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## Sargent calls for accountability on Malahide bridge collapse



**T**revor Sargent TD, a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport, was on hand recently when the Committee met with the Rail Safety Commission and the Rail Accident Investigation Unit to hear first-hand their report

on the collapse of the bridge at Malahide last year.

Following exchanges at the meeting, the management of Irish Rail has agreed to meet with Deputy Sargent to go into detail on the lessons learned and the level of accountability required for such a serious incident.

*Trevor Sargent with Barry Kenny of Iarnród Éireann reviewing the rebuilding work on the estuary bridge.*



## Gold Medal for Cheese Maker

**Congratulations to Malahide Farmers' Market local cheese maker on winning gold medal in Cardiff International Cheese Awards.**

Malahide Farmers' Market, which takes place on the Green each Sunday from 11-5 has been celebrating with local cheese maker Dominic Gryson on winning a Gold Medal in Cardiff, Wales, for what is now officially recognized as a very good goat's cheese. Dominic and his wife Fionnuala also sell liquid milk and ice cream, all made on his own farm.

## Allotments for Malahide?

The increasing popularity of growing your own food, as demonstrated by the phenomenal growth in groups such as GIY Ireland, has not passed Malahide by.

However, there is as yet little sign of allotments becoming available in the area. Malahide has numerous locations suitable for allotments. We'd like to hear your views on where you think allotments could be situated.

Please take a minute to visit [TrevorSargent.ie](http://TrevorSargent.ie), click the link "Malahide Allotments" and fill in a very short survey. We'll use the results of this survey to help persuade Fingal County Council to provide allotments in the Malahide area. The more responses we get, the more likely it is that we can make this happen, so visit [TrevorSargent.ie](http://TrevorSargent.ie) and let us know what you think.

## The Greens in Government—recent highlights

**Water Services Investment Programme 2010-2020** published – an investment of roughly €1bn in water infrastructure, conserving water, protecting the environment and maintaining employment. 4,000 jobs will be supported through infrastructure repair and upgrade. Malahide will be one of the locations benefiting from this programme – see below.

**Cervical cancer vaccinations** – The previously stalled HSE programme to vaccinate teenage girls against cervical cancer has recommenced. This was one of the important measures sought by the Green Party in negotiations for the renewed Programme for Government. Approximately 30,000 secondary level students will receive the human papilloma virus vaccination in the first year of the programme.

**Debt Management Group** recommendations to be implemented in 2010 – protection for those having difficulty paying their mortgage. The Group recommended that: no penalty interest or arrears charges should apply; you should not lose your tracker mortgage if you agree a deal with your bank (longer maturity, interest only, payment holiday, etc); and that all lenders develop a specialist unit to deal with those in arrears.

**Planning & Development (Amendment) Act:** ensures that development plans and local area plans are consistent with national and regional development objectives set out in the National Spatial Strategy and in Regional Planning Guidelines. It makes community-focused, sustainable planning a legal requirement. The bill, enacted in July 2010, will ensure transparency, openness and democratic involvement in the planning process to avoid rezoning disasters of the past.

**Renewable Energy:** Ireland reaches second place in Europe for Renewable Energy thanks to the efforts of Green Minister Eamon Ryan. We have doubled the amount of wind energy going into our national grid. We now generate more than 15% of our electricity from renewables.

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## Malahide Shuttle Bus

The campaign supporting the introduction of a shuttle bus between Seabury and Robswall continues. Trevor Sargent has asked that the issue be the subject of a meeting of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport, of which he is a member. "I understand that the Competition Authority has questions about the dominance of Dublin Bus and I welcome their interest. This shuttle bus proposal for Malahide makes perfectly good sense and offers gains in transport, the environment and the local economy. I will continue to push for the granting of the necessary licence."

## Water Supply Improvements

Many residents in the Malahide area have experienced problems with their water supply. Part of the problem is the extensive development that has taken place in the area over the last years, with the supply coming from the reservoir north of Seamount Heights, which was built in 1971.

Next year, Fingal County Council will begin work on developing a new reservoir and extensive mains. As a result, the security of the water supply will be greatly enhanced with some locations no longer requiring water to be pumped. The project is estimated to cost €3.5m. The bulk of the funding for this major development is coming from the Water Services Investment Programme announced by Green Party Minister for the Environment John Gormley TD.

The Council is currently preparing to issue tender notices as part of the selection process to determine the preferred contractor to carry out the works.

## Are you registered to vote?



Nobody knows when the next election will take place. But one thing is certain, if you are not registered to vote than you

won't be able to help select the next government. Make sure you are on the Register by checking on [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie). If not, complete the form RFA2. If you have moved house and were previously registered in another constituency, or local electoral area, you should complete an application form RFA3. Both forms can be downloaded from the website. There is a quick link to this website on [TrevorSargent.ie](http://TrevorSargent.ie).

## Congratulations to Malahide Tidy Towns Committee



The Malahide Tidy Towns Committee is to be congratulated on a great result in the competition. Yet again, the town improved on the previous year's result, scoring 289 points, 2 more than last year. An interesting innovation was the development of a blog to keep members up to date. You can see their blog, including some lovely photographs at [www.malahidetidytowns.blogspot.com](http://www.malahidetidytowns.blogspot.com).

One of the delightful features in Malahide is the new Bee Garden in front of the Library. As you can see from the photograph, it's a veritable oasis of nature in the middle of the village. Trevor Sargent, himself an enthusiastic beekeeper, commented "It is innovative features such as this that help to make Malahide such a charming place to visit or, indeed, live in. This is a wonderful example of what can be done in even a relatively small space."



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Available to meet and help you:

Balbriggan, Friday evenings, 7.00-7.45, Hamilton Room, Town Hall, George's Sq.  
Swords, Saturday mornings, 10.00-10.45, Constituency Office (see above)

*Gaeilge agus fáilte*



## Want to Grow Your Own Food?

Take a look at  
Trevor Sargent's  
food-growing website.

[TrevorsKitchenGarden.ie](http://TrevorsKitchenGarden.ie)

You'll find lots of hints and tips for growing delicious fresh food in even the smallest space. See what Trevor is growing in his Balbriggan back garden.

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