

## **Health Minister Robin Swann has announced the allocation of nearly £8m in support grants to a range of cancer charities in Northern Ireland**

A total of 14 projects have received payments through the Cancer Charities Support Fund, part of a £24m package of funding made available in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to support carers, cancer charities and mental health organisations.

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## **Northern Ireland Labour Force Survey – Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)**

Statistics on young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) were published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency.

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## **Poots highlights £5.7million DAERA investment in forest parks**

Environment and Rural Affairs Minister, Edwin Poots, today launched the latest in a series of short films designed to promote Northern Ireland's forest parks during the Centenary Year.

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## **Getting things done – Riverside**

# [recycling centre #dundeewestend](#)



Residents will be aware that, at the re-opening of the Riverside recycling centre last year, after the first lockdown, service provision was reduced and did not include paper/cardboard recycling. This was due to social distancing and queuing necessity at the time.

I have been pressing for full recycling services to recommence and have now had this helpful update from the City Council's Waste Services Manager :

**"Following the announcement last week we are reviewing the implications and what control measures are now required in line with industry and government guidance.**

**We are also speaking with colleagues in neighbouring authorities.**

**We are certainly hoping in the coming few weeks that we can re-instate all services to both recycling centres."**

I have asked to be kept updated and will advise residents when I hear further about this.

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# [Mallon launches Call for Evidence on the potential introduction of biennial MOT testing](#)

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon today launched a Call for Evidence to seek views that will inform a decision on the potential introduction of biennial (every two years) MOT testing for cars, light goods vehicles and motorcycles.