



## Tullamore Included in €450 million Broadband Network Investment

**Investment will propel Tullamore into the ranks of the world's fastest broadband towns.**

ESB and Vodafone have signed a joint venture agreement to invest €450 million in building a 100% fibre broadband network across Ireland. The network will offer speeds of 200 Mbps to 1000 Mbps propelling Tullamore into the ranks of the world's fastest broadband towns. Tullamore will also become one of the first towns in Europe to utilise existing electricity infrastructure to deploy fibre directly to homes and businesses.

Tullamore will be among the 50 towns targeted in the first phase of the roll-out. The broadband fibre will be deployed on the ESB's existing overhead and underground infrastructure. This new broadband infrastructure will add to the

Tullamore Metropolitan Area Network offering which was developed over eight years ago and included the installation of a fibre loop around the town. The joint offering should also stimulate more competition in the broadband market and offer greater speeds and reduced prices to businesses across Tullamore. 'With the internet being a key driver in business development, the Chamber is delighted to see further improvements in the broadband infrastructure taking place', commented Loughnan Hooper of Dotser Web & Marketing. 'Business is becoming more reliant on the internet every day and this development will help Tullamore offer better broadband and related services at more affordable prices.'

- more details on [www.tullamorechamber.com](http://www.tullamorechamber.com)

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## Phoenix Rising - Tullamore D.E.W. Launch in September



*The new Tullamore D.E.W Distillery*

Tullamore D.E.W. whiskey production will return to a custom built pot still and malt distillery, on the outskirts of Tullamore, for the first time since 1954. The state of the art production facility will be able to produce 1.5 million cases of the Tullamore nectar each year. Fresh water from the Slieve Bloom Mountains will service the facility with 14km of new piping and the facility will have two dedicated warehouses to hold 55,000 casks. Tullamore D.E.W., the second largest selling whiskey in the world, is owned by William Grants & Sons, a family-run Scottish company. They have invested €35 million in the new distillery and employ 90 people in Ireland - in Tullamore, Clonmel & Dublin.

## Offaly Local Enterprise Office Open for Business!

The new Local Enterprise Office (LEO) for Offaly has opened its doors in the Offaly County Council buildings on Charleville Road. Offaly Local Enterprise Office will be the 'one stop shop' for all Government supports for anyone who wants to start or expand their business and create jobs in Offaly. The LEOs replace County & City Enterprise Boards and will build on the solid foundation of knowledge, work and expertise within the Enterprise Boards, providing support to new and existing businesses. Orla Martin has been appointed Head of Local Enterprise Office, Offaly and will be working with Geraldine Beirne, James Hogan, Edel Boyd and Sinead Shaw to drive new programmes and to maintain close contact with Offaly businesses.

For further information please contact the Local Enterprise Office directly on 057 935 7480 or email [info@leo.offalycoco.ie](mailto:info@leo.offalycoco.ie)



*Eddie Rocket's - a newly opened diner franchise in O' Connor Square, Tullamore.*



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### What the Chamber does:

Regular meetings with Offaly County 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.



## Foundation 14 to Highlight the Arts Centre

Foundation14 is an initiative, by Tullamore Community Arts Centre in association with Offaly County Council and The Arts Council of Ireland, aimed at highlighting international contemporary arts practice in preparation for the opening of Tullamore Community Arts Centre. Taking place in shop units and public spaces in Tullamore, Foundation14 is an exciting opportunity for artists to showcase their work in a new context. Last year the Foundation13 Arts program held 45 events in 12 venues in Tullamore town centre and welcomed almost ten thousand visitors through its doors. Now officially an Arts Festival, Foundation14's programme is even bigger and better, pulling in over 50 local & international artists, including work from Irish Visual artist Susan MacWilliam from the 53rd Venice Biennale and also work from groundbreaking video artist Dr Kevin Atherton. More details on [www.foundation14.com](http://www.foundation14.com).

## Tullamore Treat Week set for September



*Colourful flower display at The Wolftrap on William Street*

After the success of Tullamore treat week in April, the local business and traders group is running the initiative again in September.

The local business group came together to collectively promote and encourage shoppers to the town centre with discount offers and bargains in over 60 stores. For any initiative it takes time to get off the ground but the initial results have been encouraging and with a few tweaks the promotion is being run again in September. Traders that missed out are encouraged to contact their street representatives for further information.

## TOURISM

### Tourist Visitors Up 20%

Tullamore D.E.W Visitor Centre has seen a significant rise in visitors to the renowned whiskey distillery exhibition. With visitor numbers up by 20%, it can only mean a positive spin off for local business in the local shops, cafés, restaurants, bars, hotels and bed & breakfasts. Tullamore D.E.W. is now the second largest whiskey brand in the world, and the newly developed visitor centre is proving to be a big draw for tour operators and 'accidental tourists' alike. The Chamber are working with the County Council to develop initiatives to maximise the potential to the town and county, of having such a world class tourist attraction.



*Tullamore D.E.W Visitors Centre on Bury Quay*

### Improvements in Town Appearance



*Volunteers from local businesses have taken part in a street clean-up in the town centre in May and June. Tullamore Credit Union are running a competition - 'Best Business Street' as part of the 'Tidy Tullamore' initiative.*



*New trees and planters supported by the Tidy Towns, Offaly County Council and Tullamore Chamber.*

### Two Local Winners in the Midland Gateway Chamber Awards

Local businesses were well represented at the annual Midlands Gateway Best in Business Awards held in Mullingar recently. The Business Person of the Year Award was won by Cathal O'Donohue, O'Donohues Bakery, and the Best Customer Focus Award was presented to Mary Hensey, Manager of Tullamore D.E.W. Visitor Centre.

### Offaly Innovation Centre Opens in Axis

Offaly Innovation Centre, 19 Axis Business Park, Tullamore is open for business. Expressions of interest are now being sought. The Innovation Centre is an exciting new addition to the suite of business supports available in the county.

This new venture is a multifunctional space, offering hot desk space, desk space, office space for rental and meeting room hire.

It is designed to assist innovative people to develop their business idea and interact with other people doing the same. It is much more than just office space. The Innovation Centre is supported by the Local Enterprise Office and other partners and these will provide ongoing training and mentoring support to people working in the Centre.

Furthermore, the Innovation Centre will be open to existing businesses in the region, looking to diversify and develop new products. Please register your interest today! [info@leo.offalycoco.ie](mailto:info@leo.offalycoco.ie) – Offaly Innovation Centre in Subject Line or call us on 057 93 57480.



*Complete listing of 'Things to do' and 'Whats On' in Offaly - Visit [www.offalytourism.com](http://www.offalytourism.com)*



## CHAMBER BUSINESS AWARDS

# Local Business Excels at Annual Chamber Awards



The Green Initiative Award was presented to Kai Meyer of KMK Metals by Chamber President Anne Starling and Pat O'Driscoll, Covidien.



Best Website: Tullamore Court Hotel with the award being collected by Manager Philip O'Brien.



Emerging New Business: Brian Conroy of FixMyl.



THE annual Tullamore & District Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, supported by Covidien, took place at the Bridge House Hotel in February. This flagship event, is one of the highlights of the business and social calendar. The Awards dinner afforded finalists and attendees the opportunity to promote and increase awareness of their businesses as well as the opportunity to make new business acquaintances.

Paul O'Driscoll, Plant Manager, Covidien, said: "Covidien has been operating in Tullamore for over 30 years. The Tullamore Chamber of Commerce Business Awards is a landmark event in the regional business diary and we were delighted to be able to support the awards this year. It was a great opportunity for us to connect with a number of our neighbouring businesses. I would like to congratulate all of this year's award winners."



From l to r: The President's Award Seamus Carroll, founder of Carroll Cuisine. Business Initiative Award: O'Donohues' Bakery, Louise O'Donohue. Community Achievement: Tullamore Lions Club with Lions President Mark Gallagher. Best Customer Service Business: Tullamore D.E.W. Visitor Centre. Cultural Tourism Award Offaly History with Stephen McNeill and Charlie Finlay. The Retail Excellence Award: WoodGrove Interiors with Emma Browne and Miriam Caffrey. Pictures courtesy of the Tullamore Tribune Liam O'Reilly.

- President's Award:** Mr. Seamus Carroll.
- Business Initiative:** O'Donohues' Bakery
- Community Achievement:** Tullamore Lions Club.
- Best Customer Service Business:** Tullamore D.E.W Visitor Centre
- Cultural Tourism:** Offaly History.
- Retail Excellence:** WoodGrove Interiors
- Best Customer Service Individual:** Sandra Vaughn Ross, Tullamore Court Hotel
- Best Website:** Tullamore Court Hotel
- Emerging New Business:** FixMyl
- Green Initiative:** KMK Metals

## County Development Plan 2014-2020

Following the May Council meeting and the consideration by the Members of the Managers Report on Submissions, the Material Amendments to the Draft Offaly County Development Plan 2014-2020 are now available for public inspection until Friday 25th of July 2014.



Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, addresses media at last years Tullamore Show. This year's show takes place on Sunday 10th August in Blueball.



Canadian Canoes paddling in Grand Canal Harbour

## Water Upgrade to Disrupt Town Centre Business

Following on from the €24 million upgrade to Tullamore Waste Water treatment plant, the town's water pipe infrastructure is currently undergoing a complete overhaul, which has seen unavoidable disruption to traffic and businesses. This essential work will continue for a number of months and businesses have been liaising with the Council through the Chamber to come up with a plan that offers the least disruption possible. The town centre works will begin on Monday 11th August, starting from the Town Hall down High Street and

continue for a couple of months. Diversions will be in place to minimise disruption to the town centre 'With a major upgrade to infrastructure like this, there is inevitable disruption and businesses will be affected as works take place. We encourage businesses to make themselves aware of the plans and work schedule by contacting the Water section in the Council. It is our experience that the Council have taken on board people's concerns and addressed where ever possible.'



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Offaly County Enterprise Board  
Office Centre  
Ogra Skincare  
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ptsb Bank  
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Synergy Health  
TC Physiotherapy  
Thrace Packaging  
Tullamore Court Hotel  
Tullamore Credit Union  
Tullamore D.E.W. Visitors Centre  
Tullamore Hardware  
Tullamore Show

## Chamber Street Reps

### Columcille Street Upper:

Dee Gallagher & Eileen Moore

### William Street:

Paul Galvin, Alan Duffy & Brian Cloonan

### O'Connor Square:

Mark Gallagher, Joe Fennell & John Lyons

### High Street:

Michael Campbell & Michelle Brady

### Patrick Street:

Michael Hanlon, Tony Cahill & Anthony Kearns

### Church Street:

Joe Gallagher & Lisa Bracken

### O'Carroll Street:

John Leavy

### Kilbride Street:

Ken Grennan & Ann Fox

### Harbour Street:

Peter Wheeler & Mick Waters

### Tanyard:

Karen Flanagan

### Main Street:

Annette Bennigsen

## Chamber Council 2014

**President:** Anne Starling

**Secretary:** Niall Mulligan

**Treasurer:** Joe Stewart

**Council:** Dominic Doherty, Sinead Dooley, Michael Hanlon, Declan Harvey, Mary Hensey, Loughnan Hooper, Anthony Kearns, Peter Lyons, Tony McCormack, John McDonald, Eileen Moore.



Aidan Walsh Optician's Floral Display



New Hanging Baskets on Patrick Street



Excellent example of local businesses improving the town centre appearance.

## Media Partners



Tullamore Tribune



## Save the Date

### Local Events

#### Offaly Delicious Food Market

Last Saturday of Every Month

Kilcrottin Business Park, 10am - 2pm

#### Tullamore International Organ Series

Church of the Assumption, 1st - 22nd July

#### Kilbeggan Races

Friday 18th July 6pm

Saturday 9th August 5.30pm

Friday 22nd August 5.05pm

Friday 5th Sept 4.35pm

#### Castlepalooza

Charleville Castle - 1st - 3rd August

#### Tullamore Show

Blueball, Sunday 10th August

#### Canal Quarter Festival

Hugh Lynchs Pub, 14th - 17th August

Featuring Damien Dempsey, Bagatelle, Bosco & Tae Lane

#### Cannonball 12th - 14th September

#### Queen of the Land Festival

50th Anniversary, 7th - 9th November

All events are listed on the Chamber website

[www.tullamorechamber.com](http://www.tullamorechamber.com)

## Chamber Diary

### Chamber BBQ

Bury Quay Boardwalk, Sat 12th July 8pm

### Chamber Fundraiser

Strictly Come Dancing / Jigs & Reels

Saturday 18th October

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