

# Schull

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# newsletter

## Witch's Hunt – Hallowe'en 2016

Another phenomenal Hallowe'en weekend in Schull! We must salute everyone who made this village such an amazing place to be.

Thanks to the S&DCC for the **Halloween Ball**, the decorations were eerie but very stylish! Thanks to everyone who made such a great effort dressing up and supporting the fundraiser and to the generous people who contributed prizes.

Thanks to Sally Smart and her team for creating such a **stunning spectacle** on Hallowe'en night ~ we commend your creative zeal and enthusiasm! Thanks to those that donned hi vis vests and kept the traffic safely moving! Thanks to all the businesses that held special events from pumpkin carving to story telling and stayed open late handing out treats, which all added to the atmosphere.

Thanks to all who created scary vignettes and tableaux for us to enjoy. Thanks to the pubs that had music and open mic sessions that kept the party rocking 'til late. And finally thank you to everyone, old and young, who dressed up and came out to join the fun!

We are already looking forward to next year!

## Highways & Byways

Schull & District Community Council would like to thank most sincerely the **McSweeney family** (Main Street Schull) for their generous donation to the community council. S&DCC have erected a seat situated just below the children's playground. It has been inscribed with **Suigh síos agus lig do sciíth**. (Translated it means 'Sit down & take your ease') in memory of their parents Tadgh & Mary, RIP.

S&DCC would also like to thank 4 men who have tirelessly given of their time for the community ~ **Aldo, Jack, Pierce & Thomas** ~

Work on the **loop walks** around Schull will continue with new signage and mapping will be installed. This is a vital tourist attraction, almost a third of enquiries in the Tourist Office are about walks. Take advantage of any good weather and experience them yourself.

Are you horrified by the rubbish you see? Here is a suggestion, no matter where you are, in the village, out walking, on the beach, up on the hills, when you see some litter just pick **one** piece up and bring it home. If everyone did this, the place would be spotless ~ let's keep it clean ~ #schullglorious

## News...

At the recent AGM of the **Schull & District Community Council** a new committee was duly elected into place. We are delighted to report that the committee members who have so diligently worked for the benefit of the community have all agreed to stay in place for another year. On behalf of everyone in Schull and the surroundings, we salute them and thank them for their dedication.

The **2017 Council** is:

Tom McCarthy – Chairman & Walks development Rep

Paul Phillips – Vice Chairman

Vincent Ahern – Vice Chairman

Susan Shields – Secretary & Schull Regatta Rep

Bridie D'Alton – Treasurer & Schull Business & Tourism Association Rep

Linda Morgan – Assistant Treasurer & Schull Twinning Rep

Gene Griffin – PR

Pauline Cotter – Fastnet Film Festival Rep & PR

Anne Murphy – Kayaking Festival Rep

Julia Zagar – Newsletter & social media

James Campion – Defib Group Rep

Simon Nelson – Schull Harbour Development Rep

Denis Minihane – Website

Jenny Pyburn – Schull Tidy Towns Rep

Joanne Bennett – Community liaison

Noreen Levis – advisor/support

John Walsh (new member)

**2016** has been a busy year and much has been achieved, the major work listed here (there are countless other items that have occupied them) has been augmented with some financial support for local activities and events.

- Monthly newsletter published and local Facebook page maintained
- Halloween Ball organized and Street entertainment supported
- Defib Group – retraining and strengthening of group
- SVP food collection at Christmas
- CC TV – project was completed and handed over to the Garda
- PPN – First of the network meetings took place (namely Joint Policing)
- St Patrick's Day – parade successfully organized
- BlueWay Kayaking Festival – though it didn't take place a huge amount of work was done.
- April's Spring Clean – the village was spruced up in time for the summer
- Fastnet Trails expansion – walks identified, funding sourced for signage
- Butter Road – improvements and maintenance
- Fastnet Film Festival – pre-festival clean up

## News continued.....

- Calves Week – marshaling and supervision for nightly prize giving, early morning clean-ups
- Applications for funding of Harbour Development.
- Intensive canvassing of Ministers, TD's, Public Representatives and local government agencies about the lack of economic investment in local 'spade ready' projects such as the Community Amenity building, harbour development and others.

### Ongoing projects and concerns for 2017

- Traffic and Parking
- Playground maintenance
- Litter and rubbish
- Derelict buildings on the Main Street.
- Graveyard memorial wall
- Community Garden
- Safe pathway up to N.S. Scoil Mhuire (suitable ramps in church grounds)
- 'Where are they now'? Survey through SCC of past students (TY project)
- Completion and expansion of Schull walks

As you can see, our community council does work very hard. If you have any concerns or would like to contact the S&DCC the email is [schulldistrictcc@gmail.com](mailto:schulldistrictcc@gmail.com).

We are lucky enough to have a new charity shop in the village, one that is fundraising for a cause that has touched many lives here in West Cork. Some people say Brú is an acronym for "Bro" as in brother and while this is one explanation we prefer the following description; *In ancient time a "Brú" was a "hostel" or "lodging place" that was usually the responsibility of the clan chieftain to pay for, to host guests and travellers.* This is exactly what the **Brú Columbanus** situated in Wilton, Cork does. It provides hostel accommodation for relatives of people from all over Munster who have a loved one seriously ill in any of the Cork hospitals and Marymount Hospice. It also facilitates new parents of babies who are being cared for in intensive care in CUMH. Accommodation is provided free on a referral basis for as long as is necessary. It has 26 beautiful en suite bedrooms, laundry rooms, together with amazing kitchen facilities which means that families can be totally self-sufficient in times of great difficulty and stress. The local Committee who run the shop is so grateful for the tremendous support given since the shop opened. There is a team of 19 volunteers who give freely of their time to staff the shop and keep it looking tip top 6 days a week. They welcome donations of unwanted goods (in good condition please) from clothes, household goods to toys and more.

All of us hope we will never have the need to use this facility but if we do it is good to know it is there like a security blanket. Check out their facebook page ([facebook/BruColumbanusSchull](https://www.facebook.com/BruColumbanusSchull)) for more information.

## Sports and more.....

It is not really new news but we must acknowledge the superb work of the management, players and supporters of the **Gabriel Rangers** Junior A team. The work, both on the field, and subsequent public appearances have been a credit to you all. Thank you for giving us all such excitement and inspiration. May it all continue! Gabriels Abú

The **Schull Bridge Club** has started its new season. The club welcomes new comers and visitors that might like a game. They meet weekly on Thursdays 8pm in the Church of Ireland hall on Pier Road. For more information contact Martin Anderson 028 28292. Martin is also available for lessons.

It is not generally known that Schull has a **Squash Club**. A small but keen group of players use the court in the Community College. An annual membership fee of €40 entitles you to limitless play. If you are interested, contact Martin Anderson for details 028 28292.

Congratulations and thanks to all whom contributed to the very successful Bake Sale in aid of the Holy Trinity Roof Fund. Almost €700 was raised for this worthy cause.

Congratulations to Schull Drama Group on the success of their production "Looking for a Mate" on the competition circuit. Best Play, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director are some of the awards won by the cast and crew! The play was written and directed by Sally Smart. Good Luck on your next performances!

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