

## NEW CYCLE LANES

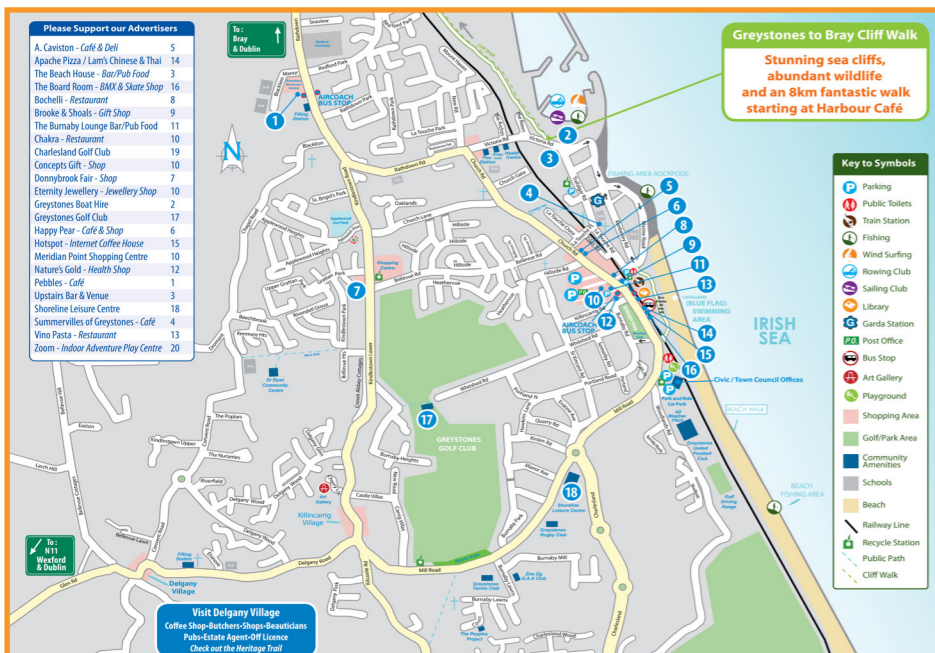
Cllrs. Kelleher and Hayden warmly welcome Wicklow County Councils plans for additional cycle lanes in Greystones. Work has already commenced on the R761 at Lower Kindlestown and will continue over the coming months. It is envisaged to connect the cycle lane at the lower end of Mill Road to Blacklion via the Seaford and the Harbour. It is also planned to connect the upper end of Mill Road to Blacklion via Crowe Abbey. These works, although disruptive in the short term, will be beneficial to all cyclists in our town.



Existing Cycle Lane  
Proposed Cycle Lane

## GREYSTONES TOWN MAP

We are pleased to report that the second edition of Greystones Town map is now a well established and much appreciated resource for visitors to our town. 40k printed earlier in the year are available at many locations. The Map was even mentioned by the Tidy Town judges as a positive development that they liked to see. Some weeks up to 400 maps have been distributed alone via the stand in Greystones Railway Station. The additional large external posters around the town are well used by many. We urge you to support the advertisers as without their support this map could not be maintained. Cllr. Hayden has very significantly contributed to this Town Map project & Cllr. Kelleher has been a great support, help and encouragement with distribution.



## LATOCHE HOTEL UPDATE

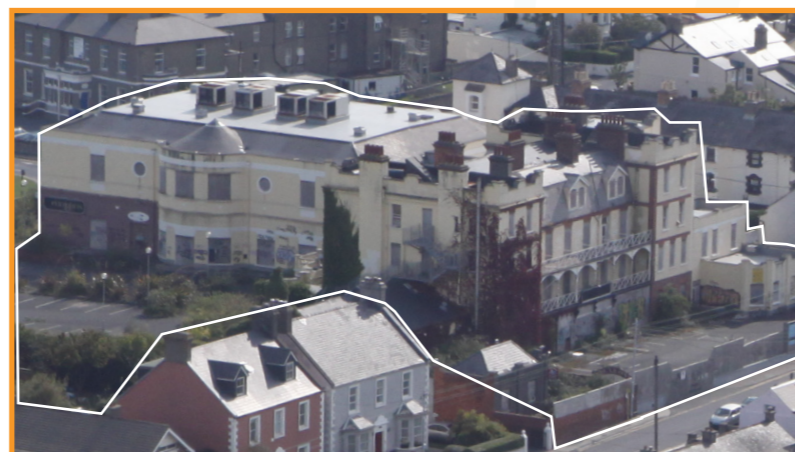
The latest update that Cllr. Kelleher and Cllr. Hayden have received from Anglo Irish Bank / NAMA who are managing the site is that: The remedial works have been identified, a firm has been engaged to carry out the necessary works and work on site is scheduled to commence imminently.

The works that are currently being undertaken are steps to properly secure the site and to ensure it is more aesthetically pleasing (as far as possible). These works include:

- Removal of all existing window hoardings and replacement with painted plywood with treated frames to create the effect of a window frame.
- Repair and repainting of all external balconies to front rear of original hotel structure. These structures must be made stable and safe.
- Removal of the external hoarding to the entire site and replacement with painted 2.4m high railings, except for around the residential dwellings which form part of this overall site.
- Painting of all external boundary walls.
- Removal of external signage, lights, hanging satellite dishes etc.
- Removal of all ivy and overgrowth from all buildings.
- Removal of all growth from all external gutters and internal valleys.
- Cutting back or removal of all shrubs, trees, planting from all gardens/ landscaped areas in the site.
- Make good copper roofs to external bays on the rear elevation.

The remedial works are intended to ensure it is not unsafe or unsightly for the locals of Greystones.

Your local Fianna Fáil councillors welcome these much needed improvements on this site.



La Touche Hotel site due to get much needed improvements

# Your Team in Greystones

# AUTUMN 2011 UPDATES

FIANNA Fáil  
AN PÁIRTÍ POBLACHTÁNACH



Cllr. Ciarán Hayden



Cllr. Kathleen Kelleher

Pen Space Has Now Been Allocated To Our Marine Clubs

## A Vision Realised

## New Harbour Open

Cllrs. Kathleen Kelleher and Ciarán Hayden have long been advocates of the new harbour in Greystones. This month their vision and foresight was realised when the southern section of the new harbour opened for the public and clubs alike. Both local Councillors have worked, lobbied and campaigned for such facilities since the early 1990s. Kathleen and Ciarán have sat on the Community Liaison Committee for Greystones Harbour since October 2007. They are both delighted with the recent works to open up our new Harbour.

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

Councillor Ciarán Hayden has recently written to the Minister for Environment, Mr. Phil Hogan TD, to ask him to use his powers to exempt all publicly funded schools in the state from local authority water charges. Nearly all state funded schools are now forced to 'pass on' this charge to parents at the start of each school year. This places a further burden on already hard pressed families that are trying to cope with huge back to school fees. The average cost of returning a single child to school in Ireland is now over €1,000 and this all has to be paid up front by September 1st.



*St. David's has to charge for water usage this year*

"I have two children in second level and one in primary level and I believe that forcing families to pay for flushing the toilets in school is a charge too far. The Government needs to look at all costs involved in sending children to school and that includes water charges. If schools are trying to preserve their water through Green Flag initiatives and rain water harvesting then Deputy Phil Hogan, as the Minister with responsibility for the Local Authorities, should recognise this and exempt them from the punitive local authority charge. The relevant authorities in the state must be seen to assist hard pressed parents in these difficult times," Ciarán commented.

Many schools are now charging parents for insurance, stationery, exam fees, lockers, materials for specialist subjects, homework journals, etc., and despite all this they still have to request a voluntary contribution in excess of €170 per child per year. St David's Secondary School, in Greystones, is forced to charge parents €6.50 per child for water per year. This year, more than any other, parents are also further frustrated by the fact that the Child Benefit Allowance was not paid until the 6th of September. Something has got to give in the huge expenses forced on parents every September and by exempting the schools of this charge the Minister would be sending a very positive message that his Government is determined to assist with school costs in these challenging economic times.

### Back to School costs include:

Books: €320  
(per each child in 1st and 5th Year students in secondary level)

Uniform: €200  
(per each child in St Kevin's NS and St David's Secondary)

Footwear: €90  
Voluntary Contribution to school: €170  
(St David's)

PE Gear: €70

Miscellaneous fees including water charge, insurance, journal, exam fees, etc.: €150

**These costs do not include extra tutorial, through the Logos scheme, or after school sports costs.**

## CLIFF WALK UPDATE

One of the world's most beautiful walks is located right on our doorstep. The Bray to Greystones Cliff Walk has just been improved with a new and safe route and with up-to-date signage. The walk is easy and safe with magnificent views. As a Member of the Cliff Walk Committee and a Director of Co. Wicklow Tourism, Cllr. Kelleher would like to encourage more local people to take advantage of the walk which is hugely popular with international visitors. You can take the bus or train to Bray and walk back. Or you could join the walk from the Cliff Road at Bray Head. Stop off for refreshments once you return to Greystones. Also remember to keep your litter with you, clean up after your dog, and give a big hello to those Cliff Walk visitors who have come to see our wonderful town.

**Coming soon: New bridge at the Redford River, repair of fencing, cutting back of hedges plus possibility of Brochure and Cliff Walk Community Day.**



## GARDA TEXT ALERTS

At the July meeting of the Greystones Town Council Joint Policing Committee, Cllr. Kathleen Kelleher once again introduced the concept of text alerts from An Garda Síochána as a means of reducing crime and keeping people immediately informed of what is happening in their area. She first requested text alerts when she was Chairman of the Co. Wicklow Joint Policing Committee. How would text alerts work? Cllr. Kelleher explains that people would sign up to receive text alerts from the Gardaí. The Gardaí would then send out instant information to those people. For example, if a robbery had just occurred, a description of the getaway car could be passed to the public straight away, instead of waiting a day or two which is what usually happens. People could be on the lookout for the car before too much time had elapsed after the crime. If a house burglary had taken place, residents could be notified and precautions taken. Rathdown Park Residents Association is already using text alerts to keep its Members informed. Text alerts are a quick and easy way of keeping in touch. Cllr. Kelleher says, "Good policing involves all of us. I am asking An Garda Síochána to help us to help them".

## DOG FOULING PROBLEMS

War has been declared on Dog Foul in Greystones. A new initiative by Cllr. Ciarán Hayden in conjunction with Greystones Tidy Towns will see more dedicated Dog Foul Bins provided and free pooper scoopers available in local outlets. The drive to rid the streets of Greystones of Dog Foul will help the local Tidy Towns achieve better marks in their annual National Competition. Cllr. Hayden introduced an annual Dog Awareness Day in 2010 and this coupled with the provision of new bins and pooper scoopers has seen a marked improvement in the cleanliness of our streets.

Ten new dedicated Dog Foul bins have now been installed, the latest at the notorious hotspot on the Southern end of the Cliff Walk beside the level crossing. Free Pooper Scoopers are available from the Town Council offices, the Library, the Lifeguard (Summer only), the Vet Clinics, Brady's Hardware and Blacklion Stores.

**Cllr. Hayden is asking the community to challenge dog owners who leave foul behind them and ask them to pick it up.** It is an offence to leave dog foul behind you and could incur a fine of up to €3,000 if found guilty in court.



*Cllr. Ciarán Hayden with members of Greystones Tidy Towns & local business Smoochable Pooches at the launch of their initiative to rid the Cliff Walk of dog foul*

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### Cllr. Kelleher is active on the following committees:

Deputy Mayor  
Greystones Town Council  
Joint Policing Committee  
Co. Wicklow VEC  
Cliff Walk Committee

Chairman Community  
Affairs Committee  
Harbour Liaison  
Co. Wicklow Tourism  
Heritage Forum  
Planning SPC

Greystones Cancer Support  
Emergency Flood  
Protection  
Siamsa Fhéile Pádraig  
Rathdown Park Residents  
Association



### Cllr. Hayden is active on the following committees:

Policing  
Association of Municipal  
Authorities of Ireland  
Tourism and Twinning

Greystones Town Map  
Motor Yacht Club  
Harbour Liaison  
Youth Sport and Culture

Cardiac Response  
Siamsa Fhéile Pádraig  
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