



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council



Tipperary County Council Roadside Memorial Policy 2026





Tipperary County Council Policy and Procedure for Roadside Memorials

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March 2026	1	Addition and amendments in accordance with Circular RW 16 of 2025 (Department of Transport) and RTS-ADW-013 (Transport Infrastructure Ireland)	



Tipperary County Council Policy on Roadside Memorials

1. Introduction

Tipperary County Council adopted a policy on Roadside Memorials at its meeting on 8th May 2017. A policy amendment is necessary in order to align with the Government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 and to comply with the joint Department of Transport (DoT) and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Policy on Roadside Memorials as notified in DoT Circular RW 16 of 2025, TII Circular RTS-ADW-013.

2. Scope

- **The Department of Transport** is responsible for setting policy, legislation and providing guidance for implementation across the road network in Ireland.
- **TII is the Authority** responsible for setting standards on the motorway and national road network.
- **Tipperary County Council** is responsible for implementing prescribed standards, guidelines and policies within its jurisdiction.
- **Members of the Public** are responsible for seeking appropriate permissions and complying with this policy and any relevant local authority guidelines.

3. Safety Considerations

Tipperary County Council acknowledges that the wish to erect a roadside memorial is a sensitive issue for the parties affected and the general public. The desire to erect a roadside memorial must be commensurate with the

necessity to safeguard traffic safety, to not create a traffic hazard and general public sensitivities. This policy will not affect already existing memorials erected by members of the public. However, should an existing memorial be damaged, primarily due to its unsafe location on the public road, and be in need of replacement, then the replacement memorial will be erected in accordance with this policy.

The presence of roadside memorials on high-speed (>60km/h) roads introduces significant safety risks due to:

- Increased pedestrian activity in hazardous locations.
- Stopping, parking, and vehicle manoeuvres.
- Maintenance activities such as grass cutting or decoration placement.
- Distraction to other road users.

In addition, these memorials may conflict with the Government Road Safety Strategy's approach to Safe Systems and forgiving roadsides, which seeks to reduce the severity of run-off-road incidents by ensuring that roadside areas remain clear of fixed objects and obstacles.

4. Application to Erect a Roadside Memorial

An application to erect a roadside memorial must be submitted for consideration to the Roads Department of Tipperary County Council. The following documents are required:

1. Completed application form.
2. General location map and sketch of the proposed layout including photographs if possible.
3. Dimensioned drawing of the proposed Memorial.
4. Written permission of the landowner shall be included
5. Written permission from the next of kin shall be included.
6. Contact details in the event that additional information is required.

5. Specification for erecting a Roadside Memorial

The relevant engineering/technical staff will consider applications and make recommendations in accordance with this Policy and the specifications set out below:

1. The maximum area of a roadside memorial shall not exceed 600mm wide x 600mm high x 150mm deep.
2. Where it is proposed to erect a free-standing memorial in a roadside hedgerow/road verge its height shall not exceed 1m (one metre) above the centre of the road opposite the memorial. In the interest of Road Safety, wooden memorials only shall be erected in this situation.
3. Where it is proposed that a roadside memorial be affixed to a solid structure, such as a roadside wall or fence, it shall be permissible that the memorial be in the form of a plaque or cross made from wood, stone or metal.
4. The memorial shall not be illuminated.
5. Kerbing is not permitted.

6. General Conditions

1. The applicant will be advised in writing of the decision made.
2. The location of the memorial shall be agreed with the relevant District Engineer. Where it is not appropriate to locate the memorial at the exact site of an accident, particularly if it is on a hazardous section of road, the applicant shall agree an alternative safe location with the District Engineer.
3. The policy in relation to the size and layout of roadside memorials is very specific. They are not intended to appear like gravestones or plots as one might see in a graveyard for example.
4. The memorial shall not interfere with the safe use of the public road or interfere with the roadside drainage system or other public utilities.
5. Any works or maintenance on these roads must be carried out under Traffic Management Control as set out in Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual and as set out in the Department's

circular RW 24 of 2021 "Implementation of Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual and Temporary Traffic Management Guidance Documents" to ensure the safety of the workers and all road users. Any such works must be notified to the District Engineer at least 2 weeks in advance. Any works requiring Traffic Management must be carried out by an adequately insured and competent contractor.

6. The memorial will be kept free from any flowers, ornaments or materials which will give rise to litter over time or cause a distraction to drivers and passers-by.
7. The monument contractor/person erecting the memorial shall indemnify Tipperary County Council for all claims that may arise during the erection process. Evidence of appropriate insurances shall be provided prior to any works being undertaken.
8. In the event of Tipperary County Council carrying out future road improvements in the area and the memorial needing to be re-located, the applicant will be given the opportunity to relocate it themselves or the Council will arrange for its re-location. The Council will pay the reasonable cost for the relocation of the memorial in this circumstance.
9. Tipperary County Council shall take no responsibility for any damage caused wilfully or accidentally and the person erecting the memorial and his/her successor shall be responsible for its indefinite upkeep and maintenance.
10. The installation of roadside memorials on the motorway and dual carriageway networks shall not be permitted.
11. The installation of roadside memorials on the high-speed single carriageway road network (>60 km/h) should not be permitted.



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AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY AND REMOTELY, ON THE 11TH DAY OF MAY 2026,

IT WAS MOVED BY: Cllr Jim Ryan

AND SECONDED BY: Cllr Fiona Bonfield

AND RESOLVED:-

"That Tipperary County Council hereby adopts the 'Roadside Memorials Policy' as recommended by the Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee".

SIGNED: 
Cathaoirleach

DATE: **11th May 2026**



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