

LEADER BRIEFS

Licensed firearm taken during raid on house

Gardaí are investigating a burglary in the Broadford area which took place on Wednesday, January 27.

A bedroom window was forced in the property between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

A number of items were taken and it is understood a licensed firearm was missing from the house afterwards.

The occupier of the property had left for a short period when the crime took place.

A Garda statement said: "An Garda Síochána responded to reports of an alleged burglary at a



Gardaí said a number of items were taken

domestic premises in Broadford on the afternoon of January 27.

"A sum of cash and a number of items were taken from the premises during the incident.

"It's understood that the house was unoccupied at the time and no injuries were reported.

"Investigations are ongoing."

TV appeal on home raid in Newbridge

Aggravated burglary: Elderly man hit in chest with stick

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More details have emerged of an aggravated burglary in Newbridge on New Year's Eve as gardai renewed their appeal for information.

The crime that took place at a house in Páirc Mhuire between 5.15pm and 5.30pm on December 31 was the subject of a nationwide public appeal on RTE's Crimecall.

Gardaí said that one of the occupants of the house — a

man in his early 90s — was threatened by a masked man and hit in his chest with a baton.

The occupant was forced to give the raider money from his pocket while other intruders ransacked the home.

A Garda statement said: "On the date in question at approximately 5.15pm to 5.30pm, an elderly couple were in their sitting room when the doorbell rang.

"The owner of the house

opened the door and noticed a male not known to him, standing at the front door, dressed in dark clothing and wearing what appeared to be a hat and mask.

"This male pushed past the injured party and went into the sitting room where the second injured party was.

"Approximately four other males then entered the house through the front door, into the hallway and upstairs in the house.

"The first suspect had

what is described as a dark-coloured baton.

"The injured party was threatened and hit him in the chest with the baton by the suspect who demanded all the money in the house.

The injured party gave him what was in his pocket. All the other suspects upstairs then came running down the stairs and left through the front door."

Gardaí in Newbridge are investigating and can be contacted at 045 440 180.

Plans for works on protected bridge in Monasterevin

Plans have been revealed to restore the 19th century bridge in the middle of Monasterevin.

The Council wants to carry out remediation works on the protected structure located within the River Barrow and River Nore Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

The early 19th Century bridge structure is on the R445 route on the western side of the town.

Works will require removal of defective parts of the bridge such as dismantling displaced masonry.

The designs include removing nearby vegetation and embedded roots.

Electric charging bays on way

Works are due to start soon on installing six high-powered electric charging bays at the Mayfield Interchange Services Area off the M7 near Monasterevin.

The existing car parking area will be revised to accommodate the project.

Fencing, signage and lights are also included in the designs.

The project is being promoted by ESB International and has a construction cost of €50,000.

Permission was granted by Kildare Co Council in October for the 24 square metre development.

Trying to enter premises

A man found trying to enter a closed premises in Naas town centre was arrested by gardai.

The incident happened at Poplar Square on January 18 shortly before 3pm.

The 42 year old, who has an address in Sallins, was detained on an allegation of being intoxicated in a public place.

He was detained at Naas garda station.

Kildare peatland project gets €35k grant

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A project to convert a Kildare bog into a peatland habitat centre has been boosted with a €35,000 grant.

The Community Foundation for Ireland with support from the National Park and Wildlife Service is backing projects which involve communities in protecting biodiversity.

Irish Peatland Conservation Council in Kildare has been awarded €35,028 for the development of the Lodge Bog into



Denise Charlton of The Community Foundation for Ireland

Ireland's first peatland habitat best practice model for research, restoration and education resource.

Works include the installation of a new 38m

raised bog bridge and seating, monitoring of flora and fauna, including the Large Heath Butterfly and Curlew.

Commenting on the grants, Denise Charlton,

Chief Executive of The Community Foundation for Ireland said: "Climate action only works if it is connected to and relevant to local communities. We are delighted to partner with Government to support eight biodiversity projects nationally, many of which have a direct impact for Co Kildare. We recognise the uniqueness of the county in protecting peatlands and as the home of rare birds and butterflies and are delighted to be able to provide funding to support native species as well as the improvements to Lodge Bog."

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**Celbridge to Hazelhatch Link Road
Public Consultation on Route Options**

Kildare County Council wishes to invite feedback from members of the public on the Route Corridor Options for the Celbridge to Hazelhatch Link Road.

Following Government Covid-19 restrictions, all public consultation will be managed online or by submissions in writing to the postal address provided below. Submissions are invited from **midday Friday, 12 February 2021** on Kildare County Council's Public Consultation Portal.

The consultation portal will contain links to project information and maps of the Route Corridor Options and is available at:
<https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/celbridge-hazelhatch-link-road-public-consultation-scheme-options>

Submissions may be made through the following on or before **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, 11 March 2021**:

Online: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/celbridge-hazelhatch-link-road-public-consultation-scheme-options>

Post: Senior Executive Officer, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department at the address below.

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