Overview of Green Flag Award Scheme Milestones and Media Articles: Ireland 2014 – 2019.

2014

- **The Green Flag Award is established within Ireland by An Taisce Environmental Education, in partnership with Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, and the OPW.**



Dr Michael John O'Mahony and Councillor Ciaran Cuffe launch An Taisce's new Green Flag Award for Parks. Saturday the 4th of October 2014. — at Wood Quay Venue.

The Green Flag Award Scheme was launched by Dr Michael John O'Mahony at the 2014 Dublin City Environmental Focus Group Seminar. This was held on Saturday the 4th of October in the Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. Attendance was very good on a sunny October day.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/An-Taisce-Green-Communities-133325730075465/photos/?tab=album&album_id=727991937275505&__xts__%5B0%5D=68.ARB05gNzHT-c4ORtMOQ3cgMwzE0_XznBL0xQOxwgZx9tkT5xYlvs2S9vgy-DJeSeCvxOcIY6Bhq_JwNqVf08E0X5hjpIGxSwPcgfV_vp-eiC6zvOoX27B3JJ1DbxjCQFvU8OyL5-avJcwuO06zz8Gmq_d9dF08LKMP9HIGENkLAMsCQip85dnYiHTNdn2FZicRPKvbCStol8_gQxmjHD75qUHHlWbY-Awy_Ag9goICNn0Fc8jWfPuyQUk1vPm5c0v_F2xfrvmrM0YY6EKu_Oud8eql-Zy1NzIVVpSluUyypy3UiAcVoGIahizs4Fndes9BoLXLwGr48P0akyVFjGHJ9WyuxGSRkBQ72ox5tpb2lg1mxm3v9TnNQG0MvUQaHBH2wx2ixPePyD1eSCCllioTybME7H5gbarbFJ47vAk6qmtCfrKEN7om503Ooxso6FnME2NdBAMTGc_Gju5Rs&__tn__=-UC-R

2015

- **the successful pilot introduction of the Green Flag Award Scheme culminated in 6 Irish Parks receiving Green Flag for Park Awards in July 2015.**



The scheme is introduced into Ireland by An Taisce Environmental Education, working closely with Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, and the Office of Public Works.
The pilot introduction in 2015 was a great success with all six applicant sites that participated in the pilot qualifying for the first Green Flag Awards to be delivered within the Republic of Ireland.

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 23rd July 2015*: Dublin's Top Parks Receive International Awards at Antrim Castle.***

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 24th July 2015*: Dublin's Top Parks Receive International Awards at Antrim Castle after Successful Pilot***

https://www.hortitrends.com/landscape-news/17798-record-number-of-parks-achieve-the-green-flag-award?fbclid=IwAR3y1OCH8a8o0BmWJ2ONRgKhicMPaGz-6Y_oqSW5U8MOnMseg8cnmBDqpsA

https://www.growtrade.ie/six-irish-parks-receive-green-flag-awards/?fbclid=IwAR258MvHK78YC2MdxwjvxgoAKwKU0-3bT6-sQe89zmyGiJLlOblzO2eoU5Y#ixzz3i8qgHTwL

https://www.opw.ie/en/pressreleases/articleheading,34815,en.html?fbclid=IwAR2qFI2nhRq3eJ3Iq9dvlH1qg4BwrDiZ6rA2nxaQi98VqW9cqC53yY1uriw

http://www.dublincity.ie/dublin-receives-prestigious-green-flag-parks-0?fbclid=IwAR2K8ob31XAP2SlKHjRso79OCd3RP24KHpgMOcVQEGTFd_78KwJtr9_oDUY

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 2nd October 2015:** ***A ceremony was held today in Malahide Demesne for the raising of the Green Flag, which was one of 2 prestigious Green Flags awarded to Fingal County Council parks.***

http://www.greenflagaward.org/news/republic-of-ireland-sites-are-delighted-to-be-raising-the-flag/

https://www.independent.ie/regionals/fingalindependent/news/malahide-castle-and-gardens-win-pioneering-green-flag-31423433.html

http://www.northcountyleader.ie/2015/10/06/green-flag-raised-in-malahide/

http://www.pjp.ie/news/detail/green-park-flag/

2016

- **Green Flag Award Scheme Expanded Nationwide.**
- **First Irish Green Flag Award Ceremony held at Phoenix Park Visitor Centre.**
- **Award Ceremony Opened by The Minister of State for the OPW and Flood Relief - Sean Canney.**



An Taisce 2016 Green Flag Award for Parks ceremony, Minister of State for the OPW and Flood Relief,Sean Canney TD; and Michael John O Mahony,Director of An Taisce Environmental Education in the Phoenix Park Victorian Walled Garden. 21st of July 2016.

4th of February 2016: An Taisce Green Flag Award Scheme meeting with Failte Ireland.

15th of April 2016: Green Flag Award Heritage Training at Antrim Castle gardens with Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful and KBT.

18th -21st of April 2016: Green Flag Award for Parks Training events x 2. An Taisce Environmental Education Office Swift's Alley.

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 21st of July 2016:** ***Record Number of Irish Parks Achieve the Green Flag Award***

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 22nd of July 2016:** ***Record Number of Irish Parks Achieve the Green Flag Award***

2016 was the first year that this international award was introduced to the Republic of Ireland, and the country now boasts 22 parks and green spaces flying the flag for the prestigious Green Flag Award! The Minister of State for the OPW and Flood Relief - Sean Canney, was in attendance to open the award ceremony, and to support how the important role played by the OPW and local authorities alike has been recognised by today's award ceremony.

https://www.rte.ie/news/2016/0721/803931-green-flags/

https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/news/haunted-castle-ground-in-north-dublin-among-22-spectacular-parks-given-green-flag-status-34901878.html

http://www.dublinpeople.com/news/northsidewest/articles/2016/07/26/4123843-green-flag-award-for-military-cemetery/?fbclid=IwAR1sJGXsep_OhK2t4aAJOlqFhfuNNLaDV159dlmzgfBh_ohHLYegnmdESqE

https://www.offalyexpress.ie/news/home/211767/lloyd-town-park-tullamore-awarded-prestigious-green-flag-award.html

http://www.advertiser.ie/mayo/article/93593/turlough-park-attains-green-flag-status

A few press cuttings from the local papers in Dublin, covering the Green Flag Award for Parks, back in July 2016. They are from the Dundrum Gazette and the Dublin Voice respectively:



dublinvoice.ie July 28 2016

11 parks given Green Flag status

By Michelle McGlynn

ELEVEN parks across the county have been awarded the Green Flag status for excellence.

The winners in County Dublin were Malahide Demense, Poppintree Park, Millennium Park, St Catherine's Park, Markievicz Park, National War Memorial Garden, Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Blessington Street Park, St Stephen's Green, St Anne's Park, Bushy Park, People's Park Dún Laoghaire, Cabinteely Park and Ardgillan Demense.

Dominica McKevitt, head gardener at Ardgillan Demesne which received a Green Flag, expressed her delight in accepting the award on behalf of Fingal County Council and her team who work tirelessly year-round to ensure that people have a *beautiful park.*

"This is the first year that we have entered and we are delighted to have won," Dominica told the *Dublin Voice*. "We received positive comments all around from the judges who visited the park - from the horticultural variety, the herbacious border, the playground and how well maintained the gardens were.

"They also noted how there was not one piece of litter to be found throughout the grounds."

The hardworking team are constantly improving Ardgillan Demesne and will be putting in a fairy trail in the coming weeks as well as working to rebuild the green house in the rose garden which is especially popular with visitors.

Paws cafe recently opened next to Ardgillan Castle and - as the name suggests - is a dog-friendly establishment where pet owners can stop in for a coffee or a bite to eat while their four-legged friend laps up a bowl of water.

Dominica and the team are hopeful that their new Green Flag status will encourage locals as well as visitors to spend time in the park.

"The playground is very popular with families and then there are many tranquil spaces in the park *for those seeking* a quiet spot to relax and enjoy the outdoors," says Dominica.

Parks that have been given the prestigious award exemplify excellence in standards of management, sustainability and provide a beautiful setting for people to spend time.

"Ireland has more Green Flag parks than others in the Green Flag scheme in Europe," Minister of State for the Office of Public Works, Sean Canney said at the ceremony in Phoenix Park.

Mr Canney commended those who helped to create and maintain the 22 Irish parks to receive a Green Flag and emphasised the importance of the awards in upholding the standard of excellence.

Operations staff from Ardgillan, Balbriggan and Fingal County Council celebrate the awarding of the Green Flag status to Ardgillan Demense

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Dublin City Council

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The Office of Public Works

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Praise as two parks scoop Green flags

THE People's Park in Dun Laoghaire and Cabinteely Park have both been awarded Green Flags.

The two parks, which were put forward by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council for the award, were judged on a number of criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability and community involvement.

The Green Flag is an international standard benchmark for open spaces that is recognised throughout the world.



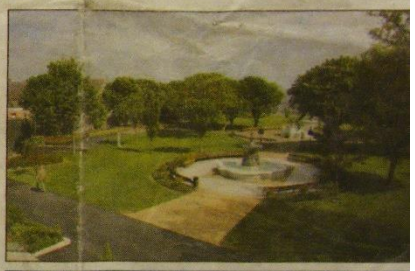
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Speaking about the award, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Cormac Devlin (FF) said: "It is wonderful that the hard work of the council's parks staff has been rewarded with the award of the Green flags."

This is the first year An Taisce has made the award available to 22 public parks, country parks, cemeteries and green spaces across the whole country, following a trial in Dublin last year.

Cllr Devlin said: "I would like to pay tribute, on behalf of the citizens of this county, to all the council staff who have helped achieve this remarkable award.

"Our parks are beautifully maintained in all weathers, and provide open spaces to not only improve our physical and psychological health, but to strengthen our communities and make Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown a more attractive place in which to live, visit and work."





The People's Park (top) in Dun Laoghaire, and Cabinteely Park can now fly Green flags with pride

Robert Moss attends Mullingar Town Park Flag Raising on Friday 26th of August and speaks with the local Newspaper.



https://www.westmeathexaminer.ie/news/roundup/articles/2016/08/25/4125569-free-activities-in-park-for-flagraising/

http://topic.ie/great-family-day-mullingar-green-flag-raising-event/

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 27th of October 2016:** ***Green Flag Award Winning Park Brings Nature to Town.***

Wednesday the 26th of October saw Pairc an Phobail in Portlaoise hold a flag raising ceremony within the park to celebrate their achievement in winning one of only 22 Green Flag Awards within

the Republic of Ireland in 2016. Green Flag Award for Parks Manager, Robert Moss, also spoke about the importance of the scheme to An Taisce. "An Taisce are particularly looking to encourage wildflower planting as part of the "All Ireland Pollinator Plan", while discouraging the use of peat, and chemical sprays.

https://www.leinsterexpress.ie/news/your-community/222575/flying-the-flag-at-peoples-park-in-portlaoise.html

http://scoil-bhride.com/2016/10/a-trip-to-the-park/

Robert Moss, An Taisce's Green Flag Award for Parks Manager, delivers a talk about the newly introduced Green Flag Award for Parks scheme, launched nationally this year:
Dublin Gallery Weekend, 4 pm Saturday 26th of November 2016.
http://allevents.in/…/whats-on-at-olivier-…/1812607535688003

5th-6th of December 2016: Robert Moss, Green Flag Award National Operators Meeting in Wigan, Cheshire, England, UK.

2017

- **36 Irish Parks from across the Republic of Ireland received Green Flags.**
- **2017 award ceremony opened by Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal – Damien English.**
- **2017 saw the introduction of the Pollinator Project Award for those parks that have made a specific effort to support the local pollinating insect populations.**



Fingal County Council Parks Team at the 20th of July 2017 Malahide Castle Green Flag Award Ceremony.

4th of January 2017: Robert Moss interview with Irish Times:
https://www.irishtimes.com/news/environment/caring-of-the-green-ireland-wakes-up-to-the-value-of-public-parks-1.2932952?fbclid=IwAR0YfGYFwOs3bJLZ0-bvCglCatCOrlbqLozGlMVgccZVH2lcsAlTH70pq3c

17th of January 2017: the 2017 Green Flag Award Scheme Network Meeting, Swift's Alley, Dublin 8.
http://greennews.ie/green-flag-award-a-new-initiative-supports-environmental-policy-wetlands-biodiversity-in-irish-parks/

20th January 2017: Robert Moss, Near FM radio Interview:
http://nearfm.ie/podcast/?p=20664

31st January 2017 - 2017 National Sustainability Summit. Robert Moss delivers an overview of the new accreditation scheme for sustainably managed parks across Ireland:
http://www.sustainabilitysummit.ie/speaker/robert-moss-green-flag-award-for-parks-manager-an-taisce-the-national-trust-for-ireland/?fbclid=IwAR3d6SJMClejhYn2qLcAMAjBCfQOMq26MTcsOIBjHQXxjf9brsRD5tGUsgs

17th of February 2017: A Pollinator Project Award was introduced in 2017 for participating Green Flag Parks. This was suggested by the participating parks and is jointly run by the National Biodiversity Data Centre.
A green flag Award for Parks presentation was delivered on Friday the 17th of February, at the first annual All-Ireland Pollinator Plan Regional Meeting that was held at the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Co. Armagh. This was to present the new pollinator project award, and highlight some of the pollinator supportive landscaping techniques already encountered within 2016 GFA winning parks in the Republic of Ireland.

https://dublininquirer.com/2017/11/22/the-council-experiments-with-a-more-natural-look-for-parks

http://greennews.ie/dublin-city-council-begins-planning-for-a-herbicide-free-city/

25th-26th of April 2017: Green Flag Award for Parks Training event EEU Office Swift's Alley.

26th of May 2017: Robert Moss site visit to Malahide Gardens for 2017 Green Flag Awards.

8th of June 2017: Robert Moss, Radio Interview Near FM.
http://midwestradio.ie/index.php/news/17842-green-flag-raised-at-turlough-park-house-in-castlebar

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 20th July 2017*: Increasing Numbers of Irish Parks Achieve the Green Flag Award Status***
- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 21st July 2017*: Increasing Numbers of Irish Parks Achieve the Green Flag Award Status***
- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 24th July 2017*: Increasing Numbers of Irish Parks Achieve the Green Flag Award Status***

On the 20th of July 2017 Malahide Castle Visitors Centre provided the venue to celebrate the **36 Irish Parks** from across the country receiving their Green Flags.
The Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal – Minister Damien English T.D., was in attendance to open the award ceremony, and to support the role of local authorities being recognised at the awards.

https://www.leinsterleader.ie/news/newbridge/261403/county-kildare-park-given-international-green-flag-award.html?fbclid=IwAR2vKJ2Gh3j-aX7fSdLZZ0ugscYX_es8rIKk_qnbOk7wAcy69cb8kwV-Y7s

http://www.intallaght.ie/south-dublin-county-council-receives-prestigious-award/?fbclid=IwAR3MdHxFB3ihXMra0urOHm-T7aRN2Tyh9Nq02UHgwPnQUtj7oZMldVNLnjw

http://greennews.ie/41859-2/

http://www.greenflagaward.org.uk/news/increasing-numbers-of-irish-parks-achieve-the-green-flag-award/

http://www.offalyexpress.ie/news/news/261390/tullamore-town-park-awarded-green-flag.html

http://www.dundalkleader.com/2017/07/26/three-local-parks-receive-green-flag/

http://www.dundalkdemocrat.ie/news/home/261401/three-dundalk-parks-land-international-awards.html

http://www.southernstar.ie/news/roundup/articles/2017/08/02/4143798-garinish-island-is-one-of-just-seven-sites-to-get-green-flag/

http://www.kildare-nationalist.ie/2017/08/04/liffey-linear-park-in-newbridge-awarded-prestigious-green-flag/

https://dublingazette.com/news/ripples-delight-green-flags-awarded/

http://www.pressreader.com/ireland/new-ross-standard/20170725/281522226153362

http://www.climatechange.ie/record-number-of-irish-parks-achieved-green-flag-award-for-2017/

26th of July 2017: Robert Moss Near FM Radio Interview:
Near FM; Mary Harford speaks to Robert Moss who is programme manager with An Taisce. Robert talks about the parks that have been awarded the Green Flag for 2017:
http://nearfm.ie/podcast/?p=22783

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 28th July 2017*: North and South, Green Flag Award Parks will reach record numbers across Ireland this year!***

27th of July 2017: Northern Ireland Green Flag Award for Parks Ceremony at Bangor Castle:

https://www.growtrade.ie/green-flag-award-parks-will-reach-record-numbers-across-ireland-in-2017/?fbclid=IwAR1zsgUsHed-BmS9LVLJ-b1tJ7kcGdtQs2ACwhPzJLj6Zw-fdD1OnC2CqHc



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Tuesday, August 15, 2017

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Green Flags for Parks Awards 2017
In the summer of 2017, 36 parks in the Republic and 60 parks in Northern Ireland received Green Flags. The international scheme is administered in the Republic of Ireland by the An Taisce Environmental Educational Unit (eeu.antaisce.org) and by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful in Northern Ireland.

Virtual reality headsets for the elderly
Staff at St James's Hospital, Dublin, will trial virtual reality headsets at its residential care unit, Hollybrook Lodge, Inchicore, Dublin shortly. The aim of the trial is to engage older residents with new experiences. The 360-degree headset experiences, produced by Australian company Solis, include canoeing down a river, walking with penguins or taking a hot air balloon ride.

Get your veg in for winter
The Organic Centre in Rossinver, Co Leitrim, will host a course in preserving and storing vegetables and fruit on Saturday, August 26th. Gaby Wieland will demonstrate techniques including drying, lactic fermentation, sterilising and freezing. There will also be opportunities to make sauerkraut and jam without sugar with recipes and samples to take home. Cost €65. Booking on 071-9854338 or theorganicentre.ie

Shout-out for Carer of the Year
The Irish Red Cross is seeking nominations for the 2017 Irish Red Cross Carer of the Year Award. The award is open to people who currently provide voluntary unpaid care.
"Unpaid carers offer a standard of living to sick and vulnerable members of the community that would be impossible without their

and a free First Aid app. It also hosts a "Helping You to Care" course. Application forms for the 2017 Irish Red Cross Carer can be downloaded from redcross.ie and must be returned by Thursday August 31st.

■ Damien English, the Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal, and Michael John O'Mahony, director of the An Taisce Environmental Education Unit, celebrating the winners of this year's Green Flags for Parks

The 2017 Awards were also filmed by Moondance Productions to feature within the TV series documenting activities with the Phoenix Park; '**It's a Park's Life**' airing on RTE 1 back in the autumn of that year.

https://presspack.rte.ie/2017/09/06/its-a-parks-life-new-series/
http://phoenixpark.ie/its-a-parks-life/

31st of July 2017: Robert Moss - Radio interview for Eco Ear, which is a community radio programme broadcast on Liffey Sound 96.4FM and 92.5 Phoenix FM.

On Saturday the 9th of September Newbridge Liffey Linear Park held a flag raising event to mark achieving it's 2017 Green Flag Award. Speech's were delivered by Ger Ahern; Newbridge Tidy Towns, Robert Moss; An Taisce, and Martin Miley; Mayor or Kildare.

10th of September 2017: Picnic in the Park to celebrate Mullingar's Green Flag award https://www.westmeathexaminer.ie/news/roundup/articles/2017/08/31/4145247-picnic-in-the-park-to-celebrate-mullingars-green-flag-award/

25th of October 2017: Robert Moss and Michael John attend the Green Flag Community Award meeting with the Department of Rural and Community Development in Ballina.

November 2017: Robert Moss, Una Fitzpatrick, Peter Cuthbert – review and rewrite the Pollinator Project Award Application for 2018.

On Friday the 17th of November the Jackie Clarke Collection Garden, in Ballina, held a ceremony to celebrate the garden winning a Green Flag Award earlier this year.
In attendance were the principle and her staff from the new Department of Rural and Community Development. This was in relation to departmental support for the Green Flag Award scheme to be expanded in Ireland to include the Green Flag Community Award. This is seen as a clear way of imparting community development, and supporting said development.

17th of November 2017: Robert Moss site visit to Ballina Karen Community Garden Green Flag Community Award 2018 applicant.

18th of December 2017: Robert Moss site visit to Ballyglunin Railway Restoration Project and Headford Community Garden, 2018 Green Flag Community Award applicants.

2018

- **48 Irish Parks and Gardens from across the Republic of Ireland received 2018 Green Flags and Green Community Flags.**
- **2018 award ceremony opened by Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal – Damien English.**
- **2018 saw the Introduction of the Green Flag Community Award Scheme into Ireland, allowing sites managed by volunteers and community groups to participate for the first time.**
- **Castletown Demesne claimed the overall winner in the Pollinator Project Award 2018.**



Margaret Gormley, Rory Finnegan, Maurice Buckley, Therese Casey, Richéal Drumgoole. 2018 Green Flag Award Ceremony, Castletown House, Thursday the 19th of July 2018.

26th of January: Robert Moss and Michael John – Swift's Alley 2018 Green Flag Award Scheme Network Meeting.

9th of February: Robert Moss – Westport Green Flag Award Scheme Network Meeting.

8th of March 2018: Robert Moss, attendance at Energia – Get Ireland Growing Awards. Speaking about the new Green Flag Community Awards and networking with community groups.

28th of March 2018: Selection of Castletown House for 2018 awards and site meeting with Kevina Dunne – OPW.

2018 Green Flag Award Scheme Training: April 19th and 20th Longford.

4th of July: Robert Moss Phoenix FM radio Interview.

5th of July: Robert Moss meeting with Una Fitzpatrick at Waterford NBDC. This is to review and grade the 2018 pollinator award applications. There were 9 parks applicants for the pollinator project awards this year ... ranging from town parks to country parks. It was the Castletown Demesne operated by the Office of Public Works in Kildare that was the overall winner.

13th of July 2018: Robert Moss- Near FM Radio Interview:
http://nearfm.ie/podcast/?p=27688

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 19th July 2018*: Irish Parks Work with Nature to Increase Green Flag Award Numbers Nationwide***

Castletown Demesne in Kildare provided this year's venue to celebrate the 48 Irish Parks and Gardens who received 2018 Green Flags on the 19th of July. Minister English T.D., was in attendance to open the award ceremony again.

https://www.leinsterleader.ie/news/newbridge/324880/newbridge-park-wins-national-green-flag-award.html

https://horticultureconnected.ie/news/landscape/8-green-flag-awards-for-opw-parks/

https://www.growtrade.ie/green-flag-award-numbers-increase-nationwide/

https://www.dublinlive.ie/news/dublin-parks-green-flag-awards-14934921

https://dublingazette.com/news/west-dublin-news/sean-walsh-park-green-flag-award-47821/

https://www.offalyexpress.ie/news/home/325606/tullamore-town-park-receives-green-flag.html

http://www.con-telegraph.ie/news/roundup/articles/2018/07/26/4159405-mayo-parks-receive-green-flag-awards-for-excellence/

https://www.dundalkdemocrat.ie/news/home/325718/three-dundalk-parks-retain-green-flag-awards-for-second-year-running.html

https://www.clare.fm/news/green-flag-status-two-clares-parks/

http://theadvertiser.ie/green-flag-listowel-town-park-first-kerry/

http://www.echo.ie/news/article/delight-as-sean-walsh-park-gets-green-flag?fbclid=IwAR1iALrhNwJIB4psxB0vxDVLNyWBw-n9AbkEAjmxUFlmpxD-bIU0FbiG8Hg

http://www.dublinpeople.com/news/northsideeast/articles/2018/08/18/4160189-northside-parks-win--green-flag-awards/

https://www.museum.ie/Corporate-Media/News/August-2018-(1)/Top-parks-award-for-Victorian-gardens-at-National

https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/news/general-news-press-releases/dlr-parks-win-four-green-flag-awards-2018

https://laois.ie/green-flag-award-for-parks-in-co-laois/

https://laois.ie/departments/sport-and-leisure/parks/pairc-an-phobail-portlaoise/

The Irish National War Memorial Gardens became the first Green Heritage site in Ireland as part of the 2018 centenary commemoration of the 1918 armistice that ended the 1st World War.



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News

Supermac's boss to repay €150,000 to tenants

David Raleigh

SUPERMAC'S boss Pat McDonagh has been ordered to reimburse over €150,000 in "overpaid" council rates and rent to the tenants of one of his fast food outlets.

The order against the Galway businessman was made in the Limerick Circuit Civil Court after it found Mr McDonagh breached the terms of an "oral tenancy agreement" with the plaintiffs, John and Mary Lyons, for a Supermac's premises at Ennis Road, Co Limerick.

The plaintiff's firm, Watchford Limited, had entered into an oral franchise agreement with the defendant's company Supermac's Ireland Limited.

An annual rent of approximately €132,000 was agreed in March 1995, from which it was also agreed the defendant would discharge rates of approximately €22,000 to Limerick City Council.

Representing the plaintiffs, Sheila Finn BL, told the court Mr McDonagh stopped paying the rates for the Supermac's premises in 2000. This resulted in the plaintiffs, as occupiers, being obliged to pay rates on top of the rent, totalling over €134,047. The court heard that a values for Mr McDonagh has estimated the current annual rent at approximately €196,000.

However, a values for John and Mary Lyons estimated the annual rent should be €86,000.

Ms Finn said her clients were willing to pay rates going forward – however, she argued they were entitled to "recover" losses after they had "overpaid".

John Lyons gave evidence the Supermac's premises was "dilapidated". He claimed the defendant had not upgraded the premises, despite asking him to do so on "numerous" occasions.

David McHugh BL, for the defendant, said Mr McDonagh had invested significantly in the premises.

Judge Terry O'Sullivan ordered Mr McDonagh reimburse the rates previously paid by the plaintiffs since 2009 by way of annual deductions to the new fixed rent at €135,000.

K Club manager's sister says he was 'full of fear'

Tim Healy

THE twin sister of the former K Club manager who claims he was threatened at Punchestown Races has told the High Court that when she met him over two months later he was full of fear.

Barbara Curran was giving evidence in the action by Peter Curran against his former employer the K Club Ltd, Straffan, Co Kildare, Dr Michael Smurfit and K Club resort superintendent Gerry Byrne.

Mr Curran has claimed on May 7, 2011, his way was blocked in the toilets at Punchestown Races and Mr Byrne allegedly said: "Dr Smurfit has not forgotten the statements about him and the call girls. Dr Smurfit knows where to find you."

The defendants have denied all claims. Ms Curran said she met her brother in July 2011 at Heuston Station and he was half his weight.

"It hit home something major had happened to Peter and he was full of fear," she told Mr Justice Anthony Barr.

Cross-examined by Ross Fanning SC, for Dr Michael Smurfit, Ms Curran agreed she had not seen her brother until their shared birthday in July 2011, having previously seen him the Christmas before. Mr Fanning said as a consequence she was "not well placed to attribute the symptoms to any particular

Teen (14) dies after Majorca balcony fall

Gerard Couzens

AN IRISH teenager who suffered a second floor balcony plunge at a Majorca hotel has died in hospital.

The 14-year-old is understood to have passed away yesterday morning.

His death happened at Son Espases Hospital in the island capital Palma.

Sources had said shortly before the tragic news that he was in a "very bad way" in a paediatric intensive care unit.

The youngster, who has not been formally named, was admitted to Son Espases Hospital earlier this week following his 20ft plunge from the four-star Riu Lagotel in the resort of Playa de Muro.

Accident

Police are understood to be

Memorial Gardens receive Green mark of approval

Aoife Hurley, senior conservation architect with the Office of Public Works, receives the first Green Heritage Site award for the Irish National War Memorial Gardens, Dublin. An Taisce yesterday revealed the 48 Irish parks and gardens selected to receive a 2018 Green Flag for Parks Award. The ceremony took place at Castletown Demesne, which was a first-time winner last year.

23rd of July 2018: Robert Moss - Connemara FM Radio Interview.
25th of July 2018: Robert Moss- Phoenix FM Radio Interview.
17th of August 2018: Robert Moss and Minister Michael Ring - Connemara FM Radio Interview.

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 17th of August 2018*: Green Flag Community Awards. Irish Park Award for Excellence is extended to community run projects in the West of Ireland***

In 2018 we coordinated the initial introduction of the Green Flag Community Award Scheme into Ireland in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development.

This allowed sites managed by volunteers and community groups to participate within the Green Flag Award for Parks Scheme for the first time. Five of Ireland's 48 Green Flag for Parks Scheme Awards this year were for this new Green Flag Community Award. All participating Green Flag Community Award Winners are Community Gardens located in Counties Galway, Mayo, and Roscommon.
Michael Ring T.D. - Minister for Rural and Community Development presented five Community Gardens with their 2018 Green Flag Community Award at the National Museum of Country Life. Friday the 17th of August 2018.
https://drcd.gov.ie/about/news-centre/press-releases/green-flag-community-awards-irish-park-award-for-excellence-is-extended-to-community-run-projects-in-the-west-of-ireland/

https://www.gov.ie/ga/preasraitis/01f3ee-green-flag-community-awards-irish-park-award-for-excellence-is-exten/

http://www.primebling.com/press-release-17th-of-august-2018-green-flag-community-awards-presented-by-mr-michael-ring-t-d-minister-for-rural-and-community-development/?fbclid=IwAR1Es3R2JbAh7Mrd5Pv_8tMF1iRBnAzKrbAYdoa8n0lINhpKIkL1av3MYvA

https://www.con-telegraph.ie/news/roundup/articles/2018/12/06/4166193-michael-ring-has-attended-76-ministerial-engagements-since-may-1/

30th of August 2018: Robert Moss - Connemara FM Radio Interview

31st of August 2018: Ballycroy National Park Flag Raising:

http://www.failteireland.ie/Utility/News-Library/Minister-Ring-Welcomes-%E2%82%AC2-1-million-Failte-Ireland.aspx?fbclid=IwAR3sWRS7Y4A4L0mASeqW3aQPvGBsunfyd1Dzf_vosHP5tKsXuhNBDbwHE40

13th of September 2018: Green Communities Garden Photo Competition Awards were opened to the new Green Flag Community Award sites. Selected images were displayed as part of Culture Night on the 21st of September 2018:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoIgGCiqLOI&fbclid=IwAR15tdpO571h-3X6oZj5Rv65GYHtiaXbyDk53lqGutN9FWpdXxi7NQiAShs

21st of September 2018: Robert Moss Phoenix FM Radio Interview

13th of October 2018: Raising the Standard – Green Flag for Parks Ceremony held in Newbridge. The Mayor of Kildare Cllr. Seán Power MCC was present in Newbridge on Saturday 13th to launch the 2nd Green Flag for Parks over the Liffey Linear Park.

October 2018: A World Wide vote for the Public's favourite Green Flag Award parks and green spaces internationally was carried out in 2018, with over 1,000 votes received spanning 12 countries and 3 continents. Well done **Tim Smyth Park in Ennis County Clare!**

http://www.greenflagaward.org.uk/news/worlds-top-3-peoples-choice-green-flag-award-parks-revealed/

28th of November 2018: Green Flag Award for Parks Departmental Stakeholder Meeting at Leinster House.

On Monday the 3rd of December at Connemara National Park Visitor Centre there was an Official Announcement of Significant Funding for Connemara National Park, and also the Raising of the 2018 Green Flag for Connemara National Park by Seán Kyne TD, Minister of State at the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

http://www.failteireland.ie/Utility/News-Library/Minister-Kyne-Welcomes-%E2%82%AC1-9-million-Failte-Ireland.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2fruyx2Akf5PZpc40q2NGUx5qWMON-GaN5BSo7oZno5nffRSgmWyHOhYs

2019

- **60 Irish Parks and Gardens from across the Republic of Ireland received 2019 Green Flags and Green Community Flags.**
- **2019 saw the Green Flag Award expanded to our Historic Cemeteries and University Campuses for the first time.**
- **Maynooth Campus hosted the 2019 Green Flag Award Ceremony – with over 250 attendees.**
- **The Pollinator Project Award opens a new category for Community Groups**
- **Malahide Demesne claimed the overall winner in the Pollinator Project Award 2019**



Participants from all six of County Mayo's Green Flag Award Scheme Sites; The Jackie Clarke Collection Heritage Garden - Ballina, Turlough Park, Ballina Karen Community Garden, Kilmaine Community Garden, the North Mayo Heritage Centre in Enniscoe, Ballina and the Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park.

4th of January 2019: Vandeleur Walled Garden is featured in the Inflightflix promotional video which is screened on airlines as a destination guide for potential visitors heading to Ireland!

https://www.facebook.com/inflightflix/videos/720862084977849/

There was significant public outreach in 2019 with the following engagement initiatives delivered:

A Green Flag Community Award information day held on Friday the 12th of February 2019, at An Taisce Environmental Education Offices in Dublin 8.

This was followed by attendance at the Dublin City Council #Councils4ClimateAction public event held at the Mansion House on Saturday the 16th of February 2019. A significant number of community group volunteers registered for updates about the Green Flag Community Award. See:
https://www.facebook.com/pg/Green-Flag-for-Parks-Award-Ireland-252933658242454/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1066771323525346

The Green Flag Award Scheme Manager delivered an overview of the new Green Flag Community Award at the National Botanic Gardens - Glasnevin, on Saturday the 23rd of February. This was at the annual Dublin Community Growers AGM.

2019 Green Flag Award Scheme Training: 21st -23rd of May 2019. Portlaoise

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 23rd of May 2019*: New Green Heritage Site Accreditation Judges to receive their training today.***

http://greenflagaward.org/news/green-heritage-site-training-takes-place-in-ireland/

https://www.growtrade.ie/new-green-flag-award-judges-receive-first-ever-green-heritage-site-training/

29th of May 2019: Robert Moss Phoenix FM Radio Interview

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 16th July 2019*: The 2019 Green Flag Awards were Announced Today at Maynooth University***
- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 17th July 2019*: The 2019 Green Flag Awards were Announced Today at Maynooth University***

A combined 2019 Green Flag Community Award and Green Flag Award Ceremony was held at Maynooth Campus on July the 17th. This saw a huge turnout of over 250 park and garden staff, volunteers, and enthusiasts, converging within the Maynooth University Aula Maxima Hall to witness the 2019 Green Flag Awards for Parks.
Originally the 2019 awards were due to be launched by Michael Ring TD, the Minister for Rural and Community Development. Due to a cabinet meeting on the same day Minister Ring TD was not available to attend, and so John Orme from the Department of Rural and Community Development delivered an opening speech that outlined the reasons for departmental support for the Green Flag Community Award in Ireland.

Prior to the award ceremony a joint press release was issued with the Department of Rural and Community Development by the programme manager. The award ceremony was also attended by journalists from the Leinster Leader, and Media Team, as well as freelance journalists.
There was also significant written coverage within the following publications:

https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/fota-arboretum-among-the-irish-gardens-and-parks-recognised-with-international-green-flags-937649.html

http://clareherald.com/2019/07/green-flag-awards-for-three-clare-sites-33333/

https://midwestradio.ie/index.php/news/32363-mayo-success-today-in-green-flag-awards-2019

https://www.advertiser.ie/mayo/article/109075/council-welcomes-green-flag-awards-for-six-mayo-parks

https://www.balbriggan.info/five-fingal-parks-receive-internationally-recognised-prestigious-green-flag-awards/

https://www.hospitalityireland.com/hotel/enniscoe-house-awarded-green-flag-taisce-78057

http://www.dublinpeople.com/news/southside/articles/2019/07/22/4177180-dublin-parks-share-green-flag-awards/

https://www.talkofthetown.ie/green-flag-awards-for-three-local-parks/

https://www.dundalkdemocrat.ie/news/home/431867/north-louth-parks-and-gardens-named-in-green-flag-awards.html

http://www.localauthoritynews.ie/2019/07/17/south-dublin-county-council-parks-receive-five-awards-at-an-taisce-green-flag-ceremony/

https://www.mayo.ie/news/mayo-county-council-welcomes-green-flag-awards-for-six-mayo-parks/

https://www.growtrade.ie/the-2019-green-flag-award-winners/

https://www.fft.ie/enniscoe-house-awarded-the-an-taisce-green-flag/27811

The Programme Manager, Robert Moss, also conducted radio interviews with:
103.2 Dublin City FM on Tuesday the 30th of July 2019:

https://soundcloud.com/dcfm-1032/good-for-you-30th-july-2019?in=dcfm-1032%2Fsets%2Fgood-for-you-2019&fbclid=IwAR2HLSph6Zez3mIxbL0ud5M5SMQIHBxk0d7x0bRQW9qRVGawLBz-T2dL6xo

and:
92.5 Phoenix FM on Wednesday the 24th of July 2019.

Green Flag Site Specific Flag Raising Events:

https://www.limerickleader.ie/news/home/434997/green-flag-fliesover-limerick-park.html

https://www.echo.ie/news/article/waterstown-park-proudly-waves-the-green-flag

- **An Taisce Green Flag Award Press Release 25th October 2019*: A Dublin Park is among the World's top five favourite Green Flag Award Parks that are announced after a Global Peoples Choice Vote.***

St Anne's Park in north Dublin has been named among the world's top five Green Flag award parks. Abraham Ledeboerpark in the Netherlands, Al Bahya Garden in the United Arab Emirates, Parque da Cidade in Portugal and Stadtpark in Germany are also among the top five parks based on a judging process and 45,000 votes cast by the public from around the world.

https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/st-anne-s-park-in-dublin-named-among-world-s-top-five-parks-1.4063962?fbclid=IwAR2UhvP2IfURS5oNk0LGqilkKQ7SNB2XAv10Tc3w7F3MnZf0Ge3SE6jm1LI

https://extra.ie/2019/10/26/news/irish-news/dublin-park-top-five-world

http://www.climatechange.ie/a-dublin-park-is-among-the-worlds-top-five-favourite-green-flag-award-parks-that-are-announced-after-a-global-peoples-choice-vote/

https://www.msn.com/en-ie/news/newsireland/a-dublin-park-has-been-named-one-of-the-top-five-in-the-world/ar-AAJo1lV



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Nature Diary
St Anne's Park

St Anne's Park in Dublin was voted one of the public's favourite five parks across the world in 2019 in an international scheme that celebrated the environmental performances of parks.

The award, based on 45,000 public votes, sets the historic Dublin park alongside Anbraham Ledeboerpark in the Netherlands, Al Bahya Garden in the UAE, Parque da Cidade in Portugal, and Standt-park in Germany.

The public could vote on some 2,000 parks and public green spaces across 14 countries.

The Green Flag scheme is an international benchmarking standard for parks and green space.

In Ireland, it has been run by Robert Moss in An Taisce's environmental educational unit since 2016.

"St Anne's Park is one of the green space citadels that make north Dublin a special place," he says.

"Its location within the buffer zone of the Dublin Bay Biosphere makes it an important site for biodiversity, especially as a feeding site for Brent Geese and other shorebirds at high tide."

St Anne's Park in Dublin was voted one of the public's favourite five parks across the world

Registration for 2020 for public town parks, country parks, gardens, cemeteries and urban green spaces is open from November 2019.
greenflagaward.org

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1st of November 2019: Robert Moss- Near FM Radio Interview:
http://nearfm.ie/podcast/?p=34291

2020

- **70 Green Flag Award Sites**
- **86 Applications for Green Flag and Green Flag Community Award Status**
- **The number of Green Flag Community Awards more than doubles**
- **First Greenway Green Flag Award Application**
- **First Nature Park Application**
- **First Geo-Park Application**
- **Six new organisations join the scheme bringing the total to 28 participant landowners**



Socially distanced participants at the raising of Ardgillan Castle's 2020 Green Flag on Tuesday the 1st of September 2020.

4th of February 2020: Green Flag Award for Parks National Network Meeting at Maynooth University:

Over 45 managers, gardeners, and volunteers attended to preview what's new for parks in 2020. Talks included Zero Waste Parks, Dublin Bay Biosphere, and Raising the Profile of Parks.
See: https://www.facebook.com/GreenFlagforParks/posts/1346883898847419
https://twitter.com/GFAforParksIre/status/1225057738813820930

3rd of April 2020: Interview about Dublin Parks with the Dublin Inquirer:

This positive article in the Dublin Inquirer today also references An Taisce and the Green Flag Award for Parks Scheme:
https://dublininquirer.com/2020/04/08/green-space-is-good-but-not-all-green-spaces-are-created-equal-some-say

9th of May 2020: An Taisce Article *The Green Flag Award for Parks Scheme in Ireland - Five Years of Progress*

https://www.antaisce.org/articles/the-green-flag-award-for-parks-scheme-in-ireland-5-years-of-progress

22nd of May 2020: Interview about Green Flag Award Scheme Parks in Lockdown with the Irish Examiner:

https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/property/demand-for-public-parks-set-to-soar-in-cork-1001132.html?fbclid=IwAR0l5WzWYRZX9BMnCXEq0xRD-WfI-fXrxh3P9QTt5KbbbbwxXE879EkJlaI

3rd of July 2020: An Taisce Article about the Green Flag Community Award *Community Development Delivers Environmental Awareness:*

https://www.antaisce.org/articles/community-development-delivers-environmental-awareness

- **17th of September 2020: Press Release announcing the 2020 Green Flag Award for Parks results for the Republic of Ireland:**

  https://www.antaisce.org/articles/announcement-2020-green-flag-awards

  https://mailchi.mp/fbd3aff8984a/the-2020-green-flag-award-for-parks-results-are-announced?fbclid=IwAR1xUYYhAb6jfZwue0sW9Oe3wFmz0P-sxjQ875MDRHRElA9gJwSZMgwZyvw&e=%5BUNIQID%5D

The 2020 Green Flag Awards were announced Today for Ireland's top parks and best gardens. International Accreditation for Park Excellence in Ireland has jumped again this year, during a season which has seen massive park visitor increases everywhere. Ireland notably achieves a huge increase in urban park Green Flag accreditations across Dublin, Galway, and Waterford Cities. Today also saw the further expansion of the scheme to include new types of public green spaces. In Waterford the country's first Greenway was accredited, and in Cavan a UNESCO Global Geopark become a Green Flag Award Site for the first time.

Numbers of International Green Flag Award Sites for the best parks and gardens to visit in Ireland have surged again this year. New green flag parks and gardens, accredited by teams of trained volunteer judges, include for the first-time sites from Counties Cavan, Donegal, and Waterford.

https://www.thejournal.ie/green-flag-5207403-Sep2020/

https://www.westmeathexaminer.ie/2020/09/17/mullingar-town-park-retains-green-flag-award/

https://www.galwaydaily.com/life-style/two-city-parks-awarded-green-flag-status-in-2020/

https://www.midwestradio.ie/index.php/news/41479-2020-green-flag-awards-for-a-number-of-parks-and-gardens

https://www.fingal.ie/news/excellent-results-fingal-parks-green-flag-awards-2020

https://www.greenflagaward.org/news/record-breaking-84-irish-parks-and-gardens-achieve-green-flag-awards-for-2020-21/

https://waterfordcouncilnews.com/2020/09/17/double-success-for-waterford-in-international-green-flag-awards-for-parks/

https://www.con-telegraph.ie/2020/09/17/green-flag-awards-for-top-mayo-parks-and-gardens/

https://www.donegallive.ie/news/news/574892/donegal-park-awarded-green-flag-for-2020.html

https://kildare-nationalist.ie/2020/09/18/green-flag-pollinator-project-award-won-by-maynooth-university/#.X2TEy2hKg2w

https://www.northmayo.ie/green-flags-galore-in-north-mayo/

https://www.greenparty.ie/oireachtas-update-green-ministers-welcome-green-flag-awards-for-irish-parks-and-increased-participation-in-sport/

https://waterfordnow.ie/news/hugely-popular-waterford-attraction-first-greenway-in-country-to-win-prestigious-green-flag-award/

http://traleetoday.ie/143245-2/

https://www.highlandradio.com/2020/09/17/donegal-receives-its-first-green-flag-award/

https://www.killarneytoday.com/two-kerry-parks-awarded-green-flag-status/

https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/Releases/Minister_Noonan_congratulates_three_NPWS_sites_on_receiving_prestigious_Green_Flag_Award.html

https://www.climatechange.ie/announcement-2020-green-flag-awards/

https://www.irishmirror.ie/news/irish-news/fourteen-irish-parks-receive-prestigious-22696322

https://www.midlands103.com/news/midlands-news/four-midlands-parks-awarded-green-flags-for-2020/

https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/859e3-minister-odonovan-announces-steering-group-for-phoenix-park-transport-and-mobility-process-and-celebrates-9-green-flags-for-opw-sites-nationwide/

https://www.donegaldaily.com/2020/09/18/celebrations-as-carndonagh-park-awarded-green-flag/

https://www.talkofthetown.ie/four-local-parks-retain-green-flag-status-for-2020/

https://www.newsgroup.ie/sdcc-parks-receive-2020-green-flag-awards/

https://www.growtrade.ie/record-number-of-irish-parks-and-gardens-receive-2020-green-flag-awards/

https://www.northernsound.ie/cavan-burren-park-picked-green-flag-award-first-time/

Individual site flag raising events, promotional videos, and articles:

https://www.newsgroup.ie/sdcc-green-flag-award-at-rathfarnham-castle-park/

https://www.longfordcoco.ie/your-council/news/press-releases/the-albert-reynolds-peace-park-wins-the-prestigious-green-flag-award.html?fbclid=IwAR1IcjGSjnwGBVgsJ-0NZ_TNM4lJtHludPCXkZjhAz95_2SYhC2nAxVHM0E

https://twitter.com/i/status/1306629575569485825

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=715101815747090

https://carlow-nationalist.ie/2021/01/01/an-taisce-awards-green-flag-to-btown-community-group/?fbclid=IwAR29Qv4YGf8Vm1xGwI9DKPR0V15qFG4gYT_zMqszz_Batj_DQioUQul4olw

https://www.facebook.com/GreenFlagforParks/posts/1618301341705672

- **9th of December 2020: Press Release: An Irish Park is once again among the World's top 10 favourite Green Flag Award Parks, announced after a Global Peoples Choice Vote.**

https://mailchi.mp/5196f75846ba/the-2020-green-flag-award-for-parks-results-are-announced-2901150?fbclid=IwAR3fcbgEpyip-7FNETLLCcHtDdjYifOm7COJorvb0pQDCpv7hukeiJ8dXq4

Internationally, an open public vote has helped us find the World's favourite Green Flag Award parks in the annual People's Choice Awards - and now the results are in!

Derrynane Historic Park in County Kerry was voted to be among the World's top ten Green Flag sites by a competition that saw over 50,000 votes cast.

https://www.radiokerry.ie/derrynane-national-historic-park-named-among-worlds-top-ten-green-flag-sites/

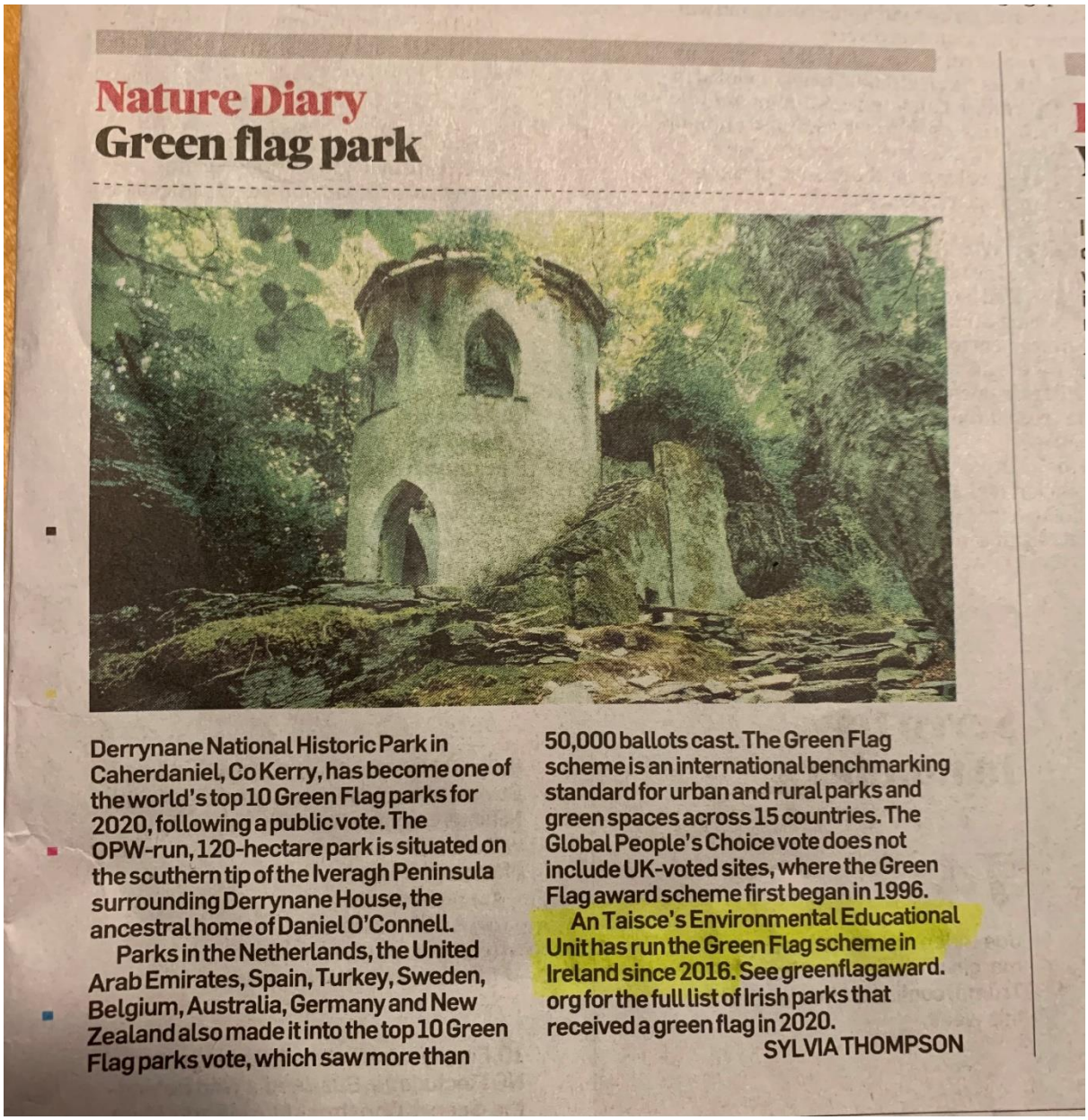
https://www.growtrade.ie/kerrys-derrynane-historic-park-voted-among-worlds-best/

http://www.travelextra.ie/opw-park-voted-top-ten-of-international-green-flag-awards-parks/

https://horticultureconnected.ie/news/opw-park-voted-top-ten-of-international-green-flag-awards-parks/

https://www.newstalk.com/news/derrynane-historic-park-named-among-worlds-top-green-flag-sites-1119491

https://www.killarneytoday.com/right-up-there-with-the-best-of-them-2/



Nature Diary
Green flag park

Derrynane National Historic Park in Caherdaniel, Co Kerry, has become one of the world's top 10 Green Flag parks for 2020, following a public vote. The OPW-run, 120-hectare park is situated on the southern tip of the Iveragh Peninsula surrounding Derrynane House, the ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell.

Parks in the Netherlands, the United Arab Emirates, Spain, Turkey, Sweden, Belgium, Australia, Germany and New Zealand also made it into the top 10 Green Flag parks vote, which saw more than 50,000 ballots cast. The Green Flag scheme is an international benchmarking standard for urban and rural parks and green spaces across 15 countries. The Global People's Choice vote does not include UK-voted sites, where the Green Flag award scheme first began in 1996.

An Taisce's Environmental Educational Unit has run the Green Flag scheme in Ireland since 2016. See greenflagaward.org for the full list of Irish parks that received a green flag in 2020.

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