

# Scary Facts about Halloween



## AVOID BUILDING OR ATTENDING BONFIRES

- Bonfires are bad for our environment — burnt earth on our open spaces will take approximately 18 months to recover.
- Do not leave material in places where it may be accessible and targeted for a bonfire.
- Do not buy, use or supply fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors around Halloween night — they are sensitive to noise.
- Every year Dublin Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Service answer hundreds of calls over the Halloween period.
- Respect the Emergency Services, Council Staff and An Garda Síochána who are already busy fighting fires and saving lives. Bonfires are an unnecessary and avoidable extra burden on them.
- Remember, Halloween can be a dangerous night. Children should be reminded of Road Safety and take extra care crossing roads, especially in poorly lit areas and in bad weather conditions. Young children should be accompanied by an adult and high visibility armbands/ vests should be worn.

**Bulbs Not Bonfires** is a reward provided through South Dublin County Council's Social Credit Scheme. This initiative provides communities with flowers in the Spring instead of scarred open space throughout the year. Last year the Council received 140 applications. Over €1,200 will be spent on purchasing bulbs for the scheme again this year.

For more information please contact the office at [envawareness@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:envawareness@sdblincoco.ie)

**A Free Pass to Ballymount Civic Amenity Centre** will be provided to every Social Credit applicant / group during the month of October 2017, one pass allows one entry for one car and will be valid until 13th November 2017. Last year a total of 168 passes were provided.

In 2016 the Council spent in the region of €120,000 on clean-up operations associated with the 306 bonfires which took place. Just think what this kind of money could provide for YOUR community.

**€68,000 = A NEW PLAY SPACE!**



## Electrical Recycling Collections for Halloween 2017

Recycle IT, in association with South Dublin County Council and in partnership with WEEE Ireland, will host a series of free door to door electrical recycling collection days in residential areas across South Dublin prior to Halloween 2017. These collection days are now an annual event and help ensure hazardous electrical equipment and batteries don't find their way onto seasonal Bonfires.

The Recycle IT teams will be in South Dublin County in the weeks leading up

to Halloween to help residents recycle all types of electrical, electronic and battery-operated equipment including old heaters, electronic toys, TVs, washing machines, cookers, kettles, phones and computers, really anything with a plug or battery (including batteries).

Recycle IT is very happy to work with community groups and resident's associations to arrange free electrical recycling collections in September and October and

throughout the year. You can call 01 4578321 or email [info@recycleit.ie](mailto:info@recycleit.ie) to learn more and take the first steps to arranging a FREE collection event for your estate or neighbourhood.

Recycle IT is a Not for Profit, Social Enterprise based in Clondalkin.

Visit [www.recycleit.ie](http://www.recycleit.ie) to learn more.

# Spooky Halloween Stuff for kids to do!

Community Services will be actively assisting a number of small local Community based Halloween Celebrations, organised by Community Centres/ Groups across the County, a full list of these events can be obtained by contacting the Community Development Team and will be advertised on the Council's website and social media in the coming weeks. Visit [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie).

## HALLOWEEN@SOUTH DUBLIN LIBRARIES

### DON'T LET THE MUGGLES GET YOU DOWN!

Harry Potter Workshops with Sarah  
Suitable for 8 - 12 year olds  
Monday 23rd October  
Lucan 3.30pm - Wands  
Booking: 01 621 6422  
Tuesday 24th October  
Castletymon 3.30pm - Wands  
Booking: 01 4524888  
Wednesday 25th October  
Tallaght 3.30pm - Wands  
Booking: 01 462 0063  
Thursday 26th October  
Ballyroan 3.30pm - Wands  
Booking: 01 4941900  
Friday 27th October  
Clondalkin - 3.00pm - Spell books  
Booking: 01 459 3315

### Wands Up!

In this workshop, children will look at how wands are chosen (and how it's different in the book and the film), and look at the different wands of the characters before designing their own wand, deciding the magical properties they will have, and creating their wand using air dough clay.

### This spells trouble!

In this workshop, based on the Fantastic Beasts and Harry Potter books and films, children will look at the spell books used in the movies and then create their own: they will make 'old style' pages (using paper and damp tea bags), create a cover for their spell book, bind it together using 'old style' methods and place their spells onto their books.

### BALLYROAN LIBRARY

Halloween Crafts with Joan  
Tuesday 31st October at 3.00pm  
Suitable for 8-12 year olds. Booking essential by phone at 01 494 1900 and through Eventbrite at [www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie)  
Spooky Storytime for Little Ones  
Tuesday 31st October at 3.30pm  
Suitable for 3 - 6 year olds  
All welcome, no booking required

### LUCAN LIBRARY

Tom Palmer-Football Reading Game  
Thursday October 26th, 3.30pm  
Suitable for ages 9 - 12 years  
Spooky Storytime for under 6s  
Tuesday October 31st, 3pm  
Halloween Arts & Crafts  
Wednesday November 1st, 3pm  
Suitable for children aged 6 - 8 years

### COUNTY LIBRARY, TALLAGHT

Halloween Story Time  
Tuesday October 31st, 3.30pm  
Halloween Treasure Trail  
Tuesday October 31st, 12pm - 4pm.  
Find clues and get a prize  
Halloween Arts and Crafts with Jennifer and Alison  
Tuesday October 31st, 3.30pm  
Halloween is a time of ghouls, ghosts and spooky goings on. Get into the spirit of things by getting crafty and making lots of 'frightfully' good things. Make a Spooky Sweetie Tree/ Happy Halloween card and Scary Mummy. Booking through Eventbrite - [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

### CLONDALKIN LIBRARY

Spooky Dress Up Story Time  
Tuesday 31st October 3.30pm  
Halloween story time for 3 - 6 year olds, don't forget to come dressed up!  
No booking required.

### Harry Potter Quiz

Tuesday 24th October, 6.30pm  
Come and get sorted into your Hogwarts house and test your Harry Potter knowledge in our quiz  
For ages 8+. Booking essential on <http://ClondalkinLibrary.eventbrite.com>

Stay safe  
and enjoy  
Halloween!

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