

Heydon's HEADLINES

CASTLEDERMOT AREA

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NEW BUS SERVICE UP & RUNNING

CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE BUS SERVICE SUCCESSFUL

Many local residents will be aware of the campaign to restore bus routes to the local towns and villages since JJ Kavanagh reduced the number of routes that ran from Castledermot on to Kilcullen at the start of the year. After a strong local campaign, led by Castledermot residents, the National Transport Authority has agreed to provide this additional service.

The new local link bus service runs from Naas to Carlow several times a day serving Castledermot, Moone, Timolin, Ballitore, Crookstown, Kilcullen, Two Mile House and Naas Hospital. Social Welfare travel passes are accepted on the new route which has been designed to coincide with onward buses from Naas and Carlow.

The usage of the new bus route will be reviewed after six months and will only be continued based on usage so people need to use it or lose it.



ROUTE 880 CARLOW/NAAS AND NAAS/CARLOW

SERVING	PICK UP POINT	MON - FRI	MON - FRI	MON - FRI	SAT	SAT	SUN	SUN	SERVING	MON - FRI	MON - FRI	MON - FRI	SAT	SAT	SUN	SUN
Carlow	Coach Park	0725	1205	1535	07:25	14:35	08:35	14:35	Naas TC	09.35	14.05	17.05	09.35	16:05	10:35	16:05
Castledermot	Main Street JJ Kavanagh Route 736 Stop	0745	1225	1545	07:45	14:55	08:55	14:55	Naas Hospital	09.39	14.09	17.09	09.39	16:09	10:39	16:09
Moone	Post Office	08.00	1240	1600	08:00	15:10	09:10	15:10	Killashee House	09.42	14.12	17.12	09.42	16:12	10:42	16:12
Timolin	Timolin Terrace	8.02	1242	1602	08:02	15:12	09:12	15:12	Two Mile House	09.45	14.15	17.15	09.45	16:15	10:45	16:15
Ballitore	Post Office	08:10	1250	1610	08:10	15:20	09:20	15:20	Carnalway	09.49	14.19	17.19	09.49	16:19	10:49	16:19
Crookstown	JJ Kavanagh route 736 stop	08:12	1252	1612	08:12	15:22	09:22	15:22	Kilcullen Hide Out	09.54	14.24	17.24	09.54	16:24	10:54	16:24
Kilgowan	Priory Restaurant	08.15	12.55	16.15	08:15	15:25	09:25	15:25	Kilgowan The Priory	09.55	14.25	17.25	09.55	16:35	11:05	16:35
Kilcullen	BE 130 Stop The Hide Out	08:25	1305	1625	08:25	15:35	09:35	15:35	Crookstown Bus Eireann St	10.08	14.38	17.38	10.08	16:38	11:08	16:38
Carnalway	BE Route 130 Stop	08:31	1311	1631	08:31	15:41	09:41	15:41	Ballitore Post Office	10.10	14.40	17.40	10.10	16:40	11:10	16:40
Two Mile House	BE Route 130 Stop	0835	1315	1635	08:35	15:45	09:45	15:45	Timolin Terrace	10.18	14.48	17.44	10.18	16:48	11:18	16:48
Killashee House	BE Route 130 Stop	08:38	1318	1638	08:38	15:48	09:48	15:48	Moone Post Office	10.20	14.50	17.46	10.20	16:50	11:20	16:50
Naas Hospital	BE Stop near old entrance	08:41	1321	1641	08:41	15:51	09:51	15:51	Castledermot Main St	10.35	15.05	18.05	10.35	17:05	11:35	17:05
Naas Town Centre	Post Office	08:45	1325	1655	08:45	15:55	09:55	15:55	Carlow Coach Park	10.55	15.25	18.25	10.55	17:25	11:55	17:25

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SEEKING GRANT ASSISTANCE TO RESTORE TOWN CENTRE BUILDINGS

As Chairman of the Fine Gael Rural Affairs and Agriculture Committee I am working with a number of my Fine Gael colleagues to push for regeneration incentives to be introduced to help to revitalise our regional towns, like Castledermot.

As part of our Standing up for Rural Ireland campaign we are looking at the condition and prospects for regional towns which may be struggling due to changes in shopping behaviours, out of town shopping locations and lack of footfall.

In towns like Castledermot, derelict buildings on main streets are an issue. I have again spoken to Minister for Finance Michael Noonan on my proposal to give grants to the owners of rundown or derelict buildings to help them to be restored. The provision of grants to renovate old and unused buildings would go a long way to help to restore vitality to town centres. It would have the added benefit of creating additional much needed living space over town centre buildings and shops to help to ease the current housing crisis. Such investment would bring activity back to town centres such as Castledermot even after hours when shops have closed.



ATHY SOUTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROUTE FUNDING CONFIRMED IN CAPITAL PLAN

The inclusion of the Athy Southern Distributor Route in the Capital Plan announced this week re-affirms the Government's commitment to this project and the confirmation of funding to completion announced last year.

Unlike the M7 road widening project, the Athy road does not yet have planning permission. Last year's funding confirmation allowed Kildare County Council (KCC) to take this project off the shelf and prepare a planning application for An Bord Pleanála. The project was stalled before that commitment of funding was announced last year.

Once funding was confirmed by Government, KCC had the go ahead to proceed with the road. Since that time, Clodagh Lyons has been appointed as the Council's dedicated project engineer on the project with ROD/AECOM appointed as consultant engineers. They have updated previous traffic surveys, and are now preparing a new traffic model and updated environmental impact statement with a focus on getting a planning application published and lodged as soon as possible.

The ball is now firmly in KCC's court to deliver this road to planning and construction as soon as possible. There is no impediment from Government for its delivery. It is up to the elected Councillors of the Athy Municipal District and us as Oireachtas members to now hold KCC to account on the progress of this road.



PLANS FOR CASTLEDERMOT PLAYGROUND

I am continuing to work on the provision of a playground in Castledermot in conjunction with Cllr Ivan Keatley. Plans are ongoing with €10,000 set aside last year by local Councillors from Local Property Tax funds towards the project and a similar sum due this year. Discussions are ongoing with Kildare County Council and Leader to secure additional funds.

FOOTPATH FROM THE FRIARY COMMENCED

I am delighted to see works commenced on the long awaited footpath from The Friary estate to Scoil Diarmada. The initial ground works are being carried out by Kildare County Council with the laying of the path to be outsourced to a contractor with the hope of it being completed by mid November. Well done to local residents who never gave up on this.

FREE GP CARE FOR UNDER 6'S & OVER 70'S

WE'RE TAKING THE FIRST STEPS. GP CARE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6

With the new GP visit card under 6s you can bring your children to the GP for free consultations and wellness checks.

What services are provided under the GP Visit Card under 6s

GPs will provide general consultations, diagnosis and treatment as well as periodic health assessments focused on health and wellbeing and preventing disease. These checks will be carried out when your child is 2 and 5. It also includes enhanced care for children diagnosed with asthma.

What is an Asthma check?

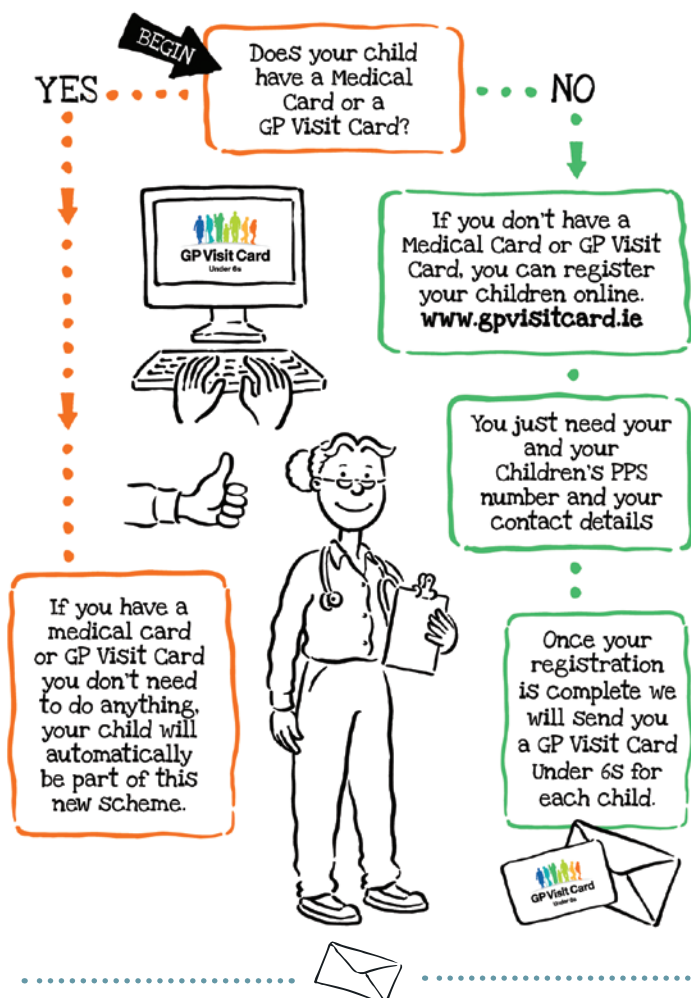
Each asthma check details the severity of your child or children's asthma and involves a review of medications including making sure your child is using inhalers correctly. Your GP will advise you on how to improve your child's asthma care, including advice on smoke free environment, flu vaccination to prevent influenza and education on what to do if your child's condition is getting worse.

A written plan, tailored to your child, will be given to you to help you manage your child's asthma. Asthma checks have been shown to improve control of asthma in children and reduce hospital attendance.

For more see www.gpvisitcard.ie or call LoCall 1890 252 919.

Rates charged for 1890 (LoCall) numbers may vary across different service providers and calls made using mobiles may be more expensive.

HOW DO I GET MY GP VISIT CARD UNDER 6S?



Registration forms can be returned to
GP Visit Card Under 6s, PO Box 12629, Dublin 11

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES ON GP VISITS OR MEDICAL CARDS,
PLEASE CONTACT MARY IN MY OFFICE ON 045-487624.**

FREE GP CARE FOR 70'S PLUS

From the 1st August everyone aged 70 and over will be eligible for a GP Visit Card, regardless of income.

This means you can visit your GP and not have to pay for the visit.

Over 36,000 people aged 70 or older currently pay to attend a GP as they are not covered by a medical card or a GP Visit Card.

To get a **GP Visit Card** aged 70 or over, fill in the

application form at your GP, Pharmacy, or download it from www.gpvisitcard.ie

The GP Visit Card is funded by the Government and administered by the HSE.

For more see www.gpvisitcard.ie or call 1850 252 919 for more information

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€300,000 GRANT FOR ATHY SWIMMING POOL

The announcement by Minister of State for Tourism and Sport Michael Ring T.D, of a grant of €300,000 towards the K Leisure swimming pool in Athy was very welcome news.

The swimming pool in Athy is an important facility and is used extensively by both young and old. This funding will help to improve the energy efficiency of the pools and enhance the disabled access. It will enable K Leisure who run the pool to reduce their energy costs and improve the facilities for all users, including disabled users of the pools. Of 16 swimming pools nationally which received funding, 2 are in the Kildare and 1 in Athy.



RECENT TRIP TO LOURDES WITH CURRAGH MILITARY

I was delighted to have the opportunity recently to travel to Lourdes with the Curragh group as part of the annual military pilgrimage. It was humbling to spend time with and look after such wonderful positive

individuals in an amazing setting. Our military personnel do us proud on all their missions around the world but in Lourdes I saw at first hand the esteem in which they are held by their international colleagues.



WORKING WITH CLLR IVAN KEATLEY IN THE CASTLEDERMOT AREA

Cllr Ivan Keatley is available for advice and assistance on all Council matters affecting the Castledermot area. He can be contacted at 087-2731335 or by email at ivankeatley@gmail.com



ADVICE CENTRE OPEN DAILY

Need Advice, Assistance with Forms, or Help Dealing with any State Departments?

My Office and Advice Centre on Moorefield Rd, Newbridge is open Mon-Fri from 9-1 and 2-5. Mary is there everyday and would be delighted to meet you. Feel free to drop in or call the office on 045-487624 for assistance or for a clinic appointment.



- CLINICS -

LOCAL CASTLEDERMOT CLINIC

TEACH DIARMADA

Third Fri of each month 10am – 10.45am
next Fri 16th Oct & 20th Nov

For appointments outside of these times, please contact my office on 045-487624



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