



Sneem Community Notice Board



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FREE

Gold Medal for Sneem

Three volunteers travelled to Croke Park on Friday 24th October for the annual SuperValu TidyTowns awards. This year we were delighted to win a **Gold Medal** with a score of **393**, an increase of **13 marks** from last year when we were awarded a Silver medal. Congratulations to the overall winner Carrick-on-Shannon with a score of 400.

Huge credit to Joe Murphy and his CE team, to the dedicated Tuesday Tidy-ups team, to St. Michael's National School who participate so enthusiastically in our litter picks and to all the businesses and home owners who keep their premises so well.

In the Special Awards, we were thrilled to win a Bat Conservation Ireland Gardening for Bats Design Space Award. Thanks to Katy Steele's brilliant design for the Wild Garden, we now have the funding to further transform this wildlife garden for the benefit of bats. Pictured right Michele Cooper Fay, Maureen Connelly, and Jane O'Sullivan who travelled to Dublin. See pages 16 - 20 for adjudication report.



Samhain Chiarraí – Fire & Drum Spectacle Sunday, 9th November South Square 5:00–5:30pm

*In association with Sneem Storytelling Festival
Part of the closing weekend of the Samhain Chiarraí – Kerry Halloween
Festival, supported by Kerry County Council and
Fáilte Ireland's 'Home of Halloween' initiative*



Sneem International Storytelling & Folklore Festival

6th - 9th November 2025

www.sneemstorytellingfestival.com



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Community News

Please note: If you have a special birthday, death notice, engagement or any event to share, please let us know. Call the Resource Centre on **064 6645545** during opening hours or drop a note into the Resource Centre, or

email: sneemcnb@gmail.com.

Our newsletter is provided free to the community with the ongoing support of our local advertisers.

Deadline for submissions to next newsletter is Friday 28th November

November Birthdays

Pierce O'Brien (15) on the 7th; Ella Hussey and Georgina White on the 8th; Pattie O'Connor on the 9th; Tim Larkin, Eleanor O'Brien and Dinah O'Neill on the 10th; Ava Looney (15) and Kevin O'Shea on the 11th; Anita Byrne on the 14th; Sheena O'Sullivan on the 15th; Anne Marie Fogarty and Jonathon Davies (14) on the 16th; Barry John O'Regan on the 18th; James O'Shea and Geraldine Breen on the 19th; Jerry O'Brien on the 21st; Marian O'Sullivan and Andy Savage on the 23rd; Siobhan Murphy, Niamh de Jong and Sharon Evans on the 24th; Cillian Ryan (15) and Sonny Looney on the 25th; Lisa O'Sullivan on the 29th.

December Birthdays

Sandra White, Zoey Sugrue and Avril Sherborne on the 1st; Neasa Davies (16) on the 2nd; Michael Cahill on the 3rd; Sean O'Connor and Gavin Breen on the 4th; Darragh Keogh, Shauna O'Shea and Catsby Looney on the 5th; Éireann O'Sullivan on the 6th.

Special Birthdays

Dylan McGiff (18) on the 27th November; John Mahony (80) on the 22nd November; belated birthday wishes to Molly Casey who was 104 on the 13th October.

Deepest Sympathies

To Niall Scott (Rossdohan), family and friends on the death of his brother Michael Scott, in Bordeaux, France.

Deepest Sympathies

To the family and friends of Bridie O'Connor (née Galvin, Skehanagh, Castlecove) who has died in Boston. She was sister of Mary Teahan, Derry East and Sheila Galvin Sheehan, Staigue Fort.

Deepest Sympathies

To the family and friends of Margaret Mary (Sheehan) McCarthy, of Randolph, USA, formerly of Tahilla, Sneem.

Deepest Sympathies

To the Turner family and friends on the death of Paul Turner, Gortnakilla, Caherdaniel.

Deepest Sympathies

To Mike Cahill and family, Castlecove on the death of his sister-in-law Mollie in the UK.

Deepest Sympathies

To Teresa O'Sullivan (Ardshillane) and family on the death of her sister, Eileen Mooney, Little Island, formerly Goleen Co Cork.

Deepest Sympathies

To Anne Browne, Ruairí and Oghie Burns on the death of Anne's mother, Maureen Browne (née Stack), Ballybunion.

Deepest Sympathies

To Selina, Donnchadh and Darragh Keogh on the death of their grandmother, Beryl Clancy in Mackay, Queensland, Australia.

Congratulations

To Paddy and Maidie O'Leary who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 25th October.

Congratulations

To Ryan and Hayley Breen, Kelly's Cross (and Kildare) on the birth of their new baby boy Evan. A little baby brother for Noah and Zack. Congratulations also to delighted grandparents Evelyn and Danny Breen, Kelly's Cross and Marise and Ken McKay, Dublin.

Congratulations

To Donnchadh Keogh and Ellie-May Ellwood on the birth of baby Finn Jack, a brother for Grace and to proud grandad, Don.

Nearly New Ladies Annual Lunch

The ladies who volunteer to run the Nearly New shop enjoying a well earned lunch on 14th October. Thank you to Adam who treated us all to a lovely dessert, an unexpected surprise. In the photo are Gilly Reid Walker, Alice O'Sullivan, Caroline Lea, Avril Sherborne, Eileen Burns, Mary Casey, Maureen Connolly, Lee Condon and Barbara O'Connor. Unfortunately we were missing Mary Casey Durant, Gisela Liedtke, Marian O'Sullivan, Claire Broom, Julie Lee Knightly, Angela Regan, Maura O'Brien and Crystal Burns.

We would like to take this opportunity to say how sad we were to learn of the passing of Helga Gliss on 22nd February. Helga and her husband, Rainer, came from Germany every year to their house in Drimnabeg. They were great supporters of the Resource Centre and indeed Helga often did a day in the shop, which she enjoyed thoroughly.



Local Activities

Knitting Sessions

As our Knitting Group resumes at 11am to 1pm each Wednesday at Sneem Book Shop, we have a new project. Baby blankets for the children when they nap in Sneem Crèche knitted or crocheted in bright colours and different textures, also little doll blankets for the play area. Wool is available which has been donated by the Community. Also anyone good at knitting soft toys which we will give to our Community First Responders. It could give a little comfort to a child who is feeling scared and alone. Any enquiries ring 087 2563858

Book Club

Anyone interested in starting a Book club, call 087 2563858.

Sneem Men's Shed

Meets in Sneem Book Shop at 7pm, every Monday evening, new members welcome, ring Damien on 087 2563858 or Danny on 087 2064462.

Board Games Club

Meets every Wednesday evening 6.30pm in the Community Centre. For more information, please contact Pál in Pete's Butcher Shop or on 087 0973316.

Sneem Writers Group

Meets on the first Friday of every month from 1pm to 3pm. If anyone would like to join them, please email sneemwritersgroup@gmail.com.

Bingo

Bingo takes place in the Resource Centre, West End on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Indoor Bowling

takes place every Wednesday night at 8pm in the Community Centre. Anybody interested in joining the Club just call to the Centre any Wednesday night, or contact any club member.

Comhrá

Meets in Sneem Book Shop every Wednesday from 5 – 6pm for conversation and chat as Gaelge.

Tuesday Tidy-Ups

Our wonderful volunteers are hard at work on Tuesday mornings - have you an hour to spare to join us? Text 087 7865053 to be added to our WhatsApp group if you would like to help out with weeding, pruning, litter picking, etc. around the village - weather permitting.

Note: please be careful disposing of your pumpkins after Halloween, they are poisonous to hedgehogs.





Sneem Beekeepers Christmas Quiz Night



The Sneem Beekeepers are buzzing with festive spirit and invite everyone to join us for our Christmas Quiz Night on Saturday, 6th December at 9.30pm in D. O'Shea's Bar.

Gather your friends and test your knowledge for a chance to win some fantastic prizes — including a €200 First Prize!

Table of 4: €40

Individual Entry: €10

It promises to be a great night of fun, laughter, and local cheer — all in support of our buzzing beekeeping community.

Come along and join in the fun — let's make it a sweet night to remember!



JOIN OUR

CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Sneem Resource Centre
Christmas Craft Fair**

South Square, Sneem

Sunday, 7th December 2025

12pm – 4pm - Book by 20th November

Please email sneemrc@gmail.com

or

call 064 664 5545.

We'd love to have you there!

Sneem Walking

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We will be scheduling more training dates for Mountain Skills 1 and 2 courses. If you are interested in developing your navigation skills and becoming more confident in the hills, contact Fergal at 085 1422677 or visit

www.alaindwalkingireland.ie

Top 100 Peaks

Sneem and its surrounding mountains feature many of Ireland's

Top 100 Peaks. Recently we had guests returning to Sneem who did Coomcalee and An Bheann Mór last year. In tough October conditions, this year they completed the Coomasatharn Horseshoe ticking Coomacarrea, Meentogue and Colly off their list. Picture of Ann, Róisín and Niall on top of Colly Mountain near Ballaghasheen



New Fun and Social Sequence Dance

with Carl and Dave

*Waltz, Tango, Cha Cha, Rumba + many, many more rhythms
Beginners welcome and no pressure on technique*

Sneem Village Community Centre 8pm sharp till 10pm

Commencing Saturday 10th January 2026

and every Saturday to follow

€15 per person

Telephone Carl 087 745492





Table Quiz

Just want to give a big shout out to all who helped with the running of our wonderful Table Quiz on Friday 24th October. Big thanks to Bríd and Don for allowing us the use of their wonderful bar for the night. Our spectacular quiz host Jim, who always delivers a very fun and informative quiz. Thanks to Marian who always brings her expertise at the correcting table, she brought her sidekick Damien to help also. Thank you to Pat Casey for setting up the sound system for the night. Huge thanks to everyone who brought spot prizes, we had a huge raffle. Lastly, thanks to all our wonderful supporters, who never let us down, without ye it would not work. Not to forget our wonderful winners and runners up, who very kindly donated their winnings back into the Club. Its very much appreciated by us. Thanks everyone.

Annual Santa Fun Run/Walk

Our Annual 5k Fun Run/Walk will take place Sunday 14th December at 12.30pm. Registration will start at 12 noon.

Santa will have sweet treats for all the kiddies who take part. The adults will be treated to Sonny's special mulled wine. Hot Chocolate will also be available to all. Our Annual Blessing of the Boats by Fr. Liam will take place afterwards.

Gym

Gym members/users, please return all weights, bars and benches after use. Gym open Monday - Friday 8am - 8pm.

South and Mid-Kerry Rowing Social

A big thank you to Sneem Hotel, South/Mid Kerry Board and Paudie Coffey Band for a fantastic night at the awards night. Great food, service and music was had with great craic.



Congratulations to our Minor Boys who received 2nd overall award
Sean Walsh, Evan Breen, Aaron Breen, Alfie Burns, cox Paul Breen, Sam O'Sullivan, William Davies.
(Missing from photo: Colm Ryan)



Congratulations to our Senior Men who collected the 1st Place overall award.
Kieran Murphy, Dominic Muller Tolk, Sean O'Connor, cox Sean Murphy, David Murphy, P. J Walsh, Sean O'Sullivan. Missing from picture Joey Sheehan.

St. Michael's and St. Patrick's Church News



On this stormy and wet morning. I send you Parish greetings. The clocks have gone back so the darker evenings have arrived and those with fireplaces are planning to clean the chimney and put down a fire for the winter.

A few tourists are still about and overall we had quite a few holiday people staying with us during the summer. Weather-wise it was quite favourable and hopefully all visitors had a nice time. A few weddings are booked for December and I wish all couples a lovely day and a happy life.

We are presently looking forward to the Sneem International Storytelling and Folklore Festival from 7th to 9th November. This is an opportunity to enjoy the different events being held at various venues around the Parish. We welcome all who have travelled and all the local volunteers involved in the organization of this weekend to make it possible.

I wish good health to everyone who is ill at the moment at home or in hospital. May you make a good recovery and be back to yourself shortly. Also sympathy to those who have bid farewell to a loved one. May they rest in peace. May you find comfort at this very sad time.

Our church volunteers were kept quite busy over recent weeks as parish staff were either in hospital or recovering at home. Many thanks to you all for your continued support and help.

For the present, stay well, stay warm.. May life treat you kind and may we treat others likewise.

God Bless. Fr. Liam.

Parish Office

Presbytery, North Square Sneem. Parish Office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays 10am to 4pm. Mobile 087 3480050.

Mass every Sunday in Sneem at 10am. Check out our Facebook page for Mass times for daily masses.

Join the Sneem Parish News Mailing List

If you would like to receive a copy of the Sneem Parish News by post, or you would like to send one overseas to a family member or friend, please email Maidie O'Leary (olearym7@gmail.com) or Mary Margaret Casey (marymgtcasey@gmail.com) to join our growing mailing list. All we need are a few details to set up your payment and we'll sort out the post and packaging for you.

Coomanassig Social Centre

Meals On Wheels

Our Meals on Wheels service is available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for €7.50 per meal. We deliver to the broader Sneem area. Please contact 086 3533861 at least 24 hours in advance and inform us of any allergies.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with meal delivery three days a week and to help with the monthly mass. Deliveries take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12 noon. Any assistance provided would be greatly appreciated, even one of these days a month. As we operate as a voluntary committee, we are unfortunately unable to be present every day.

In addition to our meal delivery service, we also offer laundry services, chiropody, and room rental.

Mass in Coomanassig

Next Mass in Coomanassig takes place on **Tuesday 2nd December** at 11am.



The graphic features a central white box with red text. To the left is a green Christmas tree with yellow, red, and purple ornaments and a yellow star on top. Below the tree are three wrapped gifts in red, blue, and green. To the right is a cartoon turkey wearing a red Santa hat with a yellow bell and holding a yellow wine glass. The text in the central box reads:

**CHRISTMAS DINNER
AT
COOMANASSIG SOCIAL
CENTRE
DECEMBER 14TH 2025 AT
2PM
TICKETS €15 PER PERSON
PLEASE BOOK YOUR
PLACE BY
DECEMBER 5TH
CONTACT
CRYSTAL 086 822 4350
OR
CAROLINE 087 353 1363**



Sneem Summer Festival



Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the festival is on Friday 21st November in the Community Centre at 8pm. All welcome and encouraged to attend.



The 15th Kerry Sneem Scout Group



It's been a busy few weeks for 15th Kerry Scout group. There's been an overarching theme of backwoods this month, with the Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts all practicing their firelighting and knife skills, as well as cooking on fires. Cooking over open fires was mostly explored with the Cubs and Scouts, with the Cubs incorporating it into other backwoods activities like building hammocks whilst the Beavers stuck to just fire lighting. For the Scouts, cooking on fires has been a heavy focus with all of their hard work culminating in a mid-term camp where they did all of their own cooking on a wood fire. Great confidence was gained in the Scout section in regards to cooking on stoves and fires.



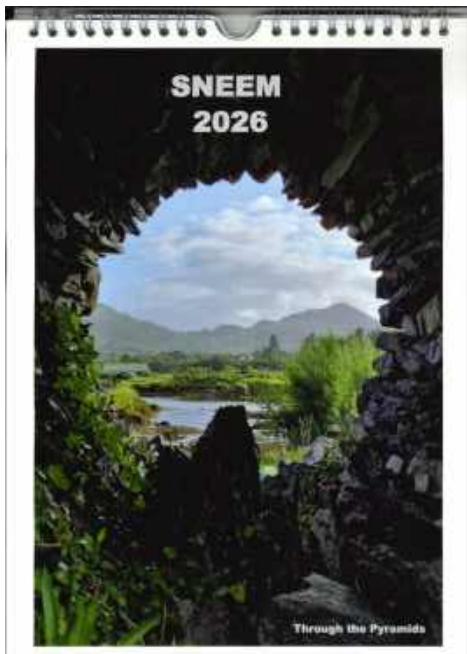
The Scouts also hiked independently to their camp, which they enjoyed immensely and are eager to practice more of. Continuing along the hiking trend, the Cubs were busy improving their search and rescue skills and the Beavers partook in a scavenger hunt at Parknasilla. Our Beavers have also held some reflective teamwork sessions, creating their Lodge names and crests. We're happy to introduce the Friendly Pikachus, the Yellow Acorns, and the Puppies and Dogs. We are also delighted to welcome Yvonne as a new Beaver leader.

There's been a good amount of time spent in the water as well, as Beavers used kayaks as rafts in order to enhance their balancing and teamwork skills. Some of our older Cubs are also working toward their Level 1 Kayak Skills Award. Many thanks to Sheena who went out with them to supervise as our new L2 kayaking instructor. The Beaver Lodge Leaders, as well as the Cub's Sixers and Seconders also had their first meetings with 15th Kerry's new Youth Champion. The Youth Champion is a new role that's being brought in around the country to serve as a liaison between the youth members and their leaders and group leader, and the group's board. The meeting involved chatting to the Lodge Leaders and leaders of each Cub Six about the Scouting Programme, and the things they're interested in pursuing and progressing in during their time in their respective sections. These meetings are going to become a regular occurrence a few times a year with all sections, to touch base with the youth and make sure their ideas are being heard, and their Scouting goals are being set and met with the aid of their leaders.

We're always looking for more people of all ages to join in on the adventure, especially those aged 12-15 who enjoy the outdoors to join our Scouts section. Contact Sheena O'Sullivan at 086 8126546, or email sneemscouts@gmail.com.

| | Ages | Meeting times |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Beaver Scouts | 6-8 years | Monday 6pm to 7pm |
| Cub Scouts | 9-11 years | Monday 7pm to 8.30pm |
| Scouts | 12-14 years | Thursday 7.30pm to 9pm |
| Venture and Rover Scouts | 15-17 years 18-25 years | Thursday 7.30pm to 9pm |

Sneem Calendar 2026



The Sneem 2026 Calendar (€5 each) is on sale in Sneem Resource Centre and in the following shops,
D.J. O'Sullivan's
Sneem Post Office
Sneem Pharmacy
Mace
Sneem Book Shop
Kieran Burns Butchers
Peter O'Sullivan Butchers

If you would like us to mail you calendar, we can certainly accommodate that. For any questions or more information, please feel free to reach out to us on 064 664 5545 or drop us an email at sneemcalendar@gmail.com. Thank you.

Some of the photographers who took the beautiful photographs appearing in this year's calendar are: Raquel Guilherme; Hanna Bourne; Barbara O'Connell; Hazel Mulqueen;

Giles Henry; Grace O'Sullivan; Rebecca Noonan; Nausheen Khan, and we had a couple who wish to remain anonymous.

Sneem Community First Responders



Turning Your Scrap metal into Lifesaving Kit!



Got an old spoon or a rusty tractor lying around?

Perfect! We're excited to announce that Sneem Community First Responders will be launching a scrap metal collection drive. Every bit of metal you donate—big or small—helps us raise funds for vital equipment, making our community first response even sharper.

Full details are coming in the December Sneem newsletter, but for now, start spotting that scrap! Let's turn those bits and bobs into lifesaving resources for Sneem. Thanks for your support!

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions
John Moses, SCFFR Coordinator : 085 8810922

St. Michael's National School

Senior Room News

October flew by but was a most eventful month. Pupils enjoyed a variety of activities and memorable moments throughout the month. They have been enjoying swimming lessons with Norma and football skills with GAA coach Tadhg O'Connor.

Cumann na mBunscoil

We met Aghatubrid in the South Kerry Final in Derrynane pitch. It was a thrilling game where our entire panel gelled terrifically and overcame Aghatubrid with skill and charisma. Final Score:

Sneem 4-8 Aghatubrid 2-6. Our next outing was a trip to Beaufort where we met Ballylongford in the Semi-Final of the competition. Unfortunately it was just not our day and we lost to a stronger and hungrier Ballylongford.

Final score: Ballylongford 3-10, Sneem 1-7.

Wellbeing

The class engaged in a fabulous webinar with Fiona Foreman. She reached out to children outlining what optimism, positivity and wellbeing mean, as well as why they are so important. Along with the help of pupils country-wide, she presented practical ideas and suggestions for self-care and wellness.

Maths Week

Maths Week kicked off with a Mini Mathematical Trail. The Senior Room joined forces with the Junior Room and guided them through various outdoor tasks. Later in the week we invited the Middle Room for an afternoon of indoor and outdoor Mathematical Stations. Twister was undoubtedly a firm favourite! We also took part in a number of online quizzes that were executed brilliantly.

Local Heritage Visit

We had a most entertaining visit from a local history expert, Anthony Galvin. He arrived in full costume and explored our history of piracy and buccaneers including the great pirate Queen Grace O'Malley. His presentation was dramatic and he sparked the children's imagination by encouraging questions, interaction and handling of equipment.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all who supported the Shoe Box Appeal.

We are so grateful. May we please take this opportunity to express a heartfelt thank you to Catherine O'Sullivan for her continuous, wonderful support behind the scenes. Catherine is Maya and Sai Bali's Granny. She has always gone above and beyond for this worthy cause. Maya and Sai brought in an astounding 11 boxes during October. Catherine, Maya and Sai, thank you for your beautiful kindness and generosity.



St. Michael's National School



Some pictures of Halloween activities in the Rainbow Room.



Parknasilla Golf Club

Parknasilla Golf Club – Men's Section

As the Club's competition activities are coming to an end for 2025, we want to thank all our members and friends for their support and active participation.

The Men's AGM takes place at noon on Saturday 29th November in the Loft at Dan Murphy's Bar. We invite you to come along and have your say in the Club's development.

Results

The Captain's / Past Captains' Competition on Saturday 11th October was won by Paul Moran. Pictured below with Fergal Harrington, Afterwards the Captains enjoyed dinner at Parknasilla Hotel.



Nick Heffernan won the Men's and Ladies joint Halloween Hamper Competition, with Brendan Rochford 2nd and Eamon Egan 3rd. You can see full details of our Club's

activities on the Members page on www.parknasillagolfclub.ie

Sunset Photo: This beautiful photo of the 9th hole was captured by Brendan Galvin on the October Bank Holiday weekend.



Sneem Ogham Tree Trail – Scot's Pine Launch

On Sunday, 26th October, we were delighted to unveil the second sculpture in the Sneem Ogham Tree Sculpture Trail in the Garden of the Senses, representing Scots Pine. The Ogham Trail is inspired in part by the work of Bishop Charles Graves, formerly of The Bishop's House, Parknasilla, who deciphered the Ogham alphabet and played a central role in promoting understanding of Ogham and the Brehon Laws.



Scots Pine is native to Ireland and is represented as the first vowel in the Ogham alphabet, a simple + symbolising A. In ancient Irish Brehon Law, the Scots Pine was considered one of the nobles of the woods. These trees can live up to 150 years and, when preserved in bogs, endure for centuries and even millenia. Such preserved wood is known as bog deal, and is particularly special.



This Scots Pine bog deal was sponsored by Maureen and Joe Murphy. It came from their farm in Slievenashaka. It has been beautifully carved by our talented local wood-carver, Adrian Caudwell, who incorporated the shape of a harp into the design. One of the remarkable qualities of Scots Pine is its resonance. Adrian previously carved harp soundboards from this wood, making this detail especially fitting.

Ella Allison provided the graphic design for this project, and Edel Brady has been managing our social media. A video of the launch, where Adrian spoke so eloquently about the creation of this piece, has been gaining traction online. We have also added new videos of author Niall Mac Coitir speaking about the Ogham alphabet and the Alder tree to our YouTube page and social media. Give us a follow: @sneemtidytowns

This project was funded by Kerry County Council and the Creative Ireland Fund. The Ogham Tree Sculpture Trail is a collaboration between Sneem TidyTowns and Féilte na Snadhma.

The unveiling took place as part of Samhain na Snadhma, which is included in Samhain Chíarraí—an initiative run by Kerry County Council and funded through Féilte Ireland's Home of Halloween programme.



Sneem Tidy Towns Adjudication Report

Tidy Towns Competition 2025 Adjudication Report

Centre: **Sneem - An Snaidhm** Ref: **349**
County: **Kerry** Mark: **393**
Category: **B** Date(s): **10/06/2025**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2024 | Mark Awarded 2025 |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Community – Your Planning and Involvement | 80 | 55 | 57 |
| Streetscape & Public Places | 80 | 51 | 53 |
| Green Spaces and Landscaping | 80 | 47 | 48 |
| Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality | 55 | 46 | 48 |
| Sustainability – Doing more with less | 55 | 30 | 32 |
| Tidiness and Litter Control | 90 | 71 | 73 |
| Residential Streets & Housing Areas | 55 | 35 | 36 |
| Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes | 55 | 45 | 46 |
| TOTAL MARK | 550 | 380 | 393 |

Community – Your Planning and Involvement

Welcome to the 2025 Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your entry, 5-year Plan and map which was very helpful. A small committee of 5 and 7 volunteers seems appropriate but more support could prevent individuals from being overburdened. Monthly meeting run throughout the year and members share their time with many other working groups which is understandable. Members now participate in the Transition Kerry Group and the Kerry PPN. Many congratulations on your Silver Award in the Kerry Community Award (2024).

STT's is in regular contact with its volunteers through the local newsletter, emails, Sneem Resources Centre's website, Facebook and the Community Notice Board. The students of St. Michaels School are always ready to lend a hand with biodiversity projects and you are presently liaising with the staff of the ASD units on making Sneem a more Autism and Neurodiversity Friendly Village.

Your main project this year was the Garden of the Senses which achieved a Community Green Flag Award and a Community Pollinator Award which is well deserved. The site has been transformed since been acquired in 2003 and now there is something to engage the senses, regardless of the season with a polytunnel, allotments, roses, herbs, willow nursery and damp gardens. It is the ideal place to hosts the Sneem Summer Festival and we applaud everyone for their participation - gorgeous space.

Sneem Tidy Towns Adjudication Report

The community in Sneem is beginning to see on a regular basis the result of your hard work with a growing list of awards and you are now a leader in Biodiversity and Sustainability. It certainly validates all the work you have done over the years and we are sure it will bring future successes.

Streetscape and Public Places

A short walk from the village we took the South River Walk and this route has got everything. We visited the Garden of the Senses with paths lined with roses, a maze, allotments, greenhouse, willow nursery and sensory activities.

Further on, the Wild Garden in near contrast is brimming with docks, nettles and grasses. Both are full of butterflies and the sound of birds and bees. It does not take long to reach the pier and the remoteness here is perfect for chilling out. A nice BBQ area is handy to have and getting back to the village we see the landscaped grounds of St. Michaels church and car park are well cared. We found the purple foliage trees and shrubs were an effective combination with the clumps of white and pink valerian flower heads. Motorhome users have access to very scenic facilities.

A bridge with pedestrian walkway divides the village and has spectacular views over the surrounding countryside. The sound of the river and mountain views are spectacular. It seems to be a great stopping off point for tourists. We are happy to browse the shops with such an interesting selection which draw attention and generate curiosity. Well maintained outdoor eating areas and cozy indoor spaces of many food premises contribute to a relaxed and enjoyable dining experience.

As we were impressed by the south walk we venture on the north one. It is a view laden stroll looking out on the river. Gravel paths are edged with neatly mown strips of grass winding through long floaty meadows full of fruit trees, tennis courts, a weather station and finishing at the playground. The village green is a great amenity for activity and the addition of a bicycle repair unit and racks will ensure cyclists can continue their rides safely along this tourist route. Sculptures of a former president and a world wrestler are interesting figures. Street furniture is plentiful and you can sit back and take in the atmosphere. Bat and footprint murals are just magnificent features and true works of art with great messaging. Information signage is useful.

Village pump in black and white was dressed with herbs and another table and chairs set and wall seat nearby. Roses, catmint and blue geraniums light up floral displays. Many town houses are two storey and householders and businesses are not afraid to use colour reflecting the unique character of each premises. There are so many well-kept premises that achieve an excellent standard of presentation many enhanced by nice planters. We are pleased to see the Nook is looking smart in red and one room is now open as a local craft cooperative.

Vacant premises can be a burden on society and we are glad to hear some are under new ownership. Focus on fostering a welcoming environment and facilitate connections with experienced business owners who can offer support as they navigate the challenges of establishing themselves.

The Little Church is a charming building and we look forward to restoration. At the entrance gate, the little library promotes the sharing of resources and is in a convenient location here. We note recent works to Sneem House, Costcutters and the GAA with new ramps for accessibility. The Sneem Vision 2030 Plan has been adopted by Kerry County Council and it will provide a roadmap for the future ensuring it grows in a sustainable manner. Keep up efforts to have it implemented so you can keep pace with the community's needs.

Sneem Tidy Towns Adjudication Report

Coomanassig Day Care Centre had beautifully coloured picnic benches and seating.

Green Spaces and Landscaping

Achieving a Green Flag Award for the Garden of the Sense is recognition for the hard work of the group and we are delighted volunteers have been acknowledged for their efforts to improve the environment and the community. The overhead footage by the drone was great for showcasing the project for presentation and it definitely enhanced your entry. Regular footage can be used to help track plant growth, with tasks like pruning and areas that need attention and visualizing the gardens evolution overtime. It's a valuable addition to have on an annual basis for a space this large. In the Wild Garden maintenance looks superb with pathways widened. The Sixth Site Specific Structure Trail draws people to public spaces such as the river walkway encouraging people to interact with their surroundings and with each other in new ways. And of course, crafting recycled items stimulates imagination and people can learn to see the potential in everyday items. Greenways follow the riverbank with vegetation and riparian zones acting as part of the larger green space system of the village. Both greens in the village are desirable with a variety of plants, features and seating to keep the space engaging for visitors and provide spaces to host outdoor events when needed. Keep us informed of your next Ogham structure as more funding has been secured.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality

Big changes start small and you are encouraging everyone to act now and showing how they can protect our planet through local action. The village now supports a diverse range of wildlife habitats and species thanks to years of worthwhile initiatives. As previously mentioned, the team was thrilled to win the overall Pollinator Award last year and win the Green Flag Community Award. As you are aware diverse ecosystems are better equipped to adapt to changing climatic conditions and all your actions and achievements are praiseworthy. The new bee posts are stunning and will provide a lovely nesting site for solitary bees and we encourage sightings to contribute to biodiversity data. We note your project to tackle invasive rhododendron in Askive Bat Reserve (SAC). Mapping the area, sharing ideas with Lauragh Community Council, attending meetings, training with NPWS and funding. This will require a long-term plan divided into manageable milestones as you are a small group. We hope both communities can support each other on this project.

We have noted Citizen science Bumblebee and bat monitoring and Flower Insect Timed counts. Reducing Mowing frequency is a simple action and we are delighted it is gathering pace with more homeowners coming on board. Photographs look more colourful than regularly mown lawn – great job. We thank everyone who has assisted you in providing direction and a framework for taking action towards the Sneem River Safari and Blue Dot Catchment areas. We like the recommendations for a fish-focused festival maybe celebrating local culinary traditions which could attract visitors and strengthen the community's connection with the river.

Looks like Biodiversity Week was fun with engaging experiences; bat walk, kick sampling and wildflower identification. We thank Sneem Beekeepers for their talk on bumblebees and distributing guides and posters along with a honey hamper - adding to the appeal. Please let us know how the presentation went at this year's Wild Bee Festival. We applaud the team for sharing your experiences and knowledge.

Sneem Tidy Towns Adjudication Report

A talk for Heritage Week by archaeologist Aine on the River and surrounding area sounded like an interesting event.

Sustainability – Doing more with less

Restarting Sneem SEC and receiving support from an experienced mentor is a proactive step towards participating in a national network. With 45 attendees it shows great support for local energy initiatives. Work is well under way on the Community Circular Economy Plan and is a model we all show aim for where everyone uses less. We love very much all the transformations for Halloween on the Green – that mouse and his cheese is wonderful but those minions still resonate with audiences and we think its Kevin and Stuart. It is a nice way to repurpose items and a great way to spend time together and unleash some creativity. The Resource Centre is a true asset selling second hand items, offering hospital kits, producing the monthly newsletter, weekly bingo, secretarial services and organising the Christmas market which are all fantastic services. Shared gardens have a great future and we believe community gardening will become more and more important. The adjudicator has never seen so many different types of willow tree before and that's what so good about this space there is so much to see, do and learn. We are sorry to hear the willow dome has to be curtailed due to wasps' who probably were attracted to the sweet sap they produce or maybe aphids who also like the sap and secrete honeydew which wasps love. Either way safety for the children was paramount and as it is not a common place for them to be drawn to, if it regrows it may not happen to the dome next time round – fingers crossed. The new solar panels at the digital Hub are a worthwhile investment and you are getting an estimate of the potential savings already. It makes good reading to see how many trees we would need to plant to offset the equivalent carbon savings. Trees have a slower impact as they need time to grow but they may good projects in this category too. We have noted other maintenance projects in this category.

Tidiness and Litter Control

We commend your joint effort with Elaine from Clean Coasts in promoting 'Think before you flush' campaign. The senior room in Sneem N.S. are to be congratulated for their time and effort in the Riverbank Cleanup. Cigarette butts again remain a significant issue which highlights the need for continued awareness campaigns which the children could adopt as a new project in this category if they have time.

Proactive litter management, especially before the peak season, prevents litter from spreading and leads to a more comfortable environment. This approach also fosters community pride and encourages residents to be more mindful of littering.

We are delighted to hear the Annual Spring Clean is well supported and you mention you have a fantastic group of volunteers who weed, pick litter and clean and we express our gratitude for their endless hours of dedication. Super work everyone – it is looking so neat and tidy.

Residential Streets and Housing Areas

We walked through Sea View as we left the North Walk and it is obvious residents take pride and ownership of their area. Ard an Oir has great amenities to promote social interaction and resurfacing dramatically improves the appearance in Ardshelaine making it more attractive and inviting. It is great to see residents all over take good care with presentation and we appreciate their efforts to help STT's.

Sneem Tidy Towns Adjudication Report

Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes

On the Kenmare side mature trees tower over neatly trimmed hedges with an understory of bamboo, gunnera, montbretia and cordylines. Hedges were been maintained as we visited on the way to the GAA. Mc Carthy Motors and the Sneem Hotel on the edges present well and Welcome to Sneem on a large stone reads easily. Flower beds in this area with colour would bring up the landscaping. Stone walls lead in to a row of yellow planted containers with planting that does look a bit tired. Quay road requires white line marking and we note your talks with KCC and we understand it takes time and effort to uphold these projects and we thank all involved. Killarney road is well maintained all the way to the Digital Hub where a row of birch and daisies create a splash of colour. A vote of thanks to all the practical work completed.

Concluding Remarks:

As a small volunteer group, you have concentrated on niche projects like Biodiversity which is probably close to your hearts and it is making a significant difference. The village is charming with breathtaking views over the rural landscape and colourful murals will live long in our memory. Words cannot express our gratitude for your time and dedication and we look forward to seeing what more you can achieve over the next few years. Best of luck Sneem.

Community Climate Action Fund

Kerry County Council has launched the Community Climate Action Programme for 2026. This funded our new bicycle racks and bicycle repair station as well as doors and insulation for the red house and a solar powered generator previously so if you have ideas for the new round, let us know , email sneemtt@gmail.com

Launch of Blue Dot Sculpture

The Local Authority Waters Programme cordially invites you to the Launch of the *Blue Dots of Iveragh* Awareness Project

Date: Saturday, 29th November

Time: 11am – 2pm

Location: Sneem, Co. Kerry

11am – Unveiling of a new sculpture celebrating our pristine water bodies - North River Walk

12pm – Screening documentary short film 'The Blue Dot Waters of the Iveragh Peninsula' – Sneem Story House, Little Church

1pm – Refreshments – Sneem Hotel All welcome

For further information contact Bláthnaid O'Loughlin, LAWPRO Community Water Officer, boloughlin@lawaters.ie

Important Notice – Seaview Road Works

Seaview Residents

Please be aware that there will be **NO PARKING** on both sides of the road between the side of the Stone House Restaurant and the Sneem playground from Sunday night 9th to Thursday morning 13th November to facilitate road works, We apologize for any disruption this will cause.

The **Community Refuse trailer** will be relocated to the Bottle Bank for the duration of the road works. Please do not leave any bags in Seaview while trailer is not there.



CE Vacancies

There are local Community Employment Project vacancies in Tidy Towns, GAA Field Maintenance and Office Administration, contact Joe Murphy 086 3724468 or email enquiries to sneemtidytowns@gmail.com.

Sneem Development Co-operative Ltd

Sneem Development Co-Operative Ltd. congratulates the TidyTown's team for all its effort in securing a Gold Medal in the 2025 All Ireland TidyTowns competition. Well done. We offer to provide support so you may continue your successes. We now have a dedicated email address: sneemdevelopment@gmail.com



Sneem CNB Christmas Newsletter



Our next issue is the Christmas one, so if any business would like an advert or if you have an event that you would like to include please get it into us by the end of this month. You can email us on sneemcnb@gmail.com.

As we work on this voluntarily, we have to have a cut-off date to enable us to work on the Newsletter and to print said Newsletter.

If anyone would like to help with printing and folding or distribution of the newsletter please let us know. You can call to the Centre, ring us on 064 6645545 or email us. We appreciate all the businesses who advertise with us which helps towards the cost of the newsletter, along with the sales from the Nearly New shop.

Sneem Little Church



The Little Church has a regular small congregation but we welcome the subsequent increase to the numbers attending the morning service held at 10am both summer and winter, thanks to the dedication of Canon Michael Cavanagh, his wife Marjorie and to Barbara and Brian who between them travel miles from Bokane to Valentia to keep the 'connection going.'

Sneem Story House

The storytelling project continues to bring more visitors to the church and every attempt is made to keep the doors open

Sneem Story House

On Monday 20th October Sneem Story House held its Annual General Meeting. The Committee was re-elected with one change, vice secretary and secretary swapped roles.

Chairperson: Fergal Harrington

Secretary: Michele Cooper Fay

Vice Secretary: Jane O'Sullivan

Treasurer: Liam McLoughlin

Church Liaison: Louise Austen

Policy and Strategy: Dave Fay

We thank Canon Michael Cavanagh, Niall Scott, Féilte na Snamha and members of the Congregation and wider community for all their support over the past year and we look forward to bringing many more enjoyable events to the Little Church.

On Sunday 26th October in collaboration with Samhain Chiarraí Festival 2025, Áine Brosnan gave a fascinating talk about the ancient roots of Samhain — the Celtic festival that marks the transition between seasons and the origins of Halloween. Her engaging talk explored the mythology, traditions, and archaeological evidence surrounding this timeless celebration.



Donations

Visitors to Sneem Story House can now donate directly to the project when they visit the Church. All they have to do is scan the QR code and enter the desired amount. Sneem Story House Bank account is open in AIB Kenmare and we would welcome any contributions towards the costs of renovating the church and getting this ambitious project off the ground. Account No:14273050 Sort Code: 936324 IBAN: IE36AIBK93632414273050 BIC / SWIFT: AIBKIE2DXXX All contributions hugely appreciated and we are very grateful to those who have already made contributions. www.sneemstoryhouse.ie

Scan to Donate
to Sneem Story House



Blackwater News

Qigong Sessions: Qigong Sessions in Tavern every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8pm with Bob Martin. All Welcome. No Charge.

Group Singing Sessions: Mary Culloty O'Sullivan is available for Singing Sessions in Blackwater Tavern on Thursdays from 7.30 to 8.30pm; If interested call Tavern 064-6682003 to book. €50 for 5 weeks.

Line Dancing Blackwater: Bridie McCarthy will do Line Dancing Demo with follow up classes if interested.

Community Alert: Watch out for vulnerable neighbours and report any suspicious activity, bogus callers etc. to Kenmare Garda Station 064-6641177.

An active Community Alert Group deters criminal activity. Free Personal Monitored Alarms: Blackwater Women's Group are affiliated to POBAL and can apply for free personal alarms which enable older people to live securely in their homes. Application forms and information leaflets are available in O'Neill's Shop Blackwater. Alarms can operate through a landline or a mobile phone. Monitoring is free for 1st 12 months. Call to Tavern for Information.

Changing Times Social History of Blackwater/Templenoe area available in Quills Shop Kenmare and Blackwater Tavern for €35. It can be mailed overseas from O'Neill's Blackwater P.O.



The Nook Local Arts and Crafts

Opening Hours

Wednesday to Sunday 12.30 to 4 30pm.

Volunteers hope to open on Mondays at the same hours. Going forward with more volunteers, opening hours may be extended.

Sneem Resource Centre

West End, Sneem

064 6645545

sneemrc@gmail.com

Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday -

10.30am to 3pm

Friday 10.30am to 2.30pm*

*Limited services on Fridays

Books

Bric a brac

Nearly new clothes

Printing

Photocopying

Laminating

Sneem Sports and Community Centre

We have been busy trying to make the Community Centre a central point for events, meetings, sports and clubs. We renovated the kitchen last year which includes a microwave, small fridge, berco boiler, kettle, plastic plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, mugs.

Sports/event hall,

Stage, two ping pong tables, volley ball net and balls, basket balls and hoops, badminton net and rackets, soccer, dodgeball

For bookings.

You can now book on our website www.sneemcommunitycentre.ie for casual bookings. For weekly events please contact a committee member.

Weekly events

Mondays

Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts

Wednesdays

6.30 to 8.30 Board game club

8pm to 9.30 pm Indoor bowls

Thursdays

Scouts, Venture and Rover scouts

Coming soon...

Dance with Petra for all ages

Ballroom dancing Saturday evenings

We are continuing trying to improve the Centre. If anyone would like to join our committee please contact any member directly.

Our next meeting date is **Tuesday 2nd December at 7pm** in the Community Centre.

Tahilla Community National School

Credit Union

On Wednesday, 1st of October, Amanda from the Killarney Credit Union, visited the school came to present a very generous donation to the pupils of Tahilla CNS to go towards the cost of forest school from 2024. The children were delighted to receive a ruler and pencil as gifts.



Tahilla Community National School

School's Official Opening

Takes place on Friday 14th November at 10.30am and everyone is welcome to join us, Helen McEntee the Minister of Education will be joining us.

Come and Join Tahilla CNS

We are still accepting enrolment applications. We have a bus serving Kenmare, Templenoe, Rossacoosane and Blackwater. If you would like to come and visit our school please make contact on 085 8717284 or info@tahillacns.ie We are the only multi-denominational school in the area and are very proud to be part of Kerry Education and Training Board.

School Food Opportunity

We are currently between suppliers for our school meals. Our tender process for hot school meals began with the deadline the 30th of October. We are seeking applications for provision of snacks and cold lunches. If you or anyone you know may be interested or in a position to support us in provision of either cold or hot food please get in touch. Our previous supplier, School Food 4 Primary provided freshly cooked meals on site, which were wholesome and delicious. The kitchen they installed remains in situ and could be an option for a suitably qualified and insured chef.

Playful Learning

Since returning to school in September, we've taken a playful approach to learning, using materials from our environment to support our creativity and exploration. We used lots of different materials from the classroom to make 2D shapes to design a house. The children were very engaged in this activity and found very creative ways of using the materials to form shapes and make their houses.



Building towers – During play time recently, the boys have been very busy trying to create the tallest tower possible using a variety of different building blocks and toys. They worked together to build with the big interlocking blocks, managing to create an impressive tower that stretched all the way from the floor to the ceiling.



Tahilla Community National School

Tie Day Friday

We celebrated Tie Day Friday again this year. On 10th October we showed our support by wearing colourful ties from home and some that were made in school. Families were also encouraged to make a donation in aid of the Kerry Mental Health Association. Thank you to everyone who wore a tie to school and donated to such a worthy cause. A total of €22 was raised on the day and most importantly we had a great day celebrating the importance of a healthy mind.



Lunch Outdoors

For the past number of Fridays, we have enjoyed taking our food outdoors for an al fresco style lunch. A big thank you to Auke Schots for creating stools for us to use from the trees that were cut down over the summer. The children have really enjoyed eating lunch outside together, as it gives both classrooms a lovely opportunity to mix and socialise together

Sneem Fire Brigade

We had a very exciting day on Wednesday, 22nd October, when the Sneem Fire Brigade came to visit our school! The firefighters began their visit in the classroom, where they spoke with the children about fire safety and what to do in case of an emergency. Afterwards, everyone got the chance to explore the fire truck. The children loved sitting in the cab, trying on a firefighter's helmet, and seeing all the different tools and equipment used on the job. Everyone had a lot of fun, and a few of our students even said they'd like to join the fire brigade when they grow up!



German Potato Cakes

We had a wonderfully busy and tasty day on Wednesday, 22nd October! Rosa and Rufus's parents, Carolin and Tim, joined us to cook some delicious potato cakes with apple sauce on their BBQ. Everybody loved tasting the finished dish for lunch! It was such a fun and memorable experience, and we're so grateful to Carolin and Tim for sharing their time and cooking skills with us.



Tahilla Community National School

The Sun and Earth

One of the topics that we covered in the Senior Room this term was the Sun and the Earth. The pupils created posters filled with creative illustrations and information on the importance of the Sun and its effect on Earth. The pupils also looked at sunsets in one of their Art lessons, demonstrating the beautiful colours on display when the Sun sets!



Birthday

Happy Birthday to Maksym who turned 8 on 11th October. To celebrate we baked delicious chocolate chip cupcakes in school and sang him a big Happy Birthday.



Autumnal Learning

The children spent a lot of time learning about the environment around them during these few months. We studied the different types of trees in our local environment and how to identify them from their leaves in SESE (Social, Environmental and Scientific Education). We went for a nature walk around the school grounds to collect some of these leaves and other natural resources to study and identify in the classroom. These

items were put to good use when we created squirrels and the leaves made for ideal materials to create the squirrel's bushy tails.

Inspired by some famous artists.

Yayoi Kusama is a Japanese artist nicknamed the 'princess of polka dots' who loved to paint pumpkins. For a Halloween inspired art lesson, we created our own polka dot pumpkins, using our fingers to print dots on our painted designs.

Clay pumpkins - this term, the children had lots of fun creating their very own clay pumpkins! They began by rolling the clay into balls and gently flattening them to form the pumpkin shape. Using pencils, they added grooves around the sides and carefully shaped a little stem on top. Once the clay had dried, the children painted their pumpkins beautifully, ready to take home



Pumpkin Carving

The whole school had a fantastic time carving pumpkins before we finished up for the midterm break. Students worked together in groups to create a variety of designs, with some inspired by *Scream*. They then had a dance party to Halloween songs. At the end of the day, we raffled off the pumpkins, and the lucky winners got to take them home.

Upcoming Events at The Carnegie

Film: Mr. Burton: 6th November/8pm.UK . 2025. 124 mins. Cert-12A

Director: Marc Evans Cast: Harry Lawtey, Toby Jones, Leslie Manville. The story of wild schoolboy Rich Jenkins , son of a boozy miner and an English teacher, Philip Burton who recognised his talent, and transforms him into Richard Burton – Wales' greatest star. *Tickets €9 Awards: 1 win, 2 nominations Bafta Wales.*

Drama: The Last Witch Bridget Cleary. 8th November /8pm

This show combines historical research, folklore, and immersive storytelling to explore the tragic 1895 death of Bridget Cleary, offering audiences a unique mix of drama, history, and reflection. *Tickets €20*

Film: The Last Journey. November 13th/8pm Swedish / French / English . 2024. 95 mins. Cert-PG

In this charming, often hilarious documentary, Hammar takes 80-year-old Lars on a road trip to the south of France; the idea is to rekindle Lars's spark, shake a bit of life back into him. Since retiring as a French teacher, Lars has been sitting around at home, steadily more depressed and frail. Hammar wants to show his dad that life is worth living. Awards: 3 wins and 4 nominations including Swedish selection for Foreign Oscar 2025.

Design Kenmare is a new festival in Kenmare, Ireland, celebrating creativity and design across various disciplines from 14th to 16th November,

Festival Highlights -The inaugural Design Kenmare festival will feature a diverse lineup of Irish and international designers, architects, and creative thinkers. The event includes 12 keynote panels and discussions focusing on themes such as sustainable design, storytelling in visual practice, and the harmony of form and function. Notable speakers include Richard Mosse, Dermot Bannon, Annie Atkins, and Maser, among others. Event Structure - The festival will take place over three days, with sessions designed to encourage dialogue between speakers and attendees, concluding with Q&A opportunities. Talks will occur at the Carnegie Arts Centre and Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine, all within walking distance, fostering interaction among participants.

Local Roots and Global Reach Design Kenmare emerged from the local creative community, building on the success of the Le Chéile Showcase Exhibition. The festival aims to position Kenmare as a hub for creative excellence, supported by local and international collaborations. Additional activities beyond the main programme, attendees can enjoy book signings, fringe events, and explore the cultural offerings of Kenmare and County Kerry, enhancing the overall experience of inspiration and networking. Tickets are available at designkenmare.com

Rockmount Daycare Centre Fundraiser Concert 28th November 7.30pm

A Variety Concert in aid of The Rockmount Daycare Centre with special guest P.J. Murrhly as part of the line up on the night. A Raffle will take place and refreshments will be available. Tickets €20 Tickets available at www.carnegieartskenmare.ie or call 0646648701 Or contact Rockmount Centre

For further details or for tickets go to www.carnegieartskenmare.ie 064 6648701



Announcement of Ordination

Hello Sneem residents and friends,

My name is Deneen Curran Waddell, from Milwaukee, USA. I had the joy of visiting Sneem in 2019. During that visit, I had the great privilege of meeting several of you, including my father's (Dennis Curran) first cousin, John Crowley, while he was in the nursing home. May John, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

I was also warmly welcomed by the Riley family, who kindly gave me a tour of the old Curran homestead and extended such generous hospitality. Their grandmother, Molly Curran Crowley, and my grandfather, Patrick Curran, were siblings. Visiting the homestead—where my grandfather, his siblings, and their parents and grandparents once lived—was deeply moving. I even have the 1901 census records showing three generations of the Curran family living together at that very address.

I sincerely hope the stone ruins of the homestead will be preserved. It would mean so much to our family to return and bring our children and future grandchildren. To physically stand where our ancestors lived would forge a powerful connection to our roots in Sneem and surrounding area. Perhaps one of our children might help preserve the site.

It brings me great joy to share that our son, Deacon Nicholas Waddell—the great-grandson of Patrick Curran—was ordained a Transitional Deacon this past spring. God willing, he will be ordained to the Priesthood on 16th May 2026.

We hope to visit Sneem again after Nicholas becomes Father Nicholas, and he would be deeply honored to celebrate Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church, if granted permission. St. Michael's is especially meaningful to our family, as it is where my grandfather Patrick was baptized and where his parents, Patrick Curran and Julia Leary Curran, were married.

We are proud that Sneem is where our family is from, and we look forward to visiting again in the future.

God bless you all,

Deneen Curran Waddell



Flu Season 2025/2026

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It is important to protect yourself and those you care for with annual flu injection. We will be running **flu clinics** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm for the month of November. We are also running a **Covid Booster Clinic every Tuesday** in November, please contact Julie to book an appointment.

You can get a free flu vaccine if you are:

- age 60 and older
- age 2 to 17 (**This is a simple and highly effective nasal spray vaccination**)
- a healthcare worker
- pregnant
- living in a nursing home or other long-term care facility
- in regular contact with pigs, poultry or waterfowl
- someone with a health condition that puts you at higher risk of flu (age 6 months and older)
- living with someone who has a health condition that puts them at higher risk of flu
- a carer for someone who has a health condition that puts them at higher risk of flu

Please call the surgery and book an appointment for the vaccine. Covid Vaccination will also be available at these clinics and **MUST** be booked in advance to ensure that we have enough in stock

OVER 65? and **have not received your pneumococcal vaccine**, please contact the surgery for appointment. We need to know in advance to ensure we have the vaccine in stock. This vaccine is available for free to anyone over 65years and is only given once after the age of 65 years. The vaccine is available year round. Pneumococcal vaccine protects against pneumonia, meningitis and sepsis caused by this bacteria. Young children and older adults are most at risk for this infection.

Contact Julie for an appointment.

Tel: 064 6645102

Dr Hernan Ganzo, Family GP
Tel: 064 6645102

Contact Julie for an appointment.

Monday 10.30am -12.30pm / 2.30pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday 10.30am -12.30pm / 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm / 2.30pm – 5.00pm
Friday 10.30am -12.30pm / 2.30pm - 4.30pm

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Sneem Events Calendar

7th - 9th November - Sneem Storytelling Festival

Sunday 9th November - Fire & Drum Show

Saturday 29th November - Blue Dot Sculpture Launch

Friday 5th December - Christmas Lights Parade

Saturday 6th December - Bee Keepers Table Quiz

Sunday 7th December - Christmas Market

Sunday 14th December- Sneem Rowing Club Fun Run

Sunday 14th December - Coomanasig Social Centre - Christmas party

27th December - Ger O'Donnell and Trevor Sexton The Loft



Community Bin Service Notice from

**Sunday 9th to Thursday 13th November
the Trailer will be moved to the Bottle Bank
beside the Sneem GAA grounds
to facilitate road works**



**Blue Rubbish Bags €5.00
Household rubbish ONLY
Green Recyclable Bags €3.00
Clear bags are recyclable waste only
please NO household waste in these bags**

Available from Christian's Mace,
D J O'Sullivan's and Costcutter.
Drop off point for full bags is in the trailer at the rear of
the Stone House and start of Seaview.

**Monday to Saturday between 9am and 4.30pm (except Bank Holidays)
Please do not leave bags when trailer is not there!!
No Black Bags to be put in Trailer**

The Bridge

Cafe & Bistro



OPEN DAILY

By the bridge in Sneem, mornings begin with the smell of coffee, the sizzle of breakfast, and the sound of the river on the outdoor patio.

Dog Friendly Cafe

Bookings & inquiries
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Music in Sneem



Dan Murphy's Bar

Check with Bar

27th December - Ger O'Donnell and Trevor Sexton The Loft



Riney's Bar

Music advertised on Bar window



D O'Shea's Bar

Saturday 6th December - Bee Keepers Table Quiz



Sneem Hotel

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Urgent - House Wanted

Hi our Sneem friends,

We are Ana, Ivica, Rafael and Gabriel – a family of four who already call this wonderful community home. Our children love their friends, school, and kindergarten, and we feel so lucky to be part of this neighbourhood.

We are desperately looking for a 2 or 3-bedroom house for long-term rent before New Year. We are responsible, quiet, and reliable, and it would mean the world to our family to stay close to the life we've built here.

If you know of a house or someone renting, please reach out:

087 3634505 – Ana and Ivica

Bus Timetable - Route 281 Stops outside /across from The Green Chair



Timetable

281 Waterville - Cathair Dónall - Cuan an Chaisleáin - Sneem - Kenmare

| Waterville - Cathair Dónall - Cuan an Chaisleáin - Sneem - Kenmare | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Departs | Stops | Monday - Sunday | | | |
| Waterville | <i>Butler Arms Hotel</i> | 06:15 | 09:30 | 13:20 | 17:05 |
| Cathair Dónall | <i>Village Cross</i> | 06:34 | 09:49 | 13:39 | 17:24 |
| Cuan an Chaisleáin | <i>Church</i> | 06:41 | 09:56 | 13:46 | 17:31 |
| Sneem | <i>Square (Opp Green Chair)</i> | 07:03 | 10:18 | 14:08 | 17:53 |
| Tahilla | <i>Church</i> | 07:14 | 10:29 | 14:19 | 18:04 |
| Templenoë | <i>Church</i> | 07:27 | 10:42 | 14:32 | 18:17 |
| Kenmare | <i>Tom Crean Fish & Wine</i> | 07:37 | 10:52 | 14:42 | 18:27 |

| Kenmare - Sneem - Cuan an Chaisleáin - Cathair Dónall - Waterville | | | | | |
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| Departs | Stops | Monday - Sunday | | | |
| Kenmare | <i>Tom Crean Fish & Wine</i> | 08:00 | 11:45 | 15:00 | 18:45 |
| Templenoë | <i>Church</i> | 08:10 | 11:55 | 15:10 | 18:55 |
| Tahilla | <i>Church</i> | 08:23 | 12:08 | 15:23 | 19:08 |
| Sneem | <i>Square (Opp Green Chair)</i> | 08:34 | 12:19 | 15:34 | 19:19 |
| Cuan an Chaisleáin | <i>Church</i> | 08:56 | 12:41 | 15:56 | 19:41 |
| Cathair Dónall | <i>Village Cross</i> | 09:03 | 12:48 | 16:03 | 19:48 |
| Waterville | <i>Butler Arms Hotel</i> | 09:22 | 13:07 | 16:22 | 20:07 |

Bus Services

Local Link

Sneem to Kenmare

Wednesday leaves at 9.30am, leaves outside Quills returns from Kenmare at 1.15pm

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Sneem to Killarney

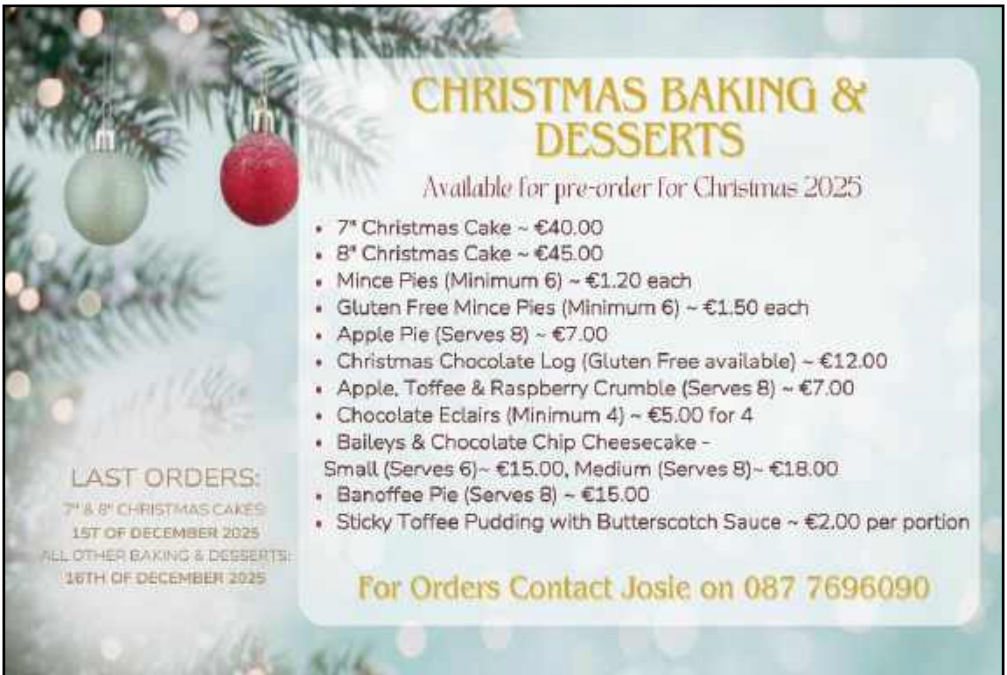
Every Saturday leaves outside Quills at 11.30am, return bus leaves Killarney at 4.45p from Tesco (town) carpark. **Bus has wheelchair access - a lift for wheelchair user.**

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Local Adverts

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Tide Times

Here are the high tides for the period 6th November to 6th December

November

| | | |
|------|---------|---------|
| 6th | 4.08am | 4.38pm |
| 7th | 5.04am | 5.28pm |
| 8th | 5.54am | 6.21pm |
| 9th | 6.45am | 7.19pm |
| 10th | 7.41am | 8.24pm |
| 11th | 8.41am | 9.41pm |
| 12th | 9.48am | 11.03pm |
| 13th | 11.01am | |
| 14th | 12.18am | 12.12pm |
| 15th | 1.20am | 1.13pm |
| 16th | 2.08am | 2.04pm |
| 17th | 2.47am | 2.46pm |
| 18th | 3.19am | 3.22pm |
| 19th | 3.48am | 3.57pm |
| 20th | 4.18am | 4.32pm |
| 21st | 4.50am | 5.07pm |
| 22nd | 5.25am | 5.45pm |
| 23rd | 6.21am | 6.36pm |
| 24th | 7.01am | 7.13pm |
| 25th | 7.45am | 7.55pm |
| 26th | 8.37am | 8.45pm |
| 27th | 9.38am | 9.45pm |
| 28th | 10.45am | 10.51pm |
| 29th | 10.51am | 11.49pm |
| 30th | 11.57am | |

December

| | | |
|-----|---------|---------|
| 1st | 12.47am | 12.58pm |
| 2nd | 1.39am | 1.52pm |
| 3rd | 2.27am | 2.46pm |
| 4th | 3.15am | 3.37pm |
| 5th | 4.03am | 4.28pm |
| 6th | 4.52am | 5.20pm |

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the Village and on the Sneem GAA Club App

Sunday 5th October. Numbers drawn: 1, 5, 7, 12. No Winner.

€40 consolation went to; John Sugrue, Shrone, Tahilla; Emma/Egmond, Drimnabeg; Chris Guiney, Coad, Castlecove; Jack and Katie Riney, Riney's Bar.

Sunday 12th October. Numbers drawn: 10, 12, 15, 16. No Winner.

€40 consolation went to: Diane Breen, Móna Fliuch; Shane O'Sullivan, Sacre Coeur; Seán Mac Turlough, Brittas; Catherina, Tim, Siobhán Murphy, Lomanagh.

Sunday 19th October. Numbers drawn: 7, 8, 11, 26. No Winner.

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Sunday 26th October. Numbers drawn: 3, 8, 16, 24. No Winner.

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Sunday 2nd November. Numbers drawn: 7, 15, 22, 24. No Winner.

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