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After the Pandemic

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Chairman's Report



Dear Member,

It is really hard to believe that when I started compiling the Spring 2020 edition of *parkingIRELAND* back in March of last year we would be confronted with a worldwide health pandemic that would change our lives so dramatically. The intervening period has been truly extraordinary and the implications for society, the economy, and how we live are still being felt and are likely to continue for some time to come. We will all have been touched in some way by the effects of this crisis and our thoughts must primarily be with those who have lost loved ones to the disease and, in many cases, have not been able to properly mourn and honour the departed. Thankfully, and largely due to the success of the vaccination programme, we can now see some light at the end of the tunnel and we are all now looking forward to emerging from this pandemic with a greater degree of confidence and hope for a safer and less restrictive future.

While no-one can expect a full return to what we viewed as normal before this pandemic struck, and indeed many will argue that we should instead be striving to create something better, it is now hugely important that we begin to rebuild our society and economy and work to recover from the damage that has been inflicted during the last eighteen months. This applies equally to our own industry sector which has been significantly impacted with massive decreases in traffic volumes as a result of reduced high street retail activity and working practices. The last eighteen months has seen a huge increase in online shopping to the detriment of traditional bricks and mortar operations and a cursory look around any town or city centre recently highlights the scale of the challenge involved in rebuilding. Likewise, the trend towards home working was accelerated during the pandemic and it remains to be seen how widespread the return to offices post-pandemic will be. In addition, many local authorities implemented new sustainable transport infrastructure including enhanced cycle lanes, pedestrianisation etc. in response to the restrictions which we have been living with since March of last year so, as the big re-opening gets underway, it will be particularly challenging for our industry but there will also be opportunities to be identified and pursued.

We are really delighted to announce, with the removal of remaining restrictions in late October, that our annual industry event, the IPA Chairman's Lunch is returning this year for its 25th edition (having had to be cancelled in 2020) and this issue details the exciting Seminar programme and speakers we have organised. The current publication of *parkingIRELAND* also marks some degree of a return to normality having had to be suspended for the duration of the pandemic and, in addition to previewing the Chairman's Lunch event, we also examine the major issues facing the sector as we emerge from the crisis, provide a round-up of the main stories relating to the industry in recent times, as well as the latest news from companies operating in the sector. An in-depth profile of our colleague Liam Keilthy, who has recently retired from the industry, is also featured as we acknowledge the enormous contribution he has made to both the sector in general as well as the IPA itself.

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual event in November and look forward to catching up with our colleagues after such a lengthy break- see you there!

IPA CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH 2021

The Irish Parking Association Chairman's Lunch 2021 will take place on Thursday 25th November at The Gibson Hotel, Dublin 1 (<https://www.thegibsonhotel.ie/>). Full details available within the issue with Booking Form available online at the IPA website- www.parkingireland.ie.

Donation to Parkinson's Association of Ireland

While normally a table collection for our nominated charity, the Parkinsons Association of Ireland (PAI), is organised at our annual industry event, this was not possible in 2020 due to its postponement. However, and as detailed in the Liam Keilthy profile piece on Page 4, in lieu of accepting any gift or token from the IPA in recognition of his contribution and to mark his recent retirement, Liam instead requested that a donation be made to the PAI and the Board were happy to do so. As a purely voluntary body which is not in receipt of any exchequer funding, all funds raised are gratefully received and PAI have requested acknowledgement of the donation and to convey their appreciation to Liam for the generosity of the gesture. We intend to hold a collection for the PAI at our 2021 event and guests are encouraged to give generously to this very worthy cause.



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EDITOR'S NOTES:

Articles and photos for possible inclusion in a future edition of this publication are welcome. Please email to the Editor or Chairman. Any photos submitted should be .jpgs or .pdfs, and of a sufficiently high quality for printing.

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The material in this newsletter is presented in good faith and is to the best of our knowledge accurate at the time. It is our policy to acknowledge any inaccuracies in the following edition.

COVER PAGE PHOTO: Skylon Hotel Dublin (Courtesy: Eoghan Connolly)

Board of Directors 2021

Chairman	Keith Gavin	A.G.K. Ltd.
Secretary	St. John O'Gara	Park Rite / Tazbell
Treasurer	David Cullen	Euro Car Parks Ltd.
	Jonathan Spring	UTS Parking & Transportation Ltd.
	David Vavasour	Q-Park Ireland
	Jim Fleming	Electro Automation
	Brian Moore	Port of Waterford Company
	Neil Cunningham	APCOA Parking Ireland Ltd.
	Roger McClure	Blue Wall Technologies Ltd.
	Richard Flood	RFC Security Group
	Michael Dale	Advanced Parking Solutions
	Colin Delaney	Easytrip Services Ireland Ltd.
	Garret Flower	Parkpnp
	Frank Moore	Best Car Parks
	Donal O'Hagan	Parking Business Services
	Thomas Harrington	YourParkingSpace



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I wish to apply for:

Full Membership Associate Membership

Organisation Type:

Please indicate the area of operation which best describes your activity within the parking industry (Tick where appropriate) :

Other (Please specify): _____

Contact Details:

Contact Name : _____

Business Name : _____

Address : _____

Landline Number : _____ Mobile No. : _____

Email address : _____ Website: _____

Annual Membership Fees: Full Member - €750 Associate Member - €200

Invoice will issue when application has been accepted.

Please advise Purchase Order number, if required : _____

Declaration by Applicant:

I hereby apply for membership of the Irish Parking Association. I accept that the decision of the Board in relation to all matters pertaining to membership is final. If accepted, I shall abide by the Code of Conduct of the IPA. I certify that the information given on this form is true and correct.

Signed:

Date:

Post to The Secretary, Irish Parking Association, Unit 3 Barrowside Business Park, Sleaty Road, Carlow
Or Email completed form to info@parkingireland.ie

Thomas Harrington appointed to IPA Board



At the IPA Q3 Board meeting (07.09.2021), the appointment of Thomas Harrington to the IPA Board was ratified. Thomas previously served as Commercial Director of NCPS until its takeover by APCOA Ireland in 2019 (see *parkingIRELAND* 02-19 P6) and is now returning to the industry to head up UK-based parking operator **YourParkingSpace's** new Irish office.

Speaking upon his recent appointment to the IPA Board, Thomas commented that he is "very excited to have re-entered the parking industry" and outlined the plans for his new operation in both Irish and international markets (see Company News section on Page 10 for further details).

IPA Chairman Keith Gavin welcomed Mr. Harrington's appointment and noted that, given his extensive experience and knowledge of the business, his input would be of considerable benefit to the Association's activities.

Industry Calendar

IPA Chairman's Lunch 2021
Thursday 25th November 2021
Gibson Hotel. Dublin 1
www.parkingireland.ie

Traffic & Parking 2021
30th November 2021
Manchester Conference Centre, UK
www.traffic-parking.uk

Intertraffic Amsterdam 2022
29th March - 1st April 2022
RAI Amsterdam, Netherlands
www.intertraffic.com/amsterdam/

Parking Industry Expo 2022
May 15th - 18th 2022
Reno, Nevada, US
<https://pieshow.parkingtoday.com/>

Parkex 2022
14th - 16th June 2022
NEC Birmingham, UK
<https://www.parkex.net/>

20th EPA Congress & Exhibition
12th - 14th September 2022
Brussels, Belgium
<https://epacongress.eu/>

COMPANY PROFILE - Advance Access

Advance Access and IP Parking partner to revolutionise the Parking Experience

Advance Access, one of Ireland's leading automation providers, are pleased to announce that they have teamed up with IP Parking a world leading manufacturer of cloud-based Parking Systems and through this partnership, Advance Access have become the official distributor for IP Parking throughout Ireland and the UK. IP Parking was established in 2005 by the Smulders family who were the pioneers of barcode technology in the parking market, having been the original founders of WPS before its acquisition. Now with offices throughout Europe and America, IP Parking understand that the future of parking is in the cloud and as such all development is based on their platform being accessible from any device with a browser and no servers on site unless at a client's request.

IP Parking have a vision that the user experience will become completely digital, with the foundation of their system being built on the following principles:

- **Ticketless Parking -**
 - Native ANPR which is 3 times faster than any other system on the market
 - Video Here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFwCc8DB8ng>
- **Digital Payments**
 - Scan the QR code via mobile phone to automatically make payment
- **Native Mobile APP**
 - Payments & Subscriptions
- **100% Cloud Based System as Standard**
 - No Servers
 - No Infrastructure
 - Full Offline Capability



Advance Access are currently revolutionising the experience for both the customer and operator, and in doing so have already successfully delivered recent projects in Ireland and UK such as, *Skylon Hotel Dublin, VHI Carrickmines, Hotel Du Vin Wimbledon & Fylde Borough Council, Blackpool.*

» Cloud Based » Mobile App » ANPR » Ticket / Ticketless » 24 / 7 Service

Industry Legend Liam Keilthy Receives Lifetime IPA Membership Award to mark his Retirement

2021 had been an eventful year for many reasons and has now also seen the retirement of a true legend of the Irish parking scene, **Mr. Liam Keilthy**. After a career in the industry spanning over a quarter of a century, Liam leaves behind a lasting legacy and a reputation as a real pioneer and champion for the profession.

Liam's early career saw him working with the old Industrial Development Authority (IDA) both in Dublin and later in Chicago in the late 1970s, before taking up a portfolio management role with the **National Development Corporation** (NDC; or NadCorp) where he played a key role in the development of the salmon farming sector in Ireland. Liam helped to establish the **Irish Salmon Producers Group** co-operative to assist suppliers to market their product in France and elsewhere. Following NadCorp's investment in **Aran Ferries Teo**, Liam was then based in Galway in the late 1980s and early '90s.

It was in 1994 that Liam became involved in the parking industry when he took up the role of General Manager of **Park Rite Ltd.**, a subsidiary of **Irish Life**, which at the time had a number of car parks under its control, including the Irish Life Centre, King's Inn Street; ILAC Centre, what is now the Parnell Car Park, and a large surface site on what was to later become the Jervis Shopping Centre. Under the tutelage of his mentor, **Brendan McLaoghlin** who, as Irish Estates' Head of Property was another early industry leader, Liam oversaw a period of dramatic growth in the company's parking management business. Buoyed by the then government's introduction of tax incentives for multi-storey car parks, the industry experienced a period of huge development and Liam led Park Rite to become the largest commercial car park operator in Ireland. The business was sold by Irish Life in 1999 and Liam remained on for another two years before leaving to establish his highly successful independent consultancy **Parking Consultants Ltd. (PCL)** in 2002.

Liam attended the inaugural meeting of what was to become the **Irish Parking Association** (IPA) in Harcourt St. in 1995 and went on to serve as its first Secretary until 2007, with **Ray Peers** as Chairman. He resigned from the Association to avoid any potential conflict of interest vis-a-vis his role as independent parking appeals officer with firstly **Dublin City Council** and later **Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council** and the **National Transport Authority** (NTA). He went on to establish the **Independent Parking Appeals Service** (IPAS) in 2009 to provide a third-party appeals service to the private parking enforcement sector.

During his time as the IPA's first Secretary Liam was responsible for developing relations with international colleagues through both the **British Parking Association** (BPA) and the **European Parking Association** (EPA). He also organised the first industry conference and trade exhibition, hosted at Dublin Airport, and was directly involved with subsequent events leading to it becoming an important annual event for the IPA. Liam served as Head of the Scientific and Technical Committee which oversaw the IPA's very successful hosting of the EPA's 16th Annual Congress- entitled *Parking & Urban Mobility*- at the **Convention Centre Dublin** (CCD) in September 2013. With the invaluable assistance and trojan efforts of his wife **Ann**, Liam established this publication (*parkingIRELAND*) which became a very important source of industry news and information. Ann had the difficult task of putting order on Liam's miscellaneous thoughts and snippets of details of what was happening on the Irish parking scene but never failed to produce an information packed and individually designed newsletter on a regular basis, as well as creating, maintaining and updating the IPA website (later to become www.parkingireland.ie). It was in recognition of Ann's work and also her involvement with the **Parkinson's Association of Ireland** (PAI) that Liam and current Secretary **Keith Gavin**, nominated the PAI as the IPA's sponsored charity and began the annual collection at the IPA's industry event which has raised several thousand euros over the past number of years. Indeed, rather than accept a gift or token from the Board of the IPA upon his retirement, Liam instead requested that a donation be made to the PAI which is a true measure of the man.

In recognition of Liam's enormous contribution to the development of the parking industry in Ireland and to mark his retirement, the Board of the Irish Parking Association decided at its Q2 2020 Board meeting to award Liam with a Certificate of Lifetime Membership which was presented to him earlier this month.

Lock Hard Liam!



2021 IPA CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH PREVIEW

Following the unavoidable cancellation of our annual industry event, the IPA Chairman's Lunch in 2020, we are delighted to announce that it will return for its 25th edition on Thursday 25th November at The Gibson Hotel.

As we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic the parking industry, similar to many sectors of our economy, faces a number of major challenges and the 'new normal' that is envisaged will require reflection and strategic planning on behalf of industry members as they determine how best to respond to developing commercial and societal changes. A key issue that will undoubtedly impact heavily on our industry is the renewed focus on climate change and environmental policies that are coming to the fore. Increased carbon taxes, the promotion of sustainable transport modes, pedestrianisation, and enhanced cycling infrastructure will all see further erosion of the role of the private car as a transport mode to access our urban centres and this has obvious implications for operators of parking facilities in these destinations. In addition, the trend towards remote and hybrid working arrangements will have a major effect on the demand for employee parking and, from a wider perspective, on business and retail in our town and city centres which are also experiencing the added pressure from the increasing trend towards online shopping. However, and in the optimistic spirit of renewal after the recent crisis, these issues should not all be viewed through a 'doom and gloom' lens by our industry and will also present new business opportunities and alternative growth potential. For example, the changing profile of the national fleet of private cars towards electric vehicles will give rise to the requirement for destination charging infrastructure and the alternative uses of prime location parking facilities such as developments in 'last mile logistics' should be of considerable interest to our sector.

As part of our forthcoming annual meeting we have therefore designed an information Seminar entitled '*Parking in a Changed Urban Landscape*' which will seek to address these main issues affecting our industry and have organised an exciting panel of speakers to discuss and provide their expertise to our delegates:



PARKING
in a Changed
URBAN LANDSCAPE

SEMINAR: 11am - 12.30pm

- Presentations
- Panel Discussion
- Q & A

Speakers & Topics



Minister Malcom Noonan

Malcolm is a senior Green Party TD and a long-standing environmentalist, with a particular interest in the conservation and economic development of Irish towns and villages.



Mr. Conor Skehan- CAAS

Conor is a leading expert and commentator on urban planning and his views are forecasts will be of enormous interest.



Mr. James Lee- Infinium Logistics

James is the the Founder of the Infinium group of companies which is focused on advisory engagements and investments in the Off-Street Car Park Sector.



An Roinn Iompair
Department of Transport

Dept. of Transport / LEV Taskforce

An update on the rollout and plans for EV charging infrastructure in Ireland will be provided.



You are Cordially Invited to Attend:



The Irish Parking Association
Chairman's Lunch 2021
 on
 Thursday 25th November
 at the
Gibson Hotel
 Point Square, North Dock, Dublin 1

EVENT PROGRAMME

IPA Board Meeting

10.30am - 11am: Delegate Registration Tea/Coffee

11am - 12.30pm: INFORMATION SEMINAR



An Roinn Iompair
 Department of Transport



- Presentations
- Panel Discussion
- Q & A

Speakers include:

- Minister Malcolm Noonan
- Conor Skehan
- Dept. of Transport

12.30pm - 1.30pm: Drinks Reception

**1.30pm - 4pm:
 Lunch &
 Open Forum**



Guest Speaker- Conor Skehan

Conor Skehan, BSc, MLArch, is a recognised authority on strategic planning, landscape management, visual impact assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment. He has written a number of seminal guidelines in these areas and maintained a position as a leading academic in planning and impact assessment for over twenty years. He is also an advisor to the UN on SEA and, more latterly, publishes regular columns on topical issues in both the Irish Times and the Sunday Independent.

**4 - 4.30pm:
 Entertainment:**



Comedian- Eric Lalor

As a capable, flexible performer it is hard to pigeon-hole Eric Lalor's act. His warm, energetic onstage presence makes for an unforgettable experience for the audience. With gags that always hit the spot, his engaging, high intensity performances make him one of the top comedians on the Irish circuit.

5pm - Late...!:



Music by Vintage Boombox

Featuring members of The Late Late Show House band & the Commitments touring band, Vintage Boombox take songs from the '80s to Now, strip them down to Double Bass, Piano, Drums and Powerhouse Vocals and add a dash of Latin, Jazz, Blues & Soul!

- Guests are invited to stay for a social evening and networking opportunity with fellow parking industry colleagues

FEES: €75 per Delegate (OR included in 2022 IPA Membership Fee) / €750 for Table of 10

RSVP: info@parkingireland.ie / Tel.: 059-9136886



Cutting-edge technology at the new Charlemont Square underground car park Charlemont Square is a new quarter in Dublin 2, developed by **McGarrell Reilly Group**. The mixed development project is providing large areas of office accommodation, 280 apartments, a public square with shops and retail space etc., offering occupiers and residents a unique opportunity to live, work and socialise in this location. The large 2-level underground car park will have capacity for 304 cars and 664 bicycles- see: <https://www.charlemontsquare.com>

Architects **Henry J Lyons** and Structural Engineers **CS Consulting Group** designed, specified, and selected the movement joint system and car park coatings. **Larsen Contracts Ltd.** was appointed by main contractor, **JJ Rhatigan** early in 2021 to install **FloorBridge® CPS 20-50** joint profiles in cutting-edge carbon-fiber composite technology to approximately 290lm of movement joints in the underground car park tightly connected with approx. 10,000 sqm of anti-skid coatings.

Underground car parks, parking decks as well as areas in multi-storey car parks are continuously exposed to enormous challenges from the weather, water, aggressive de-icing salts, and mechanical exposure.

Special attention is therefore paid to the transition area between the floor joint profile and the car park coating (**OS 8/EN 1504, part 2**).

The specially developed for these areas of application floor joint profiles in carbon-fibre composite technology combine several technical advantages in comparison to conventional floor movement joint profile systems. Wide joint bridging and movement capability, exceptional flexibility, materials completely free of metal, means fully rust-free and impossible to corrode – therefore resistant to both frost and de-icing salts. Since de-icing salts and water are brought in directly from the outside into underground car parks, parking decks and multi-storey car parks, the metal-free material properties together with the water-tight installation of the joint profiles is an essential criterion for a smooth, low-maintenance and permanent operation and for lasting concrete protection and durability, enhancing the service life of assets. The bond of the profiles to the concrete is provided permanently via a powerful composite adhesive, with no need for any mechanical fixings. Due to the similar thermal expansion coefficient of both the joint profiles and the connected car park coating, the water-tight and force-fitted transition has been tested independently and has been verified. When it comes to complicated movement joint detailing for crossings, upstands, columns, etc. conventional solutions for floor joints quickly reach their limits, but not with this system. A special feature is the building site adaptability of the individual profiles during installation, allowing the profile system to meet every requirement, offering suitable detailed solutions without the need for long lasting planning processes in advance.



FloorBridge® offers a metal-free and permanent solution for floor joints in parking decks and underground car parks

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This is exactly where FloorBridge® comes in. The specially developed for these areas of application floor joint profiles in carbonfibre composite technology combine several technical advantages in comparison to conventional joint profile systems.

- water-tight
- lifelong rust-free
- liquid-tight coating connection
- prefabricated
- low installation height
- individual colour design
- solutions for concrete and asphalt substrates
- simple and fast installation
- stock item, therefore short delivery times

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BPA Announces New President & Vice-President



Mike Marrs of **Marston Holdings** has become the new President of the British Parking Association (BPA) having been sworn in at its recent 51st AGM which was held as a virtual event. Following his appointment, Marrs has identified issues such as air quality, electric vehicles and the roll-out of moving traffic enforcement as themes that will become increasingly important. “The next 12 months or so will be a recovery phase and will be challenging for us all” he said.

Mike has been joined by **Jade Neville** of **Parking Eye** as Vice-President. Jade was one of the founders of the Women in Parking Group and stressed the importance of professional development and networking to career development, promising to “continue to champion diversity in the association”.



british parking awards 2021

British Parking Awards 2021- Results

The annual British Parking Awards event was held recently (24th September 2021) at the Royal Lancaster in London. Created and presented by Parking Review magazine, the British Parking Awards are an independent competition recognising the leading examples of car park management, enforcement, design and team work.

The full list of 2021 winners were:

MiPermit Inspiration Award:	Rob Shoebridge, Derby City Council Richard Walker, North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP)
Best New Car Park:	Kings Dock, Liverpool
Outstanding Car Park Award:	Aberdeen International Airport
Intelligent Parking Award:	JustPark
Communication Award:	Project Centre and City of Edinburgh Council – Edinburgh-wide CPZ
Parking in the Community Award:	BBFi Public Sector Investigations – Tackling Blue Badge fraud
Parking Technology Award:	Barbour Logic – Chatbot Max
The Front Line Award:	London Borough of Barnet and NSL
Parking Partnerships Award:	London Borough of Waltham Forest, NSL and BBFi Fraud Investigations
Parking Team of the Year:	Brighton & Hove City Council Derby City Council
Parking Person of the Year:	North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP)
Parking as a Service Award:	North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP)
Lifetime Achievement Award:	Jeff Jones Anjna Patel
Special Projects Award- Design:	The Common, Hatfield
Special Projects Award- Renovation:	Chase Farm Hospital MSCP, Enfield
Parking Provider of the Year Award:	Gemini Parking Solutions
Back Office Award:	ZZPS
Parking Futures Award:	SW6 traffic, congestion and pollution scheme
Campaigns Award:	The NHS Free Parking Platform for Critical Workers
Jury Prize:	Penham Excel

Free Parking for NI Healthcare Workers During Covid-19 Pandemic Ends After £6.6m Spend



Free parking, as well as free public transport for healthcare workers in Northern Ireland, which operated from April to June 2020 and again from October 2020 ended last month after normal charging resumed when the Department for Infrastructure ended its policy at the end of August 2021. The total cost of the concession was estimated at £6.6m and, despite health unions requesting that the reintroduction of parking charges be delayed until 2022, the Department of Health said the measure was “introduced to recognise the contribution of HSC (health and social care) staff during the worst times of the Covid-19 pandemic”. However, its statement added that it “was not intended to be a permanent change”.

(Source: Chris Andrews- BBC News NI- 19.09.2021)

A.G.K. Ltd. Installs Electronic Level-specific PGI Solution at Extended St. Vincent's Multi-Storey Car Park

A major recent expansion of the public multi-storey car park at **St. Vincent's Hospital** (soon to be the National Maternity Hospital) has seen it increase from a c. 550-space 5-level facility to a 9-level 922-space facility. The enlarged car park, developed by main contractors **John Paul**, is served by a new main entrance and exit ramp to Level 5, and **A.G.K. Ltd.** installed its **SP2-144** zone-specific electronic Parking Guidance Information (PGI) system to assist customers in easily locating available spaces which is obviously now of greater importance given the massive increase in scale of the facility. A.G.K. Ltd. also installed the wayfinding signage within the car park which is operated by **APCOA Ireland**.



APCOA Continues Expansion Of Its Park & Control Sector



APCOA Parking continues to expand its network of Park and Control sites and has recently added to their national portfolio of 1,000+ sites by securing the provision of end-to-end parking management services to **Castle Street Shopping Centre in Bray**. Elsewhere, **Rásaíocht Con Éireann/**

Greyhound Racing Ireland has recently entered into a three-year contract for APCOA Parking Ireland Limited to be the service provider for management of its car park at **Shelbourne Park** greyhound stadium. The car park at Shelbourne can accommodate in excess of 250 vehicles. The contract between Greyhound Racing Ireland and APCOA is for a three-year period with options to extend the contract at the end of that time.



APCOA also recently launched its '**URBAN HUBS**' brand which will see its car parks transformed into potential hubs for a broad range of sustainable services, focusing on locations that offer the greatest potential for improving the efficiency of last-mile logistics, reducing inner-city logistics traffic and, as a result, achieving substantial reductions in CO2 emissions. By increasing the provision of electric charging infrastructure, APCOA URBAN HUBS also actively support the transition to electric mobility: See: www.urban-hubs.apcoa.com for further info.

Electro Launch New J4M Service



Electro have recently rolled out **HUB Technologies'** revolutionary new **J4M** Customer Validations software solution to traditional physical validation units in the Irish market. J4M removes the need for physical validation hardware and is a very powerful and flexible tool for the implementation and management of customer discount and loyalty schemes. An app is available to enable staff to scan the parking ticket and apply the desired validation discount in real time, while the system is also ideal for operators with multiple sites and/or multiple partners to increase their validation locations in a seamless and cost-effective manner. Using a central server, the operator can control validations at multiple sites from a single location without the requirement for numerous physical validation units and, best of all, validations can be changed to suit differing promotions, all at the touch of a button.



Further info: www.electroautomation.com

Parking Business Services Expands Range

Donal O'Hagan, principal at **Parking Business Services** recently qualified as a Certified Fraud Examiner, through the **Association of Fraud Examiners**.

The qualification will enable PBS to assist clients with their corporate governance responsibilities which, per the Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018, places huge responsibility on the Directors of the 'body corporate' to be able to demonstrate they 'took all reasonable steps ... to avoid the commission of the offence'.



In addition, the company has recently launched a new **Recruitment Service** whereby parking industry companies who are seeking parking people, can now avail of the services of a parking professional to source, screen, and recruit the best of candidates. Further info. available from: info@parkingbiz.ie

Exciting Times for Blue Wall as they Expand their operations in Dublin / New Install at Aut Even Hospital

Blue Wall Technologies are delighted to announce that they are expanding their operations and will be opening a new office at Greenogue Business Park in Dublin from October 1st, 2021. Maintenance of customer systems has been a key focus of the business which is now in its 19th year and this move is designed to strengthen Blue Wall's nationwide customer support, maintenance, and service.

Meanwhile, the company has recently completed installation of a new *SlimPark* system to facilitate the introduction of charge parking at Auteven Hospital, Kilkenny. There was no charge for parking prior to this installation so the Blue Wall team assisted in the design and implementation of the system and when switched on customers found the system easy to use and the hospital were happy with the additional revenue. Customers take a thermally printed barcode ticket and pay with cash and credit/debit cards. At the exit they simply scan their paid ticket.

Staff enter and exit using a Mifare access card which is also used for hospital access and identification. Access to the delivery area is controlled by an automatic barrier using License Plate Recognition technology.



YOUR PARKING SPACE. Opens New Irish Office

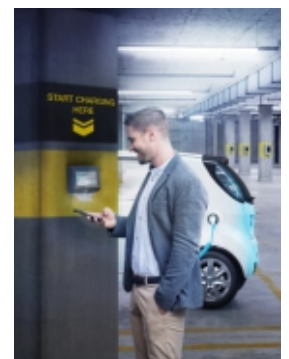
YourParkingSpace - the fastest growing parking operator in the UK – has now opened an Irish office. The new operation will be headed up by Thomas Harrington who was formerly Commercial Director with NCPS. Harrington will oversee YourParkingSpaces' growth not just here in Ireland, but also on mainland Europe and in the Middle East. When asked to comment on the entrants' plan for growth, Thomas had this to say:

“I'm very excited to have re-entered the parking industry. We (YourParkingSpace) have completely tailored our solutions and systems to allow for rapid growth both here in Ireland and abroad. We are at the contract stage with several Global Asset Management groups and will be going live with a bang in the next month or so. We will bring our Intelligent Car Park Management Systems to the Irish market enabling asset owners to maximise revenue whilst leveraging our unrivalled marketing power and providing real-time analytics to our clients.”

SKIDATA Ireland wins NITHCO City Centre parking tender / Announces Launch of Single EV Charging & Parking Solution



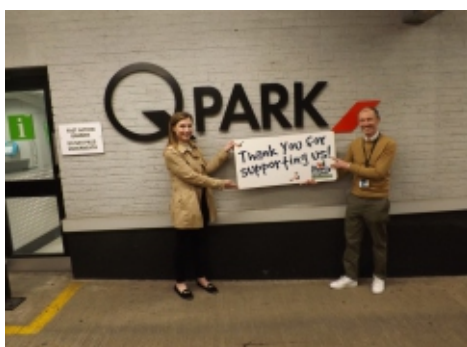
SKIDATA Ireland is modernising transport hub off-street parking facilities in the cities of Belfast and Derry/Londonderry for the **Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company (NITHCO)**. The new system will offer efficiencies in a wide range of areas including web-based contract parker management, online validation provision for city centre hospitality and retail customers, cashless payment, and web-based data analytics. Customers will soon be able to set up their online accounts from the comfort of their own homes or on the go thanks to SKIDATA's sweb@eCom platform.



Elsewhere, the company has launched its new **eCharge** solution in Ireland which allows parking and e-charging fees to be paid in one go using the same identifier with no extra ticket required. The new service also supports ad hoc charging with no need for additional apps or subscription models, and parkers can use any of the payment methods offered at your car park.

Further info. see: www.skidata.com/en-ie/

Q-Park Ireland Supports Healthcare Sector During the Covid-19 Pandemic



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