

This booklet has been produced by Fingal LEADER Partnership, the Citizens Information Centre in both Skerries and Balbriggan and the Skerries Community Association to welcome YOU as a new resident to the area. 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 the Balbriggan and Skerries communities. The emphasis is on public services and the community nature of our towns. Contact your local Citizens Information Centre for more information on all these subjects. For CIC contact details please check page 17.

HEALTH

- *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 VHI, Hibernian Health and Quinn Healthcare.*
- *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.*
 - *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 (€75 per day, to maximum of €750 per year) 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.

HEALTH

Doctors	
Balbriggan Medical Centre	Fingal House, Drogheda St., Balbriggan ☎ 841 2460
Bracken Clinic	12A Dublin St., Balbriggan ☎ 841 6000 ☎ 841 5194 (Physiotherapy clinic)
Dr U O' Brien-Counihan	Grange Mount, Delahasey, Naul ☎ 841 2259
Dr. Desmond Woods	Holmpatrick Surgery, Shenick Road, Skerries ☎ 849 1420
Dr. John Keane, Dr. Sarah Keane, Dr. Jack Keane	10 Holmpatrick, Skerries ☎ 849 1497
The Surgery	Strand Street, Skerries ☎ 849 0678
Windmill Medical Centre (Dr. Lorraine Farrell, Dr. Deirdre Ormonde, Dr. Catriona Kennedy)	Windmill Lane, Skerries ☎ 849 5500
Dentists	
Alice Keane	2 Shenick Grove, Skerries ☎ 849 0043
Balbriggan Dental Care	59 Drogheda Street, Balbriggan ☎ 841 7344
Balbriggan Dental Clinic	6 Chapel Street, Balbriggan ☎ 690 3464
James O'Byrne	Strand Street, Skerries ☎ 849 1717
Kevin Nugent	31 Church Street, Skerries ☎ 849 1216 e-mail: maypark@eircom.net
Chiropodists	
Hayes & Associates	Seaholm Surgery, 10 Holmpatrick, Skerries ☎ 849 1497
Hayes & Associates	10 Clonard St., Balbriggan ☎ 841 3350
Skerries Foot Clinic	Strand House Clinic, Strand St., Skerries ☎ 849 1717

Health Centres

<p>Balbriggan Health Centre (HSE) Hampton St., Balbriggan ☎ 841 2138 fax: 841 5638</p>	<p>The health centre provides local access to community health and social services. Services offered are listed below.</p> <p><u>Community Welfare Services</u> Mon-Thurs: 10-11.30am Fri: 10-11am (emergency only)</p> <p><u>Public Health Nursing Services</u> Nurses Treatment clinic: (dressings) Mon-Fri: 10.30-11.30am (by referral only)</p> <p>Development Clinic: (infants and children) Wed: 2.15-4pm (walk-in clinic) Extra clinics by appointment only</p> <p><u>Dental Services</u> Dental Clinic: Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm & 2.15-3pm</p> <p><u>Mental Health</u> ☎ 841 3930 (Appointment by referral only but staff available for advice at other times) Thurs & Fri: open for queries.</p>
<p>Skerries Health Centre (HSE) Thomas Hand Street. ☎ 849 4912 Fax. 849 4864</p>	<p>The health centre provides local access to community health and social services.</p> <p><u>Public Health Nurse</u> Phone calls received after 10.30 will be answered the next working day. Drop in Dispensary Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9.30-10.30.</p> <p>Breast Feeding Support Group Child Welfare Clinic for baby weighing, child development checks, etc.</p> <p><u>Community Welfare Officer</u> (Canice Reade) ☎ 849 4872 Tue, Thurs & Fri 10-11.30am</p> <p><u>Dental Clinic</u> ☎ 849 4131</p>

	<p>Childrens service only. Adult treatment not available. Routine screening in 2nd, 4th & 6th class via schools. Children's emergencies seen on first come basis on Mon-Thurs @ 9am.</p> <p>Speech Therapy ☎ 849 2769</p>
<p>Swords Health Centre (HSE) Bridge Street Swords ☎ 890 2200</p>	<p>European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) Process applications for EHIC for people travelling to EU/EEA countries. Can issue Temporary Certificate at short notice.</p> <p>BCG Vaccine For children not vaccinated as infants. Phone to check correct time to attend.</p>
<p><i>LAURENA</i> (Mental Health Centre) Dublin St, Balbriggan contact: Dorothy O'Regan Anne Piper phone: 841 5628</p>	<p>This organisation works with, and supports, people with mental health issues.</p>
Opticians	
<p>Crilly & McGrath</p>	<p>5 Thomas Hand Street, Skerries ☎ 849 2166</p>
<p>McKenna, Fiona (FAOI),</p>	<p>19 Bridge St, Balbriggan ☎ 841 2928</p>
<p>O'Neill Opticians,</p>	<p>10A Drogheda St, Balbriggan ☎ 841 3 703 e-mail: oneillopticians@eircom.net</p>
Pharmacies	
<p>Cronin's Pharmacy Ltd</p>	<p>12 Dublin St., Balbriggan ☎ 841 2684</p>
<p>Daily Associates Ltd.,</p>	<p>Unit 5, Beside XtraVision, Drogheda St., Balbriggan ☎ 8411588</p>
<p>Lenny's Medical Hall</p>	<p>Drogheda St., Balbriggan ☎ 8414586</p>
<p>McCartan's Pharmacy</p>	<p>Castle Mill SC, Hamlet Lane, Balbriggan ☎ 6904333</p>
<p>McMeels Pharmacy</p>	<p>Strand Street, Skerries ☎ 849 2033</p>

Windmill Pharmacy	Tennis Court Lane, Skerries ☎ 849 2531 fax: 849 2504
Skerries Pharmacy	Strand Street, Skerries ☎ 849 1251
Stack's Late Night Pharmacy	Holmpatrick S.C., Shenick Road, Skerries ☎ 849 1146 fax: 802 1818 e-mail: info@soshealthcare.ie
Home Help	
Fingal Home Care. Must be arranged through the Public Health Nurse.	☎ 8021129 – Sheila for Skerries, Rush & Lusk ☎ 8021128 – Sharon for Balbriggan e-mail: fingalhomecare@eircom.net
Complementary Therapies	
A wide range of alternative/complementary therapies are available in Skerries and Balbriggan e.g. osteopathy, reiki, acupuncture, massage etc. Further information is available from local papers and notices in local shops & the CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE.	

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Education

Pre-School /Creche	
Lá go Bhrí Community Childcare, Mourne Estate Community Hall, Skerries	☎ 849 5270 Contact: Joan
Skerries Community Centre Drop-in-Creche	☎ 8490888
Skerries Community Playgroup Scouts Den Beau Piers Lane, Skerries.	☎ 086-3558046 Contact:Debbie Stevens. e-mail: scpccs@dublin.ie web: www.dublin.ie/scpccs
Further information on privately run playschools and creches is available from Citizens Information Centre.	
Primary	
Balbriggan Educate Together National School, Hamlet Lane, Moylaragh, Balbriggan	☎ 690 4635 e-mail: balbrigganetns@eircom.net
Balscadden National School, Balbriggan	☎ 8412579
Bracken Educate Together National School, Castlelands, Balbriggan	bracken.etns@gmail.com ☎ 087 267 3416
Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigin, Castlelands, Balbriggan	contact: Clodagh Ni Mhaoilchiarain ☎ 8834 746 e-mail: coiste@gsbhailebrigin.com website: www.gsbhailebrigin.com
Holmpatrick National School Convent Lane, Skerries. Co- educational school.	☎ 8491409 Principal: Miss Deirdre Walsh
Naul National School, Naul	☎ 8413821
Rush & Lusk Educate Together National School Rathomore Rd, Lusk	☎ 8430525 e-mail: rushluskeduc@eircom.net web: www.ralet.net
Scoil Realt na Mara National	☎ 8490049





School Balbriggan St., Skerries. Emphasis on Irish Language.	
Skerries Educate Together NS, Kelly's Bay, Skerries	☎ 8494050 Fax: 8494058 skerrieseducatetogether@gmail.com www.educatetogether.ie Principal: Mr Tomas Hickey
St Georges School, Balbriggan	☎ 8412489
St Mologa's Senior National School Bremore, Balbriggan	☎ 8413133
St Oliver Plunkett National School, Balrothery	☎ 8411494
St Peter & Paul's Junior School, Balbriggan	☎ 8412670
St Teresa's National School, Pinewood, Balbriggan	☎ 8416270
St. Brendan's National School Loughshinny, Skerries.	☎ 8490394 Principal: Tom Monaghan
St. Mobhi National School Milverton, Skerries. c2 miles outside Skerries	
St. Patrick's Junior School Skerries.	☎ 8490836 Junior Infants to 2nd class.
St. Patrick's Senior School Skerries. 3rd class to 6th class	☎ 8490945 Principal: Mr. Murray
Secondary	
Balbriggan Community College, (Co-educational) Pine Ridge, Chapel Street, Balbriggan	☎ 8412388
Colaiste Choilm (All boys school.) Dublin Road, Swords.	☎ 8401420 Principal: Mr. G. McGaul
Loreto Secondary School (All girls school) Convent Lane, Balbriggan.	☎ 8411594. Principal: Mr. Edward Fynes
Skerries Community College (Co- educational) Skerries.	☎ 8490011 Principal: Mr. Kevin O'Riordan

Training and Employment Support

<p><i>BEaT Centre,</i> Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan, contact: Ria Stubbs (Admin) phone: 802 0400 e-mail: info@beat.ie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide initial support to start up businesses, including office space, full time reception and general secretarial services.
<p><i>BEDG Ltd. (Balbriggan Enterprise Development Group Ltd.)</i> BEaT Centre, Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan contact: Dolores Kenny Geraldine Geary (admin) Sharon Gildea (manager) phone: 802 0417 fax: 802 0455 e-mail: info@bedg.ie website: www.bedg.ie</p>	<p>Provides training in the following courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basic computer skills ▪ ECDL (computer certificate) ▪ Accounts training (Introductory and SAGE) ▪ Quickpay (payroll package) ▪ Occupational First Aid ▪ Safe Pass ▪ Customer relations ▪ Other start our own business supports
<p><i>Fingal LEADER Partnership Employment, Training & Enterprise Service</i> Unit 14, BEaT Centre, Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan contact: Pauline McNamee phone: 802 0484 e-mail: info@co-operationfingal.ie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One to one advice and guidance to long term unemployed people and those most distanced from the labour market ▪ Developing and implementing first step training initiatives geared towards specific target groups including Immigrants, lone parents, Travellers and people with disabilities. ▪ Pre-Enterprise training and development ▪ One to one advice and guidance for those considering self-employment ▪ Approval of DSFA Back To Work Enterprise Allowance (BTWEA) applications

<p><i>Department of Social and Family Affairs, Railway St., Balbriggan</i> contact: Mary White phone: 802 0050 contact: Paddy Hughes (Employment and Enterprise support services) phone: 866 1000 087 230 8521 e-mail: paddy.hughes@welfare.ie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration and distribution centre for state benefits such as unemployment allowance etc. ▪ provides advice and information on entitlements and employment supports ▪ Opening hours: Mon-Fri:9.30-12, 2-4
<p><i>Enterprise Job Club</i> BEaT Centre, Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan contact: Karon Graham phone: 802 0422 / 802 0423 fax: 802 0465</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The aim is to provide a comprehensive support service to every job ready person over 16 years of age currently seeking work, or thinking of returning to work outside of the home. The jobs club runs for a three week to four week period
<p><i>FÁS Employment Services</i> Linn Comm House, Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan contact: Brendan Delvin Stephanie Lawless phone: 883 4870 fax: 841 5624 website: www.fas.ie</p>	<p>FÁS Balbriggan offers the following employment services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An initial guidance interview ▪ Career information ▪ Career guidance, planning and support ▪ Advice on employment incentives and supports ▪ Information on FÁS programmes and vocational training ▪ Self-service access to a wide range of job vacancy information <p>Submission of your details to employers</p>
<p><i>Fingal County Enterprise Board</i> Mainscourt, 23 Main Street, Swords contact: Keith Brock phone: 890 0800 fax: 813 9991</p>	<p>Encourages enterprise in the county and provides support for small businesses through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ grant assistance ▪ development of company

<p>e-mail: info@fingalceb.ie website: www.fingalceb.ie</p>	<p>management skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ provision of advice, information and training
<p><i>Fingal LEADER Partnership (formerly Rural Dublin LEADER Company Ltd)</i> 11 Parnell Square, Dublin 1. phone: 8780564 fax: 8780572 e-mail: info@ruraldublin.ie</p>	<p>This organisation delivers the LEADER+ and National Rural Development Programme in the rural areas of Fingal county. The Company</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides grant assistance and advice to individuals, small businesses and community groups. ▪ Grant assistance is available for Training, Craft Enterprises, Rural Tourism, Alternative Farm Enterprises and Community Initiatives.
<p>VEC Office, 17a North Street, Swords. ☎ 8408946. Fax. 8404392 e-mail: adulteducationswords@eircom.net website: www.fingaladulteducation.ie www.codubvec.ie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The VEC is the main provider of ongoing and lifelong learning in the Fingal area. <p>Classes include hobby and leisure, life skills and certificate courses at Junior and Leaving Certificate and various FETAC levels</p>
<p>VEC Office 69-71 Drogheda Street, Balbriggan. ☎ 8417763 e-mail: bbaes@oceanfree.net</p>	
<p><u>Fingal Adult Education Service Day & evening classes</u> run at different venues in Skerries and surrounding towns. Contact: Austin Wynne</p>	
<p><u>ESOL</u> Courses in English Language for students for whom English is not their mother tongue. Contact: Josephine Garry</p>	
<p><u>VTOS</u> 2 year general education & work related learning programme for those who are long term unemployed or in receipt of certain social welfare payments. Contact: Joanne Russell</p>	
<p><u>Adult Education</u> Assists adults with reading, writing & spelling difficulties with one-to-one & small group tuition. Contact: Paul Carroll</p>	

Youthreach	
Youthreach Centre, Rush.  8439196 Contact: Christine Hughes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youthreach caters for 15 to 20 year olds, offering FETAC accredited courses focused on various job skills areas ▪ There is also an on-site crèche
Special Needs	
Prosper Fingal Strand Street, Skerries.	 8490915
Prosper Fingal Piercetown, Skerries.	 8495046
St. Michael's House Special National School Hacketstown, Skerries.	 8490976

HOUSING

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. Once you purchase a site you will need to apply for planning permission from Fingal County Council (phone number below). Properties for sale are advertised in estate agents, local papers and on the internet. 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 notice boards in shops, on the internet 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 4).

Fingal County Council provides public housing for rent in Balbriggan & 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 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.

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Local Authority Housing

For information on council housing, shared ownership & affordable housing


Fingal County Council

 8906258


Voluntary Group

Skerries Sheltered Housing
66 Townparks,
Skerries.


Bernadette Denny

 8491388,

Donal Darcy

 8492108

Declan O'Sullivan

 8490686

LEGAL

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. 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 and contact details for local solicitors are available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Free Legal Advice Clinics (CIC)
Balbriggan CIC Tel. 841 2508 Tues 7pm -8pm. Phone for appointment.
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

INFORMATION AND ADVICE

Information and advice

<p>Citizens Information Centres provide free, impartial & confidential information, advice & advocacy services to the public. Topics covered include social welfare, taxation, employment, education, consumer, family, immigration & housing.</p> <p>Skerries CIC Strand House Clinic, Strand Street. Open Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm</p> <p>Balbriggan CIC Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan Mon to Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm, 1.30pm -4.30pm</p>	<p>Tel. 8494443 Fax. 8029688 e-mail: Email: skerries@citinfo.ie</p> <p>Tel: 8412508 Fax: 6903362 Email: balbriggan@citinfo.ie</p>
<p>FAS Lincomm House Stephenstown, Balbriggan. Jobsearch facility & advice on how to find a job. Career change advice & necessary training recommended. Databank of all jobs advertised through FAS.</p>	<p>Tel. 8834870 Fax. 8415624 www.fas.ie</p>
<p>Info Centre for Immigrants</p>	<p>Mourne Estate Community Resource Centre</p>
<p>Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS)</p>	<p>Tel. Locall 1890 283 438 / 8901102/6 Fax. 8901006 e-mail: fingal@mabs.ie web: www.mabs.ie</p>
<p>Skerries Tourist Information Skerries Mills Complex Open 7 days. April to September</p>	<p>10.30-4.30pm October to March 10.30-4.30pm Tel. 8495208 e-mail: skertour@iol.ie web: www.iol.ie/~skertour</p>

Local Media	
Fingal Independent Available on Tuesdays	
North County Leader Free newspaper delivered throughout north Fingal.	
Skerries News Available monthly.	skerriesnews@yahoo.co.uk
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 before 4pm on Thursdays
www.balbriggan.net	
www.skerriesca.net	

Fingal County Council*

	Phone number	e-mail/website
<i>Fingal County Council,</i> P.O. Box 174, County Hall, Swords Opening hours: Mon-Thurs: 9am-5pm Friday: 9am-4.30pm	8905000 fax: 890 5809	genpurp@fingalcoco.ie www.fingalcoco.ie
<i>Community, Recreation and Amenities Department</i>		
Community, Culture & Sports section		community@fingalcoc.ie
-North County Area Office	890 5101	
Parks section	890 5600	parks@fingalcoco.ie
Libraries section	890 5520	libraries@fingalcoco.ie
<i>Environment Department</i>		enserv@fingalcoco.ie
<i>Planning, Property and Economic Development Department</i>		
Planning section		planning@fingalcoco.ie
-Applications	890 5541	
-Decisions	890 5670	
<i>Housing</i>		housing@fingalcoco.ie
-Allocations	890 5380	

* A full list of services and contact details is in the state directory in the Eircom phonebook

-Estate management	890 5588	
-Traveller accommodation	890 5594	
-Homeless section Contact: Deirdre Balfe	890 5476	
<i>Transportation Department</i>		roads@fingalcoco.ie
-General enquiries	890 5595	
<i>Water Services Department</i>		waterservices@fingalcoco.ie
-Administration	890 6210	

Bin Waiver Note

Fingal County Council charges for domestic waste collection. There is a fixed annual charge and a charge each time your black bin is collected (via the bin tag). If nobody in a household pays income tax then that household is eligible for a waiver and will not have to pay for domestic waste collection. Further information & application forms are available from Fingal County Council and the Citizens Information Centre.

LIBRARY

Library

<p>Balbriggan Branch Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan phone: 870 4401 e-mail: balbrigganlibrary@fingalcoco.ie</p>	<p>Opening hours: Mon - Thurs: 10am-8.30pm Fri & Sat: 10am-5pm</p>
<p>Skerries Branch Strand Street Tel. 8491900 Fax. 8495142 e-mail: skerrieslibrary@fingalcoco.ie</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Other Fingal Library Services</p>	
<p>Fingal Housebound Library Service Fingal Housebound Library Service, Unit 34, Coolmine Industrial Estate, Dublin 15. Tel. 8604290 Fax. 8604291 e-mail: houseboundlibrary@fingalcoco.ie</p>	<p>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 acommodation, attending day care centres, visually impaired/disabled.</p>
<p>Mobile Library Service Library HQ, Unit 34, Coolmine Industrial Estate, Dublin 15. Tel. 8221564 Fax. 8221568 e- mail: mobilelibraries@fingalcoco.ie</p>	<p>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</p>

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

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.
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	
Michael Kennedy (FF)	Constituency Office: The Plaza, Swords. Tel. (01) 890 2277 / 087- 2432995. Fax. (01) 890 2296
Darragh O'Brien (FF)	Constituency Office: 1 Church Road, Malahide. Mon-Sat 10am to 3pm or by appointment. Tel. (01) 845 0710 / 086-2519893
Dr. James Reilly (FG)	Constituency Office: River House, River Mall, Main St., Swords. Tel. (01) 807 5547
Trevor Sargeant (Green Party)	Contact at Unit 7, Forest Mews, Swords. Tel. (01) 890 0360 Fax. (01) 890 0361

Balbriggan Town Council

<p><i>Balbriggan Town Council,</i> Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan</p> <p>Peter Caulfield(Town manager) Brian Murray (Town clerk)</p>	<p>phone: 841 2178 Fax : 8412044 <u>Opening hours:</u> Mon-Fri: 9am- 12.45pm and 2pm-5pm (4.30pm on a Friday)</p>	<p>e-mail: balbriggantowncouncil@fingalcoco .ie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting rooms are available during these office hours and also in the evenings.
<p>Sean Browne (Fine Gael) An Cathaoirleach</p>	<p>8 Hamlet Close, Flemington Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin Tel. 086 4032254 Email: sean.brown@fingalcoco.ie</p>	
<p>Stephen Kilgallon (Green-Party)</p>	<p>32 Westbrook Lawn, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin Tel. 01 8415055</p>	
<p>Kathleen Hammon (Labour Party)</p>	<p>Chapel Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin Tel. 086 1691625 Email: kathleen.hammond@fingalcoco.ie</p>	
<p>Monica Hartford (Labour Party)</p>	<p>186 Lambeecher Estate, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin Tel. 01 8411287</p>	
<p>Ned Pyne (Labour Party)</p>	<p>Bremore, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin Tel. 01 8413604</p>	
<p>Gertie Shields (Independent)</p>	<p>1 Lambeeche Estate, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin Tel. 01 8413088</p>	
<p>Larry Dunne (Fine Gael)</p>	<p>11 Fancourt Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin Tel. 01 841 4356</p>	
<p>Gerry Buckley (Fianna Fail)</p>	<p>11 Ardgillan Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin Tel. 01 8416050 Email. gerry.buckley@fingalcoco.ie</p>	
<p>May Mc Keon (Independent)</p>	<p>Shemore, Market Green, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin Tel. 01 841 3660 Email. may.mckeown@fingalcoco.ie</p>	

MONEY MATTERS

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. Illness 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.*

MONEY MATTERS

Social Welfare Office		
Skerries/Balbriggan Railway Street, Balbriggan. Tel. 8020050 Monday-Friday 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm. Jobseekers Benefit & Allowance, One Parent Family Payment, Illness Benefit.		
<i>Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) is a system of payments administered by the local Health Service. It is a "safety net" scheme of payments designed for those who have little or no income and have been unable to claim a basic social welfare payment.</i>		
Community Welfare Officer		
In Balbriggan all First time claimants must travel to the city centre to be allocated a Community welfare officer.	Asylum Seekers Unit, 77 Upper Gardiner St., Dublin 1 858 5114 fax: 858 5149	Mon: 2-3.30pm Tue: 2-3.30pm Wed: 10-11.30am Thurs: no clinic Fri: 10-11am (emergencies only)
Balbriggan North Balbriggan Health Centre	Willie Finnegan 841 5640	Mon, Tue. & Thurs 10-11.30am Fir 9-10.30am (emergencies only)
Balbriggan South Balbriggan Health Centre	Canice Reade 841 2138	Wed 10-11.30am
Skerries Skerries Health Centre	Canice Reade 8494872	Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 10-11.30am Covers all Skerries residents.
<i>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..</i>		
Money Advice & Budgeting Services (MABS)		Tel. Locall 1890 283 438 / 8901102/6 Fax. 8901006 e-mail: fingal@mabs.ie web: www.mabs.ie
Balbriggan Credit Union Harper House, 43-45 Dublin St., Balbriggan		phone: 841 1348 fax: 841 3865 e-mail:

Mon-Thurs: 9.30-5.30 Fri: 9.30-8 & Sat: 9.30-12.30	info@balbriggancreditunion.ie website: www.balbriggancreditunion.ie
Skerries Credit Union 26 Thomas Hand Street, Skerries Mon-Thurs: 9.45-12.30 & 1.30- 4.30 Fri: 9.45-12.30 & 1.30-8 & Sat: 10.30-12.30	Tel. 8490038 Fax:8494437
Balbriggan Post office 3 Linen Court, Harbour Mill, Balbriggan phone: 841 2608	Opening hours Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm & 2.15- 5.30pm Sat: 9am-1pm
Skerries Post Office Gerry's Supermarket, Strand Street 849 1200	Opening hours Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm & 2.15- 5.30pm Sat: 9am-1pm
Local Tax Office	Tel: 1890 333 425

TRANSPORT

Train	
Balbriggan Train Station Tel. 841 2803	
Trains south to Dublin and north to Drogheda and Dundalk	
Skerries Train Station Tel. 8491223	
Trains south to Dublin and north to Drogheda and Dundalk	
Irish Rail Tel. 8366222 www.irishrail.ie	
Bus	
Dublin Bus Tel. 8734222 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, Lusk, Swords, and Dublin City Centre	
<p><i>Bus Éireann</i> phone: 836 6111 (Information line open Mon-Fri: 8.30am-7pm, Sun & public holidays: 9am-7pm) website: www.buseireann.ie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Route 101: Dublin (Busáras), Airport (Arrivals Road, Stop 8), Swords By-pass, Balrothery, Balbriggan (Bank of Ireland), Julianstown, Drogheda (Bus Station) ▪ Route 101N nightrider bus ▪ Balbriggan Town Service: Railway Station - Drogheda Street - Hamlet Lane - Hamlet Lane Inner Relief Road Connector - Inner Relief Road - Dublin Street - Bridge Street - Drogheda Street - Rail Station.
Community Transport	
<p><i>nifti</i> (North Fingal Rural Transport Co. Ltd.), Ballyboughal phone: 807 8855 fax: 807 8125 e-mail: northfingal@eircom.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community transport which serves the following areas: Ballyboughal, Balbriggan, Baldoyle, Balcadden, Oldtown, Naul, Garristown, Applewood, Rush, Swords, Donabate, Skerries and Lusk
Disabled Transport	
<p>Vantastic Dial A Ride Tel. 8330663 web: www.vantastic.ie Low cost transport service for elderly & people with disabilities.</p>	

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Sports

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.
Balbriggan & Skerries Karate Club	Michael Blount 086 843 7611 michael.blount@yahoo.com info@skerrieskarateclub.com www.skerrieskarateclub.com
Balbriggan Badminton Club	Roland Curran 085 174 2192
Balbriggan Cricket Club	Albert Harper 841 1858 / 087 973 6690
Balbriggan Football Club	Richard Barrett 086 816 7373 Michael O'Regan 086 333 4434
Balbriggan Golf Club	841 2229
Balbriggan Indoor Bowling Club (in association with Active Retirement Ireland [ACI])	Joan Fitzgerald 841 5088
Balbriggan Rugby Club	Robert Cashell 841 1660 www.balbrigganrfc.com
Balbriggan Sea Angling club	Bradley Larkin 086 256 9792
Ballyboughal Pitch & Putt Club	Ronnie Delaney 085 174 3748
Bracken Boxing Club, Blabriggan	Ciaran O'Neill 087 940 8928
Girls Gym Club Community Centre, Dublin Road, Skerries	Contact: Valerie Tel. 8492045 e-mail: shaymac@eircom.net
Glebe North Football Club, Balbriggan	Hugh Reilly 841 3083 Alan Corr 086 805 4279 www.glebenorthfc.ie
Gormanston & District Anglers	Ciaran McDonald 087 231 1017 Raymond Mooney 087 682 5619 gormanston_district_ac@eircom.net
Hills Cricket Club	Contact: Barbara Clinton

	Tel. 086 8513513
Hockey Club Astroturf Weather Pitch, Community Centre, Dublin Road, Skerries	Contact: Donal Lynam donallynam@hotmail.com Tel. 086 2495719 Monday & Wednesday nights. Juniors Sunday 11.30am to 1pm mixed club
Karate Old School, Dublin Road, Skerries	Contact: Brendan Smullen Tel. 087 2837428 Saturday 12 noon to 1.30pm Tuesdays 8pm to 9pm
Karate Old School, Dublin Road, Skerries	Contact: Jerry Tel. 8492036 Saturday 2.30pm to 4pm
Maritime Badminton Club Community Centre, Dublin Road, Skerries	Monday 10am to 12pm Contact: Deirdre O'Neill Tel. 8490419 Helen Carroll Tel. 8490483
Mill Hill Ladies Badminton Club Community Centre, Dublin Road, Skerries	Tuesday 8pm to 10.30pm Contact: June Tel. 8414070
North County Cricket Club O'Dwyers GAA club, Balbriggan	Mary Uzell 849 6124 / 087 249 1233 841 3820 info@odwyersgaa.com
Phoenix Sea Angling	Thomas Markey 086 234 6247
Rockabill Ladies Badminton Club Community Centre, Dublin Road, Skerries	Tuesday 10am to 12.30pm Contact: Nyrayana Tel. 8480495 e-mail: fritch@iol.ie
Short Tennis Community Centre, Dublin Road. Skerries Bowling Club	Contact: Jim Dolan Tel. 086 2767365 Monday - Thursday pms Bowling Green Clubhouse, Tennis Court Lane. Tel. 8492341 All weather bowling green. All levels catered for. Open all year. Bowls & tuition supplied. Bowls Club Friday 12 noon to 2pm
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 sportsclubs use Community Centre facilities. Drop-in creche, mornings only.	
Skerries Community Games	Contact: Sheila Brennan 849 2341

Skerries Golf Club	Hacketstown. Tel. 8491567 web: www.skerriesgolfclub.ie Contact: 849 1567 Golf and Dining & Bar facilities
Skerries Harps GAA Club	Dublin Road, Skerries. Tel. 8494420
Skerries Junior Badminton Club Community Centre, Dublin Road.	Saturday 10am to 1pm
Skerries Mixed Badminton Club Community Centre, Dublin Road.	Monday and Wednesday 8pm to 11pm Contact: Dennis Tel. 8490798 e-mail: denismckeown@iolfree.ie
Skerries Rugby Club Holmpatrick.	Contact: 849 0066 Men, women and kids
Skerries Sailing Club	Harbour Road Contact: Gerry Rooney Tel. 8491233
Skerries Town Football Club	Contact: Kevin Wynne Tel. 087 1386975 Tuesday and Thursdays
Sunday Badminton Club, Skerries	Contact: Johnny Burke Tel. 8492198 Austin Wynne Tel. 8490009 Simon Healy Tel. 8490252
Tae Kwon Do	Monday & Thursday 4pm to 5pm
Tennis Club Community Centre, Dublin Road, Skerries	Contact: Collette Branagan Tel. 8412800 / 087 2281027 e-mail: jbrangan@gofree.indigo.ie
Tennis Community Centre, Dublin Road, Skerries	Contact: Berna Tel. 087 6681257 Before 7pm

Community Venues

<i>Balbriggan Town Hall</i> George's Square, Balbriggan phone: 841 2178	
<i>Ballyboughal Community Hall</i> Ballyboughal e-mail: info@ballyboughal.com website: www.ballyboughal.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scouts ▪ Cubs ▪ Whist ▪ Yoga ▪ Set dancing ▪ Keep fit for dancing
<i>Balrothery Cricket Club</i> phone: 849 6124	
<i>Balrothery Heritage Centre</i> Balrothery, Balbriggan	Situated in the old parish church, the Heritage centre is managed by

<p>contact: Susan Lynch (enquiries) phone: 086 376 9976 contact: Ken Dowling (bookings) phone: 841 2983 website: www.balrothery.com</p>	<p>the Balrothery Heritage Committee. It is available for community groups to rent for various events. Currently, the following sessions are taking place in this venue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Singing group ▪ Yoga ▪ Parent & toddler group ▪ Occasional concerts ▪ Youth club
<p><i>Balrothery Resource Centre</i> Woodview, Balrothery contact: Susan Lynch phone: 086 376 9976 contact: Mary Simons-Cassen (Breakfast club & after school project) phone: 087 053 1407 website: www.balrothery.com</p>	<p>The Balrothery Resource Centre is available to rent and is currently the venue for the following sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Montessori ▪ Breakfast club ▪ After school project
<p><i>Balscadden Community Hall</i> Balscadden, Balbriggan. contact: John Farren phone: 086 850 4026 e-mail: info@balscaddendistrict.com website: www.balscaddendistrict.com</p>	<p>This centre is available for rent for group meetings. At the moment, the following are taking place here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent and toddler group ▪ Youth club
<p><i>Balbriggan Club Community Centre Ltd (Combined Clubs)</i> Dublin St., Balbriggan contact: Greta Rogers phone: 841 4447</p>	<p>The Combined Clubs in Balbriggan has rooms of various sizes available for rent.</p>
<p><i>Order of Malta Hall</i> Hampton St., Balbriggan contact: Siobhan Reilly phone: 086 382 3848 website: www.orderofmalta.ie</p>	<p>There is a room available for rental for community meetings or sessions by contacting the related number.</p>
<p><i>Sunshine House</i> Church St., Balbriggan contact: TJ Fleming</p>	

phone: 087 616 5707	
<i>The Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre</i> , Naul. Co.Dublin phone: 802 0898 e-mail: info@seamusenniscentre.com website: www.seamusenniscentre.com	The Séamus Ennis Cultural Centre was opened in 2001. Its aims are to promote and develop the traditional arts on a local and regional basis. Recitals, sessions, workshops and classes on organised on a regular basis.

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

Youth*

<i>ARK Project</i> (Drugs Awareness Programme), Dublin St., Balbriggan contact: Sharon or Amanda phone: 8415135	Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Homework Club ▪ Group meetings ▪ Outreach work and support
<i>Balrothery youth club</i> (in conjunction with Foroige) Balrothery Heritage centre, Balrothery contact: Susan Lynch phone: 086 376 9976 contact: Mary Simons-Cassen phone: 087 670 7175	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 12-18 year olds, Wednesday from 8-9.30pm
<i>St. Mary's Youth club</i> Balscadden Community Hall, Balscadden contact: Lisa McEvoy phone: 841 3999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7-9pm every second Friday
Skerries Youth Club	Old School, Dublin Road. Tel. 8490888 Contact: Community Centre. Thursday 7pm - 8.30pm 6th class pupils only
Loughshinny Youth Club	Friday 7-9pm

* Check the hobbies and sports sections for information on other groups for young people.

CHURCHES

Churches

Balbriggan Baptist Church e-mail: balbrigganbc@eircom.net website: www.geocities.com/balbapchurch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Baptist ▪ PO Box 8904, Balbriggan ▪ balbrigganbc@eircom.net
Church of Ireland Holmpatrick, Skerries.	☎ 8492247 Reverend Alan Rufli
Church of the Assumption Balscadden phone: 841 2188	Roman Catholic
Methodist Church Strand Street, Skerries.	☎ 8323141
St. George's Church Church St., Balbriggan (Church of Ireland)	☎ 8492247
St. Patrick's Church, Strand Street, Skerries. (Catholic Church)	☎ 8494033 Fr. Leo Quinlan PP Sacristy ☎ 8492145. Parish Bulletin: skerriesbulletin@hotmail.com
St. Peter and Paul's Church, Dublin St., Balbriggan (Catholic Church)	☎ 8020602 Fr. Barry Murphy PP

COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Residents' Associations

Balbriggan Combined Residents' Association	contact: Syl Greally phone: 087 984 3456
Balscadden & District Community Council	contact: Louise Landers phone: 841 7819
Chieftain's Way	e-mail: laurentc.geo@yahoo.com website: http://chieftainsway.tripod.com/index.html
Dun Saithne	contact: Thomas Behan phone: 086 803 5015 e-mail www.dunsaithnelive.ie
Tara Cove	contact: Ann Conroy phone: 841 2375
Moylaragh Road	contact: Lisa Moore phone: 841 0271 e-mail: lmrlamoore@hotmail.com contact: Keith O'Connor phone: 690 3517
Pinewood	contact: Charlotte Courtney phone: 841 6451
Tara Court	contact: Elaine Kinsella phone: 841 1904
Bremore Pastures	contact: David Kane phone: 087 122 2214 contact: Paul Hyland phone: 086 406 2757 e-mail: bremorepasturesresidents@gmail.com
Brackenwood	contact: Philip Broderick phone: 087 210 3961
Hamilton Residents' Association	contact: Mourad Ouchelouche phone: 087 664 9608
Moylaragh Crescent	contact: Kevin Flatley phone: 087 126 0532
Old Fancourt	contact: Bridgit Dervan phone: 087 972 9803
Martello Tower	contact: Noel Phelan phone: 087 227 7763
Moylaragh Mews	contact: Rose Cumiskey phone: 087 241 8920
Brackenwood Drive	contact: Cathy Towey

	phone: 087 226 2267
Hampton Wood	contact: Sandra Delaney phone: 087 792 0274 email: hamptonwood@gmail.com

Clubs and classes

Book Discussion Group	Mary Chapman c/o Skerries Book Group, Skerries Mills
Ocean Book Club	Bus Bar, Strand Street. Mary Gilbride Tel. 8490253 Breegen Roche Tel. 8490858 e-mail: grimesmary@eircom.net Every second Monday at 8pm. Breaks for summer.
Holmpatrick Bridge Club	Aileen Lane 849 1524
John Lane Bridge Club	Monday & Friday 7.30pm to 10pm. Adults
Inis Rua Skerries Young Traditional Music and Set Dancers	Traditional music & set dancing for children aged 9 & upwards. Mary Keane Tel. 8490901 Classes held in Old School, Dublin Road. Contact address: 59 Selskar Road. Fridays 4.30pm to 7pm (Sept. to May).
Skerries Ceili & Set Dancing Group	Rugby Club. Sundays 7pm to 9pm
Birdwatch Ireland	Frank Prendergast Tel 087 131 9884 e-mail: frank.prendergast@dit.ie website: www.bwifingal.ie
Tidy Towns	Anne Doyle Tel. 8490188
Town Twinning	Brendan Friel 8400 613
Skerries Theatre Group	Ronald Jones 087 266 0164
Rockabill Film Society	Martin Cole Tel. 087 5997 3586 e-mail: Rockabill-Film-Society-owner@yahoogroups.co.uk website: http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/Rockabill-Film-Society/
Skerries Historical Society	Maria Baker Tel. 086 104 6605
Skerries Choir	Noreen Molloy Tel. 8490341 Adults only
Over 65s Club	Old School, Dublin Road.

	Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm
Skerries Parent & Toddler Group	Holmpatrick Church Hall Thursdays 10am-12pm Deirdre Kelly 087 918 1072
Skerries Photography Group	Mark Wilson Tel. 8413467 e-mail: mark.wilson@manowar.biz
Brigeens/Guides	Therese Keely 086 329 3757
Sea Scouts	Elaine McLoughlin 085 7855 316
ICA	Mary Clinton Tel 8491528
Ardgillan Bridge Club (Sept-May) c/o Ardgillan Castle	849 2212
Asis Theatre Company	Jane Carroll 841 2408
Balbriggan & District Historical Society (affiliated to the Federation of Local History Societies in Ireland)	Joe Walsh 8411 599 info@balbrigganhistory.net www.balbrigganhistory.net jasfinwalsh@eircom.net
Balbriggan and District Game Association	Garrett Ruigrok 087 271 2704
Balbriggan Chess Club	Christodoulos Makris 085 128 5289
Balbriggan Dramatic Society	Grainne Maguire 087 943 6650 grainnemaguire@balbriggan.net
Balbriggan Photography Group	c/o Ardgillan Castle 849 2212
Balbriggan Writers' Group	c/o Ardgillan Castle 849 2212
Balrothery Twinning Association	Phyllis Carnew 087 134 7882
Boy Scouts	Edward Darcy 841 2754
Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann	Theresa O'Neill 841 2100
Dance Craze Dance School (in conjunction with CYC & VEC)	Grace Courtney 087 055 5262
New Leaf II (social group for widowed, divorced & separated men and women)	Paul 087 259 1532

O'Dwyers' Culture Group	Freda Smith 086 324 9476
St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band	Larry Dunne 841 4356 larrydunne1@eircom.net
St. Peter and Paul's Church choir	Larry Dunne 841 4356 Larrydunne1@eircom.net
The Warhammer Club	Robert Coen 087 751 9649
Weight Watchers Tuesday 6.30pm. Old School, Skerries	Tel. 087 4111552
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 on page (Community Venues)	

Community and Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous	842 0700 www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie
<i>Balbriggan Awareness of Drugs Group</i> PO Box 5987, Balbriggan e-mail: balbriggandrugs@gmail.com website: www.balbriggandrugs.com This takes place in the Combined Club Centre, Dublin St, Balbriggan on the first Monday of every month at 8pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This group provides support and information to parents and family members of drug users. ▪ It works with various other groups and individuals to finance training and organise information forums around the whole issue of drug abuse and how to deal with/prevent it.
<i>Balbriggan Dyslexia Workshop</i> This takes place in St. Mologa's National School, Balbriggan contact: Theresa Moore phone: 086 811 2678 phone: 087 224 1323	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ every Tuesday from 5.30-7.30pm ▪ To identify and support young people with learning and reading difficulties ▪ To encourage young people to discover that reading can be fun ▪ To establish a foundation and structures to assist children throughout their academic life ▪ To build self-confidence and

	encourage self esteem
<p><i>Balbriggan Family Centre</i> 13 Drogheda St., Balbriggan contact: Cariosa Walsh phone: 841 4122 e-mail: bfc@docharity.net</p>	<p>The Balbriggan Family Centre is a free service run by the Daughters of Charity Child & Family Services, in partnership with the Health Service Executive. The centre works with children, young people & their families who are experiencing stress. It provides a number of different services including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parenting Support ▪ Family Work ▪ Behaviour Management ▪ Direct work with children ▪ Child protection Programmes ▪ Self esteem programmes ▪ Bereavement & Loss ▪ Individual, Family and/or Group work.
<p><i>Balbriggan Parent & Toddler Group</i> Order of Malta Hall contact: Maria O’Sullivan phone: 087 973 7300</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday and Friday, 10.30am-12.30pm
<p>Balbriggan Senior Citizens’ Group (a social group which arranges various outings, social nights, a weekly bingo session, needlework/crochet classes etc.)</p>	<p>Patsy Rooney 841 1415 086 372 4647</p>
<p>Balbriggan Tidy Towns</p>	<p>Joe Troy Tom Fletcher c/o Town Hall 841 2178</p>
<p><i>Balrothery Parent & Toddler group</i> Balrothery Heritage Centre contact: Grainne phone: 841 4797</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fridays 10.30am-12.30pm.
<p><i>Balscadden Parent & Toddler group</i> Balscadden Community Hall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wednesdays 10am – 12pm.

contact: John Farren phone: 086 850 4026	
<i>Brainwave</i> (The Irish Epilepsy Association), phone: 455 7500 e-mail: iob.epilepsy@brainwave.ie website: www.epilepsy.ie	Provides comprehensive confidential support service to people with epilepsy, their families and carers.
<i>Breastfeeding Support group</i> Combined clubs, Dublin St., Balbriggan phone: 841 2138	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tuesday 11.30am-12.30pm
<i>Fingal Traveller Organisation</i> Resource Centre, St. Macullin's Park, Matt Lane, Balbriggan phone: 8020 504 fax: 8020 505 website: www.co-operationfingal.ie	<i>Fingal Traveller Organisation</i> focuses on the following key issues of concern affecting Travellers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health (including Primary Healthcare programme for Traveller Women) ▪ Childcare ▪ Accomodation ▪ Education ▪ Employment ▪ Discrimination.
<i>Fingal County Childcare Committee</i> ABCO KOVEX Building, Swords Business Park, Swords phone: 807 7660 fax: 807 7669 e-mail: info@fingalcountychildcare.ie website: www.fingalcountychildcare.ie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The aim of this organisation is to ensure high quality childcare that is accessible and affordable to all in the Fingal area
Irish Countrywomen's Association	Anne McGee 841 2923
<i>Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind</i> , 77 Tara Court, Balbriggan contact: Tom O'Neill (Chairman of the local branch) phone: 841 2076 e-mail: oneillbt@gofree.indigo.ie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The focus is on awareness raising, fundraising and promoting accessibility for people with visual impairment.

website: www.guidedogs.ie	
Irish Wheelchair Association	Local contact: Joan Daly Tel. 087 239 1219
Meals on Wheels	Skerries – Helen Dardis Tel. 8491844 Mary Fanning Tel 8491655 Balbriggan – 841 6743 / 085 1132440 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday Dinner Club – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Hampton St.
Naul Senior Citizen's group	Paddy Nugent 841 3699
<i>North Fingal ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder)/ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) Parent & Adult Support Group</i> phone: 802 0484 e-mail: info@adhd.ie website: www.adhd.ie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raise awareness of ADD/ADHD among teachers and the community at large ▪ Provide support and information to parents through the support group ▪ Improve current service provision for young people and their families through lobbying and partnerships with other support groups etc. ▪ Strive for a multi-model approach to be adopted for diagnosis and treatment of this condition.
<i>North Fingal Autism and Aspergers Support Group</i> phone: 802 0484 e-mail: friendsofjenny@eircom.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ support group for families affected by Autism and Aspergers syndrome where people come together to discuss their concerns and share experiences
<i>Order of Malta Day Care Centre for People with Physical Disabilities</i> Hampton St., Balbriggan contact: Siobhan Reilly phone: 086 382 3848 website: www.orderofmalta.ie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This group has been up and running for over 20 years. It acts as a social outlet for people with physical disabilities, with the added provision of meals and transport

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tue and Thurs, 10am-3pm
Peer support for children who have suffered bereavement through death of separation/divorce. A free service	Available through the local schools. Jim Banks, Donaghmede Rainbows 8461561 serves Balbriggan and Skerries.
<p><i>Prosper Fingal Ltd.</i> 'Cherrygarth', Drogheda St., Balbriggan contact: Anne English (manager) phone: 8414 399 e-mail: anneenglish@prosperfingal.ie website: www.prosperfingal.ie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This organisation works to enable people with disabilities develop their true potential towards full and independent participation within society.
<p><i>Remember Us</i> contact: Nora phone: 6906 122 or 086 045 7003 e-mail: fingalrememberus@eircom.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remember Us is a social youth group for young people with special needs, their families and friends aged 4 to 18. It caters for members from the North Fingal and surrounding areas ▪ 4-7 year olds: Mon, Wed and Sat Fit for Fun, Stretch n Grow, Songschool and more ▪ 8-13 year olds: Mon, Wed and Sat Computers, Drama, Arts & Crafts and more ▪ 14 plus age group, the 'Cool Gang': Mon, Thurs and Sat. Personal development, cookery, outings to restaurants and many many more. We also go on family days out, weekends away and we run a summer programme.
Skerries Chamber of Commerce	www.skerrieschamber.com
Skerries Community Association c/o	Community Centre, Dublin Road
Skerries Day Care Group Old School, Dublin Road. Day care facilities to elderly including	Tel. 086-6057281 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

exercises, arts & crafts, computer classes, collecting stores, music, etc. Referral from Public Health Nurse only.	
Skerries Sheltered Housing 66 Townparks, Skerries.	Declan O’Sullivan Tel. 8490686 Bernadette Denny Tel. 8491388, Donal Darcy Tel. 8492108,
St. Vincent de Paul Phone HQ and they will make contact with local members.	Tel. 8384164
Victim Support	Tel. 8780870
<i>Women Of Multi-culture Balbriggan (WOMB)</i> contact: Pamela Chiriseri phone: 086 3730198 e-mail: wombculture2006@yahoo.ie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This group is comprised of women from numerous different countries. Their aim is to encourage women to fully participate in economic activities and take up the opportunities presented to them, in order for them to be equipped with the necessary knowledge for them to contribute and be effective within Irish communities.

