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Traffic diversions from Monday

Major roadworks to start in Letterkenny town centre

BY C.J.MCGINLEY

WHILE a closure order will be in place from Monday on High Road in Letterkenny to facilitate refurbishment works, every effort will be made to keep disruptions to a minimum, the Town Engineer has stressed.

Mr John McCarron said a small section of the High Road, from the traffic lights upwards, will be closed as part of the ongoing street enhancement-refurbishment works in the town.

"While the closure order is in place we're hoping disruption will be kept to the minimum," he said.

The work is part of the ongoing Letterkenny Main Street enhancement works which include street scape works, new traffic lights, drainage works, street furniture, landscaping and pedestrian crossings. The works are due to finish in November and are being carried by Deane Public Works Contractors from Enniskillen.

The overall cost of the work is in the region of €700,000 and is being funded by the European Regional Development Fund and Letterkenny Town Council.

"We're hoping the work will regenerate the Main Street leading to vitality and a better shopping experience. We hope it will be more accessible for pedestrians and people friendly and stimulate economic growth," Mr McCarron said.

"At the moment the contractor is working on the new pedestrian access from the AIB to Justice Walsh Road.

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Denise and Mark Duffield at the Silver Tassie Spa, Letterkenny on Wednesday when they renewed their wedding vows in a ceremony which included a seaweed bath and an attempt to break the world record for renewing wedding vows. See page 6

RENT SUPPLEMENT BILL RISES TO €15.6 MILLION

BY C.J.MCGINLEY

THERE has been calls for an urgent review of Rent Supplements following confirmation yesterday that over €15.6million is expected to be paid out this year in Donegal for the scheme.

A spokesman for St Vincent de

Paul said the figure was colossal and totally unsustainable in the current economic climate.

Figures released to the Donegal News by the Health Service Executive show over 3,000 people are now get-

ting rent supplement at a weekly cost to the exchequer of €300,000.

The demand for the scheme has soared by an extra 1,000 claims over the past two years.

In 2008 just over €14.5 million was

paid out in rent supplement in Donegal. Rent Supplement is paid to people living in private residential accommodation who cannot afford to pay their own rent. In general, if your only income is a social welfare or Health Services Executive (HSE) payment,

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