Sneem Community Notice Board

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Sneem wins Gold!









This year's National TidyTowns Awards took place in Croke Park on Friday 23rd October and we were thrilled to retain our Gold Medal for a second year and to win 3 Special Awards: the Pollinator Award, Water and Communities Award and a Circular Economy Award. We were awarded 409 marks, an increase of 16 marks from last year and just 4 marks behind the overall winner, Ballinahown in Co. Westmeath with 413 marks. In Kerry, we are ranked 4th behind Tralee (412) - Ireland's Tidiest Large Urban Centre 2026, Kenmare (411) and Killarney (410). Read the full adjudication report on pages 21 to 28. Thank you to everyone especially Joe Murphy and the CE scheme, our Tuesday Tidyuppers, the school, scouts and all the businesses and homeowners who keep the village looking so well.

Next Issue due out 3rd December 2026

Welcome to Issue 289

Deadline for next issue

Friday 27th November 2026.
Send items to sneemcnb@gmail.com or drop into the Resource Centre, 064 6645545.

If you have a special birthday, death notice, engagement or any event to share, please let us know. Our newsletter is provided free to the community with the ongoing support of our local advertisers.

Important Notice re Christmas issue

The next issue is the Christmas issue and with the new programme, we will need all businesses to send in their adverts as jpegs as soon as possible.

Birthdays

November Birthdays

Joe Murphy Jnr, Caroline Lea, Réné Res, Kevin McConnell, Ellie O'Sullivan (11) and Aicha van Daele on the 6th; Pierce O'Brien (16) on the 7th; Ella Hussey (16) 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 (16) and Kevin O'Shea on the 11th; Anita Byrne on the 14th; Sheena O'Sullivan on the 15th; Anne Marie Fogarty and Jonathon Davies (15) 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 (16) and Sonny Looney on the 25th; Dylan McGiff on the 27th; Lisa O'Sullivan on the 29th

December Birthdays

Sandra White, Zoey Sugrue and Avril Sherborne on the 1st; Neasa Davies (17) on the 2nd.

Deaths

Deepest Sympathies

To Edel Casey, family and friends on the death of her mother, Breda Byrne (nee Cahalane), Seaview, Sneem who died on 31st October.

Deepest Sympathies

To Marie Casey, Loughane, Sneem and Ballincollig on the death of her father in law, Jim Moore, Monagea, Newcastle West, Co Limerick who died on 21st October.

Sneem Festivals AGM

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Friday 9th October in the Community Centre. The Committee wishes to express their gratitude to outgoing members for their time and dedication throughout their time on the Committee. The following committee was elected at the AGM:
Chairperson: Lilly O' Shea
Vice: Christina Murphy
St. Patrick's Day Chairperson: Brendan Galvin
Secretary: Zoe Atherton
Vice: Dhanush Vasudev
Treasurer: Florian Scheibein
Vice: Shane Larkin
PRO: Eddie Brown
Creative Design Officer: Ella Allison
Entertainment Officer: Sadie Knightly
Vice: Martin Larkin
Safety Officers: Tim Larkin, Brian Foley
Operations Officers: Damien Fitzgerald, Lar Whelan
We look forward to working together and planning for a wonderful 2027.

Sneem GAA Club – Monster Lotto Draw

Sneem GAA Club's Monster Lotto Draw will take place on Saturday, 7th November, at Sneem Hotel, with a fantastic jackpot of €15,000 up for grabs!
If the jackpot is not won on the night, the €15,000 will be divided up on the night, making it an exciting draw with plenty to play for.
Tickets are available throughout the village or online via ClubSpot.
There will also be music on the night, promising a great evening of entertainment and community spirit. Everyone is welcome to come along and support Sneem GAA Club.
Best of luck to all ticket holders, and thank you to everyone for your continued support!

Sneem Resource Centre New Service

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our anonymous donor. Through their generous donation, we were able to purchase a computer for public use. Their support will benefit many members of our community and we are truly grateful.

Our Prices
Up to 15 minutes €1.00
30 minutes €2.00
1 hour €3.00
Each additional 30 minutes €1.50
Printing charged separately

Garden of the Senses



Inclusive Sneem and Sneem TidyTowns are delighted to get the birds nest swing installed in the Garden of the Senses. This project was 75% funded by LEADER through South Kerry Development Partnership. The remainder of the funding was provided by Sneem Resource Centre, Inclusive Sneem and Sneem TidyTowns. Thanks also to Donal O'Neill from Kerry County Council who provided advice about the selection of a special seat which is easier to climb in and out of than traditional rope nest seats, and also for helping with the planning exemption application. Thanks to Joe Murphy and the CE team for assisting with the installation.

In our aim to make Sneem a more inclusive village, we have been building on items to stimulate the senses in the Garden of the Senses. Following on from visual and auditory pieces, we had identified the need for something to aid proprioception, i.e. the body's ability to sense movement, action, and location. The nest swing addresses these needs and we hope everyone of all abilities will enjoy using it.

Sneem Welfare & Coomanassig Social Centre

Meals on Wheels

Available Monday, Wednesday and Friday, €7.50 per meal, delivered across the broader Sneem area. Call 086 3533861 at least 24 hours ahead and note any allergies. Volunteers are needed to help with deliveries and the monthly Mass — even one day a month helps.

Laundry services, chiropody and room rental also offered.

Mass

Next Mass in Coomanassig: Tuesday 1st December at 11am.

A Wonderful Evening Celebrating The Blow-Ins of Inbhear Scéine

Edel Brady and Florian Scheibein would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who braved the bad weather to join us at the launch of The Blow-Ins of Inbhear Scéine in Sneem Community Centre on November 23rd.

It was a lovely, cosy evening, filled with warmth, conversation and a wonderful atmosphere. A big thank you to Rineys Bar and Hilary's Grocery Shop for their generous donations, which kept the drinks flowing, and to Andy Yelen and Harry O'Connor, whose music was an absolute treat and added so much to the occasion.

We were also very touched by the generosity of those who attended and made donations to Caherdaniel National School on the night, in support of the school as it faces reduced funding and uncertainty about its future. Thank you for showing your support for such an important part of our rural community.

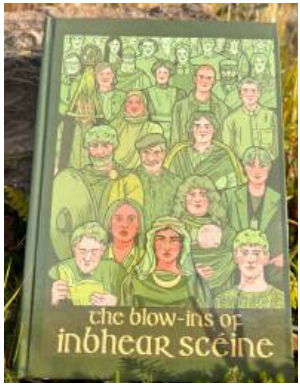
We would also like to acknowledge and thank the Department of Justice, Migration and Home Affairs for supporting the book through the Integration Fund.

For anyone who couldn't make it on the night but would still like a copy of The Blow-Ins of Inbhear Scéine, the book is now available to purchase at Sneem Book Shop.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make the evening so special. We are very grateful for the support and encouragement of the Sneem community.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

Edel Brady & Florian Scheibein



Congratulations



Congratulations to Florian Scheibein who graduated as Doctor of Philosophy on 29th October in South East Technical University Waterford, pictured left with his proud mother, Angelika.

St Michael's and St Patrick's Church News

As I write these notes I am reminded to put the clock backwards tonight. Yes the winter is here. We are experiencing a lot of rain and indeed the stormy weather is certainly a topic of conversation. Hopefully we will escape without any damage occurring in the community.

This morning Kerry Radio brought the good news of a number of Tidy Towns awards coming to our Parish. Well done to all concerned.

The tourists are still coming our way but naturally in much smaller numbers. Everyone paying us a visit are most welcome and we hope you all know that you are.

A few funerals have taken place recently and sincere sympathies to everyone touched by the passing of a loved one.

Our Mass in Coomanassig Day Centre is back in full flow for our monthly gathering. It's lovely to share the occasion with parishioners and visitors and experience a wonderful welcome from all the volunteers who ensure there is no shortage of biscuits, cakes and scones. Many thanks to everyone involved and all who help out on the day. We look forward to some new faces attending our Mass and social gathering. Many thanks to all the dedicated volunteers and Deacon Jean Yves for their wonderful help.

The International Storytelling and Folklore Festival is starting shortly from 12th to 15th November. We again look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. Great credit is due to the late Batt Burns, his family and friends who formed this wonderful Committee many years ago and at present we are blessed to have this venture continued by many volunteers.

At present the young and not so young are preparing for Halloween activities which no doubt will bring much laughter and tears. The clocks have just gone back and the evenings are getting dark earlier already.

Wishing you all the very best this winter season—let's look out for each other and make sure the elderly and those living alone will keep warm and be blessed with good health and good neighbours.

For now keep the heart up and the fire down.

God bless. Fr Liam.

Parish Office	Presbytery, North Square, Sneem. Tuesday & Friday 10am–4pm. Mobile 087 3480050.
Sunday Mass	Every Sunday in Sneem at 10am. Check Facebook for daily Mass times.

Local Activities & Clubs

Knitting Sessions — New members welcome at Sneem Craft Group, Wednesdays 11am–1pm at Sneem Bookshop. Donated wool available. Info: 087 2563858.

Pickleball —Community Centre on Tuesday evenings: Beginners at 6.45 pm, Beyond Beginners at 8 pm. Call Trish on 087 3648586.

I**ndoor Bowling Club** - in the Community Centre on Wednesdays at 8pm. New members are always welcome.

Sneem Men's Shed — Meeting in Sneem Book Shop on Mondays at 7pm. New members welcome — Damien 087 9816520

Board Games Club — Community Centre, please note we are now meeting on Fridays at 6.30pm. Contact Pál in Pete's Butcher Shop, 087 0973316.

Sneem Writers Group — First Friday of the month, 1–3pm. Email sneemwritersgroup@gmail.com.

Bingo — Resource Centre, West End, Tuesdays 7.30pm.

Comhrá — Sneem Book Shop, Wednesdays 5–6pm — conversation as Gaeilge.

Pilates — With Caitlin, Community Centre, Wednesdays 10am. Contact 085 2203405.

Circuit Training — With Niamh De Jong, Rowing Club Gym, Saturday mornings. Contact 087 6033556.

Tuesday Tidy-Ups — TidyTowns volunteers weed, clean and litter-pick every Tuesday morning. Text 087 7865053 to join the WhatsApp group. Join us for tea and cake on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 11am in the Garden of the Senses, weather permitting.

Kenmare & District Gardening Club - Our meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month. Our November guest on the 5th is Fiona O'Shea of the Window Box, Sneem. The venue is The Gateway V93T9XT (beyond the Centra Garage on the Molls Gap/Killarney road, opposite the Brook Lane Hotel grounds). Parking available. Visitors are very welcome.
Contact Stephen Austen: 087 9112876 for further information or if you are interested in becoming a member.


Christmas Market
GIFTS
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ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Rowing Social

Congratulations to all the lads who collected their medals at the Social. Minor Boys and Senior Men first overall. Damien Fitzgerald collected a memento picture for the Ladies Seine Boat who finished first, and Sean O'Sullivan who helped out in the Valentia boat when needed. Thanks to the South and Mid Kerry Rowing board for another fantastic Dinner Dance. Thanks also to Sneem Hotel who served a fantastic meal to a huge crowd, well done everyone.





Table Quiz

Well what a successful night we had at our Table Quiz....biggest turn out yet of 34 tables. Thank you to each and everyone who turned up. It sure was a great fun night. Our Quiz Master Jim was on fire and did a tremendous job as always, thank you Jim. Thanks to Christina, Elaine and Peadar who were flat out doing the correcting and keeping track of the scores. Thanks to Paty Casey for the great job he did on the sound system, everyone had a great chance of hearing everything. Brid and Don and staff, thanks for a perfect venue for a table quiz, and great service. We had a huge raffle with loads of prizes, so thanks to all the businesses who donated vouchers and bottles and to all the supporters who also brought prizes. Lastly huge congratulations to our winners, the Crowe family and runners up, O Sullivan family from Derryleigh, they both very kindly donated their prize money back into the club, thanks so much to both teams.
Another successful Quiz Night done. Well done everyone, great job.

Fun Run

Our Annual Fun Run/Walk will be held on Sunday 27th December. There will be prizes for 1st Male and Female Adult and 1st Male and Female U18. Festive treats will be served along with Sonny's famous mulled wine and hot chocolate. Each child entered will receive a treat too. €10/Adult, €5 Child, family discounts apply. Registration at 11am, Run to start at 11.30am. Please see our Facebook page for updates.

Sneem Rowing Club Gym

Hours Mon–Fri 8am–8pm· Sat–Sun 10am–5pm

Please Note: Return heavy weights, dumbbells, kettlebells and benches properly after use. Respect fellow gym users and committee.

Uisce Eireann Works:

Please take care entering and exiting the Rowing Club and Gym area as the works by Uisce Eireann will be ongoing for many months. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Beavers



The Beavers are back in action and have had a fantastic start to the new scouting year, with plenty of fun, games and outdoor adventures!

We kicked off our first two weeks with lots of games and kayaking, giving the Beavers a chance to get back together, build confidence and enjoy being out on the water.

We've also been busy exploring the woodland trails at Parknasilla, practicing our tracking and trail-following skills. The Beavers had great fun searching for tracks left by their fellow Beavers, they tried to find one another hiding in the long grass and amongst the trees!

Beavers joined fellow Beaver Scouts from across Kerry for a spooky Halloween walk in Milltown. There were plenty of thrills and excitement along the way! Our Beavers were very brave and represented 15th Kerry Scouts brilliantly. We were very proud of them. They also had mighty singing enthusiasm during the bus journey. Thank you to Manuela who is a Cub Scout parent, for driving the bus to Milltown.

Lastly, we've been learning some important scouting skills, including building campfires and practicing fire-lighting using flint and steel. The Beavers have shown great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork as they learn these new outdoor skills. It's been a busy and exciting start to the year, and we're looking forward to many more adventures and lots of scouting fun in the weeks ahead!





15th Kerry Sneem Scouts

Cubs



The Cubs are back in action with a full schedule. They participated in their first JOTI jamboree over the Internet. A world wide scouting event. It was a new experience and the theme was peace and inclusivity. They had a great time at the night orienteering in Kenmare with the Killarney Cub Scouts. They are practicing their skills in tracking and rope work looking forward to planning out the rest of year in the next few weeks.

Scouts

As always the Scouts have enjoyed cooking, and eating, so far this term. They began with an outdoor Masterchef competition with tasty results. Then they took to the hills for a much anticipated hammock camp. Hiking from Sneem to Gortdromagh with all their gear. They camped for the night in the woods for their first hammock experience. Some slept better than others but all were up in the morning to carry on into the spectacular valley below Coomcallee. Navigation skills were tested all along the way before games of hide and seek and the return hike. For the Artisan Craft Fayre the Scouts devised a menu of Breakfast Baps and worked great together to cook and serve stall holders and customers alike. The Baps went down very well and the Scouts donated some of the proceeds to the Community First Responders and some for themselves for future activities or equipment. A Spooky Halloween walk in the Blue Pool woods in Killarney with all the other Scouts from around the County rounded off the half term.







Sneem Story House

Sneem Story House Restoration Update

Progress continues across key areas of the restoration project following support from national grant schemes:

Internal Walls: Specialist cleaning by Nolans Group has removed internal paint and plaster coats, revealing the underlying historic stonework. The project team has submitted the required grant completion reporting to Kerry County Council.

New Main Entrance: The custom new front door by Fitzgeralds Joinery has now been installed.

Site Preparation; External Steps: Building contractors Madden & Mangan are initiating site setup and porch removal. They are finalising precise technical details and site measurements to order custom-cut slate for the main entry steps and platform structure.

Important Notice: The church will remain closed until all works are fully completed. We extend our huge gratitude to the many individuals who have generously supported both the Sneem Story House and the Church through donations. We will post details of the upcoming Sneem Story House AGM on our website.



Support the Project. Every bit of support helps!
You can donate directly to our project account at AIB Kenmare:
IBAN: IE36 AIBK 9363 2414 2730 50
Cheques can be made payable to:
Sneem Little Church Story House
and dropped to Úna in Sneem Book Shop.

Check out www.sneemstoryhouse.ie for upcoming events.





Become a Patron

We extend our sincere thanks to our new Story House patrons for their generous contributions. Anyone interested in joining the patron program can email us at sneemstoryhouse@gmail.com for more details.

CHRISTMAS BAKING 2026

Christmas Cake - 7 inch €40.00 & 8 inch €45.00
Christmas Log (Gluten-free available) - €12.00
Mince Pies - €1.50 each (Gluten-free available - €1.80 each) (minimum 4)
Chocolate Eclairs - €1.50 each (minimum 4)
Apple Tart - €7.00
Apple, Toffee & Raspberry Crumble - €7.00
Lemon Tart with Strawberries & Cream - €15.00 (Serves 6)
Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce - €3.00 each (minimum 4)
Homemade Sausage Rolls - minimum 6 - €5.00
Smoked Salmon, Red Onion & Chive Quiche - €3.00 each (minimum 4)



CLOSING DATES FOR ORDERS:
TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS CAKES
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER - ALL OTHER BAKING

Contact Josie on 087 7696090



DRUM LESSONS

One-To-One Lessons For The Drum Kit



mikefoxdrumlessons.com
087 409 8608

KCYS
Kerry Community Youth Service

Help Bring a YOUTH CLUB to SNEEM!

We're looking for parents, guardians and other adults in the community who are interested in supporting the development of a youth club in Sneem.

MEET NEW PEOPLE | SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE | MAKE A DIFFERENCE | A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME COULD MAKE A MASSIVE DIFFERENCE | FULL TRAINING PROVIDED

Tuesday 10th November 2026
7.00pm

Sneem Community Centre

THE AIM OF THE MEETING IS TO:

- Establish a local committee to support the youth club
- Build a panel of trained volunteer leaders to help facilitate a safe, welcoming and enjoyable youth club for young people in the area.



For more information please contact:

Nora Butler
KCYS Youth Club Support Worker
086 161 9691

Paul Fairbairn
087 765 9448

Sneem Sustainable Energy Community (SEC)

Update on how the Energy Master Plan (EMP) is progressing:



Sneem SEC steering group continues to work with Xavier from XD Consulting on the development of an Energy Master Plan (EMP) for the Sneem catchment area (pictured right). XD Consulting have carried out a full review of their datasets and modelling assumptions for the residential sector within the catchment area considering the local knowledge provided and by mining other data sources such as the Council's planning portal and house sales listed online. We will be inviting residents within the catchment area to complete an energy survey which will lead on to the opportunity to avail of an energy clinic for anyone interested.

We will be also be emailing a link to the local businesses inviting them to complete an energy audit for their business; it takes less than a minute to complete and will help to shape the non-residential chapter of Sneem's Energy Master Plan (EMP).

You can view the EMP to date at https://sneememp.netlify.app

SEAI SEC Regional Connect event in Cork



Mentor Catriona Fallon pictured far right with representativess from Inch (Dora), Sneem (Una and Michelle) & KSEC (Sylvia) SECs at the SEC Connect event.

Sneem Sustainable Energy Community (SEC)

SEAI SEC Regional Connect event in Cork

Una O'Neill and Michele Cooper-Fay attended the above event on Saturday 17th October in Cork in the Nano Nagle Centre. Hosted by SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland) it provided a great opportunity to meet with SEAI representatives and learn what is currently on SEAI's agenda nationally; meet with other SEC / Tidy Town groups from the South and SW of Ireland, take part in some interesting and informative workshops. Una and Michele reported back that it was a very worthwhile event and well worth the early start. The other SEC groups that attended are at various stages in their SEC journey and the more experienced groups could share some interesting experiences as well as detailing some initiatives they are exploring and trialling. For example:

Blackwater SEC hope to trial an Aqua Thermal system with the backing of Cork Council and Government, Newton Court SEC (an SEC set up within a housing estate in Cork) are getting backing from Cork council to pilot a community EV charging system within the estate that is not run by ESB.

Una and Michele attended various break out sessions to include Solar Meithals within communities. It was also a great opportunity to meet a representative from the newly formed Kenmare SEC. One message that came through loud and clear was that for the SEC to be successful it requires the whole community to pull together and to work together.

Anyone wishing to get further information please email: Sneemsec@gmail.com

South/Failte Ireland DEDP Update

South/Mid Kerry Destination Experience Plan (DEDP): Community Update Following extensive local stakeholder and community engagement, work is ongoing on compiling and refining the project list for the South/Mid Kerry Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP). The project team is currently evaluating submitted proposals across core themes—including heritage, outdoor activities, nature-based tourism, and visitor infrastructure—to identify deliverable, high-impact regional initiatives. A final call is underway encouraging local businesses and community groups to submit additional project proposals before the project list is closed. The DEDP Taskforce met on 3rd November at Sneem Hotel to review key themes and help shape the first draft of the strategic plan.

Get Involved: If you have any documents, materials, or local insights you would like considered for this project, please reach out directly by email to fergal.harrington@gmail.com.

Tahilla Community National School

Maths Week

During Maths Week this year, the whole school came together to complete two different maths trails. The first trail was designed by our 5th and 6th class pupils and included a variety of fun challenges. These involved counting how many people were in the school, including teachers, counting the steps in the yard, finding different shapes around the yard, counting the windows at the back of the halla, working out how many doors there are in the school, etc.

Our senior room pupils worked together with the junior room pupils, helping them to complete the trail. It was a great opportunity for pupils of different ages to work together.

The next activity was completed outdoors and involved using natural materials found around our playground. Working in pairs, the pupils were challenged to create the tallest structure they could using sticks. We then measured each structure using a tape measure. There was some debate over what counted as a stick, but in the end, everyone agreed that Anabelle and Rosa had built the tallest structure using a variety of sticks gathered from around the playground.

The next challenge was to create a grid using four sticks and fill each section with natural materials. The numbers in each row and column then had to add up to 10. This proved to be a bit of a challenge, but every pair successfully arranged their items to reach the target number.

For the final task, the pupils used a variety of natural materials to create 2D shapes. Sticks, stones, pine cones and leaves were used to make octagons, triangles, squares, circles and rectangles. It was a great way to combine creativity, problem-solving and mathematical thinking while also exploring the natural materials around us.

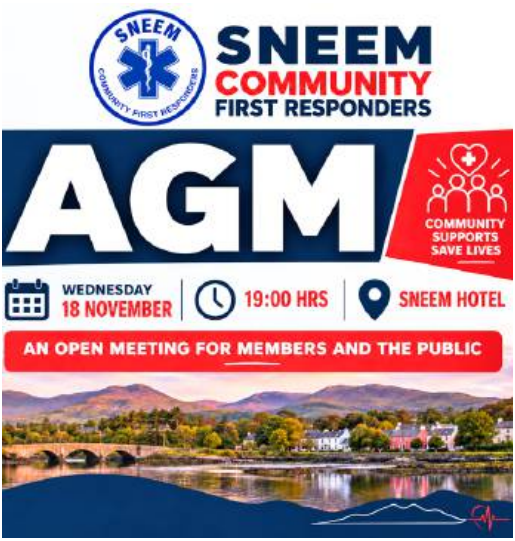
Harvest Crafting

The children were delighted to welcome Marla, Taavi and Arlo's mom Svenja into our school last week to create some crafts that would be used to decorate our Halla for the Harvest celebration. We gathered some Autumnal coloured card and used our cutting skills to cut stripes of paper that were all the same length and size. We then looped the cards together to create some bunting that would be used to hang in the Halla as a lovely decoration.

Sneem Post Office

Lodge and withdraw cash in Sneem Post Office using your A.I.B. or Bank of Ireland debit card, ATM, also selling sterling and U.S. dollars

Sneem Community First Responders





Tide Times — High Tides

November

06th	2.28am	14.27pm	22nd	2.09am	14.21pm
07th	3.07am	15.10pm	23rd	2.51am	15.05pm
08th	3.40am	15.47pm	24th	3.33am	15.51pm
09th	4.11am	16.24pm	25th	4.17am	16.39pm
10th	4.44am	17.01pm	26th	5.04am	17.30pm
11th	5.18am	17.39pm	27th	5.55am	18.25pm
12th	5.55am	18.18pm	28th	6.48am	19.25pm
13th	6.32am	18.57pm	29th	7.44am	20.31pm
14th	7.10am	19.39pm	30th	8.45am	21.44pm
15th	7.51am	20.27pm			
16th	8.38am	21.25pm	December		
17th	9.34am	22.31pm	1st	9.50am	22.47pm
18th	10.38am	23.38pm	2nd	10.58am	
19th	11.44am		3rd	0.05am	12.05pm
20th	0.36am	12.43pm	4th	1.05am	13.07pm
21st	1.25am	13.34pm	5th	1.57am	14.01pm

Sneem Storytelling Festival - 12th - 15th November

PROGRAMME - THURSDAY 12th November

8.30pm Murphy's Loft Session - Opening our festival. Come on down. Bring your instruments, voices and stories. Paddy O'Brien is our Storyteller.
Murphy's Loft, South Sq Free



PROGRAMME - FRIDAY 13th November

11.30 am Irish Place Names – Paddy O'Brien & Cillian Brennan. This is a fun session to learn a little Irish.
Rineys Bar, South Sq Free

1.00 pm: Yarns in the Barn with Senem in the foothills outside of Sneem. Walking shoes, masks & rain gear required. Please **BOOK EARLY** to avoid disappointment **LIMITED PLACES.**
Meet at Sneem Hotel €8.00

4.30 pm: Storytelling Session with Órla McGovern
Murphy's Loft, South Square Free

8.00 pm: Batt Burns' Rambling House, with all our Tellers, stories and music abound!
Function Room, Sneem Hotel €20.00

PROGRAMME - SATURDAY 14th November

10.00 –11.15 am: - Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty -The Unused Ticket to Capetown - Jerry O'Grady
Function Room, Sneem Hotel €10.00

10.45 am: Performance for Children - Senem
Sneem Crèche, North Sq. Free

11.30 am: Lunchtime Story Swap - Paddy. Come tell your story!
D O'Shea's Bar, North Sq. Free

12.15 pm: Storytelling Performance for School Children with Killian Burns.
Sneem Crèche, North Sq. Free

1.00 pm: - Storytelling in South West Kerry and the Legacy of Batt Burns - Lecturer, Frank Lewis
Function Room, Sneem Hotel €10.00

3.00 pm: Meanderings with Killian Burns
Function Room, Sneem Hotel €10.00

4.00 - 5.00 pm: Colours – The South Kerry Rosen Choir, musical director Brad Dicks, accompanist Tatiana Budzen
St Michael's Church, South Sq By donation*

8.00 pm: The Love Hungry Farmer written by J B Keane. adapted for stage and performed by Seamus O'Rourke, produced and directed by Michael Scott. A CTD City Theatre Dublin Production.



John Bosco McLaine is a man who has never lain down with a woman, but has had romantic blood pulsing through his veins all his life. Always an optimist, and virgin in equal measure, he embarks on a search for an ideal companion regardless of age, failure rate or dammed advice!... and in a community where advice is ample and women few, he follows his heart in an ultimate bid to procure himself a wife.
Function Room Sneem Hotel €25.00

10.45 pm Storytelling Club - with all our Storytellers.
Murphy's Bar, South Sq. Free

PROGRAMME - SUNDAY 15th November

12 noon Bernard Shaw, Saint Joan, and Parknasilla
Patrick Malone looks at George Bernard Shaw's play about Joan of Arc, the first draft of which was completed in a matter of days in Parknasilla Hotel and which became an immediate success where it premiered in New York and London just over a hundred years ago.
Sneem Hotel Conference Room

12.15pm: Children's Storytelling with Cillian Brennan.
Sneem Crèche, North Sq. Free

2.15 - 3.30 pm: Open House and 'Story Swap' hosted by Paddy O'Brien with our Storytellers.
Rineys Bar, South Square Free

3.45 pm: Closing the Festival with a Storytelling Session from all our Tellers. Murphy's Loft, South Square Free

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Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre:	**Sneem - An Snaidhm**	Ref:	**349**
County:	**Kerry**	Mark:	**409**
Category:	**B**	Date(s):	**26/06/2026**
			26/07/2026

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	57	59
Streetscape & Public Places	80	53	56
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	48	51
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	48	50
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	32	33
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	73	75
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	36	37
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	46	48
TOTAL MARK	**600**	**393**	**409**

Community – Your Planning and Involvement

The 6 hardworking members of the Sneem tidy towns committee are very welcome to the 2026 competition as your involvement is appreciated. We are pleased to read that your committee is growing, with more new members added since last year and that there has also been an increase in the number of volunteers who have helped out. Thank you for your comprehensive entry form and the plans that you have submitted, which demonstrate that you have a highly organized approach to the competition. Thank you also for your map, as it was very helpful. During our visit, it is clear that the tidy towns effort is very much a grassroots movement in Sneem as many of your committee members are participating in a range of other committees too. You are also commended on the strong links that you have built up with a range of different organizations that include Kerry County Council, LAWPRO, MTU, NPWS and An Taisce – so well done on seeking out and using the resources, advice and advice that is available to you. We saw no reference to the Kerry Public Participation Network (PNN) and we wondered if you are a member of it? If not, we encourage you to join as it is a great way of meeting with other tidy towns groups and sharing information and ideas. It is good to see that the committee have also established a good working relationship with the school and that they have gotten involved in your circular economy projects, litter picking and the creation of a pond in the wild garden.

Noting that your committee is relatively small, we encourage you to investigate whether the school could get involved in additional projects. As your action plan is in place,why not meet up with them to discuss which of these actions would make good school projects? We read about your communications strategy with great interest and noting the high level of local engagement in your activities and projects, we have no doubts that it is working well. We were interested to read that your town has been involved in the competition for 62 years and we very much appreciate the commitment and determination shown by your committee over that time frame. We urge you to continue to participate as your adjudicators look forward to seeing your lovely village every year!

Streetscape & Public Places

Your adjudicator welcomed the opportunity to visit Sneem for the first time and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent exploring the many features of interest. The layout of your village is quite distinctive with a core of traditional design terraced buildings centred around the carefully maintained north and south squares. We would particularly like to compliment the committee on the maintenance work that you have done on the squares but also for looking after and presenting the many monuments (such as the commemorative piece for Charles de Gaulle) and the sculpture trail - which was a delight to visit. Praise is also due to the many business owners and operators for the hard work that they have put into the presentation of their shops and commercial premises – with virtually all buildings achieving a high standard. There are multiple examples of lovely traditional shopfronts such as Peter O'Sullivans (Butcher), the Stone House, D. O'Sullivans, O'Sheas, Burns, the Nook and the Bank House - all of which stood out in the north square. We were delighted to see that the Red Dog Antiques shop has reopened and that the red house was looking really well. Compliments are also due to Adams Kitchen, the Irish Gift Shop and the Bridge Café on the appearance of their attractive premises. The south square is just as impressive with the Green House, the Costcutter, Rineys Bar, Quills, the Green Chair, the Yellow Shed, Mace, the (recently reopened) Blue Bull and the Sneem bookshop all drawing positive attention. We must also mention Sacre Coeur and the Sneem hotel on the approaches to the village – as they both looked great too. We applaud your decision to use murals for the twin purpose of screening blank walls and to create colour and interest – with high quality examples to be seen at the mini golf course beside the GAA grounds (as a GAA name sign), at the north square (the butterfly wall), at Seaview (to point out the river walk) and at the community centre (to highlight wildlife in the river). Credit must go to everyone involved in the continued operation of the digital hub, the refurbishment of the red community building and the little Church (all of which are fabulous amenities for your town) and the lovely Church and Community centre grounds. The new tennis wall at the courts beside the river is also an important addition to Sneem.

Green Spaces and Landscaping

Your committee and volunteers are commended on providing and maintaining the many high quality landscaping schemes which could be seen throughout Sneem. The planting in the North square (comprising species such as shrubs, hypericum, meadow sweet) and the rose beds looked particularly nice. Well done also on using your landscaping and planting schemes to enhance the sculpture trail in both squares so effectively. We were glad to see that there is strong focus placed on pollen rich varieties in your landscaping schemes with plenty of examples of wildflowers seen (especially around the digital hub building) along with orchards (on the river walk) and many types of mature shrubs throughout your village. It is also necessary to acknowledge the contribution of individual businesses to this category with attractive planting seen at the Hungry Knight (planted boxes), the Sneem Hotel (with its fabulous grounds), O'Sheas (hanging baskets), Sacre Coeur (decorative planters), Adams Kitchen, the Bridge Café and Rineys.

The grounds of the church (with its meadow sweet, hydrangea and shrubs) and the flower boxes at the Garda station were appreciated too and we would like to compliment everyone involved in maintaining the ground of the school. The residents of Sneem are very fortunate to have so many lovely amenities in their village (and such a diligent committee and volunteers who work so hard maintaining them) – all of which were seen during adjudication. The north river walk is delightful with its blue dot pearl muscle monument (and video), pollinator patches, trees, shrubs and river views while the south river walk offers a slightly different perspective as it runs closer to the river and is dominated by grasses, shrubs and wild flowers. We enjoyed reading the interpretative signage here too and noted that one of the sign stands is corroded and needs to be either repaired or replaced.

Our visit to the (award winning) garden of the senses proved to be an eye-opening experience –due to its multiple features of interest (such as the new Scots pine sculpture and the Willow maze) but also due to the magnificent range of plants species that could be found here. While it is not possible to list them all, the unusual planting (such as the Californian lilac and the different types of astilbe and hebe) had an endearing effect.

We also enjoyed our visit to the wild garden with its newly dug pond, seating area and small shelter. Well done to everyone with responsibility for tidying up the peaceful panda sculpture as it looked well with its landscaping that comprised roses, shrubs and decorative grasses. We would also like to commend the efforts made (and the activities organised) by your committee and volunteers to raise of awareness of life themes through the mediums of art and landscaping.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality

There is no doubt that your committee and volunteers have made very significant progress under this category in recent years. This is not only reflected in the multiple awards that you have won but a review of the projects that have been undertaken clearly indicates that major advances have been made in the implementation of your current biodiversity action plan. The placement of new pollinator signage is commended – as this is an effective way of raising awareness of how natural habitats are being managed in Sneem. We read about the rhododendrum control project with interest and given the prevalence of this species, we would like to hear about the effectiveness of your approach. The award winning wild garden (for its suitability for bats) is acknowledged and we would like to hear more updates on the usage of the installed bat boxes and the hedgehog box so be sure to try and monitor them in the years ahead. Well done on working with the applied ecology students from Kerry College to complete the wild garden pond and we urge you to collaborate with them on other projects in Sneem. The identification of Japanese knot weed areas is commended – and we urge to be on the lookout for any other invasive species in your village. The expansion of the 'no mow let it grow' approach to 8 sites is appreciated and be sure to include an action to complete Flying Insect Timed (FIT) counts in your Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) review to monitor the impact of your efforts to boost pollen sources on pollinator populations. Well done on rehousing hedgehogs in the wild garden and we are delighted to hear that the third and fourth classes from the national school became environmental scientists and studied a section of the river Sneem. It's particularly heartening to hear that the river is healthy and accommodates a rich diversity of aquatic life but be sure to tell us if the data that has been collected by the school children is being recorded so that it can be used for comparisons in the future. The work on the Blue Dot sculpture (on the endangered pearl muscle) and video is applauded and you are commended on running 5 public events during biodiversity week – which looked at bumblebees, bats and pollinators. We are particularly pleased to read that two of the events focused on monitoring and recording – as this generates data that can be used to assess biodiversity and raise awareness. The talks given by your committee on the implementation of the All-Ireland pollinator plan (in Sneem) and on garden bees are acknowledged. We know from your entry form that you are currently reviewing your biodiversity action plan and it is strongly recommended that the projects you identify in your revised action plan should, if possible, meet three criteria. Firstly, it should be possible to delegate them to other groups (such as the schools) or other interested individuals in your village. Secondly, they should include a monitoring element - as this will enable them to generate data which can yield information on the status of habitats (and biodiversity) at a time of accelerating climate change. Thirdly, the data generated needs to be recorded so that you can be used to inform future actions. If these three criteria are met in your new biodiversity plan, it will greatly improve the capacity of your future plan to achieve its objectives and deliver positive outcomes.

Sustainability – Doing more with less

It is clear from the projects included in your entry form entry that your committee has a good understanding of how to minimize waste, sustainably use resources and use energy efficiently in Sneem. Well done on taking the first steps to becoming a sustainable energy community (SEC) and we look forward to hearing further updates on the development of your energy master plan in 2027. We are also glad to hear that energy conservation now appears to be a growing area of interest in your village with the house on the corner of the south square engaging in an upgrade. Well done also on developing a community circular economy action plan and we were particularly interested to read about the survey that was carried out on the majority of shop owners in your village. Hopefully, the findings of the survey will enable you to identify some new projects and initiatives (with the assistance of the SEAI and others) in the years ahead. The strong focus of your community on recycling projects is appreciated with scrap, spectacle and battery collections all taking place. The work that you and the resource centre have done on waste avoidance are appreciated as we note that repurposed materials were used to develop a new mud kitchen and sandpit for the community preschool and creche. We were interested to read about your purchase of two rainwater planters and we would like to hear more about the actions that you are taking to make your day-to-day activities more sustainable. Please let us know if you grow your own plants, harvest your own seeds, make your own compost or capture rainwater for use in your landscaping schemes. We would also like to commend the national School pupils on their innovative horsepower fire starters and we would like to hear if any other collaborations are taking place between your committee and the school children on projects under this category.

Tidiness and Litter Control

Sneem has performed strongly in this category for some time and we are pleased to report that 2026 is no exception – with virtually the whole village appearing litter free. This is considered to be an excellent performance and your committee and volunteers are commended on the work you have done to achieve it. We note from your entry form that your litter control strategy is based on four separate activities – participation in the spring clean, the Monday tidy ups and the river clean ups – while the use of drain art to highlight the connection between the drains and the river is also acknowledged. Given that your strategy is proving effective, we wondered about the participation rates of local businesses and residential communities in these activities. Do businesses adopt parts of the street and agree to clean them? Do residents associations take responsibility for their areas? If not, these options would be worth exploring as it would reduce the workload on both your committee and volunteers. Consider also allocating ongoing litter control tasks to the schools. The standard of tidiness is also high with close attention being paid to weeding and the maintenance of signs and street furniture (such as seating benches, sculptures and monuments).

As always, small improvements remain possible. The perimeter of the parking area to the rear of the community centre looked untidy due to the weed and other objects (such as bricks, blocks and tarmac heaps) that were visible here. The pump in the south square is an attractive feature, but its likely to need a fresh coat of paint in time for 2027. A bent over and headless sign pole was spotted on the Waterville road opposite the Atlantic gateway estate while the black planted timber boxes at the bridge have become faded and they would benefit from a revamp.We note that the hanging baskets holders in both the north and south squares are not being used and we wondered if there are any plans to remove them? Despite these minor points, we would like to emphasise that the overall performance of Sneem in this category was very good.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas

The variety in the architectural styles of the building stock is a major attraction of Sneem - from the immaculately maintained traditional style two-storey houses and commercial properties that surround the squares to the much more modern dwellings that can be found in your residential estates. We are pleased to report that the overall standard of presentation is high. Seaview looked particularly well with its attractive bilingual name stone, trimmed grasses and semi mature trees. The addition of the large new planted bed and trees at the access to Atlantic gateway estate is applauded and we wondered if there are plans to provide either a name sign or name stone at its entrance? Pairc Ardsheelhane also looked well and it is great to see that the green space is being used to accommodate orchard trees. We also enjoyed seeing the linear landscaping bed that was adjacent to their entrance car parking area with its remarkable array of species that included California lilac. Yellow planter boxes outside the modern estate on the Kenmare approach also looked well.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes

Approach roads into Sneem achieved a high standard of presentation. The entrance from Waterville is impressive with the prominent village name stone, neat verges, pollination patches (with signage) and mature shrub and boundary hedging welcoming the visitor. The road from Kenmare is similarly impressive with its attractive name stone, clean and visible signage, mature trees, natural boundaries and high quality road surface. The eye catching grounds of the Sneem Hotel further enhance this approach and reinforce the positive impression. The projects completed under this category are also acknowledged. The entrance to the river walk laneway (at Seaview) welcomes both residents and visitors with its colourful mural, nice landscaping (comprising ox eye daisies, shrubs and other species), neat verges and trees. The ‘follow the fish’ way finding project to highlight the presence of the river walk is also considered to be a good idea. Well done also to everyone involved in the completion of the river themed mural to the rear of the community centre, the provision of the large landscaped bed (with trees) at the Atlantic gateway estate and the renovation of the GAA training rooms.

Concluding Remarks:

We loved visiting Sneem and seeing the high quality and in many cases, very original projects completed by your committee and volunteers with assistance from your wider community. We congratulate you on a very good performance in the 2026 competition and we look forward to returning again next year.

Second Round Adjudication

I called into Sneem just after the All-Ireland, and even with the result gone the wrong way for Kerry, the village was a pleasure to walk from one end to the other. You are doing excellent work in Sustainability. On the ground you are doing all the right things and placing them where people can see them. The bike repair station was in steady use while I was there, cyclists plainly glad it exists. The water refill point on the pedestrian bridge is well signed with a small dog bowl left beside it, which was a thoughtful touch in the heat we have been having. Riney's Bar has gone over to renewable energy which was great to see. Your submission demonstrated how much more you are doing. The community scrap collection that ran to thirty-five tonnes in a single day, six vehicles and a ship's engine among it, was the biggest haul the company involved had ever handled. You became the first Sustainable Energy Community in Kerry after lobbying the Council to sign the MoU with the SEAI – well done! The Resource Centre keeps a real circular economy going all year, jeans turned into bags, wool into slippers, electronics repaired rather than dumped, hospital kits (a first for this adjudicator) given out for free. Well done for surveying the businesses in the village about their own habits. You now have a baseline as well as a roadmap for how you can support them.

Make sure to keep us posted on this!

Your sculpture trail alone would set Sneem apart from most villages twice its size. Walking it with the SoundCloud audio in your ear, stopping at the sound pieces along the river that ask you to listen for the leaves and the bees, you start to feel the scale of what has been built here over the years. The care taken over the Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh national memorial, repainted on the sculptor's own advice, shows a village that looks after what it has as well as adding to it. Your green space and biodiversity work is incredible for a place this size. The renewed Community Green Flag for the Garden of the Senses is no surprise once you have walked it. The wild garden, with its wetland and its bat boxes and hedgehog house, does exactly what such a space should. It was good to hear an orchid has come back in the Garden of the Senses under the no-mow regime, which now runs to eight sites around the village. It was wonderful to see you proudly displaying your new pollinator-award signage up on the approach roads. Your committee took the Sneem story out to the Kerry Wild Bee Festival, which is the sort of outreach that carries good practice well beyond the village.

I liked the solitary bee stand with its link to the Irish Bee Conservation Project, a small thing that sends people off to learn more. The wildlife-fact murals are brilliant. One telling you a single bat will take three thousand midges in a night, another running from tetrapod tracks up to pine marten prints and the hare along the river walk is a lovely piece of work. It was nice to see your certificates and medals up at the visitor centre, worn with pride rather than tucked away. The view from the pedestrian bridge, out over the river towards the mountains, is spectacular. And the peaceful panda, unveiled all those years back by a delegation from China, is a reminder of how far a village this size can reach.

None of the following is serious, but they are the things to keep an eye on. The New Zealand flax planter outside the school is coming away in places. One of the Follow the Fish panels is broken and off its mount and needs replacing. The green benches take a hammering from the trees above them and need a regular clean and paint, and the same is true of the benches and surrounds by the Story House notice board.

In the playground the weeds around the gym equipment are heavy enough that a bit of gravel or some low hardy planting would save you the bother year on year. The mural there could be freshened up, as could the woodland mural near the wild garden. There are branches starting to hang low in the Garden of the Senses. Both dog-waste dispensers I passed were empty, so those are worth a check.

What stayed with me about Sneem is that it's a village that looks after its own and its visitors in equal measure. It keeps building and keeps sharing and does far more than a place its size has any need to. The green flag, the sculptures, the trails, the sheer number of small projects tucked into every corner… all of it comes from the same well. Keep at it.

Notes on the TidyTowns Adjudication Report

It was great to get such a positive report from a new adjudicator and to have a clear list of actions we can take to improve. It's also the first time we have had a second adjudication in a number of years, they visited on 26th June and 26th July. Next year it will be 40 years since Sneem won the overall competition in 1987, wouldn't it be wonderful to win again! We hope that everyone will get involved. We are particular interested in any circular economy activities happening in the village. The results book and all the adjudication reports are available on the tidytowns.ie website so you can check out the competition. If anyone would like to get a copy of our entry form or get involved, please email sneemtt@gmail.com.

Sneem TidyTowns is a member of Kerry PPN, just forgot to mention it on the form!

Sneem TidyTowns

Bat Talk

Our local bat ecologist and wildlife rescuer, Katy Steele gave a fascinating talk about our native bats in the Loft at Dan Murphy's Bar on Monday 26th October. Bats carry out vital services eating up to 3000 insects such as midges a night and Katy showed us jars containing that number of insects to demonstrate what a single bat can do. They need hedgerows to navigate by so it's important to retain our hedges and let them grow high and wide to provide vital navigation corridors. Bats can be disturbed by bright lights so it's important to ensure that lights are shielded and pointing downwards, on sensors where possible and a warm white, orange or red colour. Unfortunately the weather was too bad to go out and listen for bats that night but a number of us travelled to Derrynane House to hear another bat talk by Eleanor Turner last Friday and we were lucky enough to go out into the gardens and hear bats using bat detectors and actually see some flying about despite the rain. Both of these events were sponsored by Streamscapes thanks to Lucy Taylor.





We also got a number of bat boxes erected in the Wild Garden last month thanks to Mike Muller, pictured right.

We have 9 native bat species in Ireland and all are protected. We are very lucky to have the rare lesser horseshoe bats here in Kerry. If you find that you have bats in your house, contact the NPWS and they will give you advice. Check out the Bat Conservation Ireland website to learn more about these fascinating creatures.

Sneem TidyTowns

Sneem Ogham Lunar Henge

Sneem Tidytowns would like to thank Kerry County Council for financial assistance under the Placemaking and Community Activation Fund 2026 in respect of the installation of Sneem Ogham Lunar Henge on the North River Walk. The henge is the 3rd installation in Sneem Ogham Tree Trail and was designed by Roland Hunter. Each piece represents one of our native trees or bushes and is identified by its ogham character. Thanks to Joe Murphy and the CE workers for installing it, it looks wonderful.





Christmas Lights

Sneem TidyTowns would like to thank the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht and Kerry County Council for financial assistance under the Local Enhancement Programme 2026 in respect of the purchase of Christmas lights.

This year's Christmas light Parade will take place on Friday 4th December.

Cleaning assistant wanted

for Sneem Community Preschool and Creche, 19.5 hours per week, flexible hours. Applicants must be eligible for the Community Employment (CE) Scheme. For further information, please contact sneemtidytowns@gmail.com.

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Samhain na Snamhma

Scarecrows on the Green

Well done to everyone who participated, the greens looked great this year.
Winner of the Scared Crow award (for businesses) - Hilary's
Individual/Family 1st Ruthanne Game (Green Chair voucher), 2nd Brigitta, Pál and Hannah (Sneem Bookshop Voucher) and 3rd Alex McGiff (Riney's ice cream voucher).











Samhain na Snamhma

Pumkins on the Bridge

Well done to everyone who participated in the Pumpkin lottery, the winners were: 1st Lorna Murphy (Dinner for 2 Sneem Hotel) 2nd Fiona O'Connor, (€50 Supervalu voucher) 3rd Gabriel Badrov (Sneem goodie bag from Hickey's Music Shop, Hilary's, Costcutter, Green Chair). The pumpkins on the bridge looked fabulous and the whole village was very festive looking thanks to Sneem Development, Sneem Hotel and John Dillane who created the pumpkin patches around the village. Well done everyone who got involved.

St Michael's National School

Sunshine Room News

The Sunshine Room have had a fantastic October. We started the month by learning about natural animal habitats in Ireland, including the bat and the hedgehog. We accompanied this learning with Autumn themed art. We studied Irish myths and legends and learned about the history of Halloween in Ireland. Students carved out a pumpkin and made a pumpkin vomiting experiment! We have had a brilliant time swimming in Parknasilla with our swimming teacher Norma! Students in the senior end of the Sunshine Room really enjoyed cycling with Cycle Right. It was a busy October month and we are all excited for November!













Álaind Walking

Mountain Skills Training



On October 17th, Sneem Walking Club members took to the hills for a navigation training day with Álaind Walking, sponsored by Mountaineering Ireland. The group followed their route maps around the Farraniaragh and Cahrnageeha Mountains, high above Caherdaniel and Coomakishta. Blessed with brilliant blue skies and exceptional visibility, the group had plenty of practice pinpointing mountain features near and far. Well done to those who took part!

Mountain Skills Training have scheduled the following dates for Mountain Skills training courses: MS2 – Saturday 7th to Sunday 8th November

New Website

We are delighted to have launched our new website, which promotes Sneem as a destination and provides lots of information for visitors on things to do while here.

Upcoming Scheduled Walks

Get full details of all our experiences and book online at www.alaindwalkingireland.ie or contact Fergal at 085 1422677.

Sneem Walking Club

Sneem Walking Club AGM

will be held on Saturday 21st November at The Loft, Dan Murphy's: 7pm. Public meeting: open to all Club members and guests.
Full membership details, walks and more can be found on our website:
https://sneemwalkingclub.ie
If you can't find the answer there, please feel free to email:
sneemwalkingclub@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events at The Carnegie

Upcoming Films:
November 5th/8pm Documentary: Film: **Irish Atlantic Rainforest** 2026, Ireland (Documentary). 100 mins. Cert – G Directed by Gary Lennon.

November 12th/8pm Film: **"A Private Life"** 2025. French. 107 mins. Cert-15. Dir: Rebecca Złotowski. Cast: Jodie Foster, Daniel Auteuil, Virginie Efira.

November 19th/8pm Film: **"Is This Thing On"** 2025. USA. 121 mins. Cert-15. Dir: Bradley Cooper.Cast: Will Arnett, Laura Dern, Andrea Day. Bradley Cooper. Ciaran Hinds. Tickets €9 Students €7.

November 7th/8pm Drama: **Searching for Daddly Dee**, by Dezy Walls This play, based on my IMRO GOLD winning Radio Drama "Searching for Daddly Dee" is about me, my Dad, great loss, and a materially altered transcript!
The story is based on true events Desmond P. Walls was a passenger on Aer Lingus Flight 712, which tragically crashed into the sea off Tuskar Rock in 1968 with no survivors. Tickets €20.

November 20th-23rd 8pm Comedy Drama: Carnegie Players Present: "**Nobody's Talking to Me**" A couple who have not spoken for 10 years, a wedding anniversary no one wants to acknowledge, a cast of colourful characters at loggerheads. This is a hilarious comedy which will run for 4 nights from 20th – 23rd November. Written by Tommy Marren and directed by Mike Sullivan, Tickets €20.

For Tickets got to www.carnegeartskenmare.ie or call 0646648701

Yellow Shed Recipe Corner



It's the season of the pumpkins and squashes!
We have three different varieties in The Yellow Shed (Jack O'Lantern, Blu Kuri and Sweet Meat) so there's something to choose from.
Thanks to customer Kelly Agnew here's the following recipe:

Cut a pumpkin in bitesize pieces, sprinkle them with some oil and put them in the air fryer at 200c until they're getting soft. Then add French beans and after 5 minutes some chard or kale (tossed around in oil as well). Take out after another 5 minutes. Grate some parmesan on top. Nice with homemade garlic-sage-butter. Eat with pasta.
This recipe should also work in a normal oven with a fan setting. Leave veg in for a bit longer and make sure to check to see if they're done.

Sneem Medical Centre

Dr Hernan Ganzo, Family GP
V93 X62X
Tel: 064 6645102
Contact Julie for an appointment.

Monday 10.30am -12.30pm / 2.30pm – 5.00pm
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Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm / 2.30pm – 5.00pm
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Flu Season 2026/2027

It is important to protect yourself and those you care for with annual flu injection.
We will be running Flu & Covid vaccine clinics on Monday to Thursday for the month of October.

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.

All the above Vaccine Clinics are by appointment only, please ring Julie on (064) 6645102

Local Adverts

For Sale

Whirlpool dishwasher and Creda Advance dryer. As new. Collection only. Please contact 087 2981204.

Accommodation Wanted

Having enjoyed many happy family holidays over the years with my parents who came from Sneem, I am looking for a post retirement adventure to spend three months living in this beautiful village. I am looking to rent a 2/3 bedroom house in or within walking distance to the village from April to June (3 months) in 2027. I can be flexible with the dates. If you can help with this request, please email me at marybrennan606@gmail.com.

Accommodation Wanted

Family of four (two adults, two children) looking for a 2–3 bed house or apartment in the village or within 5km of Sneem. Please phone Trisha, 086 3321224.

For Sale

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Community Bin Service

Blue rubbish bags €5 (household waste only);
Clear recyclable bags €3 (clear bags, recyclables only — no household waste).
Available from Mace, D J O'Sullivan's and Costcutter.

Drop off

Trailer at rear of the Stone House/start of Seaview.
Mon–Sat, 9 am–4.00 pm (except bank holidays).
No black bags in the trailer.

Local Information

Gardaí	064 6645111
Sneem Pharmacy	Monday –Saturday 9am–6pm · 064 6645289
Sneem Post Office	Monday –Friday 9am–5.30pm, Saturday 9am–1pm
St Michael's Parish Office	064 6645110 Presbytery, North Square. Tuesday and Friday 10am–4pm. Mobile 087 3480050
St Michael's Church Sneem	Mass every Sunday at 10am
Church of Ireland	Church closed for renovations, Sunday services in Kenmare and Waterville at 12 noon. Canon Michael Cavanagh, 085 8533173
Drummonds Undertakers	24-hour service · 087 7614713
SouthDoc (out of hours)	0818 355 999
AIB Community Bank	Wednesdays 10.30 - 11am, South Square
Mobile Library	Every second Tuesday, Next: 17th November.1st and 15thn December. School 1.20 - 1.45pm; North Square 2.30 - 3pm. .
Michael Healy-Rae Clinic 0872461678	Last Monday of month, Resource Centre, 5.30pm

Sneem Defibrillators

1. Charles de Gaulle, North Sq
2. Rowing Club
3. Post Office
4. Oysterbed Cross
5. Tahilla Church
6. Letterfinish Cross
7. GAA Club
8. Kelly's Cross



The Yellow Shed Sneem

As the vegetable corner is getting a bit calmer, the Christmas gift table is bursting of ideas.

The variety of natural, interesting and useful products is enormous and we are trying to give you a reasonable selection of what is available. My personal favourites are the UASHMAMA hand bags, laundry bags and storage bags with many uses and fabulous styles, looks like leather, but washable and hand made in Italy.

From Ireland we are offering note books 'Agus Arís' hand made by Sean from Badly Made Books in Westport. Silversmithed jewellery by Annah StClare and natural scented candles all made in Sneem for your gift ideas. Flourish Beauty Products from Castlegregory, UpCircle and Ben & Anna from a bit further away Europe.

... and there are always those 'out of the ordinary' toilet paper and cleaning product gifts, pancake mix, creamy Oatentik oatmilk powder, Clearly Mushroom Tea and Matcha powder

... and of course more vegetables ...

We love what we do and we hope you do, too
The Team

Sneem Events Calendar 2026/27

13th - 15th November - Sneem Storytelling Festival

December

Friday 4th December - Christmas Lights and Santa's Arrival
Sunday 6th December, 12 - 4pm - Sneem Resource Centre Christmas Market, Sneem Hotel
Sunday 13th December 4pm - Coomanassig Social Centre Christmas Party
Sunday 27th December - Sneem Rowing Club 5K Fun Run/Walk

2027

Tuesday 11th May - Confirmation 11am - Sneem Parish
Saturday 15th May - First Holy Communion 11am

Music in Sneem

Dan Murphy's Bar

Saturday 7th November - Declan Cole's Trad Band
Thursday 12th November - Wally and Co.
Saturday 14th November - Live Music
Thursday 19th November - Ger Shea

Riney's Bar

Check with bar

D O'Shea's Bar

Saturday 21st November - Trad Session at 9.30 pm

Blue Bull

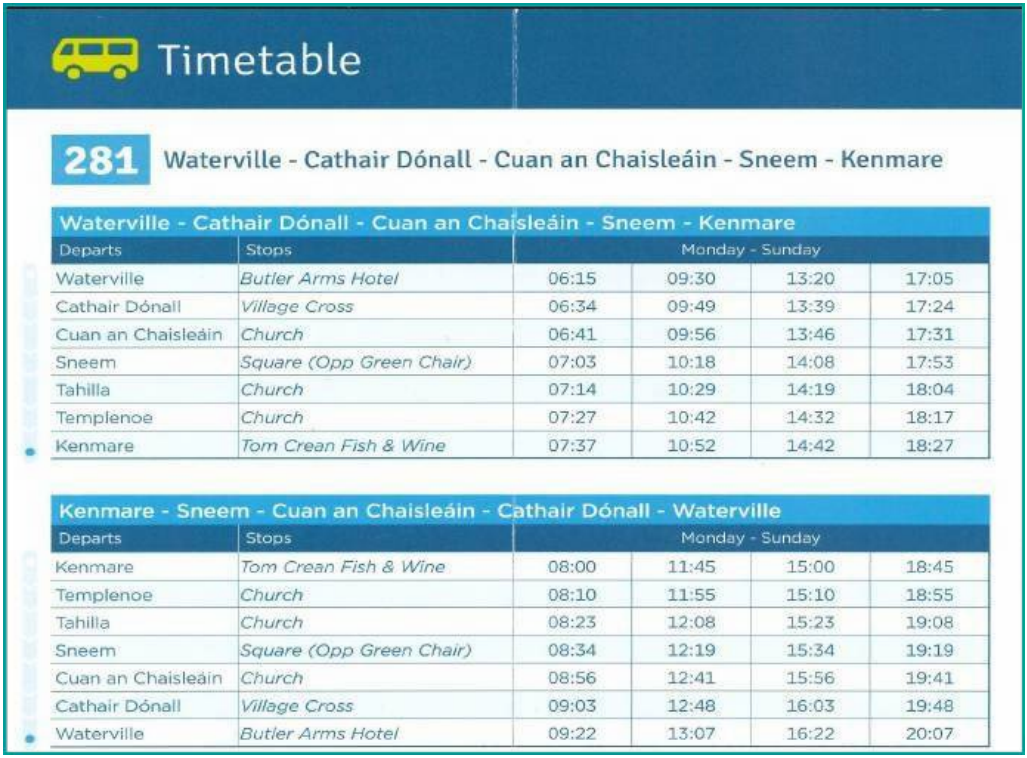
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Sneem Hotel

Phone Hotel 064 6675100

Bus Timetable - Route 281

Bus 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	*Butler Arms Hotel*	06:15	09:30	13:20	17:05
Cathair Dónall	*Village Cross*	06:34	09:49	13:39	17:24
Cuan an Chaisleáin	*Church*	06:41	09:56	13:46	17:31
Sneem	*Square (Opp Green Chair)*	07:03	10:18	14:08	17:53
Tahilla	*Church*	07:14	10:29	14:19	18:04
Templenoe	*Church*	07:27	10:42	14:32	18:17
Kenmare	*Tom Crean Fish & Wine*	07:37	10:52	14:42	18:27

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

Bus Services

Local Link
Sneem to Kenmare

Wednesday leaves Sat at 9.30am, leaves outside Quills, returns from Kenmare at 1.15pm.
Friday leaves at 9.50am, returns from Kenmare at 2pm. Leaves from outside Riney's Bar.

Sneem to Killarney

Every Saturday leaves outside Quills at 11.30am, return bus leaves Killarney 4.45pm at from Tesco (town) car park. Bus has wheelchair access - a lift for wheelchair users. Check out www.locallinkkerry.ie/sneem or call 066 7147002.

For any other routes or information, contact Teddy on 087 2315014.
Courier service also available.

Local Business Numbers

Álaind Walking Tours	**085 1422677**
Brushwood Studios Art Gallery	**089 4415553**
Burns Butchers	**086 2213772**
Breda Fitzgerald, Accountant	**064 6689115**
Bridge Café and Bistro	**064 6675858**
Christian's Mace / Taxi	**064 6645116**
Costcutter Shop & Off-licence	**087 7936177**
D O'Shea's Bar	**064 6645515**
Dan Murphy's Bar	**064 6689694**
Green Chair	**089 4616573**
Hilary's / DJ O'Sullivan's	**064 6645165**
Hungry Knight Chipper	**087 6775207**
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Peter O'Sullivan Butchers	**064 6645213**
Quills Woollen Shop	**064 6645277**
Riney's Bar & Off-licence	**064 6645225**
Ring of Kerry Tyres, Kenmare	**087 9041109**
Risen Light Garden / Yellow Shed	**083 0715870**
SCC Broadband	**066 9420011**
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Sneem Book Shop	**087 2563858**
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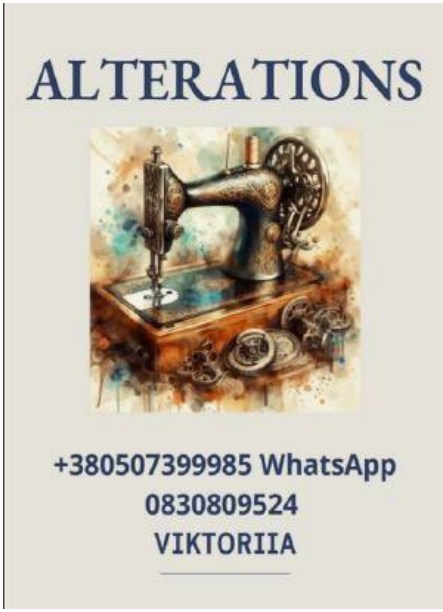
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13th to 15th November 2026
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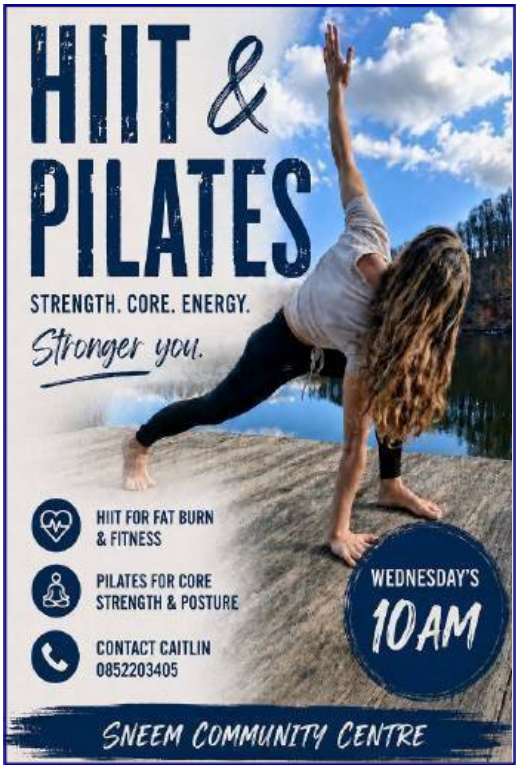
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South Square

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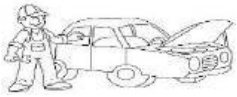
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If the jackpot is not won outright, the €15,000 will be divided up on the night, making it an exciting draw with plenty to play for.

Next Draws

Sunday 15th November - Dan Murphy's Bar
Sunday 22nd November - Blue Bull
Sunday 29th November - D O'Shea's Bar

10pm sharp

Tickets available in Pubs and Shops throughout the Village and on the Sneem GAA Club App

Sunday 11th October. Numbers drawn: 1, 4, 6, 9.
No Winner. €40 consolation; Mary O'Shea BAC; Jack Coughlan, Cathair Dónall; Joanne Dillon, Green House; Maurice Foley, Ard an Óir.

Sunday 18th October. Numbers drawn: 6, 10, 24, 28.
No Winner. €40 consolation: Jimmy O'Brien, 63 Seaview; Seán Murphy Ard an Óir; Marie O'Sullivan, Coad; Murphy's Corner Syndicate.

Sunday 25th October. Numbers drawn: 4, 6, 10, 30.
No Winner. €40 consolation; Clara Murphy, Moularostig; Eugene Maginnis, Tahilla; Michael O'Sullivan, O'Sullivan Butchers; Maurice Foley, Ard an Oir.

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