening footways, creating shared surfaces and inclusion of tactile paving at crossing points;
- Traffic calming ramps and pedestrian crossings;
- Demolition of existing toilet block and construction of a new one;
- Resurfacing of existing road pavements;
- New railings, bollards to discourage illegal parking;
- Bicycle parking;
- Street furniture including bins and seats;
- New trees and vegetation;
- New signage;
- New/replacement of functional street lighting. New feature lighting in the form of strip lighting to be introduced to some pedestrian areas and tall feature lights will be used in a functional manner at the civic and park areas;
- Public lighting;
- Removal of some existing car parking and provision of 63 car parking spaces, of which a minimum of 5% will be accessible parking bays i.e. a reduction (by 57 no. spaces) in car parking within the town centre area;
- Removal of existing public tennis courts and associated walls;
- New utility services/upgrading of existing services (if required), including water mains, foul, storm and water drainage, ESB services, WiFi, Broadband and ducting also the undergrounding of existing overhead cables where possible.

The public realm improvements within the town centre area of Carlingford as set out above will result in a reduction of car parking spaces and the change of use of an existing tarmac public tennis court area to become a new public realm focal point. To mitigate the potential negative impacts of these changes, Louth County Council are proposing to construct a new car park facility. The proposed car park and associated works are within the Liberties area of Carlingford, within approximately 550m of Carlingford town centre and will affect the Ghan Road and the R176 within its vicinity and will include:

- 148 no. car parking spaces including accessible parking bays, potential electric car charging parking bays, parent and child parking bays. Parking bays to be constructed of permeable paving block sets;
- 2 no. new porous asphalt public tennis courts, complete with lighting and fencing (approx. 5m high). Tennis court drainage to consist of filter drain system connecting to closed pipe network;
- New gully and pipe drainage network tying into the existing network on Ghan Road;
- New ESB substation, comprising of an above ground steel cabinet of dimensions approx. 2.6m x 2.2m x 2.0m;
- Public lighting, ducting for communications and electrical services requirements;
- Pedestrian network including concrete footpaths connecting to the existing footpath network on the Ghan Road. A linkage to the existing footpath network along the R176 will be provided and a proposed new pedestrian crossing point to provide a continuous linkage for pedestrians into Carlingford town centre from the proposed car park along this route;
- Internal asphalt road network with road markings;
- Bus set down bays and campervan parking;
- Landscaping.

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 Tuesday, 18th April 2023 until Tuesday, 16th May 2023 (inclusive) at the offices of Louth County Council at:

- Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth. (Inspection and purchase - during public opening hours between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday)
- Carlingford Library, Newry Street, Carlingford, A91 N226 (Inspection only - during public opening hours, Monday - Closed, Tuesday 10am-1pm; 2pm-5pm; 6pm-8pm, Wednesday 10am-1pm; 2pm-5pm, Thursday closed, Friday 10am-1pm; 2pm-5pm, Saturday 10am-1pm)

Plans and particulars are also available to view online at www.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 "Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford Regeneration Scheme" may be made in writing to the undersigned at Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, before 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 30th May 2023.

Dated this 18th April 2023

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