

Offaly Bike Week 2016

Bike Week 2016 took place from Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th June with cycling events all over the country, organised by local authorities, community groups, charities and cycling groups.

Events delivered in conjunction with national and local clubs / organisations, and schools as part of Offaly Bike Week 2016 included:-

Birr lunchtime cycle supported by Offaly Sports Partnership and Wolftrap Cycling Club on Wednesday, 15th June. Approximately 75 primary school pupils, teachers and Wolftrap Cycling Club members, as well as An Garda Síochána and An Taisce participated in the event.



From: Niall Crofton [principal@stbrendansps.i
Sent: 15 June 2016 22:36
To: Olivia Murphy
Subject: RE: Lunchtime cycle

Hi Olivia,
Thanks again for a lovely lunchtime cycle in Birr. Lots of organisation and preparation. Our boys loved it and will benefit greatly from the experience!
Kind regards,
Niall Crofton, (Principal), St. Brendans PS, Moorpark st., Birr, Co.Offaly



Cycle to school in Scoil Eoin Pól (Tullamore) and Coolderry national schools on 14th and 15th June respectively. Approximately 150 primary school pupils participated in the event.



Tandem cycling for people with visual impairments (supported by National Council for the Blind in Ireland (NCBI), Wolftrap Cycling Club, Tullamore Cycling and Touring Club, and Lough Boora Parklands) on Wednesday, 15th June. Approximately 15 people participated in the event including people with visual impairments and volunteer pilots from Wolftrap Cycling Club and Tullamore Cycling and Touring Club

Birr Bike Week supported by Wolftrap Cycling Club
Couch to 60km (Aimed at adults wishing to begin or return to cycling; and kicking off a six week Couch to 60k training programme culminating in the Billy Butler Cycle on Sunday, 24th July) on Tuesday, 14th and Thursday, 16th June.

Daingean Bike Week supported by Grand Canal Wheelers

Cycle leadership training for adults, and cycle sessions for 5th and 6th class primary school pupils in advance of Kidz cycle (10+ years) due to take place on Saturday, 18th June.

11 adults availed of cycle leadership training; and five of these newly qualified leaders assisted in the delivery of the Kidz cycle on Saturday, 18th June. In total, approximately 15 people participated in the Kidz cycle.



Edenderry Bike Week supported by Team 905
Novices cycle for adults on Wednesday, 15th June. 22 cyclists took part in the event, six of whom were novice cyclists.

15 Jun (13 days ago) / Feedback from Kevin Curran:

Dear Brendan, I was welcomed by all and taken care of by Nicky for a great 40k spin to Rhode Cloghan Daingean and back to Edenderry. Much appreciated and pass my sincere thanks to Nicky. As well as the cycle good chat had as well, and no rain. I'd be interested for Sunday, most likely meet ye at the Carbury roundabout. Thanks again.

Ferbane Bike Week supported by Lynx Cycling Club

- Novices cycle for adults and teenagers (15km) Monday, 13th June. Six people participated in the novices' cycle
- B group leisure cycle for adults (45km) on Tuesday, 13th June. 12 adults participated in the leisure cycle.
- Leisure cycle for adults (35km) on Wednesday, 15th June. 12 adults participated in the leisure spin which took in Pullough, Boora, Lumcloon and Ferbane.
- Kidz Skillz on Wednesday 15th. Almost 45 children participated in this Kidz Skillz event.
- Novices cycle for adults (17.5km) on Thursday, 16th June. 10 adults participated in the novices' cycle.
- Kidz Skillz on Friday 17th June. Almost 35 children participated in this Kidz Skillz event
- Kidz cycle and Adult Spin on Saturday, 18th June. 20 children participated in the Kidz Cycle in the morning; while eight adults took part in the Adult Spin that afternoon.
- A (100km +) and B group (70km +) spins on Sunday, 19th June. 14 people participated in a combined group spin of 95km.



Sessions are continuing apace for the summer.

Tullamore Bike Week supported by Tullamore Cycling & Touring Club

- Beginners cycles – 35 people participated in the beginners cycles, with two visually impaired cyclists joining their pilots on tandem bicycles
- 10 mile time trial on Wednesday, 15th June. 35 people participated in the time trial
- Vets meet and spin in preparation for the Vets National Championships due to take place in Tullamore later in the year
- Cycle to school / work on Friday, 17th June. The majority of the 140 club members cycled to work or school.

Offaly Sports Partnership also ran two Facebook competitions (limited responses received) as part of Bike Week 2016: -

1. Like our article on “Family Opportunities for Cycling in and around Offaly” on Facebook/OffalySportsPartnership to win one of four ½ day family bike hires in Lough Boora Parklands
2. Share your 90 second video of #WhyILoveMyBikeOffaly to win a ½ day bike hire for you and three friends in Bike Park Ireland. Entrants must be over 8 years of age