

GETTING TO KNOW OUR LOCAL CROSSHAVEN PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES

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Dear Readers,

I’m delighted to have an opportunity to submit to the Crosshaven Village News Sheet.

For those who might not know of me, my name is Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan, I am an Independent councillor representing the Carrigaline Municipal District. I was first elected in 2019, and re-elected in 2024. I am the current Chairman of the Carrigaline Municipal District.

I assist many people within the Crosshaven and surrounding areas on many personal matters including; Older Peoples grants, Fuel Allowance and Living Alone Allowance applications, Housing representations and Planning Permission.

I currently serve as the Chairman of the Cork County Tourism SPC and am delighted to see the positive progress being made in Fort Meagher. The fort is truly the jewel in the crown of Cork Harbour. I look forward to seeing this further developed in the years to come.

I am continuously advocating for more grant support to our local community and voluntary groups - all of which are doing positive work in the locality. The Carrigaline Municipal District allocates funding to many of these groups annually under the ‘Community Grant Scheme’. The scheme is run every year and makes a positive impact in the community. I commend the good work of the local community, sporting and voluntary groups in Crosshaven and surrounds.

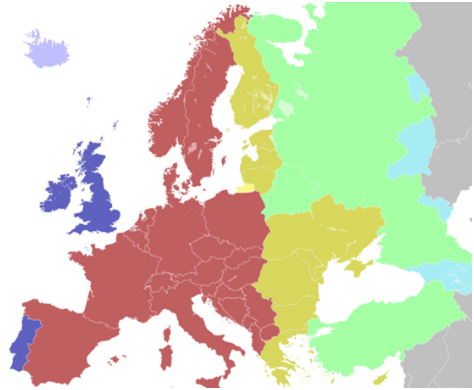
Following the lifting of Covid restrictions, I began organising bus outings for older people within the community. We are delighted to have people from Crosshaven, the bays and surrounds joining us on these outings - Annual social day trips include; Knock Shrine, Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Festival, The Gleneagle etc. If you would like to join one of these day trips, you are more than welcome to get in touch.

If I can ever be of assistance to you or your family in my role as a local councillor, feel free to get in touch with me.

Ireland is unique in the European Union when it comes to changing our clocks.

All countries have a "STANDARD TIME" with countries grouped into time zones. Each time zone is identified by the number of hours it is in advance of or after the time at the reference prime meridian, Greenwich in London. Greenwich Mean Time or GMT. Officially known as UTC Coordinated Universal Time.

UTC is the primary time standard globally used to regulate clocks and time. UTC establishes a reference for the current time around the globe, forming the basis for civil time and time zones.



UTC facilitates international communication, navigation, scientific research, and commerce. Thus the standard time in Britain is GMT (UTC). In France, Germany, Spain etc it is Central European Time or CET which is one hour ahead of UTC (UTC+1). Portugal on the other hand use UTC. All of these countries will revert to their standard time zone by putting their clocks back by one hour on the last Sunday in October 2025. All of these countries having put their clocks forward by one hour on the last Sunday in March 2025. As a matter of interest, on Monday the 1st of May 1916 Germany became the first country in the world to adopt Summer Time (Daylight Saving Time).

Ireland on the other hand use Irish Standard Time (UTC+1) as the official time zone. The Standard Time Act Number 23 of 1968 legally established that *"the time for general purposes in the State (to be known as standard time) shall be one hour in advance of Greenwich mean time throughout the year"*. This act was amended by the Standard Time (Amendment) Act Number 17 of 1971, which legally established Greenwich Mean Time as a winter time period.

Ireland therefore operates one hour behind its statutory standard time during the winter period, and reverts to Irish Standard Time (IST) in the summer months.

In essence in summer Ireland is on Irish Standard Time IST while the rest of Europe add one hour to each of their national standard times. In winter Ireland takes one hour off Irish Standard Time while the rest of Europe return to their national standard time zones, GMT, CET, etc. By doing this the net effect is that time in Ireland is the same as that in Portugal and Britain all year around.

Even though we have the same time in Crosshaven (8.3° west) as in London (0°, the prime meridian at Greenwich) it takes a further 33+ minutes of earth's rotation before the sun is due south of Crosshaven. For every degree of longitude it takes 4 minutes of rotation of the earth for the sun to be due south. Our sunrise and sunset in Crosshaven are therefore a half hour after sunrise and sunset in London – 8.3 degrees west at 4 minutes per degree of earth rotation.

Spain is in the wrong time zone due to historical reasons and political decisions. During World War 2, Spain's dictator, Francisco Franco, aligned the country's time with that of Nazi Germany by moving the clock one hour forward. This decision was made to show support for Germany and maintain a closer alignment with their allies. Since then, Spain has remained in the Central European Time zone (CET), even though its geographical location places it in the Irish/Western European Time zone. During German occupation in the second world war France also moved to CET having previously been in the same time zone as Ireland. Portugal on the other hand is in the correct zone for the countries geographical position and uses the same time as Ireland.



Scouting in the Community

The Chief Scout Award

Elliot, a member of 1st Cork Crosshaven Sea Scouts, has been working on his Chief Scout Award and as part of this, has replaced the 'bridge' in Cruachan Woods, Knocknagore.

Elliot and his dog Ivy, love to walk in these woods and it was on one of these walks that Elliot noticed a need for the bridge to be replaced, as it was unsafe.

It had been there for years with many locals and visitors using it to traverse the little stream that flows through there.

In the theme of sustainability, which is so important to the Cubs, Elliot looked for local resources that could be used.

In the recent storm Eowyn, a tree fell in the Cruachan and this is tree that was used as the main part of the bridge.



Here we discuss the project with Elliot.

Crosshaven: Tell us about the Chief Scout Award?

Elliot: The Chief Scout Award is the highest award that a Cub can earn.

Crosshaven: What was the toughest part of the project?

Elliot: The toughest part of the project was coming up with an effective design plan. My favourite parts are using the axe and blowtorch - always under supervision by Dad!

Crosshaven: What materials/tools did you use for the project?

Elliot: It is important to preserve the tree and this involved a lot of work. Firstly, all the bark had to be peeled off the tree. Then we charred the outside of the wood with a special blowtorch - this helps to preserve the material. Finally, the wood is coated in engine oil - all part of the preservation! A local Mill owner kindly made planks to go across the stream. A neighbour gave us some spare chicken wire which we used to make the non-slip surface.

Crosshaven: Have you had much response from the community?

Elliot: Lots of walkers have been inquiring about what we were working on in the woods - hopefully the bridge will work well and save lots of people from jumping over the stream!

Crosshaven: What are the best things that you do in 1st Cork Crosshaven Scouts.

Elliot: I love being in Cubs - my favourite activities are hiking and camping.

Visit the Crosshaven Scouts web page HERE: <https://crosshaven.net/1ccss.html>

TIDE TABLES FOR CORK HARBOUR – COBH

Information from the British Admiralty website.

<https://easytide.admiralty.co.uk/?PortID=0750>

DAY	DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Monday	07 April 2025	01:40 / 3.1m	08:28 / 1.2m	14:26 / 3.0m	21:08 / 1.2m
Tuesday	08 April 2025	03:08 / 3.2m	09:53 / 1.0m	15:39 / 3.2m	22:20 / 0.9m
Wednesday	09 April 2025	04:09 / 3.5m	10:49 / 0.8m	16:33 / 3.5m	23:10 / 0.7m
Thursday	10 April 2025	04:56 / 3.7m	11:33 / 0.6m	17:16 / 3.7m	23:50 / 0.5m
Friday	11 April 2025	05:35 / 3.8m	Tide Previous Day		12:10 / 0.5m
Saturday	12 April 2025	06:10 / 3.9m	00:24 / 0.5m	18:27 / 3.9m	12:41 / 0.5m
Sunday	13 April 2025	06:42 / 3.9m	00:51 / 0.5m	18:56 / 3.9m	13:18 / 0.5m
Monday	14 April 2025	07:11 / 3.9m	01:55 / 0.5m	19:23 / 3.9m	13:32 / 0.6m
Tuesday	15 April 2025	07:37 / 3.8m	01:39 / 0.6m	19:51 / 3.8m	13:57 / 0.7m
Wednesday	16 April 2025	08:04 / 3.8m	02:07 / 0.7m	20:20 / 3.8m	14:25 / 0.8m
Thursday	17 April 2025	08:33 / 3.7m	02:38 / 0.8m	20:54 / 3.7m	14:57 / 0.9m
Friday	18 April 2025	09:08 / 3.6m	03:14 / 0.9m	21:31 / 3.6m	15:33 / 1.0m
Saturday	19 April 2025	09:49 / 3.4m	03:56 / 1.1m	22:17 / 3.4m	16:18 / 1.2m
Sunday	20 April 2025	10:41 / 3.3m	04:49 / 1.3m	23:15 / 3.3m	17:17 / 1.3m

Phases of the Moon:

First Quarter 05 April @ 03h15 / Full Moon 13 April @ 01h20 / Last Quarter 21 April @ 02h36 / New Moon 27 April @ 20h30

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