



## DEAR NEIGHBOUR,

Welcome to this edition of the Local Community Newsletter.

Covid continues to be a challenge for all of us at home and at work. We have maintained our Covid measures in the factory throughout 2021 and are now including regular antigen testing for employees on site. Keeping everyone safe is our number one priority.

You may be aware in May we were given a final license by the EPA to commence the fossil fuel replacement programme. This new license gives the factory the opportunity to break our dependence on imported fossil fuel and join all the other cement factories in Ireland by using alternative fuels. Further updates will be provided in subsequent Newsletters on this vital project.

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

Yours sincerely,

## Pat Robinson

Limerick Works Manager  
T 061 487200  
E [info@irishcement.ie](mailto:info@irishcement.ie)

## KINGFISHER AT BUNLICKY LAKE



This beautiful image of a Kingfisher was taken by wildlife photographer [Sheena Jolley at Bunlicky Lake this year](#). Sheena and a wildlife film maker Hugh Sweeney have been working on site this year to photograph and video the rich and varied biodiversity that exists on site. Their work is supporting a panel of expert biologists and ecologists, who since the winter of 2020 have been undertaking detailed biodiversity surveys and habitat mapping on the Irish Cement site in Limerick. They are documenting the rich variety of habitats, wildlife and plants living on site. Their work will continue for this winter and their findings and guidance will be used to help draft a Biodiversity Strategy for the site.



Whooper swans back in Ireland for the winter. The photograph shows one adult bird on the left (with the yellow bill) and three juvenile birds that hatched this summer in Iceland and have successfully migrated to Ireland to over-winter on our lakes and grassland. (Photo by [Hugh Sweeney](#)).



**7** SPECIES  
OF ORCHID  
ON SITE

  
**MOVEMBER®**

**€6,500  
RAISED**



**GOOD  
LUCK**

AS MEN'S SHED RESUME  
THEIR ACTIVITIES



## BIODIVERSITY IN LIMERICK

### BIODIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Mammal species on site
  - Otter, Badger, Pine Martin, Fox, Stoat, Irish Hare, 4 species of bats
- 7 species of orchid on site
- Peregrine falcons raised 3 chicks in quarry

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Over the past few months we have renovated the offices and meeting rooms in our central control room building. Looking to the future when covid is behind us we look forward to welcoming neighbours and visitors back to the cement factory to see the operation for themselves.



### MEN'S SHED ON TOUR!

In October it was really great to welcome a group from Dooradoyle Raheen Men's Shed to visit our cement factory in Limerick. It was their first outing in over 18 months and the first group visit we have hosted at the factory since Covid restrictions were put in place. They were impressed by the modern control room, the sheer scale of the factory and high temperature operation of our cement kiln.

We wish the Men's Shed good luck as they resume their activities and reopen their facilities to old and new members.



Irish Cement was proud to support the November 2021 Campaign. With men making up a higher proportion of our workforce we are keen to raise awareness of men's health and support our employees to seek medical assistance for any concerns they have. With matching funding from the company over €6500 was raised in Limerick by being active (moving) or growing a moustache during the month of November! Well done to all involved.



The men's health crisis is impacting men of all ages, across all industries.

**SIX YEARS**

Globaly, men die nearly 6 years earlier than women.

**1 IN 7**

Irish men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime.

**YOUNG MEN**

Testicular cancer is the most common cancer in young men.

**8 OUT OF 10**

Suicides in Ireland are men.

The good news is, your workplace has the power to help change this.