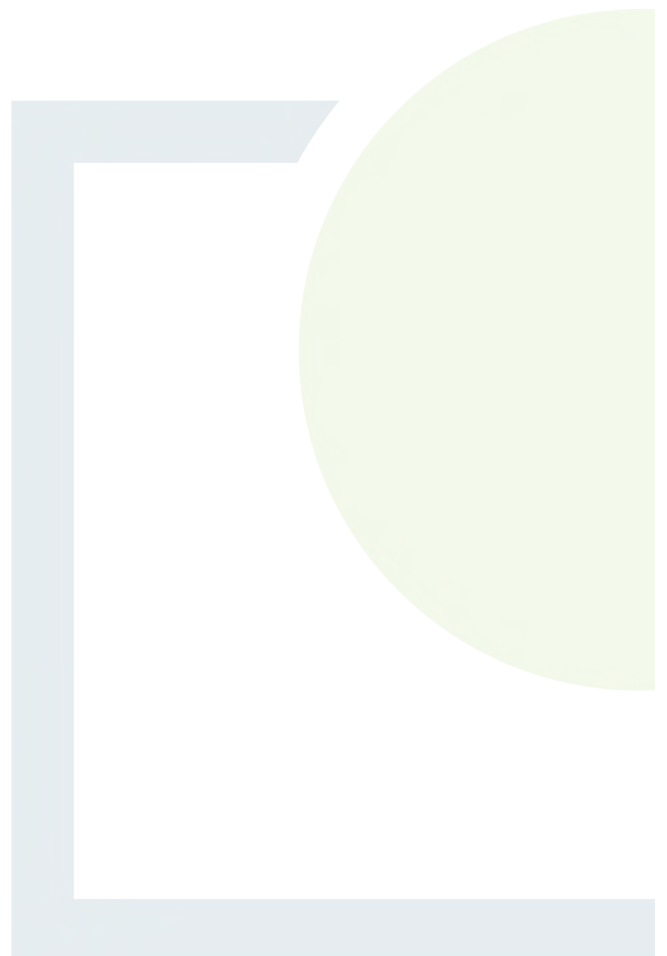




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NOTICE DEVELOPMENT
OF A HEALTHCARE WASTE
MANAGEMENT FACILITY
BY SRCL LTD

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION
SRCL Ltd (Stericycle)
proposes developing a
Healthcare Waste
Management Facility at
Block 8003, Blarney
Business Park, Blarney,
Co. Cork, which falls in the
townland of Shean Upper.
Stericycle provides
essential healthcare waste
management solutions in
Ireland and internationally
and are a Subsidiary of
WM Inc. WM are a publicly
traded US-headquartered
market leader in waste
management. Stericycle
have a strong track record
supporting the public and
private sector in providing
sustainable, resilient
healthcare waste
management services.
The proposed development
will comprise the
installation of a Healthcare
Waste Management Facility
at an existing vacant
industrial/warehouse unit
at the proposed
development site. Some
minor modifications to the
existing building will be
made to accommodate the
development of the facility.
Waste accepted at the
facility will be entirely
containerised and will be
handled, processed and
safely stored entirely
within the building.
Stericycle propose
submitting a planning
application to An Bord
Pleanála for this proposed
development. This
planning application will be
accompanied by an
Environmental Impact
Assessment Report (EIAR).
Stericycle wish to provide
the wider community with
an understanding of what
the proposed development
will involve. They also wish
to provide members of the
public with an opportunity
to submit their views on
the proposed development.
Interested parties are
therefore invited to log in
to a Virtual Public
Consultation event for the
proposed development at
the following website:
<https://www.innovision.ie/stericycle>

This event will take place
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and 10 July 2025.

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Bandon man convicted of animal neglect

A DISTRICT court judge told a Bandon man who was convicted of animal neglect, that he will never be a farmer again and that he was lucky he wasn't going to prison.

Judge Brendan O'Reilly made the comment while dealing with the case of Ronald Gill at Skibbereen District Court this week, who was charged with two counts of animal neglect at his farm in Meelin, Bandon in 2023. The case had been adjourned for the production of a probation report on Mr Gill.

At a previous court sitting, Mr Gill pleaded guilty to two summons in a prosecution taken against him by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

The Department of Agriculture said he did neglect or was reckless regarding the health and welfare of an animal, contrary to the Animal Health & Welfare Act on January 24th 2023. He was also charged with failing to supply and provide the animals with sufficient quantity of wholesome and uncontaminated water in accordance with the same act on the same date.

Defence solicitor Plunkett Taaffe said his client has ceased to be a farmer, which was a difficult decision for him to make.

'He can't do any more and it's the only thing he knows and farming has been in the family for generations. He was struggling at the time and eventually the penny dropped and he realised he had to get out of farming,' said Mr Taaffe.

'He has paid a dear price and his life is over in relation to farming.'

Mr Taaffe added that both Mr Gill's children are working but it is hoped that one of them may return to take over the farm in the future.

Judge O'Reilly noted from the probation report that Mr Gill is at low risk of re-offending but said he didn't remove dead carcasses on his farm in a timely manner, and that when Department of Agriculture inspectors served notice on him he appealed it to the District Court.

He also noted that Mr Gill has six previous convictions for this type of offence.

'I am guided by the probation report which confirms that he is at low risk of reoffending. He's not in a position to reoffend as he has his land leased. But for that, this case would be going in one direction,' said Judge O'Reilly.

'I think the lesson is that the land is effectively gone from his use for the rest of his days and he won't be a farmer again.'

Judge O'Reilly sentenced him to four months on each of the summons, but suspended it for 14 months in his own bond of €1,000.

He also convicted and fined him a total of €7,000 on the same summons – €3,500 for each summons – and gave him 12 months to pay the fines.

He added that this is in addition to a 10 year disqualification imposed on him from owning cattle, sheep, horses or pigs.

'Were it not for the lease of the land, a good probation report and legal representation he would be going off in the prison van today,' said Judge O'Reilly.

Recognisances in the event of an appeal were fixed in his own bond of €300 cash on each summons.

'Lethal' junction is accident waiting to happen

BY KIERAN O'MAHONY

A COMPLETE overhaul of the notorious Ballylickey junction is urgently required, say locals, due to the bad road surface and faded line markings, making it impossible for any motorist to know who has the right of way.

Liz Moynihan of Eagle Point Camping told *The Southern Star* that the surface on that road is 'horrendous.'

'You can't even see the road markings. You have traffic coming from four different directions and it's very difficult to know who exactly has the right of way,' she said. 'The road surface has got progressively worse over the years and there is a lot more traffic, including large articulated trucks crossing the bridge to

and from Castletownbere and you can hear them rattle as the surface is so bad. They also said it is very dangerous for pedestrians trying to cross the bridge.'

The Southern Star visited the junction last weekend and in one ten-minute period, witnessed two separate incidents where cars had to stop in their tracks, unsure of where to go.

The ongoing issues at the junction were also raised at a meeting of the West Cork Municipal District last week, where Cllr Danny Collins (Ind Ire) said the junction, where four roads meet, is a 'disgrace.'

'It is definitely the worst junction in the country and there will be an accident there. It's humpty dumpty surface', said Cllr Collins. 'It

could take another two years to get a design completed for this notorious junction, which is deadly. Forget about chips, a proper job has to be done here.'

Cllr Finbarr Harrington (Ind) agreed with him, saying the junction is 'lethal' and that someone is going to get killed there.

'You have the regular pot-holes, coupled with no line markings, and the surface is cat. Plus you have four roads coming into the junction. It's the height of danger especially when traffic is busy,' said Cllr Harrington. Senior executive engineer John Ahern said that they will put an application together to see if they can get an allocation of funding to carry out works at the junction.



The four-way Ballylickey junction.

'I feel Sophie's murderer has never been found' – Sheridan

BY OLIVIA KELLEHER

FILM director Jim Sheridan has defended his film about the murder of Sophie Toscan du Plantier, saying that the late Ian Bailey 'probably was 100% innocent'.

He described the unsolved cold case as a 'double injustice', adding: 'I feel Sophie's murderer has never been found, her death has never been avenged.'

French film producer Sophie, 39, was found dead near her holiday home in Toormore on the outskirts of Schull in West Cork on December 23rd 1996.



Sophie Toscan du Plantier.

Mr Sheridan's new drama *Re Creation*, starring Colm Meaney and Aiden Gillen, recently premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

The film puts forward a version of events if the unresolved murder had gone before a jury in Ireland, prompting a backlash from Sophie's family.

In an interview with *Newstalk Breakfast* Mr Sheridan said: 'A man who probably was 100% innocent has been castigated through life; he lived a horrible life and died a horrible death, and has a horrible name.'

'I don't think he killed her and there's not a shred of evidence to say he did.'

Ian Bailey, who died in January 2024 at the age of 66, was the self-confessed chief suspect in the case. He was on two occasions detained by Gardaí for questioning in relation to the murder.

Mr Bailey was convicted in absentia after a trial in France in 2015. He was sentenced to 25 years in prison but officials there were unable to extradite him.

Mr Sheridan said that he 'of course' knew he risked causing upset to the family of Ms Toscan du Plantier with his new drama.

'You can't say because you're upset that you can ruin another man's life,' he said. 'There's no evidence.'

Mr Sheridan acknowledged that Mr Bailey's history of violence against his former partner Jules Thomas was 'not good.'

During a defamation trial in 2014,

Mr Bailey admitted that he had been 'seriously violent' towards his then partner on three occasions.

Alain Spilliaert, a lawyer for Ms Toscan du Plantier's family, expressed concerned about the film's potential content.

'We feel that it is not relevant to show a fictional movie at this point of time of the criminal investigation,' he said.

'This is such a large, sensitive case in Ireland... and it's not finished.'



Above: Ian Bailey. Below: director Jim Sheridan.



Sharp increase in drivers caught while using their phones

THE number of Cork people caught driving while using their phone has increased by 25% since the same period in 2024, showing people are not getting the message about the dangers of phone use while driving.

The number of fixed charge notices issued in the county in the last three months for the crime was 199, which increased to 248 for the same period last year.


Galway recorded a 21% increase, while Kildare stood out, having recorded a 47% increase in the number of drivers caught by gardaí using their mobile whilst driving between 2023 and 2024. Dublin was the worst offender, with significant increases across all garda divisions in Dublin.

Ireland South MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú has pleaded with drivers to put down the mobile phone in light of the figures. Ni Mhurchú welcomed the fact that garda divisions in Kerry, Cork city, Sligo, Leitrim, Mayo, Cavan, Monaghan, Donegal, Waterford, Kilkenny, and Carlow all recorded year-on-year decreases in the number of people caught driving using their mobile phones. Assuming detection efforts are static from year to year, Ni Mhurchú described this as a silver lining in the garda figures.


She has called for increased use of unmarked garda lorries, which have proved extremely effective at catching drivers using their mobiles. The high-cab trucks are accompanied by a patrol car or an unmarked interceptor vehicle, and offer gardaí a birds' eye view of bad behaviour on our roads.

She said all options should be on the table to tackle the epidemic of drivers using their mobile phones, including discounted insurance policies for drivers who are willing to install or use technology that blocks phones whilst driving.

The penalty for using a phone while driving is a fixed charge of €120, and three penalty points.

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