

The Queen Bee

For all you queen bee's looking for bling, or maybe you princesses looking for your shoe, Loughrea's newest, most trendy shoe and giftware shop will have just what you're searching for. Queen Be, Main Street Car Park, Loughrea, is your one-stop shop for every ladies needs. From shoes to jewellery, giftware to handbags, this innovative shop offers an eclectic mix for all styles and tastes. Partners Amanda O'Rourke and Marie Cronin will launch

the grand opening of Queen Be on Friday the 10th of March, officially unveiling a new and novel shop that will have fresh, original products for today's modern, fashionable woman. Not just your average shoe shop, Queen Be steps away from the homogenisation of many shops to cater to the alternative, adventurous taste.

Queen Be is stocking designer labels such as Friis shoes. A Danish design company that specialises in catwalk designs. Friis is relatively new to the Irish market and is a breath of fresh air where design innovation is concerned. Exclusive to Queen Be, Friis will display shoes that are trendy and fashionable, giving customers a stylish shoe unlike any other. Queen Be will also stock Lotus, a superior quality leather shoe, and Mifty Moda, an Italian designer that specialises in comfort.

Icelandic designer H.G. Waage will also share shelf space at this modish shop. Featured at two of the most prominent stores in London, this prestigious designer begins an international product trend at Queen Be. For your 'bling', ballroom pieces, Queen Be will feature Swarovski Crystal jewellery to compliment that designer dress.

Giftware will be fun, up to the minute designs for yourself or a friend, and accessories will be trendy and chic, for the modern woman or the conservative taste. The shop will be all styles, not old or new, but an amalgamation of everything fun for all ages.

Queen Be will also source products from designers in Ireland, both locally and nationally, providing a platform for young Irish designers. Plans are in the pipeline to have an Irish hat and headpiece designer creating pieces for show and sale in Queen Be's shop.

In a town with a reputation for shopping, Queen Be will enhance the profile of Loughrea and give shoppers an alternative for shoes and accessories. Eclectic, diverse, alternative and unique this shop provides imaginative trends with elegant style, and is an inspiration for shopping in the town of Loughrea.



Attending the Loughrea Lions Club annual awards dinner at the Meadow Court Hotel were Mike and Bernie Dillon, John and Sue Curley and Gerry and Ann Cannon, all from Clarenbridge.



19 February 2006: Conor Flaherty, Ardertl, in action against Johnny Maher, Loughrea. All-Ireland Junior Club Football Final, Ardertl v Loughrea, Croke Park, Dublin. Picture credit: David Maher / SPORTSFILE