

### Dear Neighbour

Welcome to the latest edition of our Platin Local Community Newsletter. I am pleased to introduce myself as Platin's new Works Manager.

I began my career with Irish Cement in 1999 and during my previous role as the Works Engineer I was closely involved in all aspects of our Kiln 3 project. I am delighted to report that the Kiln 3 project is progressing well through its commissioning phase which is planned to run for the remainder of the year.

With the current construction downturn and reduced demand for cement, the new energy efficient and modern Kiln 3 plant puts Platin in a good position to operate competitively into the future. The plant, which is the most modern in Europe, uses up to date technologies to ensure an efficient cement manufacturing process.

In addition to energy efficiency improvements, Kiln 3 has also delivered reductions in greenhouse gases, particulate emissions and lowered our carbon footprint.

The next phase of our carbon footprint reduction plan, the substitution of some of our fossil fuel with alternative fuels, has now received planning permission and investment proposals are being developed.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,  
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Platin Works Manager  
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*Pat Creagh*  
Platin Works Manager



*Platin viewed from neighbouring farmland*

## Excellent Safety Performance in Platin

### Think Safety, Work Safely

We are delighted to announce that, arising from a number of safety initiatives, the team in Platin have secured a significant contribution to the **CRH Simon Safety Challenge**. This annual charitable donation by CRH is an initiative that directly benefits people experiencing homelessness in Ireland

by linking safety performance across all the CRH Irish sites to financial contributions to the Simon Communities. Platin remained accident free for the full 12 months of the assessment period ensuring that the maximum contribution was achieved by the team in Platin.



## Some photographs of our very successful Neighbour Day on November 8th 2008

We were delighted with the response to our Kiln 3 Neighbour day late last year. Over 100 of our neighbours and their families visited the plant and were taken on guided tours to see, at first hand, the scale of the operation here on site. Many of the visitors have lived close to the plant for years and never previously had the chance to see inside our gates. Our visitors were impressed with the new plant and the younger visitors were especially impressed by the loading shovels and dumper trucks used in the quarry. It was also a great day for our tour leaders who could proudly show off Europe's most modern cement production facility here in Platin. Due to the success of the day we plan to run a visitors day for Irish Cement pensioners, employees and their families during the summer period.



1) Peter Monahan from Irish Cement discusses the Kiln 3 project with a group of neighbours. 2) Leo Reilly Junior at the entrance to the new kiln. 3) Darragh Brodigan and Sarah Owens at the entrance to the new kiln. 4) Oliver Walsh, Margaret Smith, Ronan Breslin (Platin Works Production Manager), Jimmy Smith and Denis Walsh on the kiln platform. 5) Neighbours and Irish Cement guides in safety gear beside the kiln platform. 6) Cormack Brodigan in the control room with Irish Cement's Elaine Higgins.

All photographs were taken by Jimmy Weldon.