



The World Around Us



Some Myths About Bees



“Foreign Correspondent”
Michael Ludwig reports on
some interesting goings on
in the natural world.

We all know the importance of bees for pollination. The National Biodiversity Data Centre runs the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and they really appreciate how people are helping the bees in Ireland. If you are generous enough to help them they want to make sure that what you are doing is the right thing and is having as positive an impact as possible. They say that sometimes certain ideas can take hold that are not necessarily the most effective evidence-based actions and they want us to look at some common myths about bees. Check them out on this link: <https://pollinators.ie/debunking-some-myths-about-bees/>

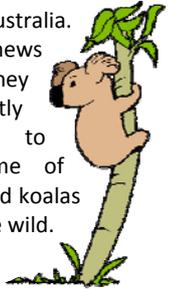
An Post and Electric Vehicles



Did you know that every An Post letter and parcel that is delivered in Dublin city centre is delivered emission free? An Post now has a fleet of 212 electric vehicles, and this number will increase to over 900 within two years. This is great news and even better An Post said all the electricity they are using only comes from renewable resources.

Good News for Some Koalas

The Koala Hospital, Port Macquarie, NSW, Australia, has been caring for some of the koalas hurt or burnt in the recent bush fires in Australia. The good news is that they have recently been able to release some of the recovered koalas back into the wild.



Teenage Dogs Acting Like Teenagers

The teenage years can be a hard time for some. It is a time when there are lots of changes in the human body. A study in the UK, by researchers at universities in Newcastle, Nottingham and Edinburgh, has found that the same could be true for dogs. While testing candidates to be used as guide dogs, they found that the dogs were twice as likely to ignore the “sit” command at 8 months (which was during their teenage years), rather than at 5 months (before they became teenagers). They were also harder to train during this period.

VIRTUAL TOURS IN IRELAND

At a time when we cannot physically visit places, it is still possible to take a virtual tour of some of them. Here are just a selection of virtual tours in Ireland:

The Natural History Museum:

<https://www.museum.ie/en-IE/Museums/Natural-History/Visitor-Information>

The National Gallery:

<https://www.nationalgallery.ie/virtual-tour>

National Museum of Ireland (Archaeology):

<https://www.virtualvisittours.com/national-museum-of-ireland-archaeology/>

Waterford Medieval Museum:

<http://www.waterfordtreasures.com/medieval-museum/the-experience/virtual-tour>

Titanic Experience, Cobh:

<https://www.virtualvisittours.com/titanic-experience-cobh/>

Giant’s Causeway:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway/features/take-a-virtual-tour-of-the-giants-causeway>

Cliffs of Moher:

<https://www.cliffsofmoher.ie/google-360-inside-tour/>

Áras an Uachtaráin:

<https://president.ie/en/explore-visit/take-the-virtual-tour/>

Galway City Museum:

<https://www.galwaycitymuseum.ie/>

