

Is irishtimes.com legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

irishtimes.com

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

irishtimes.com appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Established Irish newspaper homepage with broad topical coverage (Ireland, world, business, sport, culture), subscription prompts, and standard cookie/consent UI. Primary goal: deliver editorial content and convert readers to subscribers and ad impressions.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	29 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by GlobalSign Atlas R3 OV TLS CA 2026 Q1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The Irish Times website is an established Irish news and media publisher offering coverage of Ireland, world affairs, business, sport, culture, opinion, and lifestyle, supported by advertising, reader subscriptions, a paywall, newsletters, podcasts, and related reader services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed, including no phishing, brand-impersonation, or conflicting legal-identity indicators. The homepage's sign-in and subscription functions are consistent with the stated publishing model; the assessment found no hidden forms, wallet activity, credential redirection, cloaking, or other high-risk abuse patterns. A long-established domain, a top-tier global traffic footprint, clean external reputation checks, and the absence of detected malicious or suspicious findings support the conclusion that the site is apparently legitimate, although the real-world operator identity is not independently verified.

EVIDENCE

- Domain registration records show 1997-07-03 creation and an age of 29.13 years.
- The homepage contains substantial editorial content across Ireland, world, business, sport, culture, opinion, technology, and lifestyle sections, with no reported red flags.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections; no phishing or impersonation indicator was reported.
- The homepage's three forms are identified as search, subscription, and login forms, with no untrusted destination or hidden-form finding.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate publisher rather than a financial-services or investment platform. The site does not present a licensing claim or registration number in the supplied content, so no regulated authorization is established by the website itself; this is a disclosure point for confirmation rather than evidence of deception. The operator identity remains likely rather than independently verified. Domain registration through Network Solutions, LLC and organization-validated transport encryption provide additional infrastructure and administrative consistency.

EVIDENCE

- The domain registrar is Network Solutions, LLC, with an expiration date of 2027-07-02.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by GlobalSign Atlas R3 OV TLS CA 2026 Q1, uses OV validation, and is valid to 2027-03-30.
- The homepage links to Facebook, X, LinkedIn, Instagram, and WhatsApp, with three social associations classified as trusted in the supplied analysis.
- The site presents subscription, sign-in, reader-service, and advertising functions rather than a financial product or investment service.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an institution should independently confirm the publisher's legal entity through its official corporate and legal-information pages, review the applicable subscription terms, cancellation and refund provisions, and confirm that payment processing and customer-support channels are reached through independently validated official routes. Any organization relying on the site for paid access should also retain the relevant transaction and subscription records.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage exposes both sign-in and subscription workflows, making account and payment terms the relevant items for independent confirmation.
- The site includes a Help Centre and reader-service pathways that can be checked against the published subscription and cancellation conditions.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, with the available evidence strongly consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website. The classification supports normal browsing and ordinary account use, while the operator-identity connection should remain described as likely rather than proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

Fastly provides the site's CDN/WAF protection, and all observed addresses were CDN edge infrastructure; the origin server was not observable in this analysis. This reduces direct exposure of the hosting origin and is a mitigating technical control, but it is not, by itself, proof of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Served from AS54113 (FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US); observed edge IP: 151.101.130.174.
- Four CDN edge addresses were observed, with 0 origin candidates identified.
- The site's transport certificate uses OV validation and remains valid through 2027-03-30.

Closing Assessment

Normal use is proportionate to the assessed posture, subject to ordinary independent checks of merchant identity, subscription terms, and payment protections before submitting credentials or payment details.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	79/100
Identity verification confidence	78%

- Trusted social count=3

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of irishtimes.com.

- The request stayed on irishtimes.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Network Solutions, LLC. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by awsdns-52.org, across 8 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-02. NOTED
- It is hosted on FASTLY, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Network Solutions, LLC
Hosting	FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	151.101.2.174
Name servers	NS-1440.AWSDNS-52.ORG, NS-1768.AWSDNS-29.CO.UK, NS-387.AWSDNS-48.COM, NS-528.AWSDNS-02.NET, NS-CLOUD-A1.GOOGLEDOMAINS.COM, NS-CLOUD-A2.GOOGLEDOMAINS.COM, NS-CLOUD-A3.GOOGLEDOMAINS.COM, NS-CLOUD-A4.GOOGLEDOMAINS.COM
SSL issuer	GlobalSign Atlas R3 OV TLS CA 2026 Q1
SSL expiry	2027-03-30
Domain age	29.13 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-02
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about irishtimes.com at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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