

Offaly Bike Week 2017

Introduction

Offaly Sports Partnership on behalf of Offaly County Council delivered a range of activities funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in support of Bike Week 2017 held during the week of the 10th to 18th June 2017.

Activities delivered included: -

Lough Boora Discovery Park school cycle days

Supported by Offaly Sports Partnership's cycle forum, these cycle days were held on the 13th and 15th June 2017.

Three schools – Mount Bolus, Gortnamona and St Kieran's Broughall – and 75 pupils / teachers participated across the two days



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, 14th June.

18 people participated in the event including people with visual impairments and volunteer pilots from Wolftrap Cycling Club and Tullamore Cycling and Touring Club; and this event kicked off a series of six tandem cycling days across the summer months

Birr lunchtime cycle Supported by Offaly Sports Partnership's cycle forum, An Garda Síochana and Wolftrap Cycling Club, the Birr lunchtime cycle took place on Wednesday, 14th June.

Three schools – St Brendan's Boys NS, Mercy NS, and Oxmanstown NS - and 75 pupils / teachers participated in the event.



Birr Bike Week supported by Wolftrap Cycling Club. Among the events delivered was Couch to 60km (aimed at adults wishing to begin or return to cycling; and kicking off a six-week Couch to 60k training programme) on Tuesday, 13th and Thursday, 15th June. Eight participants regularly took part in the programme which ran for five weeks; and a number of lapsed cyclists rejoined the club thereafter.

Ferbane Bike Week supported by Lynx Cycling Club. Among the events delivered were: -

- Meet & Spins – 82 adults participated in the meet & spins across five different days
- Kidz skillz – 40 children and young people participated in the kidz skillz sessions across two different days
- Family cycle

Bike Week saw five new members join the club, and 11 old faces renew their membership with the club

Tullamore Bike Week supported by Tullamore Cycling & Touring Club. Among the events delivered were: -

- Jim's 50k challenge launched with the commencement of a couch to 50k training programme
- Tandem cycling for the visually impaired
- Time trials

Offaly Sports Partnership also ran a social media campaign on Facebook/OffalySportsPartnership highlighting family cycling opportunities in Offaly and its surrounds