

## **New support grant scheme for patients**

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt has announced the launch of the Support While Waiting Grant Scheme, a £500,000 fund enabling voluntary and community organisations to provide practical and emotional support to people awaiting treatment on Health and Social Care (HSC) waiting lists.

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## **Department for Communities protects some of Northern Ireland's hidden gems**

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has welcomed the recent designation of several new historic monuments and buildings across Northern Ireland.

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## **Maintaining access to cash vital to local communities – O'Dowd**

The Finance Minister John O'Dowd has hosted a banking roundtable at Stormont to discuss access to cash.

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## **Bluetongue positive findings from further testing in County Down**

Preliminary results of testing carried out by DAERA on a Co Down herd, where two suspected cases of Bluetongue virus were recently identified and confirmed as BTV-3, have revealed suspected presence in a further 44 cattle.

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## **Minister Kimmins welcomes completion of £780,000 road improvement scheme for Dungannon Road, Portadown**

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has welcomed the completion of a £780,000 road improvement scheme for Dungannon Road, Portadown which has also delivered a number of road safety upgrades including a new PUFFIN crossing for the area.