

47-acre farm sells at auction in Maynooth

By Lisa Deeney

THE autumn auction season kicked off in style on Thursday last in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, when local auctioneers Sherry FitzGerald O'Flaherty held a Hybrid Public Auction of a 47-acre farm at Ballycannon, Kildare.

Before a packed auction room and live online via the LSL platform, the property was initially offered in two separate lots: Lot 1: Residence and Yard on approx. 34.6 acres, attracted just one bid of €800,000, on the market.

While Lot 2, an adjacent field approx. 12.5 acres, attracted significant bidding after being opened at €150,000 and eventually bid to €240,000.

At this stage the auctioneer Eamon O'Flaherty offered the entire farm Lot 3; the residence and yard on approx. 47 acres. With two bidders this lot opened at €1,050,000 and in increments of €10,000 it was bid to €1,150,000. At this stage proceedings were adjourned momentarily for the auctioneers to consult with the vendor and it was decided to place the property on the market.

There were no bids and the gavel fell at €1,150,000

in favour of David Powderly Solicitor, Kildare, who is understood to be acting on a behalf of local business man with farming interests.

The farm pretty much comprises of approx. 47-acre residential farm, less than 5 kms from Kildare and the M4 motorway (Junction 8)

Expertly farmed and maintained to the highest standards over the years and in the same family ownership since the 1960s. The lands are in two principal divisions with nearly 1 km of road frontage.

The land is currently under high quality permanent pasture and tillage but would be suitable for any agricultural purpose including equine.

The farmyard consists of an extensive range of agricultural related buildings including; cubicle sheds, loose cattle sheds, three bay hayshed with lean-to, machinery, storage sheds, silage pit, cattle pen and handling facilities etc.

Three continents

According to auctioneer Eamon O'Flaherty of Sherry FitzGerald Brady O'Flaherty: "This farm certainly attracted significant interest both locally and beyond, with an online audience on the day from three continents, this is however unsurprising given the superb location of the farm the quality of the ground on offer and the way it was expertly farmed over the years."

"Whilst there was a good level of interest in the farm from the agricultural sector, in the end the main interest came from the non-farming sector. Which is certainly is unsurprising given the increased level of enquiries we are getting for farms from this sector nowadays," he added.

"I am delighted to achieve such a strong price on the day for my clients, and I wish the new owners all the best with this superb farm."

Taoiseach to celebrate Maynooth University's 25th anniversary

By Lisa Deeney

THE Taoiseach Micheál Martin will visit Maynooth University campus this Thursday, 1st September to join Maynooth University President, Professor Beva Leinonen, past college presidents, academic staff, students and external partners to celebrate the University's 25th anniversary as an independent institution.

The Taoiseach will also officially open the new 10,500 square metre Technology Society Innovation building, which will house living labs and break out rooms for interactive research, three large theatres of 500, 300 and 250-seat capacity, and research spaces for students, academics and innovators with industry partners.

It also features a spacious outdoor plaza for gatherings, cultural activities, events and performances.

Kildare Garda Youth Awards

By Lisa Deeney

THE deadline date for nominations for the Annual Kildare Garda Youth Awards is Wednesday (31st August). The awards will return to the county next month for the first time since 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event provides an opportunity to recognise the achievements of young people and groups in communities across the county, whether that be in delivering positive social impacts or in overcoming challenge and adversity in their own lives and families.

In addition to the awards for each of the three Garda Districts in the county, recognition will also be given through Special Achievement, Community Safety and Group Awards. Individuals and groups from across the county are encouraged to take this opportunity to highlight and recognise the many positive contributions that young persons or groups have made in your communities.

Nominations is the 31st of August 2022 and that nominations can be submitted quickly and easily via an online link available at the Kildare Garda Division Facebook page or through your local Community Garda.

Kilcock locals called to attend biodiversity training

By Melissa Cooke

BIODIVERSITY is at the heart of a new project for people in Kilcock. Kildare County Council recently announced that the town was selected by the training to help shape change in our community.

"Kilcock Tidy Towns begs all of Kilcock to get involved."

"We cannot do it without you."

The training takes place online, and the aim of it is to introduce biodiversity, why it's important, and explore practical biodiversity actions that will enhance the community for people and nature.


The outcome of the training programme will be a five-year Biodiversity Action Plan for the community.

The training will be delivered by Dr Mary O'Connor (ecologist), Dr Fiona MacGowan (ecologist) and Green Pine Consultants (landscape architect).

Training Session Three is on Thursday, 29th September from 7pm to 9pm.

Training Session Two is on Saturday, 17th September from 2pm to 5pm.

To register for the training, enter your name and email address into the following Google Form <https://forms.gle/D6HM56J5xWoygWP8> and find the link at www.kilcocktidytowns.com



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Kildare County Council

PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, Kildare County Council hereby gives notice of its intention of:

- The Glebe, Straffan, Road Number L-5049, (Out-Bound)
- The Glebe, Straffan, Road Number L-5049, (In-Bound)

Drawings showing the proposed works will be available for inspection at the following locations from Wednesday, 31 August 2022 to Friday, 30 September 2022.

- The Consultation website of Kildare County Council at: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-traffic-calming-measures-section-38-road-traffic-act-1994-glebe-straffan-road-number-l-5049>

• The offices of Kildare County Council, Level 4, at the address below, Monday – Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., BY APPOINTMENT.

Appointments must be made in advance at: <http://kildare.ie/countryside/OnlineBookingsystem>

Submissions or observations relating to the above mentioned proposed works can be made online at: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-traffic-calming-measures-section-38-road-traffic-act-1994-glebe-straffan-road-number-l-5049>

OR in writing to the A/Senior Executive Officer, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department, Kildare County Council, at the address below on or before 12 noon on Friday, 14 October 2022.

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. in hard copy or online.

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