



Dear Neighbour,

Welcome to the first edition of the Local Community Newsletter. Last year was a very challenging year for all of us, and it is no different in the factory.

We have 103 full time staff on the team and we have made their health and safety and that of contractors a key priority. We have introduced additional measures in line with the latest public health guidance to protect and reduce the risk of infection with COVID-19. Production at the factory was impacted by closures of the construction sector and we await to see what the future holds.

As you may be aware our factory was granted planning permission by An Bord Pleanála in 2018 to commence a fossil fuel replacement programme. Following the online Oral Hearing last December, we are awaiting a final decision from the EPA before this vital project can commence. Further details will be provided in subsequent Newsletters.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

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GARRYOWEN BLUE MILE



**IRISH CEMENT
DONATED STONE FOR
THE NEWLY CREATED
PERIMETER WALK**

Taken from the website www.bluemile.ie the upgraded walk around the grounds of Garryowen is described as *"A secure, scenic woodland walk, incorporating a bio-diversity corridor, surrounding the perimeter of the Garryowen FC Grounds in Dooradoyle, Limerick."*

Irish Cement donated the stone for the newly created perimeter walk. All the work was done by members of the club and volunteers who together created a half-mile track around the perimeter of the Garryowen pitches. It has proven to be a great amenity for supporters and local residents this year when we were all asked to exercise close to home.

SAFETY MESSAGE - DANGERS OF SWIMMING IN QUARRIES AND PONDS



Every year, Water Safety Ireland issue warnings to the public about the dangers of swimming in lakes and quarries. Cold water shock and the risks associated with deep water are the main concerns. Their advice is to only swim in designated areas where lifeguards are on duty.

Bunlicky Pond is an especially dangerous place to swim, because it is man-made the sides can be very steep and unstable, and could collapse without warning. During warm weather it can be tempting to swim in the open water but please do not swim in Bunlicky. Swimming is not permitted in Bunlicky or any water body on the factory site.



103
FULL-TIME STAFF



€7,000
DONATED
TO MEN'S SHED



350
HECTARES IN MUNGRET
BIODIVERSITY SITE



BIODIVERSITY IN LIMERICK



The Irish Cement site in Mungret is approximately 350 hectares and in addition to the cement factory it contains a wide variety of habitats including the quarry with its rocks faces, managed grassland, scrub vegetation and Bunlicky pond. The lake is a man-made freshwater pond which was first excavated in 1938. Today it is surrounded by grassland and fringing reed swamp habitats on the east of the cement works. Regular biodiversity assessments are carried out on the site which detail the wide variety of wildlife and plant species on the site. Earlier this year Colm Enright, who is the Purchasing Manager, took this photograph of a Buzzard on site.



TEAM VISIT

The team from Ardfert Quarry enjoying a visit to the factory back in February 2020. Little did we know then that this would be one of last factory visits. Unfortunately, all of the planned school visits for 2020 had to be postponed. As 2021 progresses we hope to be able to resume factory visits later this year if public health advice allows.



IRISH CEMENT DONATE €7,000 TO DOORADOYLE RAHEEN MEN'S SHED



The public health guidelines and Covid 19 restrictions have caused significant disruption to activities at the Dooradoyle and Raheen Men's Shed located in Maypark on the Ballinacurra Road. Normally a busy location for their active members the shed has been eerily

quiet since the new centre including meeting rooms, a workshop and canteen was officially opened last September.

Like many organisations they have had to temporarily close their facilities to protect their members. However undaunted the committee set about a plan to develop a covered outdoor seating area where small numbers could meet in a comfortable socially distanced space.

Plans were developed and Irish Cement was pleased to be able to support this important local initiative.

Elaine O'Hehir, HR and Community Liaison Manager for Irish Cement recently visited the site and presented the cheque to Chairman Sean Dalton and Treasurer Jim Harrold.

In a note of thanks sent to Irish Cement, John Ryan Secretary of the Men's Shed said, *"The donation, at this particular time, is a strong signal to us that we can overcome the dreadful pandemic that almost overwhelmed the very people we are trying to help. The previous support of Irish Cement Ltd enabled us to establish the facilities we have, and it is very inspiring to us all to realise that Irish Cement Ltd continues to encourage the Irish Men's Shed development in Limerick."*

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