

# SALLINS MOORINGS OPEN

New moorings in Sallins Photo: WI



Waterways Ireland has recently opened 45m of short term moorings along with 210m of fully serviced long term mooring facilities on the Grand Canal at

Sallins in County Kildare. The facility was opened in November 2014 and finished to an extremely high standard by John Ryan Limited, following the

liquidation of the originally appointed contractor.

The facility now provides modern up to date services for 20 mooring berths that includes metered water and electric supplies, broadband access, sewage pump-out and a rubbish disposal facility for the existing long term moored boats in Sallins. The facility in compliance with the Waterways Ireland 'Access for All' policy also provides suitable access to less able bodied people.

The facility has been well received by the local community as it significantly improves the visual landscape of the village area as well as providing much improved mooring access for all canal users to Sallins Village.

The short term moorings have a maximum 5 day mooring limit and this will be enforced to ensure access for passing boats and canal users to the existing village amenities.

The existing licensees are currently moored under the Extended Mooring Permit scheme, however this is likely to change following the introduction of the Canal Bye-Laws.

At a cost of €520,000, the facility is a significant investment demonstrating the commitment by Waterways Ireland in addressing the needs of the existing canal customers and local community.

**Stephen Forrest**

## SHANNON BLUEWAY AWARD



(l-r) Eamon McMorrow, WI; Cllr Sean McGowan, Leitrim Co Co; Joe Gilmore, Knock Airport; Norma Herron WI; Cathoirleach Paddy O'Rourke, Leitrim Co Co; Frank Curran, Leitrim Co Co; Cllr Mags Murray, Chairperson of LAMA.

The Shannon Blueway has won Best Tourism Initiative category of the LAMA (Local Authority Members Association) Community and Council Awards 2015 in association with IPB Insurance. Waterways Ireland who have led the development of the Shannon Blueway attended the ceremony represented by Norma Herron, with Leitrim Co Co Cathoirleach Paddy O'Rourke and Chief Executive Frank Curran.

The Shannon Blueway is a multi-activity trail running alongside water, linking walking, cycling, canoeing, paddleboarding, fishing and cruising with local towns and villages.

Launched in October 2014, 1000's of walkers, paddlers and

cyclists have already enjoyed this first section of the trail from Drumshanbo to Carrick on Shannon including 16.5km of canoe trail, and 10km of approved walking route.

The Shannon Blueway is being delivered in partnership with the National Trails Office, Canoeing Union, Leitrim Co Co and Leitrim Tourism and is being marketed under the Blueways Ireland Banner and can be found on the web, Facebook and Twitter.

Attending the Holiday World Show Dublin at the end of January, promoting the Shannon Blueway with special offers for the Mid-Term the response from visitors was excellent.

The Shannon Blueway is already growing, with new sections to be opened later this year on the Camlin River.

**Katrina McGirr**

## WI NEWS BULLETS

### WI PUBLICATIONS

Waterways Ireland can no longer afford to print copies of the *What's On Guide* and the *Taste of the Waterways* for postal distribution. Digital versions of the guides will be distributed by email and will also be downloadable from the website. Hard copies will be available from tourist outlets. To receive an email copy, please register <http://eepurl.com/bc7Vxr>. For more information please contact [info@waterwaysireland.org](mailto:info@waterwaysireland.org) or call +44 (0)28 6634 6218.

### DATA PROTECTION

Waterways Ireland will shortly be carrying out a data protection exercise on the boat register. You will be contacted by phone and/or email and asked to verify the registration for each boat you own. Please participate in this data protection exercise to facilitate a correct boat register.

For more information please contact [corporate@waterwaysireland.org](mailto:corporate@waterwaysireland.org) or call +353 (0)71 96 50787.

### LOUGH ERNE BYE-LAWS

Waterways Ireland will be holding a Public Consultation on proposed amendments to the Lough Erne Byelaws in 2015. If you would like to receive an email copy of the Consultation Pack when the consultation period opens please register at <http://eepurl.com/bc70-f>. For more information please contact [corporate@waterwaysireland.org](mailto:corporate@waterwaysireland.org) or call +353 (0)71 96 50787.