



# The Malahide Guardian

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## MALAHIDE SHUTTLE - LICENCE REFUSED

*The launch of the proposed Malahide shuttle has been blocked. The Department of Transport has refused a licence claiming that it had reviewed the level of existing bus services on the route and had found no evidence that they were inadequate.*

*This finding is totally at variance with the extensive evidence provided to the Department by the Shuttle Project Group. The decision has been appealed.*

The Malahide Shuttle was not designed to compete with Dublin Bus, but to serve a market which is not now being served. The provision of a shuttle was supported by 85% of respondents in the residents' survey in 2008.

The essential requirement for any shuttle service is that it should be **frequent, reliable and always on time**. It is proposed that the **Malahide Shuttle will run Monday to Friday from 6.30 am to 6.45 pm**. The route will cover the Coast Road from Robswall, the village centre and station, Yellow Walls Road to Seabury. The return route is via Estuary Road, Swords Road, Millview Road and through the village to Robswall. The shuttle will run at 15 minute intervals during peak commuting hours and at hourly intervals during the rest of the day. The fare will be €1 per journey and the service is to be operated by Malahide Coaches.

Existing Dublin Bus services are 'through-services' and most of them come from some distance away so they are unpredictable in time. Thus the vast majority of Dublin Bus services in the area fail the basic test of reliability which is essential for commuters.

**As confirmation of the irrelevance of Dublin Bus current services to local commuters, we reported the results of a survey of rail commuters at Malahide Station. Only 7% of rail commuters who are Malahide residents had arrived at the station by bus, while 45% had arrived by car.**

The Shuttle Project Group has appealed the refusal of the licence and is optimistic that it will be approved before too long, though obviously there will be a delay.

*If you are a Malahide resident and find that existing bus services to and from the village are not adequate because they cannot be relied on to arrive at a specific time, you can indicate your support of our appeal for a bus licence, via the Malahide Shuttle website*

*[www.malahideshuttle.ie](http://www.malahideshuttle.ie)  
by clicking on the "Support Appeal" page.*

*Or you can write directly to:  
Ms Anne Mitchell, Bus Route Regulations Section,  
Department of Transport, Kildare Street, Dublin 2  
or email [annemitchell@transport.ie](mailto:annemitchell@transport.ie) with a state-  
ment along the same lines.*



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## Malahide seeks top award in Tidy Towns contest

**A major, community-wide Tidy Towns campaign has been launched in Malahide. Its aim is to ensure that Malahide wins the overall national award in 2010, exactly twenty years after our victory in 1990.**

Malahide Chamber of Commerce and the Malahide Community Forum have come together to form a new independent Tidy Towns Group and Committee which was formally ratified at a well-attended meeting in The Grand Hotel on 29 April.

**The new committee will involve and work with all existing Malahide organisations including, clubs, schools, churches, residents' associations, the Gardaí and businesses. Fingal County Council and Fingal Tourism will also be actively involved in promoting 'Pride of Place' in the area while organising participation in the National Competition.**

An Evaluation Report for the area by a Tourism and Heritage Consultant was commissioned early in the year. It has pointed out very clearly and in great detail what needs to be done to put Malahide in a top ranking position. The report will provide an agenda for action for the organising committee.

A new website [www.malahidetidytowns.com](http://www.malahidetidytowns.com) has been activated by the Malahide Tidy Towns Committee.

### WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

1. Organise a clean-up in your local area or street.
2. Offer your organisational skills or talents (for example painting, doing minor repairs, suggesting new ideas).
3. Become a Malahide Tidy Towns Volunteer.
4. Hang floral baskets; put out floral window boxes; plant seasonal flowers or perennials.
5. Pick up litter wherever you see it.
6. Offer to donate money, materials, time and ideas.

#### Remember

**Everybody in Malahide can become a Malahide Tidy Towns Volunteer.**

To become a Volunteer see:

[www.malahidetidytowns.com](http://www.malahidetidytowns.com)

**For further information contact any member of the Malahide Tidy Towns Committee:**

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Vice Chairman - Eric Crampton - 086 8255179

Hon. Treasurer - Peter Farrell - 086 8199229

Hon. Secretary - Heidi Bedell - 087 2301894

Committee Members - Hazel Bolton, David Greene, Sandra Harney, James McFadden, Paul McGing, Austin Cox, Ken O'Connor and Susan Kelly.

### Youth cafe

A nationwide survey of teenagers found that without exception, in all parts of the country, they wanted a safe, affordable place such as a Youth Cafe to get together with their friends. While our youth in Malahide are spoilt when it comes to sporting facilities, in discussion they felt that they were less well-catered for socially than other parts of Fingal.

**With this in mind, the Forum is looking for premises in the village that would be suitable for a Youth Cafe which would be run on a voluntary basis, even one night a week. Please contact Margaret Cure at [curegmw@indigo.ie](mailto:curegmw@indigo.ie)**

### Non-Sporting Facilities for Young People

A Foroige-led youth club for 13-15 yr olds will take place every Thursday from 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. in St. Oliver Plunkett's national school. Places are limited and will be available on a first-come first-served basis. So, come along to have fun, make friends and develop new skills within this national voluntary youth organisation. For further information, please contact: Bryan Gavin, Foroige Youth Officer on 086 8519639.

### Theft of keys and tags

**There are continuing reports of the theft of car and house keys from homes. The culprits put rods through letterboxes and hook keys left on hall tables. The solution? Never leave keys where they can be seen from outside the house.**

There are also reports of the theft of bin tags which are being taken from bins left on pavements overnight. Apparently there is a second-hand market for bin tags, even those with names and addresses written on them. The solution? Do not leave bins with tags on the road during the night.

### How to contact Malahide Community Forum

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