

County Carlow

A FESTIVE

Family Experience

NOVEMBER 23rd - DECEMBER 24th 2019



#CarlowChristmas

For further information: 059 9129783



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Welcome to your Festive Family Programme

Welcome to County Carlow – A Festive Family Experience, the go-to guide for what's on in County Carlow over the 2019 festive period. Christmas is a special time of year for our communities and visitors and there are many events available for young and old to enjoy. There is something for everyone in County Carlow and we look forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to the County. On behalf of the people of Carlow, community and voluntary groups, businesses, programme partners and Carlow County Council we wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas.

Cllr. John Pender,
Cathaoirleach – Carlow County Council

a big Thank You

Carlow County Council would like to sincerely thank all our advertisers, sponsors, stakeholders, local businesses and volunteers who put together and host the County Carlow Festive Programme. This is your festive programme hosted by you for all to enjoy, so come and experience our wonderful County. The County Carlow Festive Programme is the result of communities and businesses coming together and making things happen for themselves, so well done to all concerned.

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Saturday 23rd November

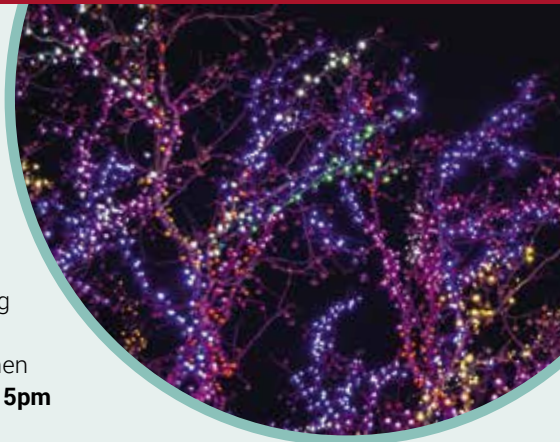
Christmas Lights Ceremony

1pm - 7pm

Potato Market, Carlow

Head down to Potato Market in the centre of Carlow Town for the 'Turning-On of the Christmas Lights' Ceremony. On-Street music will be available from 1pm to 7pm, where our DJ will be joined by Carlow Regional Youth Services singing a few tunes, and Carlow College of Music Choirs singing some Christmas songs. Then the **Christmas Lights will be turned on at 5pm** by Santa and the the Mayor.

Info: www.localenterprise.ie/carlow



EIST Cancer Support Centre & Bank of Ireland invite you to participate in the

Eist Annual Candlelight Walk of Hope

3.30pm

Starting from Bank of Ireland, Shamrock Plaza at 4.30pm

Walk through the town behind Santa to Potato Market for the turning on of the Carlow Town Christmas Lights. Join us in Bank of Ireland from 3.30pm for tea & a chat before the walk. Candles available from EIST Cancer Support Centre & all Carlow Branches of Bank of Ireland.

Info: www.localenterprise.ie/carlow



Eist Annual Candlelight Walk of Hope
in association with Bank of Ireland

Will take place on **Saturday 23rd November**

Starting from Bank of Ireland, Shamrock Plaza at 4.30pm. Walking through the town behind Santa, to Potato Market for the turning on of the Christmas Lights.

Join us in Bank of Ireland from 3.30pm for tea & a chat before the walk.
Candles available from EIST Cancer Support Centre & all Carlow Branches of Bank of Ireland.





CARLOW
COUNTY COUNCIL
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CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS IN CARLOW TOWN CHRISTMAS 2019

Carlow County Council wish to inform the public of the following parking arrangements for Carlow Town Centre for the Christmas period:

FREE CAR PARKING AT TOWN HALL, GREEN BANK ROAD & VISUAL CAR PARKS...

Saturday 23rd November 2019 - Monday 6th January 2020 (inclusive)

PAY & DISPLAY ZONES FREE PARKING TIMES...

Saturday 23rd November 2019 - Monday 6th January 2020 (inclusive)
9.30am - 12noon and 3pm - 6.30pm

ON-STREET PARKING - 30 MINUTES FREE...

30 minutes free parking continues to apply on:

**Tullow Street Upper & Tullow Street Lower • Dublin Street
Kennedy Avenue • Potato Market • Castle Street**

Santa at Fairgreen Shopping Centre

**From Saturday 23rd November
until 3pm Christmas Eve**

Fairgreen Shopping Centre, Barrack Street, Carlow

**Santa arrives at Fairgreen Shopping Centre on
Saturday 23rd November at 2pm.** Come and meet
him in his magical grotto! Log on to www.fairgreen.ie
for Grotto times and extended centre opening hours.

Info: Tel: 059 9143500 email: info@fairgreen.ie



THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT



Delta Centre Christmas Wonderland



Late Opening and Lights in Sensory Gardens and Cafe until 7pm each evening 6th to 20th December

LAUNCH OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN SENSORY GARDENS

Friday 6th December, 6pm - 8pm

Carol singing, mulled wine and snacks.

ELVES WORKSHOP

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December, 11am - 5pm

Selfies with Santa as he strolls through the gardens, arts and crafts, face painting and much more.

FULL TRADITIONAL LUNCH

Sunday 8th December (booking essential)

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, AUTISM AND SENSORY DISORDER

Sat 14th and Sun 15th December, 12pm - 6pm

at Delta Multisensory Facilities



delta centre
Strawhall | Carlow | Tel: 059 9143527

Come and Share

Christmas
WONDERLAND

- Carol Singing
- Sensory Santa Experience
- Elves Workshop
- Christmas Lights Display in Sensory Gardens
- Cafe
- Garden Centre

Friday 6th to Friday 20th December
until 7.00pm Everyday

For more details and bookings log onto: **www.deltasensorygardens.com**



Delta Centre, Carlow

Services

We provide training, residential, respite, day and multi-sensory services to adults with intellectual disabilities.

Gardens

We have constructed and developed a series of inter-connecting gardens offering a multisensory experience to visitors.

Restaurant

With years of experience we can cater from just your Coffee and scones to our daily menu. Busses are welcome.

Weddings

If it's your wedding day, contact us about the ideal venue in order to capture your pictures.

Day by Day Programme for Christmas 2019

Welcome to the Day by Day Programme for Christmas for County Carlow, where you will find details of events happening around the County between November 23rd and December 24th in order by date and time. We hope you enjoy all the events on offer and have a wonderful Christmas!



Carlow County Towns - Christmas Lights Ceremonies

Bagenalstown Christmas Lights Ceremony

Friday 22nd November, 7pm

Tullow Christmas Lights Ceremony

Saturday 30th November, 5pm

Borris Christmas Lights Ceremony

Saturday 7th December, 6.30 pm



Sunday 24th November

9.30am & 11am

Breakfast with Santa



Arboretum, Leighlinbridge

Join Mrs. Claus and the elves for a sing along while enjoying breakfast before Santa's arrival. Once breakfast is complete Santa will arrive to join in the sing along and meet all the children and spread the festive cheer. Every child will get to meet Santa one-to-one and receive their early Christmas gift. **Choice of 9.30am and 11am.** Book online.

Book online at www.arboretum.ie

10am - 5pm

Family Carers Carlow Annual Winter Market



Youth Centre, Green Lane, Carlow

Our Winter Market is an opportunity for local businesses to showcase their talents while supporting family carers in the local community. A fun, festive day for all the family with a DJ and a visit from Mr & Mrs Claus. Door prizes & Lucky Dip with lots of prizes. Adults €2, Children free.

Info: Family Carers Carlow, Kilkenny
 CC Winter Market



11.30am

Ballon ECO Christmas Fair



The Forge, Kilbride Cross, Ballon, Co. Carlow

ECO Friendly Christmas Fair. Festive nibbles, arts and crafts, toys, books and much, much more. In aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team. Admission €3, Children free.

Info: www.ballonvillage.com
 Ballon Improvement Group

Sunday 24th November

Abba Forever, The Christmas Show – Music



24th November, 8pm

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

VISUAL

"ABBA FOREVER" The Christmas Show, returns to Visual, Carlow this festive season. This Spanish based Abba show continues to be one of Ireland's most popular shows. After numerous sell out tours of Ireland for the past 11 years, ABBA fans keep coming back for more. So "MAMMA MIA here we go again, MY MY how can you resist them", Europe's very top ABBA show, ABBA FOREVER!

It's always party time when ABBA comes to town but when it's the Christmas Show it's a real excuse to let your hair down! This happy sing-a-long event is pure escapism. It celebrates ABBA'S MUSIC with a loud and proud production and terrific audio visuals of ABBA seminal moments on the GIANT screen!

Tickets: €22

**Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400**

Monday 25th November

9.30am & 11am

Breakfast with Santa



Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Carlow

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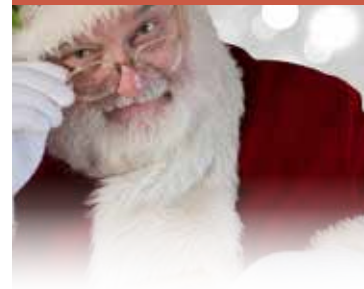
Cost: €15

Book online at www.arboretum.ie

Tuesday 26th November

9.30am & 11am

Breakfast with Santa



Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Carlow

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Choice of 9.30am and 11am. Book online.

Cost: €15

Book online at www.arboretum.ie

Wednesday 27th November

9.30am & 11am

Breakfast with Santa



Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Carlow

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Choice of 9.30am and 11am. Book online.

Cost: €15

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Thursday 28th November

Breakfast with Santa

9.30am & 11am

Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Carlow

Join Mrs. Claus and the elves for a sing along while enjoying breakfast before Santa's arrival. Once breakfast is complete Santa will arrive to join in the sing along and meet all the children and spread the festive cheer. Every child will get to meet Santa one-to-one and receive their early Christmas gift.

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Supper with Santa

6pm

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Pictures are free to be taken by parents on the day.

Cost: €15

Book online at www.arboretum.ie



Thursday 28th November

Susie and the Story Shredder – Theatre



28th November, 10am

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

VISUAL

All stories are banned in the kingdom of Levitas. King Levi says that stories make your brain go fuzzy and your hands turn green. It's Susie and Shredder's job to enforce the King's law, shredding stories from dawn 'til dusk. But today, Susie will read a story for the very first time. Perhaps stories aren't so scary after all. An upbeat adventure from the award-winning creators of Half Light. (No actual stories were harmed in the making of this play).

Cost: €5

Ages 6+

Duration: 50 mins

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie

Tel: 059 9172400

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

**Support
Local
Business and
Shop Local
this Christmas!**

*Friday 29th November***Breakfast with Santa**

9.30am & 11am

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Carlow Christmas Tree Festival

12pm - 9pm

St. Mary's Church, Haymarket, Carlow

A display of traditional, creative and contemporary Christmas trees submitted by local groups and businesses. Fundraising event, all proceeds donated to two local charities; Éist and County Carlow Hospice.

Info: Email: carlowchristmastreefestival@gmail.com **f** [carlowunion](https://www.facebook.com/carlowunion)

**Carlow Christmas Market**

2pm - 7pm

Perry's Old Warehouse, Kennedy Street, Carlow

An Experience for all the family - 35+ quality food & craft exhibitors, a Vintage Carousel, Santa's Grotto with Santa & Mrs. Claus and more, come along and join the fun!

Info: **f** [carlowxmas](https://www.facebook.com/carlowxmas)

**Supper with Santa**

6pm

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*Nov 29th - Dec 1st, and Dec 20th - 22nd***Carlow Christmas Market**

2pm - 7pm Fridays
12pm - 7pm Sat/Sun

**Perry's Old Warehouse,
Kennedy Street, Carlow**

**Spectacular Carlow Christmas
Market Returns to Carlow for the
second year, for two weekends!**

Re-live your childhood memories with funfair attractions, including a beautiful vintage carousel, treat yourself to something sweet or savoury from a wide range of food stalls, find that perfect present for someone special with many unique gift ideas to browse and buy from, or grab a hot chocolate and enjoy a festive movie at the **Christmas Cinema!**

That's not all - **Mr. & Mrs. Claus** will also be making a trip from the North Pole to meet all your little ones!

If you're interested in participating in or supporting this fun-filled family event then please email bespokeadvertising@gmail.com for further info.



Keep up to date: **f** [carlowxmas](https://www.facebook.com/carlowxmas)

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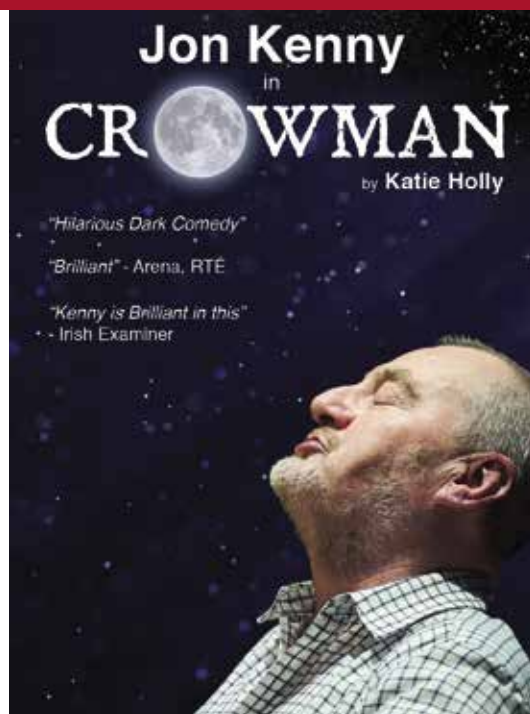


Friday 29th November

Crowman – Theatre

29th November,
8pm

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road,
Carlow



VISUAL

Dan, a man in his 50s who is living alone, hears about the passing of a dear friend, and is forced to look back on his own troubled youth while facing up to his demons. The play is at times poignant and tragic but also has a warmth and humour as Jon slips seamlessly in and out of the many uproariously funny characters, playing each with his amazing ability of character acting and hilarious humour.

Cost: €20

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

Saturday 30th November

9am - 2pm

Carlow Farmers Market



Potato Market, Carlow

Carlow Farmers Market runs from 9am - 2pm every Saturday at Potato Market in the centre of Carlow Town providing fresh locally-produced products.

Info: www.carlowfarmersmarket.com [f carlow farmers market](#)

9.30 & 11am

Breakfast with Santa

Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Carlow

Details as before. Cost €15. Book online at www.arboretum.ie

9.45am

Barrow Valley Art Group Exhibition



Carlow Central Library, Tullow Street, Carlow

Art Exhibition at Carlow Central Library,

Info: tel: 059 9129705 www.carlowlibraries.com
[f carlowcountylibrary](#)

10am - 8pm

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6pm

Supper with Santa

Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Carlow

Details as before. Cost €15

Saturday 30th November

Phil Coulter – Return to Tranquility – Music



30th November, 8pm

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

VISUAL

Phil's long career as a songwriter, producer and recording artist has been recognised over the years. Very few in the music business can boast of having chart entries in every decade since the sixties. Even fewer can match the range of Phil's output – from Eurovision winners to folk classics, from tender ballads to sporting anthems, from Luke Kelly to Elvis Presley! An original retrospective on the work of one of our finest, it's a show for every lover of good music.

Cost: €31

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

Christmas Gift Ideas from

WOODFORD DOLMEN

HOTEL

Faulty Towers

December 5th

& 12th - €49

The High Kings

December 28th - €33.50

Michael English

January 1st - €15

Johnny McEvoy

January 3rd - €30

Keith Barry

January 10th - €34

**Mike Denver
& Guests**

January 25th - €30

ticket handling fee may apply

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Sunday 1st December

Breakfast with Santa

9.30am & 11am

Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Carlow

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Barrow Valley Art Group Exhibition

9.45am

Carlow Central Library, Tullow Street, Carlow

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Jingle Bell Jog 2019

11.30am

Barrow Track, Carlow

5km for the whole family and their pets. Fun morning out for the whole family. Post-race refreshments served in Carlow Rowing Club. Prizes for the fastest Sr Man, Sr Woman, Jr Man and Jr Woman. Registration online at www.popupraces.ie or on the day from 9:30am at Carlow Rowing Club.

Info: tel: 059 9130476 [f carlowrws](https://www.facebook.com/carlowrws)



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Book online at www.arboretum.ie

Carlow Culinary Christmas

1st December, all day

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

This year, an all day food festival marks the beginning of VISUAL's Christmas Season, giving the whole family a chance to experience their favourite seasonal flavours from the very best of County Carlow's food and drink producers.

As always, cooking demonstrations are a highlight. Bestselling authors and television favourites, The Happy Pear offer tips on alternative Christmas dishes for a 'healthier, happier' Christmas and one of Ireland's best loved celebrity chefs, Rachel Allen, returns with her unique festive delights. The festival also features outdoor local food and craft stalls, practical and tasty workshops and goody bags to take home.

Supporters of the festival include Carlow Tourism, Carlow Farmers Market, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and Kenny McGuire Demos.



Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

Sunday 1st December

The Happy Pear - Carlow Culinary Christmas



1st December, 2pm

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

VISUAL

Bestselling authors and television favourites, The Happy Pear host a one-hour talk and cooking demonstration. Dave & Steve offer healthy eating tips including healthy snacking, quick breakfasts and a chance to taste their Salted Caramel Bites, Tiffin Bites and Seedy Cookie Bites. Followed by a Q&A and book signings by Dave and Steve. They are all about a 'healthier, happier' world, appreciating every day and really believe that the key to happiness is good health and a great support network. "We love nothing more than inviting over the troops and cooking up a storm!"

Cost: Single Demo €20, Both Demos €35
Groups of 5 and over: €15 per ticket

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

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Monday 2nd December

Breakfast with Santa

9.30am & 11am

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Tuesday 3rd December

Breakfast with Santa

9.30am & 11am

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Cost: €15

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Tuesday 3rd December

Never Look Away – Cinema



3 December, 8pm

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

VISUAL

Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck (The Lives of Others, 2006) returns with an Oscar-nominated drama about individuals caught up in the sweep of German history. Loosely based on the formative years of the painter Gerhard Richter, it is an intergenerational tale of love, sorrow, art and politics from Nazism to the Cold War.

In 1937, at the Nazi Party notorious "degenerate art" exhibition in Dresden, a small boy named Kurt's passion for art is ignited. Years later, in Communist East Germany, Kurt (Tom Schilling) enters art college where he falls in love with fashion student Ellie (Paula Beer), unaware that her father (Sebastian Koch) has a devastating secret and is determined to end their relationship.

Cost: €6 Early Bird before 5.30pm on the night
189 minutes

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

*Wednesday 4th December***Breakfast with Santa**

9.30am & 11am

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Cost: €15

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Cost: €15

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*Thursday 5th December*

9.30am & 11am

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Thursday 5th December

Luka Bloom – Music**5 December, 8pm**

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

VISUAL

Luka Bloom is one of Ireland's most respected contemporary folk artists. Having produced over 20 albums since the 1970s, he continues to push the boundaries of what his music can do.

"The very embodiment of the folk singer, Luka Bloom has that deep sense of social justice with an uncanny ability to distil contemporary life into the pithiest and most alluring combinations of lyrics and melody lines. His voice is still as open and honest as it was over 30 years ago, and his guitar finds chord combinations that are all his own. Passion, playfulness and pause for thought: a hearty combination in any gig." Siobhan Long, Irish Times.

Cost: €20

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

Thursdays 5th & 12th December

Faulty Towers**The Dining Experience****5th & 12th December, 7.30pm**

Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow (book thorough Visual, Carlow)

Officially the world's longest running and most successful tribute to the BBC sitcom, this one-of-a-kind original has sold out shows all over the world from Sydney Opera House to London's West End. Now it's returning to Carlow. Basil, Manuel and Sybil are on their way, gearing up to bring a healthy dose of mayhem to your door! Fully immersive, highly interactive and completely original, this is a top-flight show where anything can happen and usually does. 70% of the show is improvised so it's never the same twice. With two hours of comedy, three courses of food, and five-star reviews, expect chaos, laughs, and a brilliant night out!

Cost: €49 including 3 course meal

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

Friday 6th December

Breakfast with Santa

9.30am & 11am

Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Carlow

Join Mrs. Claus and the elves for a sing along while enjoying breakfast before Santa's arrival. Once breakfast is complete Santa will arrive to join in the sing along and meet all the children and spread the festive cheer. Every child will get to meet Santa one-to-one and receive their early Christmas gift. **Choice of 9.30am and 11am.** Book online at www.arboretum.com
Cost: €15

Barrow Valley Art Group Exhibition

9.45am

Carlow Central Library, Tullow Street, Carlow

Art Exhibition at Carlow Central Library, check with Library for exhibition opening times.

Info: tel: 059 9129705 www.carlowlibraries.com
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Supper with Santa

6pm

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Cost: €15

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Ballon Christmas Lights Mini Festival

6pm

Ballon Church, Ballon Village, Carlow

Lights switch-on with torch light walk, Carols and hot chocolate. Meet outside Ballon Church, Ballon Village, Carlow

Info: www.ballonvillage.com f Siopa Glas
f Ballon Improvement Group



6pm - 8pm

Delta Centre Christmas Wonderland



Delta Centre & Sensory Gardens, Strawhall Estate, Carlow

Launching Friday 6th Dec with Carol Singing from 6pm - 8pm, until Friday 20th Dec, with Christmas Lights Display, Sensory Santa, and Elves Workshop.

Info: www.deltasensorygardens.com
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Saturday 7th December

9am - 2pm

Carlow Farmers Market



Potato Market, Carlow

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Info: www.carlowfarmersmarket.com
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Saturday 7th December

Christmas Elves Workshop
& Storytelling with Mrs. Claus

10am & 11.30am

Carlow Central Library, Tullow Street, Carlow

Come and join Carlow Regional Youth Service's Workshop in the Shaw Room where Santa's Elves will be making reindeer food, colouring, etc., or join Mrs. Claus for storytelling in the Junior Area.

Info:  carlowrys

Carol Singing with Carlow Mental Health

11am

Potato Market, Carlow Town

Old fashioned community carol singing with Carlow Mental Health Association.

Info: www.carlowmentalhealth.ie carlow mental health associationEnhance your Christmas Menu
with a Trip to Carlow Farmers Market

9am - 2pm, Saturdays

Potato Market, Carlow Town

Are you looking for ways to enhance your festive favourites? Would you like to speak directly with local producers about their passion for food? Then Carlow Farmers Market is the place to visit.

Carlow Farmers Market was set up in response to local consumer demand to have fresh, local and traceable food and for the producers to be able to sell locally and directly to the consumer. The market is held every Saturday morning between 9am and 2pm in the Potato Market, Carlow town.

Here consumers are offered fresh local produce which includes local fruit and vegetables, organic fruit and vegetables, jams, chutneys and juices, free range meat and dry cured bacon products, crepes cooked on site, fermented and 'raw' health food products and snacks, chocolates and truffles, traditionally crafted breads and cakes, speciality breads including a wide selection of spelt products, cheese - both local and from farther afield, olive oil, olives, pesto and 'Mediterranean' products, fresh fish, free range eggs, vegetarian and vegan produce, summer and winter bedding plants, vegetable and herb plants, pottery, locally grown flowers and other seasonal products.

We also have
gift vouchers
available which
can be used at
any market stall!

Today the Market comprises 14 speciality food producers who come together weekly to sell their locally produced food products. Carlow Farmers Market is considered unique in that it is one of a few authentic farmers markets where producers are all local, produce their own products and sell mainly their own produce. This market supports the local economy and provides opportunities for other food producers and farmers to set up small food businesses and meet the growing demand for a sustainable local supply chain. Carlow Farmers Market are always happy to receive applications from producers of quality food.

Please check our Facebook page for latest details:

 CarlowFarmersMarket

Saturday December 7th 2019

Santa will be at CARLOW FARMERS MARKET
from 10am until 12noon

There will be free seasonal mulled apple juice
and fun competitions to win vouchers and market
products worth up to €300!

We are open every Saturday at Potato Market in Carlow Town from 9am to 2pm
Christmas weekend we are open on both Saturday December 21st and Monday
December 23rd 2019 from 9am until 2pm

Please check our Facebook page
for latest details
facebook.com/CarlowFarmersMarket



Saturday 7th December

A Christmas Tale – Slapdash Theatre



7th December, 2pm & 7pm

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

VISUAL

It's Christmas Eve in a new town. Bobby Brown isn't at all happy. What if no one wants to be friends? What if the teachers are all mean? What if, worst of all, Santa can't find them?! While Mrs & Mr Brown party downstairs, Bobby gets ready to sneak out the window, determined to go back home and make sure Santa finds her. Little does she know that strange and magical things happen on Christmas Eve....

From the team that brought you the smash hit 'Treasure Island', join us for a brand new magical Christmas adventure for all the family!

Cost: €16 / €10 concessions

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

Saturday 7th December

12.30pm - 5.30pm

The Lisnavagh Christmas Fair

**Lisnavagh House, Lisnavagh, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow**

The Lisnavagh Christmas Fair, in association with Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind - Carlow Branch.

Info: www.lisnavagh.com Lisnavagh House and Gardens

6pm

Supper with Santa

**Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Carlow**

Join Mrs. Claus and the elves for a sing along while enjoying an evening supper. Every child will get to meet Santa one-to-one and receive their early Christmas gift. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Cost: €15

Book online at www.arboretum.ie

Sunday 8th December

12 - 5pm Duckett's Grove Christmas Food & Craft Fair

Duckett's Grove, Rainestown, near Carlow Town (exit 4 on the M9 motorway)

Duckett's Grove Historic House will be transformed into Carlow's own Winter Wonderland when it hosts its ever popular Christmas Food and Craft Fair. The magic and fun of Christmas can be enjoyed in this unique historic setting where a host of traditional Christmas activities will entertain and delight all the family. 12noon - 5pm. Admission: €10 per car. All events inside free. Info: www.carlowtourism.com Tel: 059 9130411

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6pm Supper with Santa

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The magic and fun of Christmas can be enjoyed in this unique historic setting, which was formerly at the centre of an extensive estate that has dominated the Carlow landscape for over 300 years. A magical grotto of traditional Christmas activities showcasing the best of Carlow including craft, food and musical entertainment awaits all visitors in the courtyard area adjacent to the main house. Featuring ceramics and knitwear, art, jewellery, embroidery, Christmas cards and decorations, this fair is guaranteed to appeal to anybody seeking a special gift or those who just want to browse and soak up the Christmas atmosphere. Not to forget, mistletoe, Christmas plants and wreaths, all produced locally will also be in supply. On the food front there will be a plentiful choice of festive Christmas fare including cakes, puddings and pies while tea, coffee and light snacks are also available.

And of course, for the kiddies... Santa Claus is coming to town... there will be a Santa Grotto and a complimentary surprise for each child, children's face painting, a

giant Santa snow globe to capture those special family memories and new for this year, a Santa's orienteering course! Make and do workshops during the day will allow children to create their very own Christmas decorations for their tree. Live festive musical entertainment takes place throughout the day and is guaranteed to create a special Christmas atmosphere.

In keeping with the history of the estate, traditional weaving, bee-keeping and woodturning demonstrations are on offer together with a falconry display of owls, hawks and birds of prey, which are sure to delight young and old.

Info: www.carlowtourism.com

Adm: €10 per car.
All events FREE.

Duckett's Grove Christmas Food & Craft Fair
Sunday, December 8th
12 p.m – 5 p.m.

- ❖ Exhibition of the history and story of Duckett's Grove ❖
- ❖ Local artisan CRAFT and FOOD market ❖
- ❖ Weaving, woodturning & bee-keeping demos ❖
- ❖ Santa's Grotto with surprise for each child ❖
- ❖ Festive face painting of Christmas characters ❖
- ❖ Falconry Display by East Coast Falconry ❖
- ❖ Make and do Christmas workshops ❖
- ❖ Festive storytelling with Mrs. Claus ❖
- ❖ Santa Treasure Hunt & Orienteering ❖
- ❖ Giant Santa snow globe ❖
- ❖ Live Nativity scene ❖

Pay at gate or book on-line at www.carlowtourism.com
t: 059 913 0411

Sunday 8th December

Swan Lake – Ballet Ireland – Dance



8th December, 8pm

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

VISUAL

Ballet Ireland is delighted to present Swan Lake, one of the great love stories of classical ballet which combines romantic themes, classical technique and ethereal imagery, with Tchaikovsky's majestic score.

Swan Lake tells the story of Odette, a beautiful princess, who turned into a swan by day by evil magician Von Rothbart, only to regain her human form at night. Out hunting by the lakeside, Prince Siegfried encounters her and falls madly in love with her. But will he be able to break Von Rothbart's spell..?

Cost: €25/€20 conc /€15 child (12 years or under)/ family of 4 €70

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

Monday 9th December

Art & Craft Exhibition

9.45am

Carlow Central Library, Tullow Street, Carlow

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Info: www.carlowlibraries.ie

Supper with Santa

6pm

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Book online at www.arboretum.ie

Tuesday 10th December

Building Resilience for Christmas - Mental Health & Wellbeing Training

9.30am - 1.30pm

Church of Ireland Community House, Haymarket, Carlow, R93 E427

This will be a free event but places will be limited so booking will be required.

Info: carlowmentalhealth@hotmail.com or 085 818 1353

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Wednesday 11th December

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6pm

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6.30pm

Tullow Christmas Carol Service



Tullow Library, Tullow, Co. Carlow

Christmas Carol Service with Regina Hanley

Info: www.carlowlibraries.ie

Wednesday 11th - Sunday 15th December

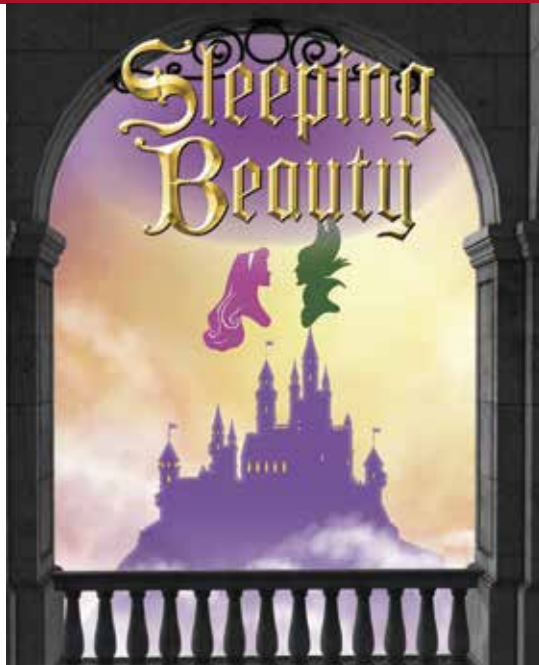
Sleeping Beauty – Striking Productions – Theatre

11th-13th December
7.30pm

14th-15th December
2.30pm & 7.30pm

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road,
Carlow

VISUAL



Striking Productions returns for its 8th consecutive Christmas extravaganza! Featuring the usual local cast of both adults and children. A memory-making staple on each family's Christmas calendar.

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, a beautiful princess was born. The entire kingdom was delighted, apart from the evil fairy, who is angry she did not get an invite to the baptism. She places a curse on the Princess, aided by her two ravens, Jack and Daw. The years go by and the Princess falls in love with a young prince. Soon she will turn 18, not knowing of the evil spell. Intrigued by a mystifying old spinning wheel, she pricks her finger and falls asleep...

Tickets: €19 / €15 / family of 4 :€65

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Thursday 12th December

9.45am

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10am Festive Coffee Morning with the Go Léir Women's Group



An Gairdín Beo, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

A drop in festive coffee morning hosted by the Go Léir Women's Group in Carlow's wonderful community garden, An Gairdín Beo.

Info: email: carlowcommunitygarden@gmail.com
www.angairdinbeo.org AnGairdinBeo

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Friday 13th December

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8pm

Joy to the World - Carlow Choral Society



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Cathedral of the Assumption, College Street, Carlow

Featuring Whitbourn's Missa Carolae, Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, Zadok the Priest, Adam's O Holy Night and a selection of Sing-Along Christmas Carols. Accompanied by Cathedral Organ and the Dublin Brass Ensemble. Missa Carolae is an amazing arrangement of Christmas carols sung in Latin for choir, soloists, brass, organ and piccolo. You'll recognise tunes such as 'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen', 'Infant Holy' and 'In Dulci Jubilo'. Favourite carols such as 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' and 'Once in Royal David's City', many with brass, organ accompaniment and audience participation.

Book online at www.eventbrite.ie

www.carlowchoralsociety.net carlowchoralsoc



Looking to broaden your horizons in the New Year?

Our short Evening Courses start in January 2020!

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- » **Organic Food:** Sustainable Food Production or Good Marketing?

The cost per course is €125

Find out more at
www.CarlowCollege.ie

Carlow College, St. Patrick's, College Street, Carlow
T: 059 915 3200 E: admissionscc@CarlowCollege.ie



Don't forget to post your letters to Santa before Christmas Eve!

Santa's Post Box will be located on the corner of Castle Street and Dublin Street (outside Maison) from November 23rd onwards, and letters can be posted here up until Christmas Eve. Santa himself will collect any letters that are in the special red Post Box on November 23rd during the Eist Annual Candlelit Walk, and any letters posted after that will be collected by Santa's helpers right up to Christmas Eve.



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JOY TO THE WORLD

A Celebration of Christmas Music featuring James Whitbourn's fabulous Missa Carolae plus seasonal favourites and Sing-Along Carols.

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

CONDUCTOR - BLÁNAID MURPHY
ORGANIST - YVONNE COLLIER
DUBLIN BRASS ENSEMBLE

**SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER
8:00PM**

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION, CARLOW

TICKETS €20
CHILDREN FREE

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WWW.CARLOWCHORALSOCIETY.NET

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Tickets: €20, children free

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Info: www.carlowchoralsociety.net

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Monday 16th December

Save the Produce

10.30am

An Gairdín Beo Community Garden, Old Dublin Rd, Carlow

Community garden gathering to preserve, cook, demonstrate ideas and share produce and serve a healthy lunch.

Info: email: carlowcommunitygarden@gmail.com
www.angairdinbeo.org AnGairdinBeo



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8pm

The Brexit Blues

RehabCare Resource Centre, Killeshin Road, Graiguecullen, Carlow

A light hearted musical drama based on Brexit with a host of interesting characters!!

Info: www.rehabcare.ie



*Tuesday 17th December***Vita and Virginia – Cinema****17th December, 8pm****VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow**

VISUAL

Based on a true story, Vita & Virginia details the passionate relationship between literary trailblazer Virginia Woolf (Elizabeth Debicki), and enigmatic aristocrat Vita Sackville-West (Gemma Arterton). When their paths cross, the magnetic Vita decides the beguiling, stubborn and gifted Virginia will be her next conquest, no matter the cost. The ensuing relationship leads to the birth of Woolf's bold, experimental novel Orlando. A daring celebration of an unconventional bond, and a vivid exploration of gender, sexuality, creativity and passion, Vita & Virginia details the love story of two women - two writers - who smashed through social barriers to find solace in their forbidden connection.

110 minutes, Ireland, UK, 2018, 15

Cost: €6 early bird before 5.30pm on the night

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

Wednesday 18th December

6pm

Supper with Santa**Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Carlow**

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8pm

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Info: www.rehabcare.ie*Thursday 19th December*

6pm

Supper with Santa**Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Carlow**

Details as before. Cost: €15

Book online at www.arboretum.ie

Friday 20th December

George Murphy – Music



20th December, 8pm

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

VISUAL

George Murphy has lived an entire life in music, at only 33 years. Steeped in the tradition and folklore of Ireland's greatest folk legends, George shot to fame overnight as the winner of You're a Star and a number one album produced by Phil Coulter, his brilliant version of Raglan Road was matched only by the great Luke Kelly. Lost his way for a few years touring the States, but brought very much to life again as a brilliant balladeer when he joined The High Kings.

Now starring in his own right, his New Beginnings tour is now on the road. George is appearing at the VISUAL Carlow on Friday 20th December.

Cost: €20

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

Merry Christmas to all our wonderful customers for continued support and to every one of our amazing staff who go above and beyond the call of duty every day to help make us what we are.

Open 7 days a week.

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am – 6pm
Thurs 9am – 8pm, Sunday 11am – 6pm

Visit us at: Arboretum,
Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow
Tel: 059 972 1558
www.arboretum.ie



*Friday 20th December***Carlow Christmas Market**

2pm - 7pm

Perry's Old Warehouse, Kennedy Street, Carlow

An Experience for all the Family - 35+ quality Food & Craft Exhibitors, a Vintage Carousel, Santa's Grotto with Santa & Mrs. Claus and more, come along and join the fun!

Info:  [carlowxmas](https://www.facebook.com/carlowxmas)

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9am - 2pm

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Info:  [carlowxmas](https://www.facebook.com/carlowxmas)

*Saturday 21st December***Frankie's Guys – Wayne Whelan Productions - Music****21st December, 8pm****VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow**

VISUAL

"Oh What A Night: A Celebration of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons" Frankie's Guys are back once again! Featuring four highly talented London West End performers, Frankie's Guys celebrates the legendary music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Putting their own charismatic stamp on timeless classics such as 'Big Girls Don't Cry', 'Walk Like A Man', 'Sherry', as well as covering music from other beloved artists such as Roy Orbison and Jackie Wilson, the boys will take you on a nostalgic trip down memory lane in this fast paced and energetic production with an authentic live concert feel. Frankie's Guys pride themselves on their dynamic shows filled with dazzling choreography, eye-catching costumes and the pitch perfect harmonies that the show has become known for!

Cost: €25

Book online: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie
Tel: 059 9172400

Sunday 22nd December

Carlow Christmas Market

12 - 7pm

Perry's Old Warehouse, Kennedy Street, Carlow

An Experience for all the Family - 35+ quality Food & Craft Exhibitors, a Vintage Carousel, Santa's Grotto with Santa & Mrs. Claus and more, come along and join the fun!

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Community Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

7.30pm

St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Church Street, Carlow, R93 YW77

St. Mary's is an open, inclusive, welcoming community who look forward to sharing with everyone (without exception), in the celebration of our diversity, in this beautiful service by candlelight. We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, partnered, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down at heel, Old Carlow, New Carlow, or not from Carlow at all, pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters...and you! Festive refreshments will be served afterwards.

Sunday 22nd December

It's A Wonderful Life - Cinema



22nd December, 4pm

VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

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This moving and beautifully told film is a true masterpiece of cinema. Beset with personal and professional problems, George Bailey (James Stuart) finds his previously happy life falling apart around him on Christmas Eve. Seeing no way out, George considers suicide from the edge of a bridge - but Clarence, his guardian angel, intervenes and shows George what his beloved hometown of Bedford Falls would be like without him. Shocked by what he sees and at the unforeseen circumstances of his absence, George reconsiders and begs Clarence to return him to the problems of the present and the loving community he has fostered throughout his life.

129 minutes, USA, 1947, 15A

Tickets: €6 Early Bird before 5.30pm on the night

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Monday 23rd December

Carlow Farmers Market

9am - 2pm

Potato Market, Carlow

Special extra day to allow customers get the freshest of produce before Christmas, from 9am - 2pm at Potato Market in the centre of Carlow Town.

Info: www.carlowfarmersmarket.com

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Rotary Christmas Remembrance Tree

11th - 24th December, 11am - 5pm

Barrack Street, Carlow

Members of the public are invited to write ribbons of remembrance for their loved ones. Donations to St Vincent de Paul, Eist Cancer Support, Delta Centre, Bethany House Alzheimer's Society.



Carlow Town Business Watch Scheme

Keep your business secure and help to keep Carlow a threat-free zone by becoming part of the Carlow Business Watch Scheme. The Scheme is organised by the Community Policing Unit of Carlow Garda Station in collaboration with County Carlow Chamber, Local Enterprise Office and Carlow Town Traders.

To become part of the Scheme, contact Pierce Kavanagh, Economic Development Officer in the Local Enterprise Office at pkavanagh@carlowcoco.ie

Carlow County Council would like to wish everyone a magical Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Remember to Shop Local this Christmas Season and keep the local economy thriving!



5 Reasons Why Gift Cards Make the Perfect Festive Gift

Did you ever have that last-minute purchase for that friend or family member who has everything, or you just can't think what they would love. Local Gift Cards can be a great way to support the local economy while also telling someone that you care, but putting the control in their hands for getting a gift they love. 5 reasons to buy gift cards include:

1. Gift Cards guarantee gifts people will love
2. They save money and time
3. You can buy gift cards without leaving your home
4. They make giving and receiving more fun
5. Gift cards can be practical

Locally in Carlow there are a number of Local Gift Cards which ensure that people can buy local with their gifts. These cards include:

Love Carlow Gift Card



A project by County Carlow Chamber the Love Carlow Gift Card is designed by business for business. Full details can be found here:

www.carlowchamber.com/services/love-carlow-gift-card

Local shops accepting the card are:

Allens; Applegreen; Arboretum; CarePlus Pharmacy; Carphone Warehouse; Carraig Donn; Currys / PC World; Detail Menswear; Elvery's InterSport; Euronics; Expert Hardware; GameStop; Halfords; Healys Pharmacy; Homestore + More; Lloyds Pharmacy; Mr Price; O'Briens Wines; Omniplex Cinema; Pamela Scott; Petmania; Right Price Tiles; Sam McCauley; Savana Boutique; Shaws; Specsavers; Sportsworld; Supermac's; Swan's Electrical Expert & Tesco.

Fairgreen Shopping Centre Gift Card



Fairgreen Shopping Centre is a stylish shopping destination, located in the sunny South East region of Ireland, which offers a stylish mix of national and international high street brands as well as independent fashion boutiques and eateries.

Fairgreen is home to top high street brands including Tesco, NEXT, SportsDirect, River Island, Pamela Scott, Carraig Donn, New Look, Vero Moda, Peacocks, Argos, Eason, JD Sports and Jack & Jones.

Full Details on their gift card is available on <https://fairgreen.flex-e-card.ie> or from the Information Desk in Fairgreen Shopping Centre.



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To find out more, Carlow County Council has a dedicated economic development team who are there to provide support and guidance on how your company can make the most of The County Carlow Opportunity.



Final Call to Consumers to Shop Local & Buy Irish this Christmas

Shift the balance in favour of ‘the home team’ by switching to quality Irish products.

‘Shop for Ireland’ will help to secure jobs in a difficult time for Irish manufacturers, producers and retailers.

In the run up to Christmas, Pierce Kavanagh and Helen Ryan, Economic Development Officers with the Local Enterprise Office, ask consumers to make an effort and ‘shop for Carlow’ during the Christmas season to ensure that local jobs are retained, and encourage shoppers to ‘BUY IRISH’ where and when they can.

Simply put, by buying Irish we secure Irish jobs. If every consumer switched just one tenth of their ‘imported shopping’ to Irish produced goods it would shift the balance in favour of local producers, manufacturers and retailers and go a long way to sustaining Irish jobs.

We are often under-informed about the many important values that independent local



Shop for
Ireland

businesses provide us with individually and as a community and buying from locally owned businesses keeps money circulating closer to where

you spend. Local shops use local services, accountants, insurance brokers, and suppliers as well as employing local people and they also carry a higher percentage of locally produced goods.

Every €10 spent locally on Irish products generates €24 of benefit to the local community.

45 cents of every Euro spent with local retailers is reinvested locally, in comparison to only 15 cents for the foreign multiples, according to ISME (Irish Small & Medium Enterprises Association).






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Don't know where to start when it comes to digital? It's easier than you think.

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