

# Scary Facts about Halloween



Did you know that 'Halloween' as we know it originates from the ancient Celtic 'Samhain' festival? In Celtic Ireland about 2,000 years ago, Samhain was the division of the year between the lighter half (summer) and the darker half (winter). At Samhain the division between this world and the otherworld was at its thinnest, allowing spirits to pass through. It was believed that various supernatural beings and the dead could visit the living, and the living could visit the otherworld.

*An raibh a fhios agat go bhfuil fréamhacha na féile 'Halloween' le fáil sa tseanfhéile Cheilteach 'Samhain'? 2000 bliain ó shin in Éirinn, is amhlaidh gurbh í Samhain an deighilt idir an dá chuid den bhliain – an chuid gheal (an samhradh) agus an chuid dhorcha (an geimhreadh). Le linn na Samhna bhí an deighilt seo idir an domhan seo agus an domhan eile antaná agus bhí cead siúil ag spioraid idir an dá dhomhan. Creideadh go bhféadfadh neacha neamhshaolta agus osnádúrtha cuairt a thabhairt ar an mbeo, agus go bhféadfadh an beo cuairt a thabhairt ar an domhan eile.*

## AVOID BUILDING OR ATTENDING BONFIRES

- Bonfires are bad for our environment – burnt earth on our open spaces takes approximately 18 months to recover.
- Do not leave material in places where it may be accessible and targeted for a bonfire.
- Do not give waste to unpermitted collectors.
- 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 in the region of €1,900

was spent by the Council on purchasing bulbs for the scheme and similar will be spent 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 between 16 October 2019 and 13 November 2019 for a pro-environmental initiative arranged during this time. One pass allows one entry for one car.

In 2018 the Council spent in the region of €138,940 on clean-up operations associated with the 280 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 2019

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 the County prior to Halloween 2019. 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, and garden equipment, really anything with a plug or battery (including batteries).

Recycle IT is very happy to work with community organisations 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 community, estate or neighbourhood. It's

also worth noting, householders can drop off all types of electrical items for safe recycling daily, Monday-Friday between 8.30am and 3.15pm. The Recycle IT recycling facility is in Clondalkin Industrial Estate, D22.

Recycle IT is a Not for Profit, Social Enterprise. 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

### BALLYROAN LIBRARY

01 4941900

[ballyroan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:ballyroan@sdblincoco.ie)

#### Slightly Spooky Halloween Storytime!

Storytime for the little ones. Scary!

But not too scary!

**Tuesday 29 October, 3.30pm**

All welcome

#### Garbo Productions: Shadows of Oz

With children's writer and theatre artist

Margaret Callan Bergin

In the famous L Frank Baum Story 'The Wizard of Oz' is not a real Wizard but just an ordinary magician. He fools the people of Oz by using screens and shadows and all sorts of trickery to make him seem like a 'Powerful Wizard'. In this unique workshop, children will create their own piece of shadow puppet theatre. This is a hands-on and fun workshop – perfect for the Halloween school break.

**Wednesday 30 October, 11.00am**

Suitable for ages 7-12 years

Duration: 2 hours

Booking via Eventbrite from 14 October

#### Halloween Craft Workshop

Make your own bats, ghost bunting and

spooky bookmark to get your home

Halloween ready.

**Tuesday 29 October, 11.00am-12.30pm**

Suitable for 5-8 year olds

Booking via Eventbrite from 14 October

#### Halloween Movie

**Thursday 31 October, 12pm**

Suitable for all the family

Booking via Eventbrite from 14 October

### CLONDALKIN LIBRARY

01 459 3315

[clondalkin@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:clondalkin@sdblincoco.ie)

#### Slightly Spooky Halloween Storytime!

Special story session where children will

gather around our (pretend!) indoor

campfire for songs and stories.

**Wednesday 30th October, 6.30pm**

For ages 7 and under. Booking essential

through Eventbrite from Monday 20

October: [ClondalkinLibrary.eventbrite.com](http://ClondalkinLibrary.eventbrite.com)

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**Thursday 31 October, 11.00am**

Suitable for ages 7-12 years

Duration: 2 hours

Session Capacity: 12 children max

#### Halloween Story Time and Arts and Crafts

**Tuesday 29 October, 3.30pm**

For ages 3-6. All welcome

#### Spooky Drive-In Movie

Design your own car out of a cardboard box and watch our spooky movie from it.

**Wednesday 30 October, 3.00pm**

For ages 5+

Booking essential on eventbrite

[ClondalkinLibrary.eventbrite.com](http://ClondalkinLibrary.eventbrite.com)

### LUCAN LIBRARY

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**Tuesday 29 October, 11.00am**

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Session Capacity: 12 children max

#### Halloween Family Fun Day

Dress up for Halloween, enter the carved pumpkin and colouring competition, and join us for a very special, scary Halloween story-time!

Pumpkins must be carved before coming to the library.

**Thursday 31 October, 3.00pm-4.30pm**

All welcome.

#### Classic Film Club - Halloween Movie

Showing 'Whatever Happened to Baby

Jane?' starring Bette Davis and Joan

Crawford.

**Thursday 31 October, 6.00pm-8.00pm**

Suitable for adults. All welcome.

### COUNTY LIBRARY, TALLAGHT

01 462 0073

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**Tuesday 29 October, 3.30pm**

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**Friday 1 November, 11.00am**

Suitable for ages 7-12 years

Duration: 2 hours

Session Capacity: 12 children max

### PALMERSTOWN LIBRARY DIGITAL HUB

01 467 8909

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**Tuesday 29 October, 7.00pm-7.30pm**



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