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### TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS WITH RONAN BERRY

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# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 3

Sustainability was a key theme in May. Wholesome Kitchen in Mullingar launched a new meal kit service, were winners in the SFA awards and places sustainability at the core of its operations. Likewise with DPD, Sustainability Manager James Atkinson discusses a further €2m investment in electric vans by the company that delivered 35m parcels in 2020 and and Oat in the City bring a new locally sourced oak milk brand to supermarket shelves. Austin Comerton of TownApps.ie on developing the ideal platform for promoting local businesses and amenities and Darren Doyle of Studio 93 on how few of your followers see your social media posts!

#### GOOD NEWS STORY OF THE MONTH:

Congratulations to Grenham Travel in Athlone on marking 110 years in business. Founded in 1911 by John Grenham, the business has overcome many challenges from the sinking of the Titanic, world wars and global recessions but the Covid-19 pandemic has been one of the toughest yet. MD Marie Grenham spoke to Ronan about the family business. Listen back HERE.

Have a business story to share or question to be answered? Email business@midlands103.com Essential listening every Tuesday from 7pm or listen back on midlands103.com



## YOUR MONTHLY BUSINESS ROUND UP

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### **BUSINESS STORIES OF THE MONTH**

- Viability Of €108m Just Transition Fund Questioned
- 30% Of Midlands Hotel Beds Booked For June
- Government To Explore Low Cost **Examinership For Small Businesses**

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- Plan Needed For Redeveloping State **Owned Land In Offaly**
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### LISTEN BACK

 Austin Comerton of Townapps.ie discusses the mobile town app specifically designed to suit the needs of smaller cities and towns.



#### LISTEN BACK TO THE FULL INTERVIEW HERE

 How do you get the most from social media for your business? Darren Doyle of Studio 93 in Moate lays it bare here. Do you know the difference in organic versus paid reach and what do algorithms class as a post view?



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 DPD driven to decarbonise fleet with a further €2m investment in electric and gas vehicles. Sustainability Manager James Atkinson at DPD on adding 100 electric vehicles by the end of 2021.



LISTEN BACK TO THE FULL INTERVIEW HERE  Mullingar's Wholesome Kitchen celebrates SFA Award 2021. Co-founder David Quirke on the recent success of the company that has sustainability at its core.



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 Liam Lynam introduces his new oat milk business Oat in the City made using fresh locally sourced oats. The premium oat drink is already stocked in over 200 retail and hospitality outlets in the midlands including SuperValu stores, independent retailers and coffee shops



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