A new community channel — bringing local news to local people
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THE CASTLEWARREN NEWS



Welcome to our First Edition

The Castlewarren News is a new, regular communications channel for everyone in our community. It will share local news, celebrate the people and groups who make Castlewarren special, explain community projects clearly, and provide useful dates and updates. This is a resource for all ages, all interests and every part of the community and contributions are warmly invited.

Rural Life: Why Local Events Matter

In a rural community, an event is rarely "just an event". A sports day, sale, choir practice or coffee morning creates reasons to meet, welcomes newcomers, gives young people visible roles and helps neighbours stay connected. These gatherings also support volunteering and local fundraising. As many of you are aware , the planned community facility would provide a year-round base for that work, complementing existing parish and outdoor spaces.

Our Village Story

Castlewarren—Caisleán an Bhairínigh—is a small village with a strong sense of place. At its heart stands St Scuithin's Church, built around 1830 on a cruciform plan. Its scale and craftsmanship reflect both the faith and determination of the local Catholic community in the years around Emancipation. The church, graveyard and village setting remain an important part of Castlewarren's shared heritage.

Two Teams, One Community

Some of Castlewarren's young people are showing that community life does not fit into just one box. The same girls who pull on their boots and helmets for camogie in Clara are also lending their voices to the new children's choir in Castlewarren.

On the pitch, they learn teamwork, courage and commitment; in the choir, they develop confidence, listening and the joy of creating something beautiful together.
Both activities give them a place to belong and both are strengthened by the volunteers, families and neighbours who support them.

New Children's Choir: Founded in October 2025, the choir is open to primary school children in the parish, and new voices are always welcome. Whether children have sung before or simply enjoy singing, this is an opportunity to take part in parish life and build friendships through music. Find out more https://www.stscuithinschildrenschoir.com/
Girls' Camogie: The girls continue to bring energy and pride to the area. Watch this space for fixtures, training news and player stories in future editions.

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Planning Updates

Our commitment: We will listen, provide regular updates and keep the conversation open. Questions about the project can be submitted for a future "Your Questions Answered" feature.

Planning application

Is currently recorded by Kilkenny County Council as being at the Further Information stage. We will use each edition of the Castlewarren News to provide straightforward updates
as the process progresses, based on the published planning record.

Parking and access

We recognise that some parishioners have concerns about how the proposal may affect parking near St Scuithin's Church. Those concerns deserve to be heard and answered with care. The submitted proposal includes car parking and access arrangements, and the project team will continue to engage respectfully, share accurate information and explain any updated plans.



Building Castlewarren's Next Chapter

In speaking about all things new, the proposed new community hub facility is about creating a welcoming, practical home for village life: a place where children can play and learn, clubs can meet, older neighbours can connect, local groups can rehearse and organise, and everyone can enjoy activities close to home.
The plans submitted to Kilkenny County Council include a multi-purpose sports and activity hall, meeting rooms, a café with indoor and outdoor seating, toilets, storage, a site entrance and car parking

Castlewarren Spotlight

Each month, we will meet a person living in Castlewarren.

First Edition Interview: (Name / Role)

What do you value most about Castlewarren? (Response)
What local change would make the biggest difference? (Response)
What is one thing people may not know about your work or group? (Response)
How can neighbours get involved? (Response)
We are looking forward to publishing your story.

Autumn in Castlewarren

Sunday 25th October
Clocks go back one hour.A good time to check smoke alarm batteries at home

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Where is the Project at now ?

Kilkenny County Council has requested further information on the planning application. This is part of the planning process .The Castlewarren GLG Community Group is working through the Council's requests:

Parking & access: number, layout, accessibility, entrances
Road safety: visibility, pedestrian access, vehicle movements
Landscaping & appearance: how it fits the surroundings
Drainage & wastewater: additional information requested and site arrangements – land and carpark

Craft in Castlewarren

Local mothers regularly team up to organise children's activities designed to spark creativity and community spirit with everything from outdoor insect hunts to keyring making and creating thoughtful handmade cards for hospital patients and staff.
The children themselves created a big community project : a colourful mural to brighten up the outside of St. Luke's children's department.
Castlewarren Craft Group had their first exhibition on sustainable textiles earlier this month. Colourful batiks, feltings and woven items were displayed alongside clothing and household items created with fabric and wool remnants.
The craft sessions have covered everything from making custom silver pendants and creating art with clay, to mastering wood-burning details in pyrography.
There is also a newly formed painting group every second Tuesday evening.

Castlewarren Craft Exhibition in the Mayfair Library Kilkenny



Castlewarren Children's Craft Display ay the Sportsfield Cabin



Next Issue November 2026

We will continue to provide a community update each month, with the latest on the Community Hub alongside local news and events.

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Castlewarren Airbnbs

Castlewarren Airbnbs: Visitors are discovering the peace, heritage and warm welcome of Castlewarren and the surrounding countryside.

Whether they come for a family occasion, a local event, a walking break or a quiet escape, a comfortable place to stay helps them enjoy all our area has to offer. Local Airbnb and holiday-let hosts are invited to feature their accommodation in the Castlewarren Column.

Send a short description, location, contact details and booking link, and help us show visitors and returning friends and family that there is room for them right here in the village. Please send your local Airbnb listings to be included in the next edition.

HEALTH

Minutes Matter , How a Defibrillator Can Save a Life

When someone suffers sudden cardiac arrest, every minute counts especially in rural areas, where an ambulance may take longer to arrive.
A defibrillator is designed for anyone to use : it gives clear spoken instructions and only delivers a shock if one is needed.

Used with CPR, it gives the best possible chance of survival.
If someone collapses: call 112 or 999, start CPR and send someone for the nearest defibrillator.

Our local defibrillator is located at: the side access to St.Scuithin's Church.

Details of local CPR training will follow in a future edition.

A recent Castlewarren Sports Field Day

That brought neighbours of all ages together. The proposed facility would build on this community spirit by providing high-quality spaces for sport, recreation, meetings, music and year-round local activity.



Services Offered/Required

Rural communities have always relied on local know-how and neighbours helping one another. Whether you need someone to cut hedges, mind children, give grinds, walk a dog, help with IT, or do a small repair or you have skills and time to offer this space connects local needs with local people.

Supporting local services keeps money and opportunities in the community and helps local businesses and young people grow.

Services offered: (Service / Area covered / Contact)
Services required: (Service needed /Timing / Contact)

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Dates for The Diary

Please send us your forthcoming events , currently Castlewarren is preparing for :

MONSTER SALE OF WORK : Sunday, 15 November 2026 | 2.00 p.m. Castlewarren Hall
CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE CHURCH : Thursday, 10 December 2026 | St Scuithin's Church
Save the date for a seasonal community gathering featuring the new children's choir. Time and full programme to follow.

For Sale

One person's clear out can be another person's treasure.

Buying and selling locally keeps good items in use, saves money, reduces waste and supports neighbours.

Whether it is furniture, children's equipment, tools, sports gear, garden items, books or home-made produce, this is the place to let the community know.

To list an item, send a short description, price and contact details.

Please keep descriptions brief and accurate.
Items for sale: (Item / Price /Contact)

Services Required

Creative Web Designer

Proud of Castlewarren?
Help us show it.
We're looking for a local designer to give our
community logo a fresh new look –
created by one of our own, for all of us.

What We Need

A new logo
that captures
Castlewarren's community
spirit. A simple,mobile
friendly website.

Interested?

If you're local, creative and keen to give something back, send examples of your work and a quote to :

news@castlwarren.ie marked "Web Design Response".

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Castlewarren , Never Out of Touch

Wherever life has taken you, Boston or Brisbane, London or Toronto, Castlewarren is still home.

Miles may separate us, but you are always one of our own.

Stay connected with news from home, weddings and christenings, birthdays and anniversaries, match results, milestones, photographs and memories.

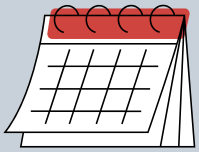
We will also remember those we lose, so no one far away feels left behind.

Planning a trip home?
Coming home? Find Mass times, local events, places to stay and useful contacts, and be assured of a warm Castlewarren welcome.

We want to hear from you too.
Share your news, family celebrations and old photographs.

Email news@castlewarren.ie

Stay part of home.
No matter how far you travel, you are never far from home.



Save the Date

30th October 2026 Halloween Children's activities

28th November 2026 Christmas Event

First Saturday turns Three

Saturday 3rd October 2026 marked the third anniversary of First Saturday in Castlewarren.
The First Saturday is a Marian devotion that offers a time of reflection, peace and quiet amid a busy world—a chance to pause, pray and step away from the pace of everyday life. Over the last three years, Castlewarren has welcomed these devotions and it has become a valued part of the local calendar, its success shows what is possible when people give their time and encouragement. Everyone is welcome, and home-made cake and sandwiches are available afterwards.



Talking of cake we would love to have your recipes ! please share and we will feature one a month!

You can follow First Saturday Castlewarren on Instagram: instagram.com/fscastlewarren

Your Column , Your Community

Have an event, a notice or a story for the next issue? Want to volunteer, help with fundraising or share your views on the Community Hub? We would love to hear from you.

Contact: **news@castlewarren.com**

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Children's Corner

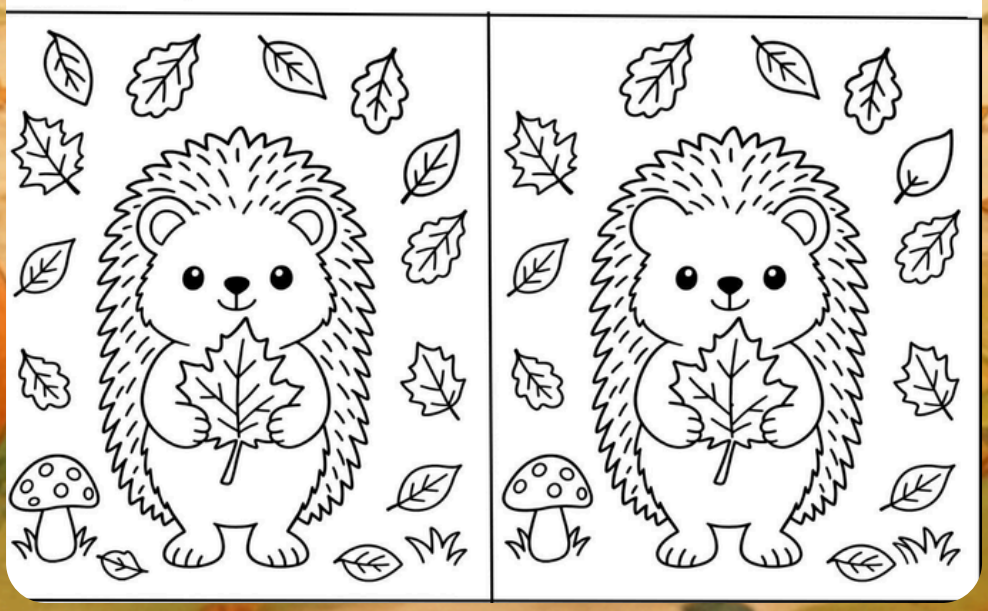
AUTUMN WORD SEARCH

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Autumn
Acorn
Frost
Harvest
Jumper
Leaves
Maple
Misty
Orange
Pumpkin
Castlewarren
Squirrel

Spot 7 differences!



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