PLATIN LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER 2026 (1)



DEAR NEIGHBOUR,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Platin Local Community Newsletter.

I took over as Platin Work Manager earlier this year. Having first joined Irish Cement in 2012 as a Mechanical Engineering Graduate I spent the first few years working in both our Limerick and Platin cement factories. I then had the opportunity to work in Ukraine in the CRH cement factory in Podilskyi. That was a fascinating experience, and it was great to work with our colleagues in Ukraine and learn about their culture. I returned to Platin in 2018 as the Maintenance Operations Manager and then took on the role of Engineering Manager until earlier this year.

I would like to thank David Chambers, my predecessor for his leadership in Platin and driving the culture of safety on the site and wish him well in his new role in CRH.

Safety is our number one priority in Platin and my team and I will continue to focus on safety in our daily operations in all parts of the factory for our own people, contractors and the many visitors we welcome to Platin. Well done to all for the excellent safety week events we held recently on site that really helped to drive the conversation on safety throughout the site.

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

Yours sincerely,

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PLATIN SAFETY WEEK



Irish Cement Platin Works recently held Safety Week, bringing colleagues and contractors together around the shared goal of looking out for one another every day.

Across the week, teams took part in practical sessions, demonstrations and open conversations to build awareness and confidence. Highlights included working at height awareness, with a talk from guest speaker, James (Jimmy) Gorry, fire safety training across the site and an interactive event at CityNorth Hotel delivered by Theatre at Work. Further sessions focused on conveyor belt safety, with the week closing in the Mechanical Workshop with a BBQ and prize giving – a great way to recognise the energy and commitment shown throughout the week.

Irish Cement would like to thank everyone who took part, with a huge thank you to Ann McEleavey and David Carroll from the Safety Department for bringing the week together so successfully.

ROOFTOP SOLAR IN PLATIN



Irish Cement Platin Works has successfully commissioned its new rooftop solar panels. The idea for the project came from the site itself and was delivered by the Platin Projects Team, and involved the installation of 1MW of solar arrays across two buildings on site. The power generated is used directly on site, feeding straight into our electricity supply. James Weir, Environmental Manager in Platin said, “Ireland’s solar output is highly seasonal due to longer daylight hours with around 70% of annual solar electricity generated from April to September. We are looking forward to seeing how well the panels perform over the summer. Secure, decarbonised renewable energy sources like these are vital for Platin and this project supports both our decarbonisation and competitiveness goals.”

It’s great to see a site-led idea move from concept to reality and we look forward to seeing more projects in this area as Platin continues to lead the way in the industry’s decarbonisation journey!

APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOL VISITS

Irish Cement Platin Works recently attended two local schools, St Oliver's and Scoil Uí Mhuirí in Dunleer to speak about apprenticeships and the various opportunities within Irish Cement.







James Devereaux, Mechanical Superintendent and Steven Coombes, Electrical Superintendent, spoke to both 5th and 6th year students about Irish Cement, what apprenticeships are and what being a mechanical and electrical apprentice looks like.

The students tried out our VR experience, which gave them a great insight into Platin Works and the apprenticeship opportunities within Irish Cement. Thanks to Steven Coombes, James Devereaux and Olivia Carroll for visiting the local schools.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS



Irish Cement celebrated Long Service Awards at Platin Works, recognising 46 colleagues for reaching 20 and 30 years with the business. Held at the CityNorth Hotel & Conference Centre, the event highlighted the remarkable experience, loyalty and commitment within the team.

Plant Manager Peter Murtagh highlighted the depth of experience across the team, with award recipients averaging over 26 years in the industry. Helen Bennett, HR Manager spoke on the importance of people in enabling the business to adapt and succeed over time.

PLATIN BIODIVERSITY

Irish Cement Platin Works is continuing its effort to promote sustainable activities and cultivate biodiversity on site. Pictured is an adult and juvenile Ringed Plover, these birds typically nest on stoney or shingle beaches around the Irish coast. However, we are delighted to have resident Ringed Plover nesting on the quarry floor each year. Our quarry team protect the nest sites with a ring of large rocks to reduce disturbance.



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