

# Skerries Welcome Pack



**CITIZENS  
INFORMATION**



**Skerries Community Association**  
*Helping to make a great town even better*

## Skerries: A short history

Skerries has evolved over fifteen hundred years. Skerries comes from the Scandinavian word "skere" a reef. The town is dominated by the sea and its islands. St Patrick's Island was an ecclesiastical centre until it was plundered by the Vikings in 793. The present town was made up of two areas; Skerries and Holmpatrick. It was known as the parish of Holmpatrick up to 1830.

The Hamilton family, commemorated by the Hamilton monument on Strand Street, were powerful landlords locally for several centuries. They lived at Casleknock with a summer residence, Hacketstown House, which was on the road to the Golf club.

Skerries was of considerable importance as a fishing port. Large quantities of fish were landed. Four hundred people worked in the fishing industry in the nineteenth century. On shore there was sail manufacturing and a boat yard. Trading was not confined to fishing. Coal, salt, timber etc were handled there. Rockabill became a lighthouse in 1860. Farming was important. The frost free climate and the excellent soil lead to a thriving market gardening trade. The town was clustered by small tenant farmers. Locally seaweed was extensively used as a soil nutrition.

The manufacturing of tambour lace was also of immense importance to the economy of the town. This industry prevailed extensively. A shirt factory operated for several decades, closing in 1987.

The arrival of the railway in 1845 had a positive effect on communication. It lead to many Skerries people renting homes to wealthy Dubliners for the summer months. Red Island sited a large holiday camp up to 1972.

Outside the town were two limestone quarries. One on the Rush Road, and the more significant Milverton Quarry which produced the finest stone. Large quantities were shipped to Wales. It's cut stone can be seen in many of the fine buildings in Dublin. The stone was also extensively used in the construction of the bridges on the railway line from Dublin to Drogheda.

The Skerries hinterland is dominated by Milverton Demesne, beautifully situated and commanding extensive views. It was the home of the Woods family who married into the Hamilton in the early 1800's.

In 1823 a Catholic Church was built on Church St. It was replaced in 1935 by the present church. The Church of Ireland Church, was built in 1819 with substantial assistance from Hans Hamilton. Methodism was brought to the town by the Drogheda Methodists and a Church was built in Strand St. in 1805.

The landscape of the town is dominated on Red Island by the Martello tower, built in 1804, and at the other end by the Mill. Two windmills standing very close together were recorded as working during the period 1821 and 1836. The presence of the water powered Waterwheel meant that the Mill had two sources of energy. The Mill was to play a significant role during the Famine. The Mill was of course extensively refurbished in the 1990s

## **Welcome to Skerries**

This booklet has been produced by the Skerries Community Association and Citizens Information Centre to welcome YOU as a new resident in the town. It is designed to let you know your entitlements and to help you find the places, public services, clubs and people you will need as you settle into our community. The emphasis is on public services and the community nature of our town. Other publications such as the Chamber of Commerce Skerries Lights and the Tourist Board Skerries Tourism Guide may also be of interest to you. We hope that you find this booklet useful. Contact the Citizens Information Centre for more information on all these subjects. Tel. 8494443.

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# **Emergency Useful Numbers**

## **In an emergency dial 999 or 112**

### **GARDA STATIONS**

**Skerries** Tel. 8491211 Open 10am to 6pm

**Balbriggan** Tel. 8020510 Open 24 hours

### **FIRE STATION**

Quay Street, Skerries. Tel. 8491254

### **RNLI (Lifeboat)**

Lifeboat Station, The Harbour, Skerries. Tel. 8491126 / 8491704 / 8491

e-mail: skerries@rnli.org.uk

Also contact Niall McGrotty Tel. 087 2418967

**COAST GUARD** Tel. 999 or 112

**VICTIMS SUPPORT** Tel. 8780870

**FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL** Tel. 8905000

Tel: 8731415 (Emergency / Out of hours)

**VET** Tel. 8492126

Tel: 8406982 (Emergency surgery hours)



## Health / Sláinte / Santé / Zdrowie / Veselība

There are two main types of health care in Ireland – public health care and private health care. Anyone can avail of private health care provided they can pay for it or are covered by private health insurance. Some employers offer private health care as part of your employment package. The main private insurers operating in Ireland are:

- Bupa Ireland
- VHI
- Vivas

Everyone ordinarily resident in Ireland is entitled to some public health care e.g. public hospital treatment (subject to payment of hospital services charge). Maternity services are also provided free of charge.

Those on low incomes or dependant on social welfare may be eligible for additional public health care. Also everyone over 70 is entitled to a Medical Card regardless of means.

- The Medical Card - entitles you to free G.P. & hospital inpatient & outpatient services, prescriptions, appliances, dental, optical & aural services and maternity services.
- The G.P. Visit Card – entitles you to free G.P. visits. Outpatient public hospital & inpatient medical services in public wards are subject to payment of hospital services charge (€60 per day) but are otherwise free. Prescriptions are not covered.

Those without a medical card or G.P. Visit Card must pay for G.P. visits. **Further information on health services and application forms for medical cards are available from the Citizens Information Centre.**

### **CHIROPODISTS**

Skerries Foot Clinic - Mike Hannon Chiroprapist  
Strand House Clinic, Strand St., Skerries. Tel. 8491717  
Appointments available Mondays. State chiropody cards accepted

### **DENTISTS**

Alice Keane Tel. 8490043 2 Shenick Grove. Medical Cards not accepted.  
Kevin Nugent Tel. 8491216 31 Church Street. e-mail: maypark@eircom.net  
Private, medical card & RSI patients accepted  
James O'Byrne Tel. 8491717 Strand Street.  
Closed Wednesdays. Open Saturday a.m.  
Private, medical card & RSI patients accepted.

### **DOCTORS**

Dr. John Keane, Dr. Sarah Keane, Dr. Jack Keane Tel. 8491497 10 Holmpatrick  
The Surgery Tel. 8490678 (Dr. S. Mulholland). Strand Street.  
Dr. Desmond Woods Tel. 8491420 The Red House, Holmpatrick.  
Dr. Collete Huibonhoa & Dr. Yoosuf Ismail New Street. Tel. 8490597  
Windmill Medical Centre 5 The Square. Tel. 8495500  
(Dr. Lorraine Farrell, Dr. Deirdre Ormonde, Dr. Catriona Kennedy)

### **HEALTH CENTRES**

Skerries Tel. 8494862 Fax. 8494864 Thomas Hand Street.  
Public Health Nurse Tel. 8494862 Fax. 8494864  
Phone calls received after hours will be answered the next working day.

#### Breast Feeding Support Group

Child Welfare Clinic For baby weighing, child development checks, etc.

Community Welfare Officer (Canice Reade) Tel. 8494820

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am to 11.30am

Dental Clinic Tel. 8494131 Childrens service only. Adult treatment not available.

Routine screening in 2nd, 4th & 6th class via schools. Childrens emergencies seen on 1st come basis on Mon-Thurs @ 9am.

Home Help Organiser (Breda Gavin) Tel. 8494284 Fax. 8494864

Mainly care of the elderly but also help families in stress. By referral only from Public Health Nurse, hospital or Social Worker.

Speech Therapy Tel. 8492769

Swords Bridge Street. Tel 8902200

European Health Insurance Card

Process applications for EHIC for people travelling to EU/EEA countries. Can issue Temporary Certificate at short notice.

BCG Vaccine For children not vaccinated as infants.

Phone to check correct time to attend.

#### **OPTICIANS**

Crilly & McGrath Tel. 8492166 5 Thomas Hand Street

#### **PHARMACIES**

McMeels Pharmacy Tel. 8492033 Strand Street. After Hours Services

Skerries Pharmacy Tel. 8491251 Strand Street.

All services pertaining to a community pharmacy. Including 1 hour photo.

Stack's Late Night Pharmacy Tel. 8491146 Holmpatrick S.C., Shenick Road.

e-mail: info@soshealthcare.ie Late night pharmacy. Open 7 days, 364 days a year.

Free home delivery.

#### **COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES**

A wide range of alternative/complimentary therapies are available in Skerries e.g. osteopathy, reiki, acupuncture, massage etc. **Further information is available from local papers and notices in local shops & the CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE. See Page 21.**

#### **PRIVATE COUNSELLORS / THERAPISTS**

*All counsellors / therapists are registered with the Irish Association of Counselling & Psychotherapy*

Eamonn McElwee The Surgery (Dr. Mulhollands), Strand Street.

Tel. 8494132 (H) 8490678 (W) 087-4198782

Clare O'Callaghan Station House, Skerries. Tel. 8490169

#### **COMMUNITY & SUPPORT GROUPS**

Alcoholics Anonymous Holmpatrick Parish Hall Tel. 4538998

Fridays & Sundays 8.30pm

Irish Wheelchair Association Room 3, Old School, Dublin Road.

Una Ruddock Tel. 8338241 Drop in centre on Fridays

Meals on Wheels Helen Dardis Tel. 8491844 Mary Fanning Tel 8491655

Narcotics Anonymous Mourne View Community Centre Tel. 086-8629308

Friday 8pm

Rainbows Maxine 085-1407884 Sharon 087-9949396

Peer support for children who have suffered bereavement through death of separation/divorce.

St. Vincent de Paul Tel. 8384164 Phone HQ and they will make contact with local members.

Skerries Community Association c/o Community Centre, Dublin Road

Skerries Chamber of Commerce [www.skerrieschamber.com](http://www.skerrieschamber.com)

Skerries Day Care Group Old School, Dublin Road. Tel. 8490760 / 086-6057281  
e-mail: sheilakenny11@02.ie Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Day care facilities to  
elderly including exercises, arts & crafts, computer classes, collecting stores, music,  
etc. Referral from Public Health Nurse only.  
Skerries Sheltered Housing 66 Townparks, Skerries.  
Bernadette Denny Tel. 8491388, Donal Darcy Tel. 8492108,  
Declan O'Sullivan Tel. 8490686  
Victim Support Tel. 8780870  
Weight Watchers Tel. 087 4111552 Tuesday 6.30pm. Old School.



## Education / Oideachas / Ecucation / Edukacja / Izglītība

*There is no general state funding for pre-school services (e.g. playschools) in Ireland. State funding is available for primary and secondary schools. You do not need to pay fees unless you choose to send your child to a private school. Usually children start school aged 4 or 5. Children transfer to secondary schools at age 12 or 13. Education in Ireland is compulsory until age 16. Special schools provide education for students aged 5-18 who have a general learning disability at a mild or moderate level. Entrance to third level education is generally decided by competition, based on Leaving Certificate results. Approved third level undergraduate courses are free to EU nationals (including Irish nationals) who have been ordinarily resident in an EU state for 3 of the 5 years prior to starting third level education. Those granted refugee status will also qualify. All others must pay fees. Fees are charged in private colleges. A means tested maintenance grant may be available. Further information and grant application forms are available from the Citizens Information Centre. Further education covers education and training which occurs after second level schooling but which is not part of the third level system. It includes programmes such as VTOS, Youthreach and adult literacy. See also Clubs & Classes section.*

### **PRE-SCHOOL / CRECHE**

Skerries Community Playgroup Scouts Den, Beau Piers Lane, Skerries.  
Tel. 086-3558046 Contact: Brid Hickey.  
e-mail: scpccs@dublin.ie web: www.dublin.ie/scpccs  
Community Centre Drop-in-Creche Tel. 8490888  
Further information on privately run playschools and creches is available from CIC  
Phone: 8494443. See Page 21.

### **PRIMARY**

Holmpatrick National School Church of Ireland. Co-educational school.  
Convent Lane, Skerries. Tel. 8491409 Principal: Miss Deirdre Walsh  
St. Mobhi National School Milverton, Skerries. c2 miles outside Skerries  
Rush & Lusk Education Together National School Hanna's Avenue, Blakes Cross,  
Lusk. Tel. 8430525 e-mail: rushluskeduc@eircom.net  
web: <http://irish.typepad.com/ralet/>  
St. Brendan's National School Loughshinny, Skerries. Tel. 8490394  
Principal: Tom Monaghan  
St. Patrick's Junior School Junior Infants to 2nd class. Skerries. Tel. 8490836  
St. Patrick's Senior School 3rd class to 6th class. Skerries. Tel. 8490945  
Principal: Mr. Murray  
Scoil Realt na Mara National School Emphasis on Irish Language.  
Balbriggan St., Skerries. Tel. 8490049

## **SECONDARY**

Colaiste Choilm All boys school. Dublin Road, Swords. Tel. 8401420

Principal: Mr. G. McGaul

Loreto Secondary School All girls school. Convent Lane, Balbriggan. Tel. 8411594.

Principal: Mr. Edward Fynes

Skerries Community College Co-educational. Skerries. Tel. 8490011

Principal: Mr. Kevin O'Riordan

## **POST-SECONDARY**

FAS Lincomm House, Stephenstown, Balbriggan. Tel. 8834870

## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

St. Michael's House Special National School Hacketstown, Skerries. Tel. 8490976

Prosper Fingal Strand Street, Skerries. Tel. 8490915

Prosper Fingal Piercetown, Skerries. Tel. 8495046

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

**VEC Office**, 17a North Street, Swords. Tel. 8408946. Fax. 8404392

Fingal Adult Education Service Day & evening classes run at different venues in Skerries and surrounding towns

Contact: Des Murtagh

ESOL Courses in English Language for students for whom English is not their mother tongue

Contact: Megan Van Geldem

VTOS 2 year general education & work related learning programme for those who are long term unemployed or in receipt of certain social welfare payments.

Contact: Madeleine O'Regan

Literacy and Basic Education Assists adults with reading, writing & spelling difficulties with one-to-one & small group tuition. 69-71 Drogheda Street, Balbriggan. Tel. 8417763 e-mail: bbaes@oceanfree.net Contact: Paul Carroll

Youthreach Those aged 16-21 who are early school leavers are guaranteed 2 years full-time education. Youthreach Centre, Rush. Tel: 8439196

Contact: Christine Hughes



## **Churches / Seipéil / Des Eglises / Kościoły / Baznīca**

### **SKERRIES**

Catholic Church St. Patrick's Church, Strand Street, Skerries.

Tel. 8494033 Fr. Leo Quinlan PP Fr. Kieron Coughlin CC Tel. 8491250

Sacristy 8492145. Parish Bulletin: skerriesbulletin@hotmail.com

Masses at: Saturday 7pm Sunday 9am, 10.30am, 12pm Weekdays 10am & 7pm (10am only in July and August)

Church of Ireland Holmpatrick, Skerries. Tel. 8492247 Reverend Alan Ruffi

Sunday Service 10.30am. Further information on childrens activities & parish events available from the Rector.

Methodist Church Strand Street, Skerries. Tel. 8323141

### **SWORDS**

Swords Baptist Church 8 Beverton Grove, Donabate. Tel. 8434701

Pastor Clem Hegarty

Sunday morning service, mid-week studies, ladies group, youth group, kids club.  
[www.swordsbaptistchurch.com](http://www.swordsbaptistchurch.com)

#### **DUBLIN**

Greek Orthodox Church 46 Arbour Hill, Dublin 7. Tel. 6779020  
Lutheran Church Adelaide Road, Dublin. Tel. 6766548  
Synagogue 32 Terenure Road, Dublin 8. Tel. 4905969  
Islamic Centre 163 South Circular Road, Dublin 8. Tel. 4533242



## **Clubs & Classes / Grupaí & Ranganna / Des Clubs et Des Courses / Kluby & Kursy / Klubs & Klases**

#### **BOOK CLUBS**

Book Discussion Group Caroline Dwyer e-mail: [cdwyer5@hotmail.com](mailto:cdwyer5@hotmail.com)  
Ocean Book Club Bus Bar, Strand Street. Mary Gilbride Tel. 8490253  
Breegen Roche Tel. 8490858 e-mail: [grimesmary@eircom.net](mailto:grimesmary@eircom.net) Every second  
Monday at 8pm. Breaks for summer.

#### **BRIDGE**

Holmpatrick Bridge Club Kathleen Roche Tel. 8491530  
John Lane Bridge Club Monday & Friday 7.30pm to 10pm. Adults  
Skerries Bridge Club Margaret Winters Tel. 8490564

#### **DANCE**

Irish Rua Traditional Music and Dance Traditional music & set dancing for children  
aged 9 & upwards. Mary Keane Tel. 8490901 Classes held in Old School,  
Dublin Road. Contact address: 59 Sekskar Road. Fridays 4.30pm to 7pm  
(Sept. to May).

Skerries Ceili & Set Dancing Group Rugby Club. Sundays 7pm to 9pm

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Birdwatch Ireland Frank Prendergast Tel. 8490787 e-mail: [frank.prendergast@dit.ie](mailto:frank.prendergast@dit.ie)  
Crann Phadraig Sean Rooney Tel. 8491259

Skerries Composting Network Mary Marsden Tel. 8490002

Tidy Towns Anne Doyle Tel. 8490188

Town Twinning Marie Stafford Tel. 8492228 e-mail: [staffordmar@eircom.net](mailto:staffordmar@eircom.net)

#### **FILM & DRAMA**

Marian Society Nara Tel. 8490495 e-mail: [fritch@iol.ie](mailto:fritch@iol.ie)

Rockabill Film Society c/o Skerries Mills. Martin Cole Tel. 8909000.

e-mail: [martyn.cole@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:martyn.cole@atkinsglobal.com) Fortnightly on Wednesday 8.20pm.

Foreign language & arthouse films. Overs 18s only. Film shown in Sailing Club.

Youthopia Sean 086-0531271

#### **HISTORY**

Skerries Historical Society Bus Bar, Strand Street. Maria Baker Tel. 8490727

#### **MUSIC**

Irish Rua Traditional Music and Dance Traditional music & set dancing for  
children aged 9 & upwards. Mary Keane Tel. 8490901 Classes held in Old School,  
Dublin Road. Contact address: 59 Sekskar Road. Fridays 4.30pm to 7pm  
(Sept. to May).

Skerries Choir Noreen Molloy Tel. 8490341 Adults only

### **OVER 60's**

Over 65s Club Old School, Dublin Road. Gerry Tel. 8492036 Jim Hynes Tel 8490405  
Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm

### **PARENTING**

Cuidiu Dho Skerries Kelly's Bay Rocks. Sabine Gunther Tel. 8494004

Parenting club for parents of children from birth to 6 years.

Skerries Cuidiu Babylink Group Kelly's Bay Rocks. Sabine Gunther Tel. 8494004

For parents of babies & toddlers. Meets once a fortnight in parents home.

Skerries Parent & Toddler Group Holmpatrick Church Hall Nuncce McAuley

Tel. 8493205 Thursdays 10am - 12pm

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Skerries Photography Group Skerries Rugby Club.

Mark Wilson Tel. 8413467 e-mail: mark.wilson@maonwar.biz

web: www.manowar.biz/skerries-photo

4th Monday each month at 8pm. Photography, slide shows, talks by experts, outings to places of photographic interest.

### **SCOUTS & GUIDES**

Brigeens/Guides Adele Osbourne Tel. 8493001

Sea Scouts Elaine McLoughlin Tel. 8490720 e-mail: mcloughlinpande@eircom.net

### **WOMENS GROUPS**

ICA Mary Clinton Tel 8491528

### **YOUTH CLUBS**

Youth Club Old School, Dublin Road. Tel. 8490888 Contact: Community Centre.

Thursday 7pm - 8.30pm 6th class pupils only

### **Private Classes**

There are many private individuals offering classes for adults and/or children so there should be something to suit all tastes and interests. The classes are too numerous to list but many take place in the venues listed below.

- Rugby Club 087 6186701
- Community Centre/Old School 8490888
- Sailing Club 8491233
- Skerries Mills 8495208
- Holmpatrick Church Hall 8492247
- Mourne Community Centre 086 1009246

**For further information contact the CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE and/or check with the venues to see whats available. See page 21.**



## **Housing / Tithíocht / Accomadation / InformacjaMieszkaniaowa / Dzīvesvieta**

*There are a range of options open to you including building a property, buying a property, renting privately, local authority housing to rent or affordable housing schemes. To build a house you will first need to purchase a site (site prices are increasing all the time and sites are not readily available). Once you purchase a site you will need to apply for planning permission from Fingal County Council (phone number below). Property prices are also increasing all the time. Properties for sale are advertised in estate agents, local papers and on the internet. There are three estate agents in Skerries. Mortgages are available from banks and building societies. Tax relief is available on the interest portion*

of any loan or mortgage taken out for the purchase of the taxpayer's main residence. Private rented accommodation is also advertised through estate agents, local papers and on noticeboards in shops etc. If you live in private rented accommodation and pay income tax you may be eligible for tax relief on part of your rent. If you are dependent on Social Welfare (or are working part-time and on low income) you may qualify for Rent Supplement. This is a payment towards your rent made by the Health Service Executive. To apply for Rent Supplement contact the Community Welfare Officer (see page 17). Fingal County Council provides public housing for rent in Skerries. Local authority housing is allocated on the basis of a housing needs assessment. This assessment takes into account income earned, number and health of family members and the state of your current accommodation. There are long waiting lists at the moment. Fingal County Council Affordable Housing/Shared Ownership schemes allow first time buyers to purchase a property through Fingal County Council, for a significantly lower cost than buying privately. Applicants must have household income below certain limits. For further information and application forms for any council housing contact Fingal County Council or the Citizens Information Centre (page 21).

#### **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING**

For information on council housing, shared ownership & affordable housing  
Fingal County Council Tel. 8906258

#### **VOLUNTARY GROUPS**

Skerries Sheltered Housing 66 Townparks, Skerries.  
Bernadette Denny Tel. 8491388, Donal Darcy Tel. 8492108, Declan O'Sullivan  
Tel. 8490686



## Information & Advice / Eolas agus Comhairle / Information & Conseil / Informacja & Porada / Informãcia / Padoms

Citizens Information Centre Strand House Clinic, Strand Street. Tel. 8494443  
Fax. 8029688 e-mail: [skerries.cic@comhairle.ie](mailto:skerries.cic@comhairle.ie) Monday-Friday 10-1pm.

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Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) Tel. 8901102 / 6 Fax. 8901006  
e-mail: [fingal@mabs.ie](mailto:fingal@mabs.ie) web: [www.mabs.ie](http://www.mabs.ie)

FAS Lincomm House, Stephenstown, Balbriggan. Tel. 8834870 Fax. 8415624  
[www.fas.ie](http://www.fas.ie) Jobsearch facility & advice on how to find a job. Career change advice &  
necessary training recommended. Databank of all jobs advertised through FAS

Info Centre for Immigrants Mourne View Community Centre

Skerries Tourist Information Skerries Mills Complex Tel. 8495208

e-mail: [skertour@iol.ie](mailto:skertour@iol.ie) web: [www.iol.ie/~skertour](http://www.iol.ie/~skertour)

Open 7 days. April to September 10.30-4.30pm October to March 10.30-4.30pm

#### **Local Papers**

Skerries Parish Bulletin Available on Sundays from Churches. Items for inclusion  
should be dropped into St Patrick's RC Church or emailed to  
[skerriesbulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:skerriesbulletin@hotmail.com) before 4pm on Thursdays

Skerries News Available monthly. [skerriesnews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:skerriesnews@yahoo.co.uk)

Fingal Independent Available on Wednesdays

North County Leader Free newspaper delivered throughout north Fingal.



## Legal /An Dí / Legalé / Informacja Prawna / Legāls

*Legal aid is representation by a solicitor or barrister in court proceedings. There are 2 types of legal aid: criminal and civil. Criminal legal aid is free. Civil legal aid involves a small financial contribution, depending on personal circumstances.*

*In criminal cases an application will be made to the Judge for legal aid. The Judge will grant you free legal aid if;*

- your means are not enough to enable you to obtain legal aid from your own resources*
- the serious nature of the offence or exceptional circumstances make it essential in the interests of justice that you should have legal aid in the preparation and conduct of your defence and any appeal against conviction.*

*Civil legal aid is available for some non-criminal cases. In order to avail of civil legal aid, you must contact a Legal Aid Centre. There is a means test for legal aid; your disposable income must be less than 13,000 euro per annum. You must also have disposable capital of less than 320,000 euro. If you qualify for civil legal aid, you will have to make some contributions to the overall costs of the proceedings. Legal advice includes any oral or written advice given to a person by a solicitor or barrister about how the law of Ireland applies. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.*

*Tel: 8494443 See Page 21.*

### **Free Legal Advice Centres (CIC)**

Malahide CIC Tel. 8450627 Last Sat. each month. 10.30am to 12.30pm

No appointments necessary

Swords CIC 26 The Plaza, Swords. Tel. 8406877 Thursday 7-8pm.

Phone for appointment

### **Peace Commissioners**

Sean Rooney 46 St. Patrick's Close. Tel. 8491461

Joseph Boylan Dorn Hall, Harbour Road. Tel. 8491377

### **Solicitors**

Gerard McGowan & Co. 29 Thomas Hand Street Tel. 8492075

O'Leary Arnold & Co. South Strand. Tel. 8491085 / 8490574 Fax. 8491550

e-mail: ola@indigo.ie Karlanne O'Leary & Mary Arnold

Peter Matthews 53 Thomas Hand Street. Tel. 8492522



## Library / Learbharlann / Bibilothéqué / Biblioteka / Bibliotēka

### **Skerries**

Strand Street Tel. 8491900 Fax. 8495142

e-mail: [skerrieslibrary@fingalcoco.ie](mailto:skerrieslibrary@fingalcoco.ie)

Mon & Wed 10-1pm & 2-5pm Tues & Thurs 2-8.30pm Alternate Fri or  
Sat 10-2pm & 2-5pm

Check with Library for Fri & Sat opening dates. Closed Bank Holiday Saturdays &  
Mondays. Check with Library for Christmas & Easter opening hours.

### **Other Fingal Library Services**

#### Mobile Library Service

Mobile Library HQ, Unit 34, Coolmine Industrial Estate, Dublin 15.

Tel. 8221564 Fax. 8221568 e-mail: [mobilelibraries@fingalcoco.ie](mailto:mobilelibraries@fingalcoco.ie)

Mon-Fri 9.30-5.00pm Closed Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays.

Mobile Library visits Mourne Estate & Shenick Estate on Wednesdays. Times differ  
each week. Contact the service for correct times. Timetable available on  
[www.fingalcoco.ie](http://www.fingalcoco.ie)

#### Fingal Housebound Library Service

Fingal Housebound Library Service, Unit 34,

Coolmine Industrial Estate, Dublin 15. Tel. 8604290 Fax. 8604291

e-mail: [houseboundlibrary@fingalcoco.ie](mailto:houseboundlibrary@fingalcoco.ie)

Mon-Fri 10-1pm & 2-5pm. Closed Bank Holiday Mondays. Contact service for  
Christmas & Easter opening times.

Provides service to users at home & unable to access local library, in hospitals, in  
residential care centres, in sheltered accommodation, attending day care centres,  
visually impaired/disabled.

#### Fingal County Archive

Fingal County Archive, 11 Parnell Square, Dublin.

Tel. 8727968 Fax. 8786919 e-mail: [archives@fingalcoco.ie](mailto:archives@fingalcoco.ie)

Mon-Fri 10-1pm and 2-4.30pm Closed Bank Holiday Mondays. Contact archivist  
for Christmas & Easter opening times.

Services include Fingal Archive Holdings, Fingal County Archives, Dublin County  
Council Archives, Research Advice, Research Facilities, Reprographic Services may  
be available. This service is free of charge.

#### Fingal Local Studies

Fingal Local Studies, 11 Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Tel. 8786910 Fax. 8786919

e-mail: [local.studies@fingalcoco.ie](mailto:local.studies@fingalcoco.ie)

Monday 2-8.30pm Tues-Fri 10-1pm & 2-5pm. Closed Bank Holiday Mondays.

Please check for Christmas & Easter opening times.

Information on local history, Irish history & Irish civilisation. Collection includes  
books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, photos, postcards, prints, maps,  
CD-ROMs & ephemera relating to Fingal.



## Local Representatives / Polticians / Politiki

### County Councillors

David O'Connor Independent. "Meadowlands", Ballyboughal, Co. Dublin.

Tel. 01 8433691 / 087 6803860 e-mail: davidj.oconnor@fingalcoco.ie

Joe Corr Green Party. 13 Kenure Crescent, Park Road, Rush, Co. Dublin.

Tel. 087 6815811 e-mail: joecorr@eircom.net

Clinic held 2nd & 4th Fridays in Skerries Library, 7.45pm to 8.15pm.

No clinic in August

Ciaran Byrne Labour Party. 41 Strand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin.

Tel. 01 8491179 / 087 9072061

e-mail: ciaranbyrne 2000@eircom.net web: www.labour.ie/ciaranbyrne

May McKeon Independent. "Sheemore", Market Green, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

Tel. 8413660 e-mail: may.mckeon@fingalcoco.ie

### TDs

Jim Glennon (FF) Constituency Office: 30 Thomas Hand St. Clinic held weekdays

9am to 11am. Phone 8491577; e-mail jglennon@oireachtas.irlgov.ie;

web www.jglennon.com

Sean Ryan (Lab) Clinic held 2nd & 4th Saturday in Skerries Library 11.30am onwards

Phone: 8436254; e-mail: sean.ryan@oireachtas.iregov.ie

Trevor Sergeant (Green Party) Clinic held 1st & 3rd Fridays in Skerries Library

7.45 - 8.15pm. Phone: 6183465/087-2547836;

e-mail: trevor.sergeant@oireachtas.iregov.ie

G.V. Wright (FF) Phone: 8450710; e-mail e-mail: gv.wright@oireachtas.iregov.ie



## Money Matters / Cursaí Áirgid /

## Les Affaires D'Argent / Doradztwo Finansowe /

## Finanses

*Social Welfare is a system of payments and benefits to help ensure that people are able to meet their basic needs. There are 3 types of basic payment*

• *Contributory payments – based on social insurance contributions and are not means-tested. Social insurance payments paid in other EU/EEA countries can count towards contributory benefits e.g. Disability Benefit*

• *Non-Contributory payments – these are means-tested payments made to people who do not have enough social insurance to qualify for contributory payments or who have used up their entitlement e.g. Carers Allowance.*

• *Universal payments- these benefits do not depend on social insurance contributions or a means test. These are small in number of these e.g. Child Benefit.*

### **SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICE**

Skerries/Balbriggan Railway Street, Balbriggan. Tel. 8020050

Monday-Friday 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm. For Unemployment Benefit & Assistance.  
Also PPS numbers for adults.

*Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) is a system of payments administered by the local Health Service. It is a "safety net" scheme of payments designed to who have little or no income and have been unable to claim a basic social welfare payment.*

**COMMUNITY WELFARE OFFICER**

Canice Reade Health Centre, Thomas Hand Street, Skerries. Tel. 8494872  
Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 10-11.30am Covers all Skerries residents.

*In order to claim a means tested payment, including Supplementary Welfare Allowance you have to first satisfy a Habitual Residence Condition, which refers to having a regular, physical presence in Ireland that is intended to last some time.*

*Further information on Social Welfare and other benefits is available from the Citizens Information Centre. Phone: 8494443.*

Money Advice & Budgeting Services (MABS) Tel. 8901102 / 6 Fax. 8901006  
e-mail: [fingal@mabs.ie](mailto:fingal@mabs.ie) web: [www.mabs.ie](http://www.mabs.ie)

Skerries Credit Union 26 Thomas Hand Street. Tel. 8490038

Monday - Thursday 9.45-12.30pm & 1.30-4.30pm Friday 9.45-12.30pm &  
1.30pm-8.30pm Saturday 10.30-12.30pm

Post Office Gerry's Supermarket, Strand Street

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 1pm and 2.15pm to 5.30pm. Sat. 9am to 1pm

Local Tax Office Tel: 1890 333425

*Three of the national banks have branches in Skerries, two in Strand St and one in Church St. In addition a number of building societies have representatives in the town. Other financial services are also available in Skerries, including insurance brokers, accountants etc.*



## Cursaí Spóirt / Sport / Sport

Skerries Community Centre Dublin Road, Skerries. Tel. 8490888

Contact: Sharon Guinane 9am to 9pm

Gym, fitness classes, tennis & badminton courts, junior activities. Many of the sports clubs use Community Centre facilities. Drop-in creche, mornings only.

**Athletics**

Athletics Club 125 Downside Park, Skerries. Tel. 8490840 Contact: Deirdre  
Meets Community Centre, Dublin Road, Friday 7pm to 8pm Catering for 8 years  
upwards. Coaching in all events. Affiliated to Athletic Association of Ireland.  
Always looking for potential coaches/helpers.

**Badminton**

Maritime Badminton Club Community Centre, Dublin Road. Monday 10am to 12pm

Contact: Deirdre O'Neill Tel. 8490419 Anna Maguire Tel. 8492122

Helen Carroll Tel. 8490483

Mill Hill Ladies Badminton Club Community Centre, Dublin Road.

Tuesday 8pm to 10.30pm Contact: June Tel. 8414070

Rockabill Ladies Badminton Club Community Centre, Dublin Road.

Tuesday 10am to 12.30pm Contact: Nyrayana Tel. 8480495 e-mail: [fritch@iol.ie](mailto:fritch@iol.ie)

Skerries Junior Badminton Club Community Centre, Dublin Road.

Saturday 10am to 1pm Contact: Mary Tel. 8490120

Skerries Mixed Badminton Club Community Centre, Dublin Road.

Monday and Wednesday 8pm to 11pm Contact: Dennis Tel. 8490798  
e-mail: denismckeown@iolfree.ie

Sunday Badminton Club Contact: Johnny Burke Tel. 8492198

Austin Wynne Tel. 8490009 Simon Healy Tel. 8490252

### **Bowls & Bowling**

Bowls Club Friday 12 noon to 2pm

Skerries Bowling Club Bowling Green Clubhouse, Tennis Court Lane. Tel. 8492341

All weather bowling green. All levels catered for. Open all year. Bowls & tuition supplied.

### **Community Games**

Skerries Community Games Contact: Louise Tel. 8494256 Sean Tel. 8494118

### **Cricket**

Hills Cricket Club Contact: Barbara Clinton Tel. 086 8513513

## **GAA**

Skerries Harps GAA Club Dublin Road, Skerries. Tel. 8494420

### **Gymnastics**

Girls Gym Club Community Centre, Dublin Road. Contact: Valerie Tel. 8492045

e-mail: shaymac@iol.ie Tuesday & Friday 4pm to 6pm

### **Golf**

Skerries Golf Club Hacketstown. Tel. 8491567 web: [www.skerriesgolfclub.ie](http://www.skerriesgolfclub.ie)

Contact: W. Prendergast, Hon. Sec. Tel. 087 2434335 Golf and Dining & Bar facilities

### **Hockey**

Hockey Club All Weather Pitch, Community Centre, Dublin Road.

Contact: Donal Lynam

Tel. 086 2495719 Monday & Wednesday nights. Juniors Sunday 11.30am to 1pm

### **Martial Arts**

Karate Old School, Dublin Road. Contact: Brendan Smullen Tel. 087 2837428

Saturday 12 noon to 1.30pm Tuesdays 8pm to 9pm

Karate Old School, Dublin Road. Contact: Jerry Tel. 8492036

Saturday 2.30pm to 4pm

Tae Kwon Do Monday & Thursday 4pm to 5pm

### **Rugby**

Skerries Rugby Club Holmpatrick. Contact: Noel Smith Tel. 087 6186701

Men, women and kids

### **Tennis**

Tennis Community Centre, Dublin Road. Contact: Berna Tel. 087 6681257

Before 7pm

Short Tennis Community Centre, Dublin Road. Contact: Jim Dolan Tel. 086 2767365

Monday - Thursday pms

Tennis Club Community Centre, Dublin Road. Contact: Collette Branagan

Tel. 8412800 / 087 2281027 e-mail: [jbrangan@gofree.indigo.ie](mailto:jbrangan@gofree.indigo.ie)

### **Sailing**

Skerries Sailing Club Harbour Road Contact: Gerry Rooney Tel. 8491233

### **Soccer**

Skerries Town Football Club Contact: Kevin Wynne Tel. 087 1386975 Tuesday and Thursdays



## Transport / Cursaí Iompar / Transport Transport / Transports

### **Train**

Skerries Train Station Tel. 8491223

Trains south to Dublin and north to Drogheda and Dundalk

Irish Rail Tel. 8366222 [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)

### **Bus**

Dublin Bus Tel. 8734222 [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie)

Route 33 - Lr. Abbey St. is 1st stop - Dublin City Centre, Swords, Lusk, Rush,  
Loughshinny, Skerries & Balbriggan

Route 33 - Lr. Abbey St. is last stop - Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny, Rush,  
Swords, and Dublin City Centre

### **Disabled Transport**

Vantastic Dial A Ride Tel. 8330663 web: [www.vantastic.ie](http://www.vantastic.ie)

Low cost transport service for elderly & people with disabilities.



## **Citizens Information Centre (CIC)**

Skerries Citizen's Information Centre can provide you with information, advice and advocacy on all your rights and entitlements. This free, confidential, impartial and independent service covers a range of subjects including:

- Consumer Affairs
- Educational Opportunities
- Employment Rights
- European Union Issues
- Disability Information
- Family Issues
- Financial Matters
- Health Services
- Housing
- Insurance
- Justice
- Local Information
- Migrant Rights
- Rural Issues
- Social Welfare
- Taxation
- Travel & Communication

Call in and identify what your entitlements are, consider the best options for you, get help filling out a form or receive assistance with an enquiry or an appeal.

This service is available to everyone regardless of race, gender, sexuality or disability.

Citizens Information Centre, Strand House Clinic, Strand Street

Phone: 8494443

Fax: 8029686

email: [skerries.cic@comhairle.ie](mailto:skerries.cic@comhairle.ie)

Open: Monday - Friday 10am to 1pm

Skerries Community Association

for info: [www.skerriesca.com](http://www.skerriesca.com)

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