



Shop Local this Christmas

With the busiest shopping spree taking place over the coming weeks, the people of Tullamore are encouraged to support the local economy and shop local this Christmas. There are more shopping options throughout the town centre than ever before, with competitive pricing and unbeatable personal service. Shop local in the knowledge you are sustaining jobs and supporting Tullamore.



Tullamore's Patrick Street lit up for Christmas

Support Christmas Lights Campaign

The Tullamore & District Chamber manages the erection and fundraising for Christmas Lights each year in Tullamore. With the support of Tullamore Town Council and local businesses the lights bring a festive atmosphere to the town and keeps Tullamore top of Midlands towns. The Chamber organises the annual 'turning on' ceremony which includes the arrival of Santa on his sleigh, carol singing and kids entertainment, with thousands coming out to soak up the seasonal cheer. This year's

Christmas Lights celebration will focus on entertainment and curtail the speeches. With great Christmas deals in the shops, be sure to get in early to shop and eat before the official ceremony at 5pm on Sunday 24th November.

Chamber representatives will be calling into local businesses to collect the annual lights subscription which helps promote Tullamore as the main shopping location in the Midlands. Thank you for your support.



Tullamore DEW distillery under construction at Clonminch off the by-pass

Distillery to Open in Autumn 2014

Tullamore DEW whiskey production will return to a pot still and malt distillery on a 58 acre site just off the by-pass near Clonminch, on the outskirts of Tullamore for the first time since 1954. During the construction phase up to 200 people will be employed to build a production facility that will be able to produce 1.5 million cases of the Tullamore nectar each year. Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, turned the sod on the new plant in September proposing Tullamore DEW is one of the key drivers in the success Ireland has had for strong and distinct Irish Whiskey products around the world, impacting signifi-

cantly on global exports and tourism. The investment is being made by Tullamore DEW's parent company, William Grant & Sons, and 25 five people will be employed at the distillery. The brand has almost doubled its worldwide sales to 850,000 cases since 2005.

"The distillery will open in autumn 2014 with two warehouses to hold 55,000 casks of whiskey. Installed 14km of piping to bring freshwater from the Slieve Bloom mountains"
William Grant & Sons, an independent, family-owned Scottish company, employs more than 90 people in Ireland – in Tullamore, Clonmel and Dublin.

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Chamber Activities

Regular meetings with Tullamore Town Council to collectively highlight issues directly effecting business in Tullamore.

Lobbying and representation at local and national level.

Collective input into development plans and responses to planning issues.

Host events to promote networking of local business people and develop new business contacts.

Representation and input into various local development & funding agencies.

Fully licensed Export Documentation Service - Certificate of Origin.

Manages the fundraising and erection of the Christmas Lights.

Online business directory listing on Tullamore Chamber website.

Annual Tullamore Business Awards.



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**Foundation Thirteen
Highlights the Arts Centre**



Artist Claire Chaney -The Hive Gallery at Kilroys
Foundation 13 was an exciting initiative by Offaly County Council in association with The Arts Council of Ireland, and Brendan Fox (curator) aimed at highlighting international contemporary arts practice in preparation for the opening of Tullamore Community Arts Centre. It hosted workshops and talks with artists, curators, gallery owners and facilitators, showcasing new theatre works, art house cinema events and collaborative based art projects - www.foundation-13.com

**Largest Show Accolade
for Tullamore Show**

More than 61,000 people attended The Tullamore Show making this years show the most successful to date increasing the speculation of stretching the show to 2 days in the coming years. The show has broadened its programme in recent years and now includes over 600 trade stands, 1000 competition classes, 5000 competitors, live entertainment, food, crafts, fashion, cookery demonstrations, horticulture, lifestyle, pets corner and kids fun. The showcase event for Irish Lifestyle and Culture is run by a team of over 500 volunteers who have already started work on next years events which takes place on Sunday 10th August 2014.

TOURISM

Cannonball Pulls the Crowd to Town Centre



Cannon Ball Finish Line at The Bridge House

CANNONBALL is the largest organised road trip in Europe and the most exciting motoring social event of the year. Tullamore hosted the Cannonball event which attracted 12,500 visitors to the town. 150 super cars arrived in Tullamore for the final stage of the three day Cannonball run across Ireland. Super cars included McLaren, Lam-

orghini, Ferrari, Aston Martin, Porsche, Masseratti, Rolls Royce and Bentley. Shane Lynch of Boyzone fame was involved in driving one of the Supercars. Negotiations are ongoing to secure the event for 2014 www.cannonball.ie

**All Ireland
Fleadh Bid 2016**



Jubilant musicians at the Fleadh Ceoil Tullamore
Following the enormous success in 2007, 2008 & 2009, Tullamore is seeking to host the All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil again in 2016. The benefits to Tullamore as host town are far reaching, including the positive publicity from a tourism perspective, returning international visitors and the direct economic impact for local businesses. Success of the Fleadhs in Tullamore was due to the underlying support of the entire local community including schools, businesses, community groups, local authorities, art & sport organisations, gardai, civil defence and individuals. Over the coming months and lead-in to 2016 all these groups will be joining forces again to bid to host one of the largest cultural events in the world.

**Tullamore Improving in
Tidy League**

Tullamore have moved up to 11th position in the IBAL, Irish Business Against Litter League. As part of the IBAL Anti-Litter League, An Taisce monitors towns of population 6,000 and over, independently and in accordance with international grading standards. The programme is run in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. Tullamore is now 'Clean to European Norms' and it is a great achievement for the Town and the people of Tullamore, Tullamore Town Council and the Tidy Towns Committee who deserve credit for working together over the last number of years to bring up the standard and work on several black spots around the town by which IBAL previously deemed Tullamore to be Ireland's dirtiest town.



Patrick Street - Best Street - Tullamore Credit Union Awards 2013



TULLAMORE VOUCHERS

Keep Money Local This Christmas With Tullamore Vouchers - Chamber Quids

Tullamore Vouchers - Chamber Quids are available for purchase from the Tullamore Credit Union. Whether it's a Christmas present you're looking for or a tax free reward for your staff, why not support our local town and economy by buying Tullamore Vouchers - Chamber Quids this year. Vouchers can be used in a wide variety of shops in Tullamore.

Log onto www.tullamorechamber.com for latest list of shops

If your company is not already signed up to accept vouchers you can do so by contacting the Chamber today. It has never been more important to support our local town and using Tullamore vouchers - Chamber Quids is an ideal way to do your bit for Tullamore.

Participating Shops and Businesses

Other shops may also accept quid vouchers

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| Acorn Restaurant | Guy Clothing |
| Adam's Chemist | Hanlon's Butchers |
| Argos | Heffernan's Station |
| Bridge House Hotel | J & M Jewellers |
| Brookville House | D Kids |
| Blue Apron Restaurant | Kit your Kitchen |
| Beverly's | Kode |
| Café 4 U | Lambe's Oil |
| Cards & Things | Leavy's Centra |
| Castle Barna Golf Club | Mc Keown's |
| Carroll's Menswear | Menary's |
| Central Hotel | Midland Framing |
| Cloonan's Hardware | N.I.S. Computers |
| Cahill Jewellers | Norma's Lingerie |
| Dolan's Pharmacy | O'Malley's Restaurant |
| Dotser Web | O'Sullivan Photography |
| Douglas Jewellers | Print Plus |
| Elma's Beauty Salon | Recharge Cartridges |
| Fahey's Pharmacy | Rene's Beauty Salon |
| Galvin for Men | Ritz's Hair Salon |
| Galvin for Ladies | Rose Finlay Pharmacy |

Support Local Jobs!



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| Solo | Tullamore Golf Club |
| Siroccos | Tyrrell's Home Baking |
| Sterling Jewellers | Quirke's Medical Hall |
| Scally's Centra | Vera Moda |
| Tesco | Woodie's |
| Tullamore Court Hotel | Yaadgar Restaurant |
| Tullamore Fuels | |

TOWN COUNCIL LINK

Upgrade to Water System

With the extensive expansion of the new Water Treatment Plant in Kilcruttin the council will be rolling out further improvements across the town by upgrading the water pipe network. This will involve digging of the towns streets, replacing the pipes and undoubtedly will leave the council in an improved position to implement the water charges on a usage basis.



New pedestrian bridge being lowered into position alongside Kilbeggan Bridge

New Colour for Tullamore

During the summer months Tullamore was visited by a colour consultant whose services were paid for by the Tullamore Credit Union. The objective was to review the town's buildings and shop fronts with a view to proposing a colour scheme design to be implemented by individual businesses in the town. Around forty premises were included in the consultation with some taking the opportunity to paint this year. More businesses are set to freshen up their premises in 2014.



Nine daily trains to and from Dublin each day

Business Incentive Scheme

The Tullamore Chamber joined forces with the Tullamore Town Council and Tullamore Credit Union to introduce incentives for businesses in the town. To qualify under the scheme the vacant premises must be located within a designated area, and comply with a number of other criteria. Further details and application form available on www.offaly.ie

2014-2020 Draft County Development Plan

The Draft Plan is on public display until Monday 6th January 2014. Further details visit www.offaly.ie

The chamber will be submitting their views on the County Development Plan. To have your say contact the Chamber.

Collective Advertising Working for Tullamore

Businesses in Tullamore are clubbing together to collectively promote the town on radio, newspapers and online. In the lead up to Christmas Tullamore will be highlighting the value and choice it has to offer in the retail sector with campaigns promoting the Offaly capital.

Businesses currently signed up include the Bridge Centre, Bridge House Hotel, Chocolate Browns, Cloonan's Hardware, Galvin for Men, Guy Clothing, Hanlon's Butchers, Subway & Galvin for Ladies.



Chamber Members 2013

Adams Chemist
AIB
Aidan Walsh Opticians
Bank of Ireland
The Bridge Centre
Bridge House Hotel
Byrne, Casey & Associates
Café 4 U
Capital Securities
Carraghers Pharmacy Ltd.
Cloonan's Hardware
Colton Motors
Covidien
Cuisine Royale Manufacturing
Dooley Wool Ltd.
Dotser
Doyle, John & Rosarie
Enviroco
Eye Contact Opticians
FBD Insurance
Flanagan Properties
Galvin for Men
Glenisk
Guy Clothing
Hanlon Butchers
Hoey & Denning Solicitors
Irish Farm Accountants
Irish Casings
J.A. Lumley & Son
J.D. Scanlon & Co.
Jetprint
Joseph Brophy Solicitors
Kavanagh McCormack
Kenny Lyons & Associates
Kilbeggan Racecourse
KMK Metals Recycling
Lambes Oil
Mc Donald International
Midpoint HR
Molloy Environmental Systems
Network Infrastructure Support
O'Donovan, Mahon & Cowen
Offaly County Enterprise Board
Ogra Skincare
Paul Wrafter Accountants
Print Plus
Reliance GeneMedix
Sennheiser Consumer Electronics
Sirocco's Restaurant
Steripack
Stewart & Russell Accountants
Supermac's
Synergy Health
Tullamore Court Hotel
Tullamore Credit Union
Tullamore DEW Visitors Centre
Tullamore Golf Club
Tullamore Hardware

Chamber Street Reps

Columcille Street Upper
John Doyle & Eileen Moore
William Street
Paul Galvin & Brian Cloonan
O'Connor Square
Mark Gallagher & John Lyons
High Street
Michael Campbell & Michelle Brady
Patrick Street
Michael Hanlon & Olivia Murphy
Church Street
Joe Gallagher & Lisa Bracken
O'Carroll Street
John Leavy
Kilbride Street
Ken Grennan & Brian Conroy
Harbour Street
Peter Wheeler & Mick Waters

Chamber Council 2013

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Joe Stewart - *Secretary*
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Coder Dojo Tullamore



Aisling Gallagher & her father Pat at Coder Dojo

At Coder Dojo, young people between 5 and 17 learn how to code, develop websites, apps, programs, games and more. Dojos are set up, run by and taught by local volunteers. Coder Dojo Tullamore takes place on Friday evenings from 6pm in St. Mary's Youth Centre.

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Save the Date

Local Events

Christmas Market - Friday, Saturday & Sunday 13th, 14th & 15th December - Local food & craft in festive atmosphere 10am - 6pm - O'Connor Square

Chamber Diary

Turning on of the Christmas Lights
Santa and Rudolph arrive in Tullamore, with carol singing and kids entertainment from 5.30pm Sunday 24th Nov.

Christmas Social Night

Tullamore D.E.W. Visitors Centre
Friday 6th December @ 6.30pm

Christmas Lights Pub Collection

Saturday 21st December

Chamber AGM - Friday 31st January 8pm Bridge House Hotel. Annual Chamber report and election of Council and Street Reps 2014 - Nomination details online - Open to all.

Chamber President Awards Function

Saturday 22nd February 2014 - Bridge House Hotel. The annual flagship business event, celebrating the best about Tullamore business in an enjoyable & relaxed atmosphere.

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