



DEAR NEIGHBOUR,

We successfully completed our safety overhaul earlier this spring. During those weeks we carry out detailed inspections and upgrades to many of the large industrial systems and pieces of equipment in the factory. It is a busy period and every year safety is our key concern. Thanks to great teamwork by our staff and the specialist contractors who come to site we had a safe overhaul this year, with our main overhaul due again later this year.

We started using solid recovered fuel (SRF) two years ago in May 2023 and we are steadily increasing the quantity we use to heat the cement kiln, allowing us to directly reduce our imports of fossil fuel. I am happy to report that the test burn programme for our second alternative fuel, Meat and Bonemeal (MBM) is going well. The MBM is a by-product of Ireland's meat industry. Using both of these fuels in our cement kiln is helping the factory to reduce its carbon footprint.

I hope you find this newsletter of interest; as you can see we have been busy with a variety of activities. We had a group of volunteers from the factory out supporting Team Limerick Clean-Up again this year. We have had over 250 school and college students, and their teachers and lecturers visit the factory already in 2025.

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

Yours sincerely,

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TEAM LIMERICK CLEAN-UP 2025



Great work by our enthusiastic team of volunteers who collected 51 bags of litter as part of this year's Team Limerick Clean-Up. The volunteers from our cement factory cleared the verges and hedgerows along sections of the N69, Barrack Road, Mungret Village and from Quinn's Cross Roundabout back to the factory.

Irish Cement have actively participated in the Annual Team Limerick Clean-Up initiative since 2017, which is now in its' 10th year. It is a fantastic local community initiative that encourages involvement from organisations, residents' associations, schools and local groups to get out on Good Friday and tidy up their local areas.

This year we asked photographer and videographer Hugh Sweeney, to follow the team and capture photos and videos of the work, and we are delighted to say that the short video was really well received on our social media channels.



SHINY NEW SHOVEL

The Volvo L180 Front End Loader landed at our Limerick Works, bringing power and efficiency to our operations. With new safety features and impressive capability, it's a strong addition to support our operations and drive continuous improvement.



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IN LIMERICK**



**CLEAN UP
TEAM
LIMERICK**



**MARIE
KEATING
FOUNDATION**

TINY FOREST 'THREE'

This marks our third year sponsoring a Tiny Forest in a local school in Limerick. This year, we supported a planting project in Laurel Hill Secondary School, where students could learn firsthand from Living Woodland founders Colm and John Galvin.

There was great excitement when the pupils were given their shovels and began the planting process. School principal James Collins joined us for this event.

Living Woodlands is a social enterprise founded by two brothers Colm and John Galvin with a simple goal: to create spaces where forests and communities' flourish. Tiny Forest bring the benefits of native woodlands into the heart of our cities and urban spaces: connecting people with nature, helping to mitigate the impacts of climate change, as well as increasing biodiversity and wildlife habitats. Living Woodlands specialises in creating Biodiversity Havens that use locally sourced native trees and the Miyawaki method, which promotes dense planting to restore ecosystems naturally.



SAND MARTINS BACK IN LIMERICK

It is wonderful to see the Sand Martins back in Limerick inspecting our nest wall. Hopefully we will have some more successful breeding pairs this summer. Photo by Hugh Sweeney.



SCHOOL TOUR - SCOIL AN SPIORAID

As part of Engineers Week, we were delighted to welcome 26 5th class students from Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh, Roxborough, Ballysheedy in Limerick along with their teacher Martha O'Regan. Martha and her class have visited the Works every year since 2016 and it's a fantastic way to showcase the exciting world of engineering to these young students. We look forward to welcoming the next class next year!



MARIE KEATING

We were delighted to host the Marie Keating Foundation for an important cancer awareness talk. There was a great turnout of staff and it was fantastic to see many employees engaging in this important topic. The Marie Keating mobile unit was on site, where Col Conway, the community nurse, provided one-to-one advice and support.

Irish Cement is delighted to be able to bring charities like Marie Keating to our sites to help provide information and awareness on health and wellness to our employees. It is vital to promote open and honest conversations in our workplace about health, wellness and the importance of seeking assistance.