LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER 2026 (1)



DEAR NEIGHBOUR,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Local Community Newsletter.

Coming off the back of a busy year in 2025 activity at the factory is ramping up to meet deliveries of both our bagged and bulk cement as the construction season gets into full swing.

Our fossil fuel replacement programme has been a big success. Since we commenced in 2023, we have steadily reduced our fossil fuel imports. Using SRF and MBM, two fuels produced in Ireland, we are currently close to 30% fossil fuel replacement. To build on this success and achieve 50% fossil fuel replacement we are looking to increase the quantity of SRF we can use with a planning application to Limerick City and County Council. Getting this approval to allow further fossil fuel replacement will help us to reduce our CO_2 emissions. I will keep you updated on progress in future newsletters.

The volunteers of Limerick Suicide Watch literally provide a lifeline to individuals in the region who are experiencing distress. A team from Irish Cement were privileged to lend their support to Limerick Suicide Watch volunteers recently on a walk along the banks of the Shannon. A donation of €2,000 was also made on the day to Limerick Suicide Watch. Well done to all the staff in the factory for supporting this vital work.

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

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LIMERICK SUICIDE THREE BRIDGES WALK



Limerick Suicide Watch was established in 2016 with the goal of keeping eyes on the river to identify and provide support to individuals who may be in distress and contemplating suicide. Last month a group of staff from the cement factory participated in a Three Bridges Walk with volunteers from Limerick Suicide Watch. They followed one of the regular patrol routes, starting at St Michael's Boat Club, along Clancy Strand, past the Treaty Stone, Arthur's Quay and alongside the riverfront before finishing at the Limerick Suicide Watch base on Dominic Street.

On the day the large group walking in bright orange drew much attention and discussion from passersby. Raising awareness is a key focus of Limerick Suicide Watch and they regularly visit schools, colleges, places of work and local communities to provide support, promote positive mental health and encourage conversations around mental health and suicide. Ahead of the walk three of their volunteers visited the factory to provide a workshop on mental health and suicide awareness.

SAND MARTINS BACK FOR THE SUMMER

These annual visitors have returned for the summer having spent the last few months over-wintering in Africa. They nest in the quarry and in the two constructed nest walls on site. Photo by Hugh Sweeney.



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Irish Cement Limerick is proud to partner once again with the Living Woodlands Project. This year we sponsored the mini woodland in St Paul's National School in Dooradoyle. With the site assessed and the groundwork complete a total of 600 native Irish Trees were planted - including a mixture of alder, birch, oak, blackthorn and crab apple. The trees were planted quite close together which means that the woodland will establish itself quickly. We hope this new woodland will, in time, become a haven for wildlife, bringing many environmental, health and biodiversity benefits to the school community.

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. They are working to bring the benefits of native woodlands into the heart of our cities and urban spaces, connecting people with nature and increasing biodiversity and wildlife habitats.



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Teacher Martha O'Regan and 31 first class students visited the factory, marking their 13th consecutive year joining us for this annual tour.

Our tour guides: Lewis McDonald, Fionn McEvoy and Alicia Garcia-Pintos brought the group through the quarry and plant, explaining how we make cement. The students particularly enjoyed seeing the quarry vehicles up close, always a highlight of the visit.

A big thank you to everyone involved in organising the visit in Limerick Works.



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE STUDENTS ON SITE

We were delighted to welcome a group of 4th Year BSc. Environmental Science Students from the University of Limerick. The visit, organised by Associate Professor Yvonne Ryan-Fogarty, forms part of the students course module on Industrial Ecology for the Circular Economy. The students had a tour of the factory including a trip up the pre-heater tower to see the views of the Shannon, the quarry and Limerick City to the East.

Students asked questions and discussed alternative fuels, decarbonisation strategies, product lifecycle engineering, licensing, monitoring and what the future may bring. They got to see examples of symbiosis, material circularity and explore the opportunities and challenges that these present.



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