



DEAR NEIGHBOUR,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Local Community Newsletter.

I am happy to report that our new plastic bag packer in Limerick is working well and the cement we make in Limerick which we pack in the new blue plastic bag is being distributed through the country.

The factory continues to reduce its dependence on imported fossil fuels by using solid recovered fuel (SRF). The SRF is used in our existing cement kiln as a fuel to provide the high temperatures we need in our manufacturing process. We are steadily increasing the quantity of SRF we are using in the cement kiln. Meat and bonemeal (MBM) will be our second alternative fuel and we have recently commenced our MBM test burn programme.

During the summer the court of appeal issued its judgment affirming the 2023 high court judgment which upheld the revised EPA license granted to the factory to allow for the replacement of imported fossil fuels. Notice for leave to appeal this court of appeal judgement has been made to the supreme court. We await the decision on whether leave will be granted. We will keep you updated in subsequent Newsletters on our fossil fuel replacement project.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

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GREAT LIMERICK RUN 2024 FOR CHILDREN'S ARK UNIT



We were delighted to present a cheque for €6,000 to some of the team from The Children's Ark in HSE Mid-West, from left to right, Micheal Duggan, Donnchadh Woods, Elaine O'Hehir, Kristina Buckley, Teresa Joyce, and Joe O'Connor. The money was raised by Irish Cement employees who took part in the 2024 Great Limerick Run.

The Children's Ark in the University Hospital Limerick is the only inpatient facility for sick children in the Mid-West. The Children's Ark is a purpose-built paediatric unit for children with 49 beds in the Sunshine and Rainbow wards, a high-dependency unit, a cystic fibrosis unit and a Caterpillar Day ward. There is also a school for children staying in hospital so that those that are well enough can keep up with their schoolwork. The Children's Ark is a bright, child-friendly paediatric unit to make children feel more comfortable during their hospital stay and the team in Irish Cement were delighted to be able to contribute to this excellent and vital work.



**SECOND ALTERNATIVE FUEL
PLANNED FOR LIMERICK**

Construction of our new meat and bonemeal (MBM) offloading, temporary storage and feeding system is complete and we have recently commenced an EPA test burn programme for MBM.

MBM is a byproduct of the meat processing industry. Previously most of the MBM from Ireland was being exported as a fuel to facilities in the UK. But now Ireland is looking to become more self-sufficient for the recovery of this fuel and reduce exports. Other cement kilns in Ireland already use MBM as a fuel to replace fossil fuel.



**BIODIVERSITY
IN LIMERICK**



**GREAT
LIMERICK
RUN**



**SILVER
CERTIFICATION**

CURIOUS CUB

While driving on site to photograph wildlife this summer Hugh Sweeney spotted a young fox cub in front of him. He quietly stopped his car and slid out the door and hid behind the car with his camera ready. Soon afterwards the young fox reappeared and unaware he was being watched sat down in the grass in the middle of the track. "I was worried the sound of my camera shutter would alert the cub to my presence but I realised I was downwind, so I managed to get a few photographs. Suddenly, there was a noise off to my right in the hedgerow beside the road, the fox cub darted into the hedge. I suspect his mother had spotted me and called her cub back to safety. I was fortunate to be passing at that time when the cub was out in the open, it is amazing to think how much wildlife is all around us but that we rarely see." (Photo. Hugh Sweeney)



CLARINA COIS CARRAIG RESIDENTS VISIT

We were delighted to welcome residents from Cois Carraig Retirement Village in Clarina along with TD Niall Collins and Limerick Councillor Fergus Kilcoyne to the factory in Limerick. The group were treated to a factory tour, hearing about our cement manufacturing process and our current alternative fuel plans. As part of their visit, they received a donation of €5,000 to support their purchase of a ride-on lawnmower to help with the upkeep of their gardens and grounds back in their Village.

AUTISM AWARENESS TRAINING

During Inclusion Week this year we invited Caitlin Cruise from AsIAm - Ireland's Autism Charity to Limerick to talk about Invisible Disabilities. In an excellent presentation Caitlin highlighted the need for all of us to be aware of the need for better understanding, increased awareness in work and with our families and friends to help us to actively address stigma, fear and judgement of others.



SILVER CERTIFICATION FOR LIMERICK

Limerick achieved Concrete Sustainability Council (CSC) Silver certification reflecting Irish Cement's strong commitment to environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and governance.

This outstanding achievement highlights the dedication of the team at Limerick and will undoubtedly inspire other companies in Ireland to pursue CSC certification and contribute to a more sustainable future for the construction industry.

