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Introduction

Cathaoirleach's Foreword

It is my great honour, as Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, to present the Annual Report for 2025. This past year has shown once again how the work of the Council directly enriches the everyday lives of people and communities right across our county.

As someone who has spent a lifetime immersed in rural life, community organisations, and local development, it has been deeply meaningful to witness first-hand how our projects and services continue to strengthen Tipperary socially, economically, and environmentally.

Throughout the year, I was continually reminded of the strength, resilience and ambition that defines Tipperary. Our communities care deeply about their places, and it is their passion — supported by strong Council action — that continues to drive the county forward.

A Year of Positive Impact in Our Communities

2025 was a year defined by delivery and community benefit. Across every Directorate, the Council's work made life better for our residents—from essential infrastructure and environmental improvements to cultural growth, recreational spaces, and strong support for business and agriculture.

One particular highlight of the year for me was the privilege of officially opening the Ballina Access Promenade & Viewing Area on 2 September 2025, which was funded under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. This beautiful public space—overlooking Lough Derg—has transformed access for people of all ages and abilities, and the feedback from residents and visitors alike has been overwhelmingly positive. It stands as a testament to what community ambition, supported by strong investment, can achieve.

Another proud moment for County Tipperary this year was the international recognition received by Terryglass, which was awarded a Gold Medal and Special Characteristic Award as the Irish representative at the Entente Florale Europe Competition on 27th September in Velenje, Slovenia.

I was also delighted to attend the contract signing for the next phase of the €2.9 million Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Scheme, a project that is breathing new life into the heart of the town. Seeing local regeneration move from planning to delivery is incredibly meaningful, particularly knowing how such projects support local business, enhance streetscapes, and instil long term confidence in our town centres.

This year also saw Tipperary's cultural and food tourism profile grow significantly. The Taste of Tipperary Food initiative continued to highlight the county's exceptional producers and agrifood heritage, strengthening our position as a leading food destination. The Long Table Event at Cashel Palace, which brought together producers, chefs, local communities and visitors, showcased the very best of Tipperary hospitality and reaffirmed the strong link between local enterprise, tourism and rural development.

Celebrating Our Heritage & International Standing

Tipperary's equine tradition continues to be one of the county's greatest strengths. The expansion of Tipperary Horse Country as a recognised national and international identity reflects both our historic connection to the industry and our modern ambitions.

Our equine sector is achieving increased international status at many levels, driven by world renowned breeders, training facilities, bloodstock enterprises and educational pathways. This sector contributes significantly to job creation, rural vitality and Ireland's global sporting reputation. Its continued success embodies the spirit of excellence that is so strongly associated with County Tipperary.



A Personal Reflection

What meant the most to me this year was witnessing the difference these projects made on the ground. Whether it was meeting families enjoying new public amenities, seeing renewed confidence in our town centres, or speaking with farmers, volunteers and local organisations who depend on good infrastructure and fair support — every encounter reminded me why local government matters so deeply.

My election speech spoke about the importance of supporting rural communities, investing in roads, strengthening the agri food sector, and protecting our environment. This year, Council projects under ORIS, RRDF, and the Rural Development & Social Inclusion Programme provided new walkways, biodiversity areas, community halls, active outdoor amenities and local energy measures. Seeing those priorities reflected in the work delivered this year has been genuinely fulfilling.

The Council's achievements are rooted in partnership — between elected members, Council staff, community groups, businesses and government agencies. That spirit of collaboration is what makes Tipperary thrive.

Acknowledgements and Looking Ahead

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to our Chief Executive, Sinead Carr, for her continued leadership and support throughout the year. I also want to acknowledge the dedication, professionalism and commitment of the staff of Tipperary County Council, whose work underpins every achievement outlined in this report. Their service to the people of Tipperary is deeply appreciated.

I would like to pay particular tribute to my Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mark Fitzgerald, for his support, collaboration and steadfast commitment to local government. His assistance throughout the year has been invaluable. I also want to acknowledge Councillor Declan Burgess, who served as Cathaoirleach before me. His energy, drive and leadership helped guide the Council at a pivotal time, and I am grateful for the solid foundation he left for the year ahead.

To my fellow Councillors across all Municipal Districts, thank you for your partnership, your dedication to your communities, and your willingness to work collectively for the betterment of our county.

I also want to recognise the important role played by the local media. Their attendance at meetings, their engagement with Council activities, and their reporting help ensure transparency and keep the public informed about the decisions and developments shaping Tipperary. Their work strengthens local democracy and supports informed communities.

As we look ahead to 2026, I remain committed to advocating for the priorities that matter most to our people — continued investment in roads and essential infrastructure, support for rural communities and the agri food sector, progress on housing, environmental responsibility, and the delivery of high quality local services.

Together, with strong partnerships and shared ambition, we will continue to build a confident, resilient and forward looking Tipperary.

Councillor John Carroll

Cathaoirleach
Tipperary County Council



**Councillor
John Carroll**
Cathaoirleach



Chief Executive Foreword

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2025, a year in which Tipperary continued to progress its ambition to be **“the place where every individual, business, and community can prosper, and every visitor is captivated”**.

Guided by the Strategic Themes of our Corporate Plan 2024–2029, our work this year has focused on enhancing community wellbeing, strengthening the local economy, advancing climate action, and ensuring that Tipperary remains a vibrant and sustainable county for current and future generations.

Across all Directorates, staff, partners, and Elected Members worked collaboratively and with determination to deliver meaningful improvements in housing, infrastructure, environmental protection, community development, and organisational capability. The achievements set out below demonstrate the organisation’s commitment to service excellence, innovation, and continuous improvement.

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Sinéad Carr

Chief Executive

Communities & Culture - Strengthening Inclusion and Community Wellbeing

As a council, we remain committed to nurturing thriving, inclusive communities, and 2025 brought meaningful progress in this regard. A total of 232 new homes were delivered, significantly exceeding our Housing for All target of 170. Void levels remained below 2%, reflecting efficient and responsive tenancy management. Improvements in the Choice-Based Letting (CBL) system saw allocations rise from 45% to 70%, leading to a reduction in refusals and a more efficient turnaround from offer to acceptance.

Our Library Service continued to strengthen its role as a hub of learning, culture, and community connection, with over 384,000 visits (+9.7%) and 510,720 items issued (+21.6%). The introduction of Comics Plus, increased digital resources, over 5 million visits to the Local History website, and extensive programming—from Children's Book Festival to Bealtaine and year-round exhibitions—demonstrated the depth and diversity of cultural engagement across Tipperary.

This year also marked an exceptional performance by Tipperary's Tidy Towns groups at the 2025 SuperValu Tidy Towns Awards. With 79 county entries, communities demonstrated extraordinary pride of place and environmental stewardship. Numerous towns and villages received national recognition, including top-tier awards, special commendations, and accolades for innovation, biodiversity, and youth involvement. In total, Tipperary communities received 14 awards across gold, silver, bronze, and special categories.

These achievements once again highlight the dedication of volunteers across our towns and villages, whose work continues to enhance local environments and strengthen community spirit countywide.

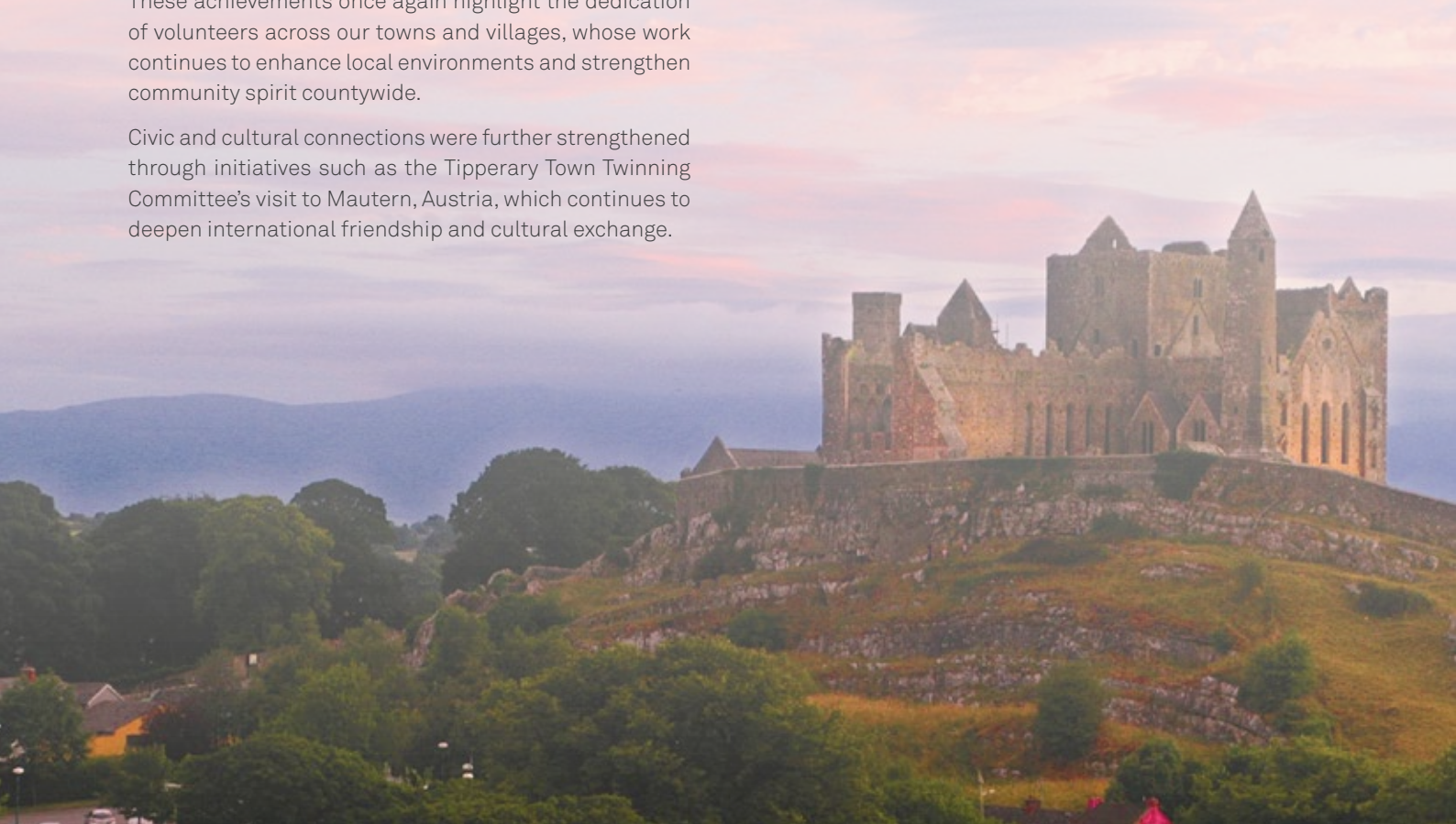
Civic and cultural connections were further strengthened through initiatives such as the Tipperary Town Twinning Committee's visit to Mautern, Austria, which continues to deepen international friendship and cultural exchange.

Urban & Rural Places - Enhancing Towns, Villages, and Public Spaces

Regeneration and placemaking remained a major focus in 2025. Milestones included national recognition for E-Planning, an Urban Regeneration Award for Kickham Barracks and the turning of the sod for the development of a new Garda District headquarters on the site which will strengthen policing infrastructure, enhance civic confidence, and contribute to the broader regeneration of this important historic campus.; the completion of Phase 1 of the Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan, including securing €984,000 RRDF funding for redevelopment of the former Goldcrop site. RRDF funding was also secured for the design of Main Street, Roscrea, which enables the development of a highquality, designed plan to reimagine Main Street as a more attractive, accessible, and economically vibrant urban space.

The ORISfunded works at Lough Doire Bhile and along the Suir Blueway delivered substantial improvements to outdoor recreation and naturebased tourism infrastructure in 2025.

Terryglass proudly represented Ireland at the Entente Florale Europe Competition in Velenje, Slovenia, on 27 September, where the village was awarded a prestigious Gold Medal and the Special Characteristic Award. In preparation for the competition, Tipperary County Council supported Terryglass's campaign through the delivery of a targeted painting and enhancement scheme, which contributed to the overall presentation and visual quality of the village and supported the community in their successful quest for gold.



Organisation & People - *Supporting a Skilled, Motivated Workforce*

The Strategic Workforce Plan 2025–2029 was completed, outlining 97 actions to support capability, leadership, and service delivery. In 2025, 114 new staff joined the organisation, 33 staff received educational assistance, and 71 Fire Service personnel were recognised for professional achievement. The Youth Fire Service Programme expanded significantly, with approximately 730 students participating.

Environment & Climate Action - *Leading in Sustainability and Protection*

Progress continued under the Local Authority Climate Action Plan, with 93% of actions completed or in progress, and all 24 Community Climate Action Programme projects delivered. Major environmental works advanced, including Ballaghveny Landfill Phase 1 capping, Tipperary Town Historic Landfill remediation, and increased Civic Amenity Site usage. Climate-adaptive and nature-based solutions, such as rain gardens, further enhanced resilience and biodiversity.

Economic & Enterprise - *Supporting Growth and Local Prosperity*

More than €63 million was invested in road and transport infrastructure in 2025. Key achievements included the opening of the Brian Ború Bridge, commencement of the R498 Latteragh Realignment Scheme, and continued advancement of major tourism infrastructure such as the Dromineer Water Sports Facility and Ballina Access Promenade.

Through ongoing investment in infrastructural improvements on Council owned employment lands, for example Benamore Business Park in Roscrea, Carrigeen Business Park in Clonmel and Lisbun Industrial Estate in Nenagh, the Council has facilitated the development and expansion of new enterprises and the creation of new jobs. Following the award of EU JTF monies, which were administered through Pobal and EMRA, the Council have progressed planning for new business parks in Templemore and Lisheen.

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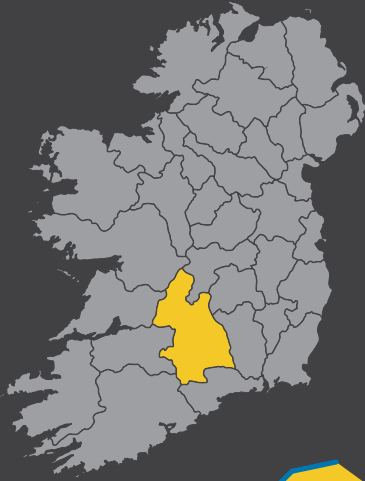
Our achievements in 2025 reflect the dedication and commitment of many people. I wish to acknowledge the valued leadership of the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council and their support in progressing the refreshed vision for our county.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to our staff across all Directorates, whose professionalism, innovation, and public service ethos ensure that we continue to deliver high-quality and impactful services.

Finally, I thank our community groups, partners, local businesses, Government departments, voluntary organisations, and the people of Tipperary. Your ongoing collaboration, resilience, and community spirit are central to building a county where every individual, community, and enterprise can prosper—and every visitor is truly captivated.

Sinéad Carr
Chief Executive
Tipperary County Council

Of the 32 counties Tipperary County is



6th

largest by
area

12th

largest by
population

4,282km²

167,895

(preliminary figure 2022)

Tributaries of the Shannon run through the northern part of the county and into Lough Derg.

LOUGH DERG

Arra Hills

M7

The region is part of the central plain of Ireland, but the diversified terrain contains several mountain ranges

Silvermine Mountains

KEY ARTERIAL ROUTES

Dublin: **M7, M8**
Waterford: **N24**

Train lines:
Dublin & Waterford

M8

The River Suir runs through the southern & central portion of the county.

THE GOLDEN VALE

A rich pastoral stretch of land in the Suir basin which extends into counties Limerick and Cork.

No part of the county touches the coast.

Galtees Mountains

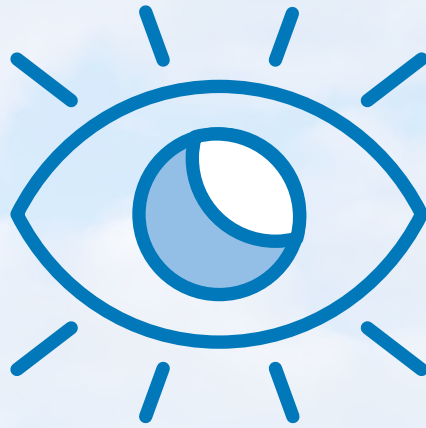
N24

KEY ARTERIAL ROUTES

Limerick: **M7, N24**
Cork: **M8**

Train lines:
Cork & Limerick

Knockmealdown Mountains



OUR VISION

Tipperary, the place where every individual, business, and community can prosper, and every visitor is captivated

Tipperary County Council Members

Elected to Tipperary County Council on 14th June 2024 following the June 2024-2029 Local Elections



FIONA BONFIELD
LABOUR PARTY



PHYLL BUGLER
FINE GAEL



JP O'MEARA
FIANNA FAIL



JOHN CARROLL
FIANNA FÁIL



LOUISE MORGAN WALSH
LABOUR



JOE HANNIGAN
NON-PARTY



PAMELA QUIRKE O'MEARA
NON PARTY



SEAMUS MORRIS
NON-PARTY



MICHAEL O'MEARA
NON-PARTY



MICHEÁL ANGLIM
FIANNA FÁIL



LIAM BROWNE
NON PARTY



DECLAN BURGESS
FINE GAEL



JOHN CROSSE
FINE GAEL



JOHN O HENEV
NON PARTY



MARY HANNA HOURIGAN
FINE GAEL



ROGER KENNEDY
FIANNA FÁIL



MÁIRÍN MCGRATH
NON-PARTY



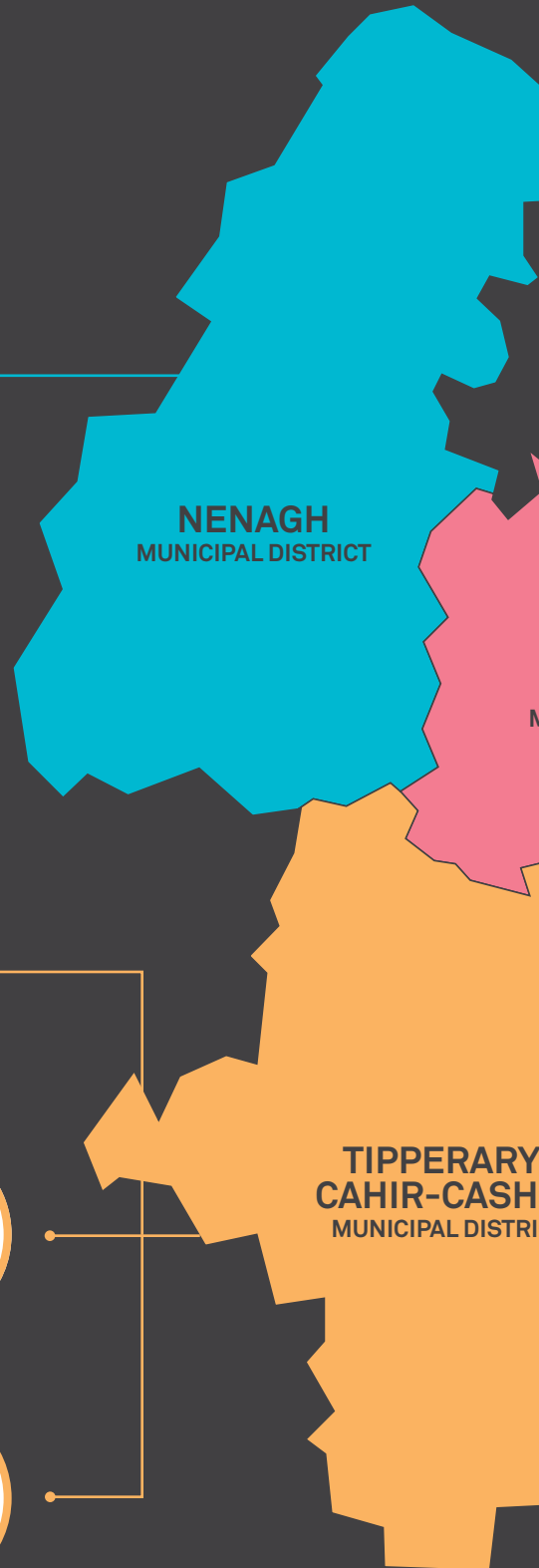
ANDY MOLONEY
NON-PARTY



MARIE MURPHY
FINE GAEL



ANNEMARIE RYAN SHINER
SINN FÉIN





KAY CAHILL SKEHAN
FIANNA FAIL



WILLIE KENNEDY
FINE GAEL



SHANE LEE
NON-PARTY



MICHEÁL LOWRY
NON PARTY



EDDIE MORAN
NON-PARTY



JIM RYAN
NON-PARTY



PEGGY RYAN
FINE GAEL



SEAN RYAN
FIANNA FÁIL



MICHAEL SMITH
FIANNA FÁIL



KIERAN BOURKE
FIANNA FÁIL



MICHAEL BRENNAN
LABOUR



DAVID DUNNE
SINN FÉIN



MARK FITZGERALD
FINE GAEL



IMELDA GOLDSBORO
FIANNA FÁIL



AMY GOLDSBORO
FIANNA FÁIL

Imelda Goldsboro,
nominated by An Taoiseach to
the Seanad on 07/02/2025.

Cllr Amy Goldsboro,
Co-opted to the Council on
the 10/03/2025 following
nomination of Imelda
Goldsboro's to the Seanad



SIOBHÁN AMBROSE
FIANNA FÁIL



NIALL DENNEHY
NON-PARTY



PAT ENGLISH
WUAG



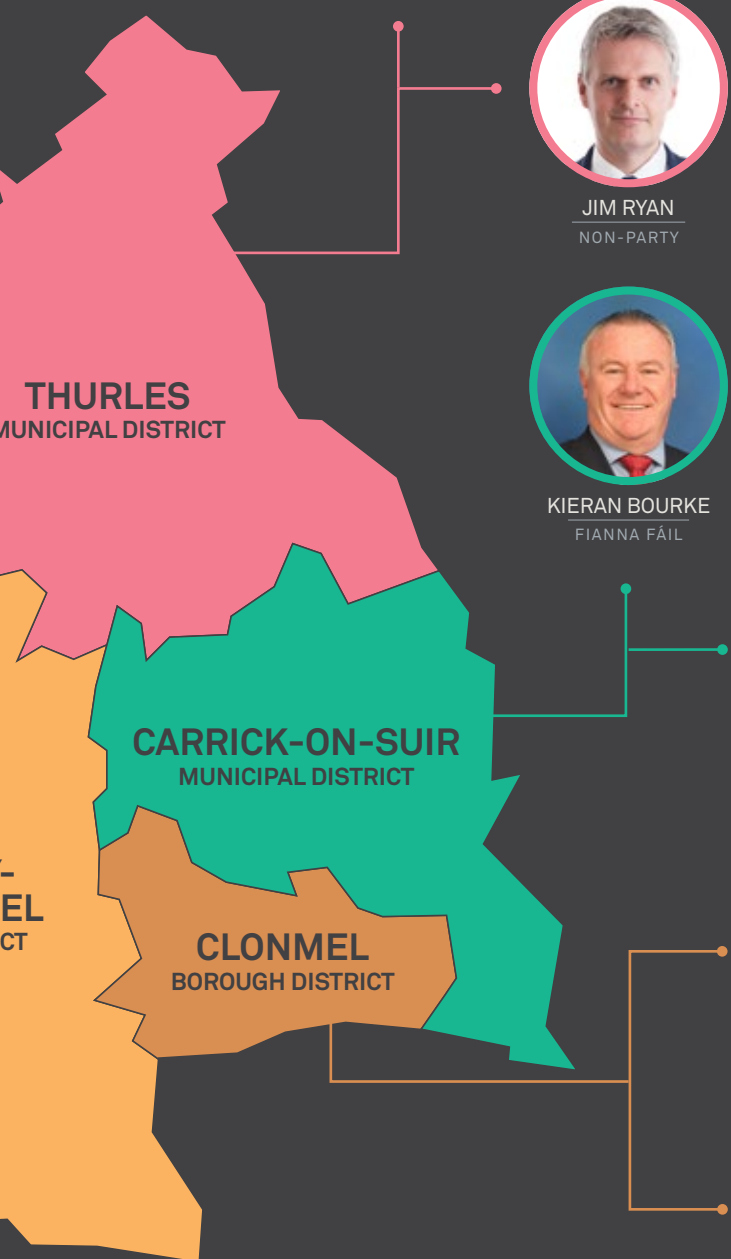
TOM ACHESON
FINE GAEL



JOHN FITZGERALD
FINE GAEL



RICHIE MOLLOY
NON-PARTY



Senior Management Team



MS. SINÉAD CARR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



EAMON LONERGAN

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions

- Environment & Climate Action
- Human Resources
- Corporate Services
- Roscrea Regional Training Centre and LASNTG

Directorate Location

Clonmel



JONATHAN COONEY

ACTING DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions:

- Housing Services

Delegated Municipal District
Clonmel

Directorate Location
Clonmel



BRIAN BECK

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions

- Planning & Development
- Emergency Services and Emergency Planning

Delegated Municipal District
Carrick-on-Suir

Directorate Location
Clonmel



DAMIEN GINTY

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions

- Economic, Community & Rural Development

Delegated Municipal District
Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel

Directorate Location
Clonmel



MARK CONNOLLY

HEAD OF FINANCE

Directorate Functions

- Finance
- Motor Tax
- Information Technology

Delegated Municipal District
Thurles

Directorate Location
Nenagh



LIAM BRETT

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions:

- Roads & Transportation
- Health & Safety

Delegated Municipal District
Nenagh

Directorate Location
Nenagh



ANTHONY COLEMAN

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions

- Shared National Local Authority Service: Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO)

Delegated Municipal District

Directorate Location
Clonmel



GER WALSH

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Corporate Services



ROSEMARY JOYCE

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Nenagh Municipal District



SHARON KENNEDY

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions

- Planning & Development
- Emergency Services & Emergency Planning

Delegated Municipal District
Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel

RETIRED 21st APRIL 2025

Annual Meeting of Tipperary County Council 2025

The Annual Meeting of the Tipperary County Council was held at Halla na Féile, Canopy Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary at 11:00am on Friday, 26th June 2024, at which Councillor Declan Burgess concluded his term as Cathaoirleach.

Councillor John Carroll was elected Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council for the year 2025-2026 and Councillor Mark Fitzgerald was elected Leas Cathaoirleach for the term.



Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Carroll



Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald and Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Carroll



Outgoing Cathairleach Cllr Declan Burgess and Incoming Cathairleach Cllr John Carroll








Chief Executive, Sinéad Carr and Cathairleach Cllr. John Carroll



Tipperary County Council Members 2024-2029 together with Chief Executive, Sinéad Carr and Meetings Administrator, Ger Walsh

Delegated Functions Framework

from the 3rd October 2025

Director of Services/Head of Finance	Directorate Functions	District Function
 <p>Eamon Lonergan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Climate Action • Corporate Services • Human Resources • LASNTG * • Deputy Chief Executive. 	
 <p>Jonathan Cooney</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing. 	Clonmel Borough District
 <p>Liam Brett</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads and Transportation • Health and Safety 	Nenagh Municipal District
 <p>Mark Connolly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance, • Information Technology and • Motor Taxation 	Thurles Municipal District
 <p>Damien Ginty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development and Enterprise • Social Inclusion, Community and Rural Development • Library Services/Culture and Biodiversity 	Tipperary/Cahir/ Cashel Municipal District
 <p>Brian Beck</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Development * • Emergency Services and Emergency Planning 	Carrick on Suir Municipal District
 <p>Anthony Coleman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared National Local Authority Service: LAWPRO* 	

* LASNTG: Local Authority Services National Training Group.

* (including Town Centre First, Active Travel and Residential Zoned Land Tax, UNECO, Just Transition)

* LAWPRO: Local Authorities Waters Programme



Communities & Culture



Housing



DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
Mr. Jonathan Cooney

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

Role

The role of this Strategic Policy Committee is to assist the Council in formulating Housing policy.

The membership is comprised of members of the County Council, representatives from the PPN, Trade Union, Business Sector and Development/Construction Sector.

Membership (Tipperary County Council)

- Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan (Chair),
- Cllr Shane Lee, Cllr David Dunne,
- Cllr Micheal Anglim,
- Cllr Pat English,
- Cllr Michael Brennan,
- Cllr Kieran Bourke,
- Cllr Roger Kennedy,
- Cllr Willie Kennedy,
- Cllr Ann Marie Shiner.

External Representatives

- Joe Sherlock (PPN),
- Sara Bourke (PPN),
- Kate Sommerville (PPN),
- Tom Gallahue Construction,
- John O'Shaughnessy
Business Commercial & Tourism

During 2025 the SPC focused on a number of key areas within housing including:

- Update on Anti Social Behaviour
- Review of vacant stock and turnaround times
- Update on Affordable Housing
- Update on Social Housing Delivery
- Homeless Services Overview
- Review of Voids
- Update on retrofitting scheme
- Overview of Approved Housing bodies and funding
- Update on Grants and discussion on inclusion of double glazing

Four SPC meetings were held in 2025.

Housing Need

The gross social housing need in the county at the end of 2025 was 3275. Of this figure approximately 57% were either approved for transfer or in receipt of social housing support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP). The net housing need was therefore 1,433 persons.

The following is a breakdown of the overall housing type required:

SHS1 (one bed unit)	1481
SHS2 (two bed unit)	976
SHS3 (three bed unit)	653
SHS4 (four bed unit)	155
Greater than 4 Bed	10

Housing Allocations

- A total of 518 applicants were offered tenancies of Local Authority dwellings/AHB properties.
- 37 persons refused offers of dwellings in 2025

Choice Based Lettings

Choice based Lettings (CBL) is a system where dwellings are advertised on a dedicated website and approved housing applicants can submit an expression of interest on a dwelling in which they are interested in. The Council will continue to operate a dual system (traditional and CBL) where accommodation is specific to a person's need i.e. specially adapted and elderly housing.

In the event that there is more than one applicant interested in any one dwelling and all have the same basis of need, the applicant who is longest on the list with that area as an area of choice will be given priority.



A total of 518 applicants were offered tenancies

Housing Rents

Rents are calculated in accordance with a tenant's income and as per Tipperary County Council's Differential Rent Scheme. There is a requirement in the tenancy agreement which places an obligation on the tenant to inform the Council where a change has occurred in their income.

- The total number of Rent Accounts for year end 2025 is 6432, this figure includes Local Authority houses, RAS & Long-Term Lease houses.
- The net amount of rent arrears as at 31st December 2025 is €1,145,703¹ which is a reduction of €237,238 when compared to Dec 2024.
- The percentage collection for rents increased from 94% in 2024 to 95% in 2025 and is expected to increase further as those tenants in arrears work through their agreed payment plan.
- The average rent in 2025 was €64.33

The Rents section works actively with any tenants who are in arrears to support them with payment plans. We also work closely with MABS and our tenants through our hardship scheme.

Housing Assistance Payment

The Housing Assistance Payment scheme (HAP) is a form of social housing support, providing rental assistance for approved housing applicants to secure accommodation in the private rented sector. There were 91 housing applicants assisted under the Scheme in 2025. There were 1231 active HAP tenancies at the end of 2025.

Homeless Services

The focus of homeless services during 2025 continued to be the prevention of clients entering emergency accommodation and thus the homeless cycle. A significant effort also went into actively reducing the number of rough sleepers across the county through the continued implementation of the Out of Hours Service at Ashlea Court and the delivery of 10 additional rough sleeper beds in Nenagh under the Cold Weather Initiative.

¹ This is comprised of a total in rent arrears of €2,155,758 minus the rent credits of €772,304

Homeless Prevention

The use of private rented accommodation with the assistance of HAP is a key exit for those presenting as homeless. There are two HAP Placefinder's working across the county to support applicants to secure HAP accommodation.

The HAP Placefinder Service facilitated 11 singles and 7 families in securing private rental HAP accommodation.

The multi-disciplinary Homeless Action Team continues to operate as a coordinated forum where a care and case-management approach is used to develop an individualised exit plan for every client in emergency accommodation. Each plan identifies the most appropriate housing pathway—whether through HAP, RAS, Approved Housing Body accommodation, or local authority housing—to support clients in transitioning out of homelessness.

The Out-of-Hours Service at Ashlea Court continues to operate in Clonmel, supporting individuals with complex support needs, including addiction and mental health challenges. In 2025, the service was expanded to include daytime provision. Capacity has been increased to 16 spaces, with an additional five crash beds available during severe weather events. The OOH's service accommodated 44 individual men and women in 2025. A similar service was opened in Nenagh as part of the Cold Weather Initiative in 2025, providing 10 rough sleeper beds to men and women presenting as homeless in North Tipperary.

The Own Front Door model of emergency accommodation continued to be utilised in 2025 to reduce reliance on B&Bs as the primary method of providing emergency accommodation and to deliver a more holistic approach to homeless presentations thereby reducing the traumatic stress associated with residing in emergency accommodation. In 2025, there were 36 placements in Own Front Door properties across the County.

In 2025, there were 41 tenancies created for single people and 23 tenancies created for families engaged with the Council's Homeless Service.

NOVAS and Matthew Burke House who are based in Thurles are supported financially to provide accommodation to vulnerable individuals who also struggle to maintain their tenancies due to substance abuse or health reasons. The Local Authority works in partnership with this AHB to progress those clients to move to more permanent accommodation in a timely manner.

Under the Housing First model, 23 units of accommodation continue to be provided for our most complex vulnerable tenants with wrap around services ensuring that they sustain their tenancy.

The START programme is an initiative in the south of the county which supports persons at risk of becoming homeless due to significant mental health challenges. In 2025 this programme supported 7 such clients. They are provided with wrap around mental health services to ensure that they are able to maintain their tenancy. A similar support service is provided by the North Tipperary Intensive Support (NTISS) programme on an outreach basis in the north of the county and the Council is the lead partner along with the HSE and Focus Ireland in providing this service to 24 clients.

The Housing Section currently accommodates two support workers to deliver the Tenancy Sustainment Service programme (TSS) for those tenants who struggle to sustain their tenancy and who are neither Housing First clients or clients who are availing of the START or NTISS service. In 2025 the TSS service provided support to 104 individuals who required support in this area.

The Council will continue to collaborate with mainstream service providers to enhance the range of supports available to our most vulnerable clients, ensuring they are given every opportunity to access safe and secure housing. This includes the ongoing roll-out of additional OFD and Housing First units, as well as further developing partnerships with Approved Housing Bodies to increase accommodation options.

Homeless Presentations

The Homeless team dealt with 1848 presentations at our Housing Counters in Nenagh and Clonmel in 2025, and encountered 818 individual applicants. The team managed these presentations by hosting a variety of clinics across the county every week in Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles.

The purpose of these clinics is to:

- carry out homeless assessments,
- complete prevention work through mediation with family, friends etc.,
- provide advice and information,
- signpost to support services, and
- where appropriate provide emergency accommodation

Voids Programme

A total of 127 vacant houses had works completed which enabled them to be returned to use in 2025. The cost for these works amounted to €4.3 million (inclusive of a number of long-term voids). The Housing Section works closely with all Districts to ensure the efficient turn-around of vacant houses to ensure that they are allocated and tenanted in a timely fashion. Vacancy levels have remained under 2% as a result of all this work.

Social Housing Leasing Initiative (SLI) / Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Under the above Schemes, the Department of the Housing Planning and Local Government has allocated funding for local authorities to lease residential properties from private landlords. The schemes allow the Council to lease good standard accommodation in the private rental sector on medium to long term contracts. These properties are used to provide accommodation for social housing applicants who are currently unable to provide suitable accommodation from their own resources.

Progress:

Properties	Contracts
RAS Private	519
RAS Voluntary	405
Long Term Leased Units	238

Loans

The Local Authority Home Loan is a government backed mortgage for first time buyers or other eligible applicants through local authorities. The scheme is for the purchase of new or second-hand residential properties and for self-builds.

Number of Applications Received	60
Valid	18
Approved	8
Number of loans issued	3
Total value of loans issued	€233,000

Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016 was introduced under the Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) Regulations 2015 and the rules of the scheme were amended in January 2024.

The eligibility criteria for the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016 are outlined below:

- The minimum reckonable income amount is €11,000.
- The length of time you must be in receipt of social housing supports is 10 consecutive years.
- In the case of joint tenancies, only one tenant must be in receipt of social housing supports for 10 years.
- Primary Sources of Income: In addition to the State Pension (Contributory and Non-Contributory) being considered as a primary source of income, the Widow's, Widower's, Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory and Non-Contributory Pension), Blind Pension, Invalidity Pension and Disability Allowance are now also considered primary sources of income.
- A tenant or household member must not have been involved in anti-social behaviour
- A household member must not have been in arrears of rent for an accumulated period of more than 12 weeks in the three years prior to applying

Tipperary County Council received 62 applications from tenants to purchase their house in 2025.

Formal applications to purchase	62
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	39
Sales completed during 12 months	20
Total proceeds of sales received	€1,662,940.00



Vacancy levels have remained under 2%

Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP)

The target under Housing for All was 887 units of accommodation set by the Department of Housing, Local Government for the years 2022 to 2026. 232 new units were delivered under the programme in 2025, bringing the total figures of delivered to date under Housing for All to 769 units.

While there is a strong delivery pipeline in place for 2026, the capital team progressed designs on a number of new schemes through department approvals to ensure a strong delivery post 2026.

Approved Housing Body (AHB) delivery was particularly strong in 2025, with schemes previously stalled due to the CALF review reaching completion.

The SHIP programme will be supplemented by acquisitions, RAS units, Repair and Lease and voids.

The level of activity on social housing is spread across the county, with scheme sizes ranging from a single unit to a scheme size of over 60 units. The location of delivery is dictated by housing demand and availability of sites and in that context the Council is actively seeking strategic sites suitable for future housing delivery together with brownfield town centre sites that can regenerate an area and support the economic and social fabric of our towns and villages.



Figure 1 Blackthorn Close, Carrick on Suir

The following was the build delivery for 2025:	
LA Build & Turnkey	48
AHB Delivery (Turnkey)	150
Part V	34
Total Delivery:	232 units



Figure 2 Coopers Lot, Cashel



Figure 3 Glencarrick, Roscrea



Figure 4 Dun Lia, Thurles

Energy Efficiency Works

64 houses were completed under the Energy Retrofit Programme in 2025 and this included houses in Lattin, Nenagh, Newport, Puckane, Borriokane, Cashel, Cahir, Clonmel, Littleton and Tipperary.

A further list of houses is at various stages of progression including a number of units at construction stage. Further units are currently being assessed in accordance with the Departments guidelines which has been generated from houses proposed by each Municipal District.

Qualifying works under the scheme typically involve insulation, upgrades of windows and doors and installation of heat pumps (renewable energy heating systems) up to a monetary limit set out be the scheme.

Private Rented Accommodation Inspections

The Housing Authority is continuing to implement and affect enforcement of standards within the private rented sector.

During the year a total of 1,121 inspections were carried out. This included:

Inspection Statistics	Quantity
RAS	94
HAP	606
Private rented	405
Other (MTR, LTL etc)	16
Total	1,121

Where necessary, letters issued to owners of property identifying items to be addressed and further follow up action is being taken to ensure compliance with the standards.



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Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)

Tipperary County Council acknowledges the progress that continues to be made by Approved Housing Bodies in the delivery of social housing units at various locations across the County.

Projects which were supported using the Capital Assistance Scheme included:

- Fethard & District Day Care Centre CLG have received Stage 1 CAS funding approval to proceed with a scheme which will see the old Presentation Convent in Fethard redeveloped. A Stage 2 application will be submitted in Q1 2026 to provide 19 housing units. 10 of these will be refurbished units within the existing structure and a further 9 units will be built on site.
- FHIST Voluntary Housing Association CLG received Stage 2 CAS approval to proceed with a scheme to build 6 x 1 bed units at Morton Street, Clonmel. These units will be available to persons on the Council's waiting list with mental health difficulties. Planning permission was received for the scheme and a Stage 3 application will be submitted in Q1 2026.
- Thurles Lions Trust Housing Association received Stage 2 CAS funding approval for the development of 6 x 1 bed units at An Clos, Croke St, Thurles to house a mix of homeless and elderly persons. Planning permission was subsequently received for a 5 unit scheme. A stage 3 application for the revised scheme will be submitted in Q1 2026.
- Thurles Lions Trust Housing Association received Stage 1 approval for the development of Phase II of the Matthew Bourke House scheme which will add an additional 10 new build units to the scheme.
- Thurles Lions Trust Housing Association have received Stage 3 approval for the renewal of one unit and the build of a second unit at Limerick Rd, Roscrea which will accommodate persons with a disability.
- Belmont Park Housing Association have received Stage 2 CAS funding approval for a scheme of 7 units at Gort an Oir, Fethard. These units will be used to house persons with disabilities. There will be 3 x 1-bed units and 4 x 2 bed units. This will provide 11 bed spaces which will accommodate 9 service users with overnight accommodation for 2 staff carers. Planning permission has been received for the scheme and a Stage 3 application will be submitted in Q1 2026.
- Clonmel Voluntary Housing Association have applied for CAS funding to acquire 5 x housing units on a turnkey basis at Plaza View, Davis St, Clonmel. These units will accommodate older persons.

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)

The CALF scheme allows the approved Voluntary Housing Bodies to access private or Housing Finance Agency (HFA) loans for the purchase of or construction of social housing. The CALF scheme allows them to borrow up to 30% of the cost enabling them to access commercial bank or HFA funding for the remainder.

The units then become available for social housing under a Payment & Availability Agreement with the Council.

Cluid Housing Association have delivered Phase 2 and 3 of Meadow View, Farralahassery, Cahir which is 31 units, Phase 3 of Coopers Lot with 16 units in Cashel. Cluid Housing Association also delivered two Schemes one in Dun Lia, Thurles, with 61 units in total, the second at Glencarrick, Roscrea with a total of 50 units.

Cluid intends to deliver Rosefield in Tipperary Town 16 units. Respond plan to deliver Coopers Phase 3 of 15 units in Cashel, and Respond Housing intends to deliver 15 units at Glencarrick in Q1 2026,

Respond have 16 units in Rosefield, Tipperary Town which is due for delivery in Q2 2026. Respond also intend to deliver 67 units at Tyone in Q3 2026, and Phase 3 of Coopers Gate, Cashel of 16 units.

We have applications gone to the department for Oaklee for development of 30 X 1 and 2 bed apartments in Clonmel, and Cluid have an application for 55 units in Q3 in 2027 also in Clonmel.

Mortgage to Rent

Approved Housing Bodies or private operators in the market also purchase properties that become available under the Mortgage to Rent scheme and, facilitated by Tipperary County Council, lease these properties back to the owners over a 25-30-year term. This prevents the owners of the properties from becoming homeless and allows them to remain living in their own homes and their status changes from Borrowers/Owners to tenants. There are currently 2 Approved Housing Bodies and 3 private operators approved to participate in the scheme.

In total, Tipperary County Council have facilitated the completion of 140 units under the mortgage to rent scheme since its inception. 23 units entered the scheme in the county in 2025.

AHB Forum

There is continuous engagement with Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) through the AHB forum. Over the duration of the Housing for All programme the AHB's have been tasked with delivering 40% of the 1,125 houses set to be delivered in the coming years. The AHB forum provides a means of managing delivery of that target.

The forum facilitates the Council to:

- provide details on the type and quantity of the housing need in specific areas of the county
- reduces competition in local areas to ensure that each AHB is maximising delivery county wide
- engage with AHB's to ensure the prompt tenanting of new and existing properties

The forum has helped to identify areas of need by linking in with other bodies; for example, the provision of housing for persons with a disability and the work required to identify all of the people who fall into this category and how best to provide the specialized housing and associated supports.

The formation of a second forum to allow for the direct interaction between housing officers from the AHB's and the Council has also made the process of selecting new tenants more efficient.



140 units under the Mortgage to Rent Scheme



Traveller Accommodation

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029

The Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) 2025 to 2029 was formally adopted by the Council during 2025. This Plan outlines the accommodation requirements of the Traveller Community over a five year period from 2025 to 2029. The projected housing units needed over the five year period is 110.

In parallel to this the Housing Section have developed a Traveller Accommodation Capital Programme for the next five years with similar spend and targets to previous years.

Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meeting

Tipperary County Council held 4 Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meetings (LTACC) in 2025; in February, May, October and December. Items discussed included Traveller Accommodation Plan, progress on the Traveller Capital Plan, the Caravan Loan Scheme, Traveller Clinics (outreach) and the use of Choice Based Letting.

Tipperary Traveller Educational Initiative

Throughout 2025, the Council continued to support the Traveller Education Initiative in Cashel. Additional funding of €137,750 was secured, and discussions took place in late 2025 to advance the initiative by engaging Youth Work Ireland to manage the facility.

Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation

The Council undertook the Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation, as required under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998. The total number of families currently is 471.



Total number of traveller families is 471

Estate Management

Tipperary County Council continues to promote estate management initiatives and awarded amenity grants to Resident Associations under the Council's 2025 Estate Management Budget. This funding supports the enhancement and development of the physical appearance of our Local Authority estates.

The Housing Estate Management Section again hosted an annual excursion for Local Authority Resident Associations. This year saw new participants, with some estates taking part for the first time and others returning after many years. It is always encouraging to include the residents, both young and old, who contribute to keeping their estates clean and tidy and well maintained, and who take part in the many workshops and projects throughout the year.

A total of 58 tenants from Resident Groups across the county travelled to Glenview Gardens, Farranashry, Co.Cork – beautiful gardens comprising of themed garden rooms, pathways, unique plants and shrubs, and a lake project - followed by lunch in Bandon. A second family excursion took place to Nore Valley Park, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny, coinciding with Halloween. Children enjoyed interacting with animals, walking the nature trails, choosing pumpkins for carving and exploring a corn maze. In total, 45 children and 37 adults participated.



The Council's Community Liaison Officers work to address anti-social behaviour, provide pre-tenant training and develop further training initiatives involving inter-agency support and community and youth projects in our estates. They work closely with a number of organisations such as STDC, NTDC, An Garda Síochána, the HSE, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, Tús; Local Community and Family Resource Centres and others to improve the quality of life for all residents and tenants in Tipperary.

Tipperary County Council actively engages with our tenants on an ongoing basis around issues relating to anti-social behaviour and estate management. The Council follows up on all complaints of anti-social behaviour and investigates all breaches of tenancy. Where sustained and continuous breaches occur and there is persistent failure to engage with Council staff on the matters then the Council will take enforcement action up to and including repossession of properties.

Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes

The Housing Adaptation Grants are available to assist in the carrying out of works that are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of an older person or a person with a disability.

The Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme covers three types of grants operated by the Council.

1. The Housing Adaptation Grant for Older People and Disabled People provides for the provision/adaptation of accommodation to meet the needs of people with a disability, works include access ramps, stair lifts, level access showers and extensions.
2. The Mobility Aids Grant is a scheme to address mobility problems and works include level access showers, ramps, grab rails and stair lifts.
3. The Housing Aid for Older People assists older people in carrying out necessary repair and improvements to their home.

The combined capital allocation, received by this Council in 2025, for the payment of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People Scheme, was €4,638,725 in additional funding requested by the Council. A total of 699 projects were paid and completed.

The Council received €1,984,478 to fund adaptation grants for Local Authority owned houses. 100 projects were completed.

The grants scheme was open to Priority 1 and 2 applications in 2025 for both private and local authority grants.



699 private grants issued and completed

Disability Strategy

The second National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027 was published on 14th January 2022. It aims to facilitate access and provide a framework for people with a disability to the appropriate range of housing and related support services delivered in an integrated manner, which promotes equality of opportunity, individual choice and independent living with the user of the services at the centre of policies and plans.

Tipperary County Council has prepared a Disability Strategic Plan to cover the period 2022 to 2027. The Plan aligns with and informs both the National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability (NHSPWD) and the principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The preparation of the local plan was coordinated and led by the Housing and Disability Steering Group, which is a working group of relevant service providers, including HSE, AHB's and service users chaired by the Council to oversee the delivery of disability services within the county of Tipperary.

The Tipperary Strategic Plan aims to facilitate access for people with disabilities to the appropriate range of housing and related support services. This Plan promotes equality of opportunity, individual choice and independent living. The core goal of the Strategic Plan is to meet the identified housing needs of people with disabilities in Tipperary whether they are currently living in the community and or in a congregated setting. A key element is that the actions are guided and informed by the lived experiences of service users and that it puts their requirements at the centre of the strategy.

In 2025 there were 120 Allocations made to persons with a specific requirement.

Disability Mental Health -	17
Disability Intellectual -	7
Disability Physical -	55
Disability Sensory -	35
Exceptional Medical -	6

Health and Safety

In 2025 the Housing Section successfully maintained the ISO 45001 accreditation which is the standard for management systems of occupational health and safety.

Radhac na Carraige in Glencarrick, Roscrea 47 unit local authority development is under construction and due for delivery in 2026





Community

Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) was established to support the Council in developing policy in the areas of social inclusion, community development and rural development.

The SPC membership includes:

- Elected councillors
- Representatives from the national sectoral pillars
- Members of the Public Participation Network (PPN)



In December, TVRS funding of €912,950 was announced for 3 projects across Co. Tipperary under the Town & Village Renewal Main Scheme

Activity in 2025

During 2025, the Committee held four meetings.

Key outcomes included:

01. Policy development - Multi-generational outdoor spaces

Progression of a policy proposal focused on the development of multi-generational outdoor spaces, aimed at creating inclusive public environments that support people of all ages and abilities.

02. Community Gardens Working Group

Establishment of a dedicated working group to develop a county Community Gardens Policy, supporting local food growing, community engagement, environmental sustainability and wellbeing.

Town And Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) Main Scheme

In December, TVRS funding of €912,950 was announced for 3 projects across Co. Tipperary under the Town & Village Renewal Main Scheme and €100,000 for 2 projects under the Town and Village Renewal Project Development Measure.

The details are as follows:

Main Scheme Project	Project Description	Grant Allocation
Cashel Town Park	Phase 2 development of the Town Park	€300,000
Nenagh Gaol	Renovation of 3-storey vacant Gaol lock	€500,000
Templemore Town Park	Enhance the Town Parks local	€112,950
Project Development Measure Project	Project Description	Grant Allocation
Carrick on Suir Duck Pond	To transform the under-utilised Duck Pond Area into a publicly accessible, environmentally sustainable amenity.	€50,000
Golden	Enhance Golden Island and adjoining site	€50,000



Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

In August, ORIS funding of €269,825 was announced for 7 projects across Co. Tipperary under the 2024/2025 Scheme. The details are as follows:

Project Name	Project Description	Grant Allocation
Cahir Loop Walkway	Excavation and surfacing of 950m road verge on a popular walking route	€39,600
High Kings Loop Walkway, Cashel	Construction of a new 400m section of footpath as a safety measure as part of the Kings Loop	€37,800
Littleton Labyrinth Car Park Development	The development of the carpark at The Littleton Labyrinth	€30,825
Tipperary Heritage Way Footbridge	Refurbish the existing pedestrian footbridge allowing walkers on the St. Declan's Way trail to traverse the river Tar safely	€39,600
Trail the Vales	To create a series of ten short-form videos for use on digital platforms highlighting the Munster Vales region	€36,000
Water Refill Stations Suir Blueway Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir	The installation of two water refill stations at Careys Slip and Kilsheelan	€36,000

Project Development Measure

Project Name	Project Description	Grant Allocation
Suir Island Whitewater Channel (Millrace)	Re-watering of an old millrace channel on Suir Island, in Clonmel for recreational white water kayaking and specialist rescue training	€50,000

In November, funding of €800,300 was announced for 3 projects across Co. Tipperary. The details are as follows:

Measure 2

Project Name	Project Description	Grant Allocation
Bay Lough Access Walkway	Upgrade Bay Lough Access Walkway	€153,000
Widening and Signage Improvements along Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway	Widening and signage Improvements along Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway	€200,000

Measure 3

Project Name	Project Description	Grant Allocation
Thurles River Suir Walkway - Phase 2	Extension of Thurles River Suir Walkway from Ladys Well into Thurles Town Park via the Mill Road establishing a looped walk of 5km	€447,300

CLÁR Scheme

In November, funding of €465,369 was announced for 9 projects across Co. Tipperary under the 2025 CLÁR Scheme Measure 1 Developing Community Facilities & Amenities.

The details are as follows:

Project Name	Project Description	Grant Allocation
Burncourt Community Council	Upgrade works at Burncourt Community Hall	€58,568
Donohill Development Council Ltd	Stairs, handrail and kitchen facilities	€62,363
Araglen Carnival Committee	Accessibility and service upgrades to clubhouse	€52,592
Kilruane MacDonaghs GAA and Camogie Club	Carpark surfacing and footpath replacement at Fr. Niall O'Meara Hall	€65,000
Rearcross FC	Lighting upgrades at Rearcross FC	€50,724
Knockshegowna GAA Community Centre	Toilet upgrades at Knockshegowna community centre	€39,867
Knock Community Centre Committee	Upgrade works at Knock community centre	€63,074
Gortnahoe Community Playschool	Sensory garden at Gortnahoe community playschool	€8,835
Drombane Community Centre	Upgrade works at Drombane community centre	€64,347

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

In June, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht approved funding of €194,509 for capital projects and €46,475 for running costs to over 250 community groups around the County.

Community Recognition Fund 2025

In June, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht approved funding of €404,317 for 8 community groups across Co. Tipperary. This is the 3rd window of funding under the Community Recognition Fund 2024.

Name of Group	Project	Amount Awarded
Roscrea Swimming Pool	Roscrea Swimming Pool & gym equipment upgrade	€50,000
Roscrea Tennis Club	Roscrea Tennis Club facilities upgrade	€50,000
Dundrum Community Hall	Dundrum Community Hall Yard Upgrade	€50,000
Clonmel RFC	Clonmel RFC All-Weather Pitch	€50,000
Carrick on Suir Municipal District	Carrick on Suir Playground Upgrade	€50,000
Clonmel Rowing Club	Clonmel Rowing Club House Refurbishment	€54,317.30
Thurles Municipal District	Thurles Skate Park Renovation	€50,000
Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams GAA Club	Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams GAA Club Renovations	€50,000

SICAP 2024–2028

The Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is Ireland's national social inclusion programme. Its core function is to reduce poverty, promote social inclusion, and support equality by working with individuals and communities who are the most disadvantaged and least likely to access mainstream services. SICAP is delivered through the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and implemented by the two Tipperary Local Development Companies who are subject to KPI's. The LCDC Social Inclusion Subgroup has an active role in SICAP performance review and annual planning.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme 2025

Both Implementing Partners met or exceeded their targets in 2025 of providing support to 490 individuals and 40 community groups/networks or social enterprises in both North and South Tipperary.

SICAP case study were developed by both Implementing Partners in 2025.

North Tipperary Development Company:

Social Inclusion for Mens Traveller Group with a focus on social inclusion through education, mental health awareness and breaking down barriers.

South Tipperary Development Company:

People living in disadvantaged communities with a focus on youth and Community Activation: How one young person is shaping his community.

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

The Local Economic and Community Plan 2024–2029 is the statutory framework for coordinated economic and community development in the county, adopted by the Council following consideration by the relevant Strategic Policy Committee (SPC). Implementation is progressed through inter-agency actions, with regular reporting, action-by-action review and structured input from delivery partners overseen by an Advisory Group and the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).



Community projects supported renewable tallations (solar panels), LED retrofitting, EV charging points, rainwater harvesting systems and biodiversity improvements.

LEADER Programme 2023–2027

The Tipperary LEADER Programme 2023–2027 is being delivered through a partnership between Tipperary LCDC, Tipperary County Council, North Tipperary Development Company (NTDC) and South Tipperary Development Company (STDC), implementing the county's approved Local Development Strategy (LDS).

Throughout 2025, the programme progressed targeted and rolling calls aligned with strategic priorities including enterprise development, green economy transition, climate action, tourism, community facilities and social enterprise.

2025 Highlights

- A targeted Green Economy call supported enterprises and social enterprises investing in sustainability, employment growth and low-carbon initiatives, with grants ranging from €10,000 to €80,000.
- An environmental targeted call supported biodiversity enhancement, energy efficiency upgrades and climate mitigation measures within community and voluntary organisations.
- Enterprise supports were approved for tourism development, manufacturing expansion and specialist equipment investment to strengthen rural employment and innovation.
- Community projects supported renewable tallations (solar panels), LED retrofitting, EV charging points, rainwater harvesting systems and biodiversity improvements.
- A "Greening your LEADER Project" guidance document was developed by the LCDC to embed environmental considerations across all applications.
- The LEADER Annual Plan 2026 was adopted by the LCDC in November 2025, reaffirming the objective of full delivery of the Local Development Strategy by December 2027 through continued engagement, collaboration and innovation.

The programme continues to support balanced rural development, strengthen local enterprise capacity and embed sustainability across funded initiatives in communities throughout County Tipperary.

Pride of Place 2025



IPB Pride of Place Competition 2025

There were 4 Tipperary entries in the 23rd Annual *Pride of Place* Awards 2025. Judging was held in September and the Awards Ceremony was held in Limerick in November 2025.

This year's entries were as follows:

Entry	Category
Explore Carrick-on-Suir	Community Tourism Initiative
Clonmel Community Conversations	Community Wellbeing Initiative
Cabragh Wetlands	Climate Action & Biodiversity
Littleton-The Heart of the Community	Population 300-1000

The Cabragh Wetlands entry was a runner-up in the Climate Action & Biodiversity category.

Congratulations and many thanks to our four nominated communities who worked extremely hard for this initiative. County Tipperary is full of resilient and innovative communities. The cooperation between these clubs and organisations with Tipperary County Council makes for a thriving Tipperary. As a County we will continue to strive for better equipped local communities and work together to progress the many projects right across Tipperary.



Representatives from Tipperary groups nominated for Pride of Place Awards 2025 along with Tipperary County Council Chief Executive Sinéad Carr, Cathaoirleach John Carroll, Cora Morrissey SEO & Angela Sheehan TCC Pride of Place Liaison Officer.

Local Community Safety Partnership 2025

The first induction meeting of the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) took place on 5th December in Thurles MD. The LCSPs were formally established under the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024, and is a new Government-led structure designed to improve safety and wellbeing in communities across the county. The Partnership brings together a wide mix of people and organisations so that community safety is not just the responsibility of An Garda Síochána, but a shared collaborative effort. Each LCSP can have up to 30 members, 4 of which are mandated by National Office. These mandated reps are Local Authority Rep Director of Services level, HSE Senior Management level, TUSLA Senior Management level and An Garda Síochána Superintendent level. The rest of the Partnership is made up of elected members, community reps and voluntary reps. The first Official meeting will take place in January 2026 chaired by Tipperary County Council Chief Executive, Sinéad Carr, and the LCSP Chair and Vice Chair will be elected at this meeting.

Tipperary Comhairle na n-Óg

Comhairle na nÓg is the elected youth council which gives young people a voice in the development of local policies and services in Tipperary. It forms part of the national local authority structure for participation by children and young people.

2025 highlights:

- Engagement with Council leadership, including a meeting with the Chief Executive.
- Participation in Dáil na nÓg (national theme: Leaving Certificate Reform).
- Youth-led wellbeing initiative delivered locally, including a successful colour run.
- Ongoing national representation through youth panels and the Comhairle na nÓg National Executive.
- Annual Youth Conference hosted in TUS Thurles (8 November) with increased participation from youth groups and schools countywide.
- Representation at Seanad na nÓg contributing to priorities for Ireland's EU Presidency 2026 (including equality and cost of living).

Age Friendly Tipperary - 2025

Tipperary Age Friendly is part of the National Age Friendly Programme and operates in line with national governance structures, ensuring that the voice of older people remains central to local service design and policy development. Through cross-sector collaboration, the programme works to create communities that are inclusive, accessible and supportive of ageing well.

Annual Age Friendly EXPO

The 2025 Age Friendly EXPO took place in June, bringing together statutory agencies, voluntary organisations and community groups to showcase the wide range of supports available to older people across the county. The event continues to strengthen partnership working and improve awareness of services.



Dementia Awareness & Community Engagement

Tipperary Age Friendly partnered with the National Understand Together Campaign and National Tidy Towns to promote dementia awareness, sensory planting and universal design principles in public spaces. Workshops were delivered to Tidy Towns groups, followed by dementia awareness training across multiple locations.

The Virtual Dementia Tour was hosted in Tipperary, Clonmel, Thurles and Nenagh, enhancing understanding among service providers and community representatives.

Information & Housing Supports

A series of Age Friendly information events were delivered during the year, including housing information workshops and the "Ageing Well in Your Community" event in partnership with the HSE, focusing on access to services, safeguarding and preventative health supports.

Reminiscence & Social Inclusion

The third edition of the *Back in My Day* reminiscence project was launched in November in collaboration with Day Care Services across the county. The initiative continues to promote social connection, celebrate local heritage and support wellbeing among older people.

Age Friendly Communities

Templemore has commenced the four-stage process to achieve designation as an Age Friendly Train Station - the first such initiative in County Tipperary.

Work also continued in partnership with ALONE, the Tipperary Volunteers Centre and the Local Authority Integration Team to address loneliness and isolation, including targeted supports for older members of new communities.

Engage in Energy – Local Child Poverty Action Plan

Tipperary LCDC and CYPSC are progressing the Engage in Energy Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan 2025–2026, one of four national pilot projects funded under the Dormant Accounts Scheme. The initiative will be delivered in Tipperary Town, Roscrea and Carrick-on-Suir to support coordinated, evidence-based responses to child poverty at local level.

Planet Youth Tipperary

In 2025, Planet Youth Tipperary moved into a strong implementation phase. A total of 1,777 student surveys were validated and additional consultation input was gathered from young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs).

Schools received confidential reports supported by enhanced analysis, and findings informed presentations and planning across CYPSC, LCDC and partner services. The county report was published and presented to the Plenary of Tipperary County Council.



Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2026 (Key Actions in 2025)



Key highlights:

- Tipperary Mental Health Week (6-10 October): multi-agency delivery with countywide supports and two main public events, including a flagship event in TUS Thurles.
- MenoWell Programme (October-November): 250+ participants supported through midlife health and menopause education and activity.
- Be Well Programmes delivered in multiple locations, supporting physical activity and health education, with a promotional focus on older adults.
- Inclusive and accessible activity supports, including staff training for services working with older adults and adults with disabilities.
- Community growing and wellbeing initiatives supported through local grant aid and training.
- Cultural Companions established in Clonmel with 30+ active members; expansion planned for 2026.



Sláintecare Healthy Communities (Clonmel)

Sláintecare Healthy Communities activity in 2025 continued to progress prevention and early intervention actions in Clonmel, with a focus on community wellbeing and collaborative responses.



Community Conversations – Substance Use in Clonmel Public Meeting

Key highlights:

- Continued delivery and follow-through on Clonmel Community Conversations on Substance Use, including public engagement and subgroup action planning aligned to priority areas.
- Recognition through a Chambers Ireland Award (Local Authority Engagement) linked to the Clonmel Community Conversations initiative and local partnership.
- Strong engagement from school leadership (primary and post-primary) to progress an education response informed by Community Conversations and Planet Youth findings.
- Playful Streets delivered in Glenconnor Hill, Clonmel, supporting outdoor play, physical activity and neighbour connection through multi-agency collaboration.
- Progression of youth initiatives, including development of a youth festival model and continued work to sustain youth social prescribing.



Playful Streets



Progression of youth initiatives

Tipperary Public Participation Network (PPN)

The Tipperary PPN supports community representation and participation in local decision-making and strengthens collaboration across statutory and community partners.

2025 highlights:

- Two county plenaries (April and November) supporting networking, showcasing community activity and themed engagement (including climate and sustainable food).
- Training and capacity-building supports delivered for member groups.
- National profile through contributions to national and regional PPN network events.
- Progression of the county community mapping initiative, The Power of Place and People, to record community group and facility information to support planning and targeting of supports.



Some of the mapping staff chatting about how the project is going.

PPN membership at end 2025: 1,790 registered groups.

Social Inclusion:	251
Community & Voluntary:	1,468
Environment:	70

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) supports International Protection Applicants and Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection across the county.

In addition to coordinating accommodation and inter-agency supports, LAIT continued to work closely with statutory and community partners throughout 2025 to support integration, access to services and community engagement initiatives.

The team facilitated collaboration across housing, education, health, employment and community sectors to ensure a coordinated and responsive approach to emerging needs.

The following table details the number of individuals resident in the county at the end of 2025:

	End 2024	End 2025
Ukrainian Community (BOTP)	1,830	1,586
International Protection (IP)	800	1,005
Total	2,630	2,591



The LAIT was instrumental in strengthening countywide collaboration to ensure coordinated, responsive supports for new communities



Tipperary Sports Partnership

In 2025, Tipperary Sports Partnership delivered 266 initiatives, programmes, events and courses, engaging 10,288 participants across the county. Of these, 692 were people with disabilities, 7,254 were young people and 2,342 were adults. Notably, 58% of participants were female. The Partnership secured more than €807,000 in funding to support programme delivery.

The Partnership also contributed to strategic planning, including development of the Tipperary County Council Outdoor Recreation Plan 2025–2030 (*Embracing Tipperary Outdoors*) and progression of a county Sports Action Plan, expected to be finalised in early 2026.

Participation and Community Initiatives

A wide range of community-based initiatives supported increased physical activity and wellbeing across urban and rural areas. Programmes included Activator Walking initiatives, Bike Week events, inclusive water-based activities along the River Suir, and the continued development of Community Sports Hubs. The Playful Streets initiative was also piloted, promoting accessible street-based physical activity and neighbour engagement.

Young People and Schools

Sports Partnership programmes strengthened school and youth participation through Active Schools initiatives, cycling proficiency training, rowing and athletics programmes, and partnerships with local clubs and national governing bodies. Engagement extended from early years through to secondary level, supporting active lifestyle habits from a young age.

Inclusion and Disability Sport

Inclusive sport remained a strong focus, with Sports Ability Day delivered in Thurles and expanded disability sport programmes including boccia, inclusive swim initiatives and adaptive equipment supports funded through Dormant Accounts. Collaboration with service providers and schools ensured accessible participation opportunities across the county.



Women and Girls in Sport

Targeted initiatives continued to support female participation, including women's outdoor recreation events, Swimmin' Women programmes and school-based initiatives encouraging teenage girls' engagement in sport. The high level of female participation (58%) reflects this sustained commitment.



Summit Sisters, Lough Muskry

Strategic Development and Club Support

Ongoing club development supports included governance training, safeguarding workshops and coaching education. The Partnership also supported research and inter-agency collaboration to strengthen long-term participation pathways.

Football Development (Summary)

In 2025, Football Development Officers supported club development, governance and participation initiatives across County Tipperary, reinforcing pathways from grassroots through to structured community engagement.

The programme focused on strengthening club standards through the FAI Club Mark accreditation process, helping local clubs meet good practice benchmarks in governance, child welfare and organisation management. A number of clubs achieved accreditation milestones in 2025, reflecting ongoing improvement in club governance and compliance.

Support for coach education and development continued, with multiple courses delivered across age groups and skill levels. These included introductory and grassroots coaching courses, referee training and child safeguarding workshops. Such training equips volunteers and leaders with the skills needed to deliver high-quality, safe sporting environments.

School and youth engagement remained a key priority, with programmes delivered in partnership with primary and post-primary schools to encourage early participation. National FAI programmes and in-school initiatives reached hundreds of students, reinforcing physical activity, teamwork skills and healthy lifestyles through sport.

Women's and girls' football continued to grow, with expanded club pathways and dedicated programmes encouraging participation at all ages. Football for All initiatives further underscored inclusivity, providing structured opportunities for players with disabilities to engage in regular football activities in a supportive environment.

Across the county, Football Development efforts in 2025 contributed to stronger club structures, increased participation, enhanced coaching standards and more inclusive access to sport — all supporting the wider objectives of community wellbeing, activity and social connection.



Biodiversity

Biodiversity Week:

Biodiversity Week 2025 was marked by a series of engaging community events across the county, each designed to raise awareness of local wildlife and to encourage practical action for nature.

The programme began with a *Business for Biodiversity* workshop delivered in collaboration with the Tipperary Green Business Network and TUS, where business owners received practical guidance on making their premises more biodiversityfriendly. This was followed by a guided foraging walk in Upperchurch Bog, exploring the traditional and medicinal benefits of native plant species. Communities also joined an evening bat walk in Denis Burke Park, Clonmel, learning about the ecology and behaviour of local bat populations, while a moth trapping and identification session at Cabragh Wetlands offered participants an opportunity to discover the diversity of nocturnal insects in the area. Biodiversity Week aims to inspire people of all ages to appreciate, protect, and become actively involved in conserving our natural heritage. All events were made possible through funding from the Local Biodiversity Action Fund and the Heritage Council, whose support continues to play a vital role in promoting biodiversity awareness and action at community level.



Biodiversity Week Foraging Walk in Upperchurch Bog

Launch of Booklet on Insects for Children

The Biodiversity Office funded the launch of a booklet on the Insects of Tipperary in May 2025. The book was written by Clonmel based photographer Neill Halligan and is currently being distributed throughout libraries in the County.

The aim of the booklet was to encourage children to engage with nature and in particular with the insect world. The booklet was distributed throughout the Tipperary Libraries and at other public events during Heritage Week.



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Heritage Week and Wild Child Day

Heritage Week 2025 took place from 16th–24th August 2025, celebrating Ireland's natural, built, and cultural heritage through a vibrant programme of nationwide events. In County Tipperary, activities ranged from family days and heritage talks to guided workshops, with one of the highlights being Wild Child Day at Cabragh Wetlands on 23rd August. This event encouraged children and families to explore nature through guided walks and hands-on outdoor activities, reflecting the Heritage Council's broader aim of building awareness, fostering appreciation, and inspiring conservation of Ireland's Natural heritage. Wild Child Day as a fun and engaging way for young people to connect with the natural world and develop a lifelong relationship with nature. In 2025, Wild Child Day at Cabragh Wetlands was also held as a collaboration between the Tipperary County Council Biodiversity Office and Integration, ensuring that families from the Ukrainian community settled in Thurles were invited to take part in the celebration. On Sunday the 24th of August, a Butterfly and bee identification walk was held at Lough Dhoire Bhile. The walk was facilitated by Tipperary based entomologist Louise Garcia, the walk was very popular with 18 in attendance on the day.



Biodiversity treasure Hunt



Moth Identification



Heritage Week 2025



Butterfly walk at Lough Dhoire Bhile

Tidy Towns:

On the 8TH February the Biodiversity Officer presented at the Tidy Towns Workshop in TUS Campus, Thurles on *How to showcase Biodiversity in Tidy Town's Applications*. In April 2025, the Biodiversity and Heritage Officers attended the Tipperary Tidy Towns Awards ceremony at Ballykisteen. Throughout the year the biodiversity office engaged with Tidy Towns groups across the county.

Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) 2025

Tipperary County Council was awarded €93,800 in Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) funding for 2025.

Projects which were supported by LBAF include the following:

- The Tipperary Wetlands Survey (Year 3)
- A County Hedgerow Survey
- The National Mayfly Survey
- Biodiversity Training and Awareness
- Tipperary Nightjar Survey

Heritage Council Funding 2025

In 2025 Tipperary County Council were awarded €20,000 under the Heritage Council Biodiversity Action Plan grant scheme. The Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Scheme supports Local Authorities to develop and implement Local Biodiversity Action Plans, strengthen the Biodiversity Officer network, advance biodiversity research and conservation, and engage communities in protecting and enhancing local biodiversity. Elements of the BAP which were funded under the above scheme include the Tipperary Biodiversity Forum, AA/SEA screening of the draft BAP and Heritage Week events.



Biodiversity and Heritage Conference:

On the 6th of Sept 2025, in first Biodiversity and Heritage Conference was held at the Horse and Jockey Hotel. The aim of the conference was to bring together experts and community members to share information on current topics in biodiversity and heritage. Biodiversity experts speaking at the conference included; John Lusby (Bird-Watch Ireland) – Nocturnal Birds in Tipperary, Aine Lynch (NPWS) – Wildlife Crime, Jesmond Harding (Butterfly Conservation Ireland – Ireland's Butterflies. The conference was funded under the Heritage Council Biodiversity Action Plan Fund conference was well received with 55 members of the public in attendance on the day.



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Tipperary Museum of Hidden History



Overview

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History enables people to experience the cultural richness and pride of Tipperary through collecting, caring, interpreting and displaying the material history of our county for the enjoyment, education and benefit of all our users.

The Museum Service continued to deliver a highquality programme throughout 2025, with the local community remaining central to all activities and initiatives.

Exhibitions presented during the year included the *Clonmel High School 125th Anniversary Exhibition* and *Unleash the 80s*, a collaborative exhibition with the Clonmel Junction Arts Festival that highlighted the career and cultural impact of local media figure Vincent Hanley.



Unleash the 80's exhibition

The year concluded with the opening of an exhibition celebrating the life and work of renowned local artist Lilla Perry, further demonstrating the Museum Service's commitment to promoting and preserving the cultural heritage of the county.





Lilla Perry Exhibition

The Museum continued to uphold and actively work toward maintaining its accredited status under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland. In parallel, the Museum's online presence experienced significant growth, enhancing engagement and expanding its reach to audiences across Tipperary, throughout Ireland, and internationally.

2025 saw Tipperary Museum celebrate 25 years in its location at Mick Delahunty Square, Clonmel. Events throughout the year focused on celebrating and reflecting on the Museum during that time. In May History Ireland Hedge School hosted a podcast recording from Clonmel debating the future of Museums. Hosted on the History Ireland website an audience of over 300,000 people listened to the recording. Contributions from leading Museum professionals from both sides of the border discussed developments in Museums since the opening of Tipperary Museum in Mick Delahunty Square in 2000 and the direction Museums are now taking.



Programming

Tipperary Museums Education Office continued to lead ARTiculation – a national public speaking competition for TY students on art, artefact and architecture. After a regional final that saw a record number of Tipperary schools participating the All-Ireland Final was held in The Hunt Museum, Limerick. Students from Carlow, Tipperary, Clare, Kerry and Dublin participated in the Final with the winner selected as Lily Murphy from the Ursuline Secondary School in Thurles for her presentation on McCarthy's of Fethard.



Glenary Lost Village Public Walk Heritage Week



Glenary TY Multinational Students Technical College



The Annual Lecture Series continued in 2025 with the culmination of the Modern Ireland Lecture Series in April and the commencement of the Beyond Belief Series in October 2025. The focus of the series is the beliefs, customs and traditions practiced by our ancestors. Monthly lectures attracted record audience numbers with new faces appearing at all lectures.

With funding from the Tipperary Heritage Office and working to the national theme Heritage Week 2025 saw Deise Medieval recreate a Medieval settlement demonstrating crafts, trades, food and leisure highlighting Clonmel's origins as a Medieval Walled Town, while celebrating the Museums 25th anniversary.

Involvement with national events such as Culture Night, Bealtaine, Cruinniú na nÓg, Age Friendly and Creative Ireland as well as Maths Week and Science Week continued throughout the year with the Museum organising or facilitating workshops and events. The Museum Loan Boxes featured as part of a County wide Bealtaine Programme in May. Maths Week in November saw over 600 school children complete a maths trail of the Museum gallery. Culture Night saw a sold-out workshop in making inks from natural pigments.



Mini pedigree show



High School Exhibition



Heritage Week 2025

The local Education sector continues to be a mainstay of the Museums visitors with school visits by local primary and secondary schools weekly. With the local nature of its exhibitions the Museum can be a useful source of information and inspiration for students studying local history at secondary level and completing projects. Collaboration with the History teachers Association of Ireland for a Junior Cert History Quiz in 2025 also helped to grow secondary school participation.



Sculptor Philip Quinn teaching local students the art of stone carving

The Hands of Heritage Project successfully received 30,000 Euros in Heritage Council Funding in 2025 to continue the work started in the pilot phases of the project in earlier years. The aim of the project is to preserve and revitalise traditional Irish craft skills by engaging diverse audiences through education, participation, and connection to our cultural heritage. By bringing together local heritage artefacts and the skills used to create them, it aims to engage both the public and specific targeted groups. This programme represents a strategic investment in traditional Irish craft skills preservation. Structured workshops, skills demonstrations, and public events provide hands-on learning in techniques such as stone carving, sugán chair-making, and textile crafts. Visits to heritage sites and apprenticeship programmes as well as bringing out loan boxes of the museum collection deepen participants' tangible connection to cultural heritage.



Collection

Collections and Documentation work continued throughout the year. A collection of photographs related to Kickham Barracks were donated. Currently these images are being digitised with a view to making them available online.



Will O'Connell teaching Raheen College Students the art of woodwork

Tipperary Museum worked closely with Second Year Students of Raheen College, Clonmel throughout the year. The Students used Museum objects to inspire them to write either a creative or factual piece or to create a piece of art. The end result was a published book which was highly commended by TUS Lecturer Marie Walsh and then Mayor Pat English who both spoke in-depth about the student's achievement at the launch.

Museum staff continued to work towards safeguarding the collection and continue to try to provide a stable environment for objects both on display and in storage, working with National Museum of Ireland Staff and other Local Authority Museum staff to achieve these aims.

Queries from researchers both in person and online continue to be answered by Museum staff.

Funding

Our budget from Tipperary County Council along with increased funding from our cultural partners, The Heritage Council, The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Environment, CREATIVE Ireland, Heritage and Arts Office, has ensured our innovative and exciting programme of events and exhibitions has been realised in 2025 and will allow us to plan into 2026.



Heritage Services

The Role of the Heritage Office is to work with local communities and the local authority to

- Promote awareness and appreciation of the Heritage of Tipperary
- Promote active conservation of the Heritage of Tipperary
- Support gathering and dissemination of information on the Heritage of Tipperary.

This is delivered through the County Heritage Plan Programme, The Irish Walled Towns Network, Community Monuments Fund and other initiatives from the Heritage Council such as ICAN (Irish Community Archive Network). In addition to this the Heritage Office also delivers the Creative Ireland Programme for Tipperary in conjunction with the Councils Cultural Team and Creative Ireland and the Commemorations programme in conjunction with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and National Heritage Week.

In 2025 the Heritage Office collaborated with groups and organisations around the county to leverage funding and continued in our research and raising awareness programme drawing down funding of roughly €660k.

Raising Awareness Programme



A key priority in 2025 was to support heritage groups and organisations / community groups with a heritage interest to upskill by providing a number of education/training opportunities throughout the year.

Some of the highlights included

- Oral History course which ran for 6 weeks in April/May. Take up was very good and staff in the Council working in the Cultural Directorate also availed of the training.
- Know your locality with the Irish Heritage School. This is an online 5-week course that provides participants with the skills and knowledge to research their own localities. The course also included a field trip which took place in September to Athassel Abbey. Participants travelled from across the county and it was a great opportunity for groups at opposite sides of the county to meet in person.
- The inaugural Heritage and Biodiversity Conference took place in September. The Heritage Office hosted this event in the Horse and Jockey Hotel due to its central location. The Heritage session consisted of talks on living with archaeology, protecting cultural heritage and vernacular architecture in Tipperary. There was over 55 in attendance and there was very good engagement from the audience. The afternoon session focused on Biodiversity in the County.



Before and After Loughloher Castle

Community Monuments Fund

First established in 2020, the Community Monuments Fund aims to conserve, maintain, protect and promote local monuments and historic sites. Funding is available to allow conservation works to be carried out on monuments that are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support. The aim is to encourage access to monuments and improve their presentation and also to build their resilience to help them withstand the effects of climate change.

7 projects were awarded funding of €307,837 for 2025. These included:

- Loughloher Castle phase 2 capital
- Kilsheelan Church and Graveyard final capital phase
- Loughmoe Castle phase 2 capital
- Old St Marys Clonmel urgent capital works
- Ardcroney church repairs
- Emly Monastic site well repair.
- Clohaskein Castle Conservation management Plan



Repointing at Northwest corner Loughmore Castle



Interior reveal of St Ailbes well.

Heritage Week 2025



Heritage Week 2025 was the biggest event the Heritage Office has organised in the county to date, with over 100 events happening across the county. During this year's Heritage Week, the Council administered the annual Heritage Week Community Grant Scheme, providing funding for 22 community-led events. In addition, financial support was allocated to Council Services for the delivery of Heritage Week programming, which funded or part-funded a further 45 events. In total, the Council funded or part-funded 67 of the 100 events held during the week. There were several new applicants who ran events in 2025. This continued level of interest demonstrates that the scheme is offering valuable support to communities and is effectively encouraging groups and organisations to engage in Heritage Week initiatives.



Heritage Week events Roscrea and Clonulty

Irish Community Archive Network



After a year of development, the launch of the Heritage Tipperary portal on the Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN) platform took place at the Horse and Jockey on the evening of Tuesday, 18 March. iCAN is the leading national organisation dedicated to supporting and promoting digital community archives in Ireland, and the integration of the Heritage Tipperary portal within this network represents a significant milestone in advancing the county's digital heritage initiatives. With much of Ireland's material, intangible and cultural heritage in the care of its citizens and diaspora, iCAN is empowering local communities to document their own history, heritage and culture on digital platforms and make it accessible to people all over the world. It works in partnership with the National Museum of Ireland, the Heritage Council and Local Authority Heritage Officers to support local groups to develop and maintain their own online community archive. There are currently 45 online archives. The Heritage Office acknowledge the significant efforts of the pilot groups whose dedication and hard work contributed significantly to the development of the portal. Their efforts have resulted in exceptional and richly informative sites. These sites can be viewed at: <https://heritagetipperary.org>



Group picture of the iCAN Tipperary groups at Horse and Jockey at launch of portal on 18th March



Tipperary iCAN groups at Network Gathering Claregalway

Creative Ireland



Tara Power was appointed as the Creative Communities Engagement Officer by Tipperary County Council from July 2025 with responsibility for delivering the Creative Ireland core programme and to implement additional programming across the County.

The Community Grant Scheme and the Project Award Scheme 2025 supported a diverse range of highquality initiatives that demonstrated strong collaboration and delivered significant benefits to communities across the county. Details of these projects are available at: <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/tipperary>. In addition to the Cruinniú na nÓg programme, these initiatives collectively engaged the people of Tipperary with the county's rich heritage, biodiversity, culture, and creativity. Across the year, a total of 87 projects were supported, reaching an impressive combined audience of 38,549.



Photos: Various funded projects from the Community Grant and Project Award

Crinniú na nÓg 2025



Jam at the Plaza

Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's national festival of creativity for young people, was celebrated on Saturday 7th June across Tipperary. Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. Tipperary Creative Ireland office together with Tipperary Library Service, Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, Arts Centres & creative providers throughout Tipperary were delighted to present a busy day of FUN creative activities for all.

This year's festival for children and young people featured an extensive programme of activities, including dance, circus, music, painting, arts and crafts, robotics, jewellerymaking, storytelling, Lego construction, drama, workshops, baking, drawing, claywork, garden design, youth theatre, and a Shared Island project delivered in partnership between Youth Work Cashel and the Clonmore Youth Group, Armagh. In total, more than 40 events and creative projects were delivered, attracting in excess of 2,000 participants and audience members.



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Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg Shared Island Rock of Cashel and Navan Fort



Trip to Armagh and return trip to Cashel

Tipperary County Council, in partnership with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, secured funding through the Cruinniú na nÓg Shared Island initiative. This project was delivered in collaboration with Youth Work Tipperary – Cashel and the Clonmore Youth Group in Armagh City. Given the significant cultural connection between both locations through the Royal Sites of Ireland—specifically the Rock of Cashel and Emain Macha/Navan Fort, the project brought together two groups of teenagers to engage in a series of creative, heritage-focused activities. Participants collaborated to produce a short documentary film, took part in cultural and artistic workshops, and visited each other's communities as well as the Royal Sites in Cashel and Armagh. A total of 30 young people from both counties, supported by their youth leaders, took part in this crossborder initiative



Creative Health and Wellbeing Project



The Creative Health and Wellbeing project, delivered in partnership with Helium Arts, the HSE, Tipperary County Council, Limerick County Council, Clare County Council, and their respective Healthy Ireland departments, spanned a two-year period and had a significant and lasting impact on children and young people with chronic health conditions across the three counties. The programme engaged participants aged 8–12 and 13+ living in the MidWest region through a broad range of creative activities, including painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, clay work, photography, video, animation, design, crafts, collage, model making, 3D construction, and shadow and light exploration. These activities provided valuable opportunities for creative expression, skill development, social connection, and enhanced wellbeing for young people managing long-term health challenges.



Musicians on call



Musicians-on-call 2025 was a project connecting person-centred live music-making opportunities to residents and healthcare staff in Nursing Homes and Community Hospitals in the Midwest. Launched in 2024, the aim of the 2025 programme was to continue the project partnership with the Older Person's Residential Services in the Midwest Community (CHO3) Healthcare Area, extending across all nine HSE Residential Nursing Units. Three nursing homes in North Tipperary benefited by the project with 4 visits each (12 Live Music Visits).

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Across Tipperary, 87 creative projects reached more than 38,500 people - proof of a community deeply connected through heritage, culture, and creativity.



Basking - The Nursery: An exhibition by Tom Meskell; At 6's & 7's Gallery, Tipperary Town; Nov-Dec 2025. Photo by Caleb Barrett

Arts Service

“Making Tipperary a better place through the arts” is the overarching vision of the Tipperary Arts Service as expressed in Tipperary A Place for the Arts 2023-2027. This County Arts strategy provides a roadmap for Tipperary County Council to continue its work to support an environment where the arts can flourish to the benefit of artists, cultural producers, local communities and visitors to the county.

We work towards the continuing development of the arts in the county in partnership with a range of stakeholders including our funding partners The Arts Council.

Our work is guided by the Tipperary Arts Strategy across four strategic priorities:



The work of the Arts Office requires a strategic, collaborative, and creative approach to meet its core principles of *Imagine, Inspire, Invest*. Tipperary County Council has developed a strong vision for the arts in the county through its desire to ensure that everyone who lives in or visits Tipperary has the opportunity to engage with and participate in the arts and enjoy a vibrant cultural life. The work of the team at Tipperary Arts Office in implementing this vision for the arts is multi-faceted and imaginative, and encompasses a wide range of services, actions, and activities. This includes provision of information and advice, advocating for the arts at a local and national level, brokering partnerships and collaborations, undertaking research and planning, seeking investment for the arts, and supporting artists, cultural producers and the arts infrastructure through the management of a range of schemes and programmes.

The year 2025 was marked by significant progress, with a strong focus on audience and community engagement, supporting a range of activity, infrastructure and initiatives to develop the arts. Looking ahead, we remain committed to working with the arts sector across Tipperary to fully implement this strategy and maximize opportunities for artistic growth throughout the county.

ENGINE Shorts Film Scheme

The Arts Office joined forces once again with partners in Limerick and Clare for the 3rd edition of *ENGINE Shorts*. This film training & production scheme aims to inspire and support up-and-coming filmmakers to create world-class shorts that resonate with a wide international audience. It also offers the opportunity for emerging local crew to gain real-world experience on funded productions and to receive industry guidance.

The ambitious short film training and production scheme for emerging talent has already produced 12 films over the first two editions, and seen commissioned films screened globally, picking up awards in London, Belfast, Chicago and screening at the famous SXSW festival in Austin, Texas.

In 2025, twelve writers were shortlisted, three from county Tipperary, for a training programme that took their ideas from script development to post-production and with a chance to pitch to an industry panel. The winning Tipperary projects, *First Bloom* by writer Caroline Brady, directed by Patrick Fogarty and *Reborn* by writer Tzarini Meyler have been developed into shorts and premiered on 6 December at the Belltable Arts Centre in Limerick with a private screening for cast and crew at The Source Arts Centre in Thurles on 10 December. These films will go on to be entered in film festivals around the world during 2026.

Run by Innovate Limerick through Film in Limerick, Engine Shorts is a partnership between the Local Authorities in Tipperary, Limerick and Clare, and Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.



Premier of winning Tipperary projects at The Source Arts Centre, Thurles, photo courtesy of ENGINE Shorts



Tzarini Meyler, writer & Jayne Foley, Director pictured at The Source Arts Centre, Thurles. Photo: Tipperary Arts Office

Creative Engagement: an artist networking event



Artist networking event at The Source Arts Centre, Thurles, photos by Esther Griffin

Tipperary Arts Office invited artists and creative practitioners working across all disciplines to **Creative Engagement** - a free networking and information sharing event to explore socially engaged practice with special guest artist Marie Brett.

Taking place in the Source Arts Centre (Thurles) on 6 March 2025, the event was designed both for those starting out in this area as well as artists with experience in socially engaged practice and collaborative working. The event included discussions on the intersection between social engagement and therapeutic work, and considerations on how to balance artists' expectations with the needs of the participants. The subjects of co-creation, ethics, ownership of content and best practice in collaborative working were also explored. During the session Marie shared some of her own experiences. Artists and creative practitioners also had the opportunity to connect and network with other creative people and share thinking and experience.

Prints for Schools Exhibition

An exhibition of thirty-two contemporary prints by Irish artists is available on loan each year from the Tipperary Arts Office for cultural and educational purposes. The prints are specially packed for easy handling and transport and include works by well-known Irish Printmakers including Peter Knuttel, Des Mac Mahon and Mary O Dea. Secondary schools may use the exhibition to enhance delivery of the art curriculum in a variety of ways to suit their requirements and printmaking workshops are also offered while the exhibition is in the school.

In 2025, the print exhibition was hosted by Colaiste Dun lascaigh in Cahir and CBS High School in Clonmel and also toured to the Thomas MacDonagh Museum in Cloughjordan attracting new audiences during the summer months.



Mary O Dea, From Shannon Bridge to..., Tipperary Prints for Schools collection



Des Mac Mahon, Territory, Tipperary Prints for Schools collections

Tipperary Bealtaine Festival

For Bealtaine 2025, the Arts Office curated a diverse programme of live performances, workshops & exhibitions. 2025 marked the 30th National Bealtaine Festival.

Funding provided by the Arts Office enabled 10 professional artists to deliver 5 socially engaged projects resulting in 10 live events, including performances of a newly written play, an open mic night, a mini festival and a visual arts and poetry exhibition as well as the creation of a stop motion animation with specially composed music and visuals created by the participants. In all, 44 workshops and sessions took place in resource settings, community and civic spaces, and galleries. Audiences of almost 600 people attended the live showcase events and the stop motion animation has been published on vimeo and was available to view in Nenagh Arts Centre. Supports to the artists also included providing continued professional development and networking opportunities.



WAAG Exhibition at STAC, photo by John D. Kelly

An important aspect for the Arts Office is bringing events to people in hospitals, nursing homes and day care settings – making a show or programme accessible to people who wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to participate or get involved. This year the Arts Office funded music, theatre and reminiscence events in 14 care settings. The Live Music on Tour programme brought 11 professional musicians to perform in seven settings, including residential care homes, three hospitals, day care and community centres. The Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and Creative Places Tipperary Town supported five memory box sessions, while the Arts Office worked with Festival in a Van to deliver two poetry play performances in day care centres. 355 people in care settings enjoyed the programmes delivered. Feedback from these events has been very positive with all settings requesting more programmes in the future.



Festival in a Van, Fethard Day Care Centre, photo by Fethard DCC

An important element of the 2025 programme was the support to South Tipperary Arts Centre in hosting its symposium looking at the legacy of WAAG which was held in conjunction with STAC's WAAG archival exhibition. Founded in Clonmel and active between 1987 and 1991, WAAG was a collaboration of women artists, art historians, and professionals working in the arts, and was established in response to the exclusion of women artists in Ireland. Over 40 people attended the symposium.

The Arts Office also supported two film performances for Bealtaine audiences in conjunction with Access Cinema in Carrick on Suir and Terryglass and a folklore talk in Cloughjordan.



Map of Bealtaine events in County Tipperary

Culture Night Tipperary 2025

Celebrating its 20th edition, County Tipperary once again celebrated Culture Night on Friday 19 September 2025. The annual celebration of arts, culture and creativity was coordinated by Tipperary Arts Office in partnership with the Arts Council and delivered by arts organisations, creative practitioners, artists, performers and community groups across the county.



Clay workshop at Cahir Arts, photo by Sean Slattery



Harp Performance at Nenagh Arts Centre, photo by Odhran Ducie

A total of 37 different organisers and 488 artists, musicians, creative practitioners and volunteers delivered a record 56 events and activities. An audience totalling 2733 participants enjoyed the evening across 15 towns and villages in the county. Tipperary came alive with a vibrant programme of live performances, workshops, tours, screenings, readings, talks and exhibitions. Events were held in Terryglass, Borrisokane, Nenagh, Cloughjordan, Newport, Roscrea, Templemore, Thurles, Upperchurch, Cashel, Cahir, Tipperary Town, Fethard, Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir.

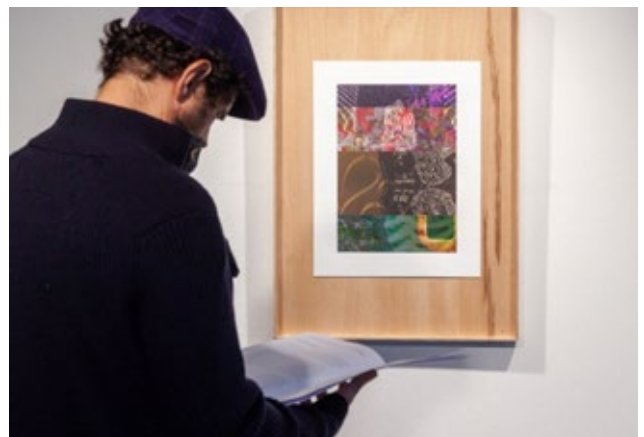
Following the success of the first late night event the previous year, Tipperary Arts Office in partnership with When Next We Meet Festival presented another edition of "ENTER THE NIGHT" as part of Tipperary's Culture Night LATE programming. Despite the rain, some 500 people enjoyed the LATE festivities at Kickham Plaza, Clonmel. Performances by Music Generation Tipperary, Eve Whelan, MDR and Bowden energised the evening, while headliner Skinner delivered a sensational performance with their experimental post-punk inspired alt rock.



MDR performing at Culture Night LATE, photo by Kevin O'Donnell



Skinner performing at Culture Night LATE, photo by Kevin O'Donnell



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Artist in Primary School Scheme

The Artist in Primary School Scheme aims to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist. The school and artist get together to develop a once-off unique project, encouraging creativity and artistic innovation between artist, teachers and children. In 2025, twelve schools and eleven artists participated, including one decarbonising zone project, engaging a total of 1387 pupils.

Pioneering the Artist in Primary School Scheme in Ireland for over 25 years the Tipperary Arts Office has coordinated an impressive 216 artistic projects between artists and primary schools, engaging with thousands of children to date. To mark the 25th year of the scheme and to celebrate the arts in schools, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council Cllr John Carroll presented Boher NS with a certificate of participation. The Cathaoirleach welcomed this “new element of the scheme which recognizes the school’s work and commitment to the development of creativity and the arts in their school.” The beautiful certificate was designed by Tipperary artist Sophie Quin and will be presented to all participating schools from now on.



Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council Cllr John Carroll presented Boher NS with a certificate of participation. Photo: Odhran Ducie

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*Celebrating 25 years
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Artist Mike Byrne in Lisvernane NS. Project: Lets Animate



Photo courtesy of Mike Byrne

Artist Mike Byrne worked with Lisvernane NS to deliver stop motion animation workshops based around the theme of biodiversity. The children were grouped and tasked with developing a story, tackling issues like pollution and climate change. The children made their own characters and props using various materials, created scenes by taking hundreds of photos for the film and edited sound effects and music.

Tipperary Rural Traveller Project Artist in Residence Programme



The launch of the exhibition 'Through Our Eyes, the World We See' in the 'At 6s&7s' Gallery in Tipperary Town. Photo: Caleb Barrett

The Tipperary Rural Traveller Project Artist in Residence Programme 2024/25, sought to create a meaningful shared experience that celebrated Traveller heritage and perspectives. Led by traveller artist Francesca Hutchinson, the residency began in late 2024 and engaged a group of young people aged 7 to 13 in exploring themes of growth and freedom. The participants attended a series of creative workshops over an extended period of time that introduced materials and techniques such as embroidery and drawing with thread, culminating in a collaborative piece rooted in traveller craftsmanship. The work was celebrated at the launch of the exhibition *Through Our Eyes, the World We See* at the *At 6s&7s* Gallery in Tipperary Town on Friday 4 July.

The residency concluded in October 2025 with the launch of the exhibition *Stories of the Wind* by Francesca Hutchinson and her grandmother Mary Hutchinson, also in *At 6s & 7s Gallery* in Tipperary Town. The exhibition displayed the work created by the artists as part of the Residency Programme and explored intergenerational connections to the land, expressed through textiles and visual storytelling.



Exhibition launch 'Through Our Eyes, the World We See' in the 'At 6s&7s' Gallery in Tipperary Town. Photo: Caleb Barrett



Launch of the exhibition 'Stories of the Wind' by Francesca and Mary Hutchinson At 6s&7s Gallery in Tipperary Town. Photo: Caleb Barrett

Festival Development

Tipperary County Council recognises the value of festivals, each of which has its own distinctive qualities and appeal, and we aim to ensure that our support and investment in festivals has maximum impact and benefit. During 2025, 148 festivals and events received funding through the Tipperary Festivals & Events Scheme, with a total of €337,940 in funding support approved by the elected members.

The Tipperary Arts Office continued its Festivals Promotion Campaign during the year, highlighting the vibrant festival scene in Tipperary and enhancing our reputation as a top destination for festivals and events in addition to supporting festivals own advertising strategies. This campaign featured on social media, using distinctive branding to maximize visibility and engagement and highlighted a range of festivals supported by the Council to inform the public about when and how to attend and to optimise linkages with partner organisations and sectors through joint promotion such as tourism agencies, local development etc.

During 2025, a new festival strategy was developed. Tipperary's third Festivals Strategy, *Bringing the County Alive 2025-2029*, guides the Council in its aims to

- support and sustain festivals and festive events
- celebrate and showcase our rich and diverse culture, creativity, sport, heritage and environment
- add vibrancy to County Tipperary
- animate our towns and villages
- deliver community engagement, local pride and economic benefit

The strategy will be implemented through twenty-nine actions grouped under four strategic priority areas and will guide our support for Festivals in the coming years.





Artist Training

Visual Artists Ireland serves as the representative body for professional visual artists in Ireland. Tipperary Arts Office continues to collaborate strategically with VAI and partners in Limerick and Clare Arts Offices to support artists' professional development in the region. This partnership provides networking opportunities and professional support, with four events held in 2025, including a webinar on effective funding submissions (with one-on-one clinics afterwards to receive personalised advice), training in effectively organising an exhibition, an online workshop on artists' studios & collectives and a seminar on social media presence.



Public Art: Beelines

A new piece of public art was been sited at the N24 Cahir Road Roundabout, Ballingarrane, Clonmel Co. Tipperary during 2025. Capturing Clonmel's cultural identity, *Beelines* is an artistic marker on a journey to or through the town.

Standing at 4.5 meters high, the sculpture acts as a permanent gateway to the town of Clonmel. Artist Kevin Killen uses cold rolled metal steel tubes to arrange a distinctive pattern that symbolises the energetic flight patterns of bees to create a contemporary flower-like form on a silver stem. The blue and ultraviolet colour tones of the flower are a reference to the sight of bees, in that bees see the ultraviolet end of the light spectrum. The metallic colours will change as the light changes, bringing a subtle mood to the artwork in all weathers. Similarly, the beautiful wild flowers and seasonal planting by Clonmel Borough District as it changes throughout the year will complement the artwork.



Artist Kevin Killen with Cllr. Pat English, Mayor Clonmel BD, Carol Creighton, District Administrator, Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian and Vincent O'Shea, Project Manager at the installation of Beelines. Photo by John D Kelly

Clonmel has long been known as the Vale of Honey and the town's traditional association with bees and honey inspired the "Flights of Discovery" concept, introduced in the Tipperary Tourism Proposition for Clonmel. *Beelines* responds to these ideas with a contemporary artwork that has relevance to the town.

Commissioned through a two-stage open submission competition, Beelines was funded by The OPW and Tipperary County Council as part of the Clonmel Flood Relief Scheme and developed in close cooperation with Clonmel Borough District.

Tipperary Dance

Tipperary Dance supports contemporary dance development in the region through its annual programme. Tipperary Arts Office supports specific audience building and access initiatives including Dance in Schools, Age in Movement and intergenerational dance initiatives to support access to dance as an artform. The 16th Tipperary Dance Festival in 2025, *Dance At Heart* took place from 1 to 10 October, featuring an exciting line-up of dance performances, residencies and masterclasses. 30 events were held over 10 days in Nenagh, Thurles and Clonmel with over 1,000 attendees. The community programme engaged schools and community groups delivering schools and family performances.



Photo by Daniele de Luca

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Tipperary Dance has expanded audience access to high quality Irish and International Contemporary Dance across the county
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'PUCKED' -Touring Theatre Production

Touring of the one-man theatre production PUCKED by Tipperary playwright and performer Cathal Ryan and Tipperary Director Jack Reardon was supported by the Tipperary Arts Office and Creative Ireland Tipperary. PUCKED tells the story of the young and ambitious Matty Daly. Immersed in the GAA from birth, Matty has one dream and one dream only, to play on his senior team. But he soon learns that playing senior isn't everything it's cracked up to be...

Running during January and February, a number of Tipperary post primary schools were supported to attend the matinee performances. PUCKED contains themes of masculinity and consent, with this in mind, the matinees were followed by a post-show discussion between writer and performer Cathal Ryan, representatives from the Tipperary Rape Crisis Centre and Tipp Hurler Conor Stakelum. The discussion engaged young people on the topics contained within the production with excellent feedback from schools.

Youth Theatre

In collaboration with local arts partners, Tipperary Arts Office continued to provide opportunities for young people to engage in Youth Theatre across the county in 2025.

Fracture Youth Theatre, in partnership with the Source Arts Centre Thurles, welcomed new members, including some non-native English speakers. On 8 May, the group had their final performance *Never Is an Awfully Long Time* with great feedback from the audience. The recently established Snapped Youth Theatre, run through Downs Syndrome Tipperary and supported by the Source Arts Centre Thurles, had consistent engagement from its members and performed at Cruinniú na nÓg 2025 and at *Empowerment Encounter*, Youth Theatre Ireland.

Nenagh Youth Theatre (NYT), in collaboration with Nenagh Arts Centre, had an active season with the delivery of two regular youth theatre programmes: NYT Players and NYT Explorers. The NYT Players programme is intended to offer a relaxed space where young people can come and explore their creativity without the pressure of having to stage a full-scale production. It was very popular with younger members and exam years. The NYT Explorers programme focussed on staging the full-scale youth theatre production *D.N.A.* by Dennis Kelly, with the members involved in acting, set and costume design and lighting. The play was performed for a live audience in March. Furthermore, the group was involved with Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival in October.

Tipperary Youth Arts Hub

The Tipperary Youth Arts Hub is a partnership initiative involving the NYCI National Youth Arts Programme, Tipperary Arts Office, Tipperary ETB and Youth Work Ireland Tipperary. The Tipperary Youth Arts Hub has been running since 2022.

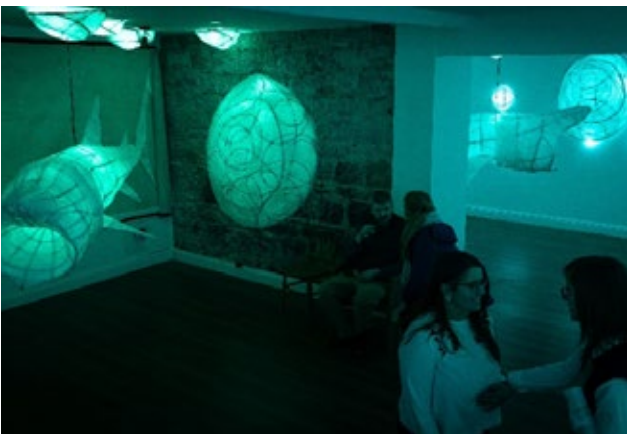
The Tipperary Youth Arts Hub invited Tipperary-based artists and practitioners with an interest in youth arts to meet for a day-long workshop on 11 February 2025 to explore youth arts practice, introduce the youth work context in Tipperary and participate in a youth arts workshop with artist Chelsea Canavan. The day offered practical activities and discussions and a supportive environment where artists could connect with other artists and practitioners.

On 27 May, artist Lynn Kirkham presented a willow workshop for creative participants at her studio in Tipperary and on 21 October, a full-day workshop on digital creativity was organised. Artist Michael Fortune led participants to maximising the potential of their phone - shooting, editing, and creating short pieces through practical, guided exercises at the beautiful Cabragh Wetlands Centre, showing how digital creativity can enhance an artists' practice.



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Basking - The Nursery, A Community Arts Project



Launch of Basking - the Nursery exhibition, photos by Caleb Barrett

Basking - the Nursery is a continuation of Tom Meskeell's acclaimed *Basking* series, exploring the majestic presence and gentle mystery of the basking shark through illuminated sculpture, gentle music and participatory art. This new installation, developed specifically for the Tipperary exhibition, *The Nursery*, draws inspiration from the early life of the basking shark - a rarely witnessed stage of one of the ocean's most graceful giants. The work brings together science, biodiversity, the arts and community in an immersive, illuminated underwater world.



*Really fabulous to walk
in off the street and be
immersed in such beauty*

Four local artists and creative practitioners received training from lead artist Tom Meskeell during the ten days he built the exhibition at the *At 6s & 7s Gallery* in Tipperary Town. Furthermore, Tom worked with nine students of a Foróige teenage group and 40 pupils from the Monastery school to create additional objects for display. The official launch of the exhibition took place on Friday 14 November by Cllr. Marie Murphy and included a talk by Dr. Ruth Leeney, Interdisciplinary Biologist at UCD. An artist talk was also held on Saturday 15 November. Some 450 visitors, including several school classes, viewed the exhibition during its five-week run. On Wednesdays, visitors were greeted by James, gallery assistant as part of his work experience. The visitor book overflows with wonderful feedback: "so beautiful and relaxing, I could stay here all day" and "amazing experience". Creative Places Tipperary Town organised three exhibition-themed workshops with Ukrainian families, TY students and visitors of the Dementia Café. One of the workshops was led by Magdalena Rudnicka, one of the local artists who had trained with Tom Meskeell during this project.



Basking - the Nursery as a window display, photo by Caleb Barrett

After the gallery closed on 19 December, the exhibition continued over the festive season as a window display, adding a new dimension to this project and engaging hundreds of passers-by who might otherwise not be inclined to enter an art gallery space extending access to the arts in everyday life.

A webpage on tipperaryarts.ie offered background information on the artist and the project via a QR code located on the window of the gallery. The webpage had 357 unique visits and 15 info-sheet downloads. The exhibition closed on 3 January 2026.

Summer Sounds

Summer Sounds Clonmel was a new initiative that brought vibrancy to the streets of Clonmel with the sound of music. Three sessions of live street music over four weekends in August, offered an exciting energy to the summer season.

(Acoustic) music sessions were held at various locations on the streets of Clonmel during the summer. The performances covered different forms of music, and ensured enthusiasm and enjoyment for locals and visitors alike. An accessible way for new audiences to meet local talent, this project organised by Tipperary Arts Office, in cooperation with Clonmel Borough District, showcased the Clonmel music scene.



Eve Whelan and Harry McMahon at Summer Sounds Clonmel, photos by Kevin O'Donnell

Funding

During 2025, 41 local community and voluntary groups were funded under the **Arts Act Grant** Scheme which enables and supports independent arts activities and events throughout the county, the value of this support in 2025 was **€65,000**. In addition, 32 artists were awarded funding under the **Tipperary Artist Awards**, intended to support professional artists under three categories, professional development, creation of new work, reaching audiences. The value of this support was **€28,445**. Three bursary awards were made to professional artists living in Tipperary to develop work at the **Tyrone Guthrie Centre**, a workplace for artists in County Monaghan under their Regional Bursary Scheme. Tipperary County Council also awarded a bursary to attend the **BLAS International Summer School of Traditional Irish Music & Dance** at the University of Limerick. The Blas bursary covers one week's tuition (one-week intensive of masterclasses, Irish language, lectures and concerts). The purpose of these bursaries is to support the professional development of artists.

Tipperary County Council and the Arts Office also supports several arts venues across the County, through funding supports and in an advisory and promotional capacity.

Support, advice, training and/or funding was provided to a range of artists, arts festivals and arts organisations - such as the **Children's Book Festival** and **Music Generation Tipperary** - throughout the County during 2025.

Library Service

Main Activities In 2025



Tipperary County Council Library Service continued to deliver a high-quality service during 2025.

There were over 384,000 visits to libraries in Tipperary, an increase of 9.7% from 2024. Approximately 510,720 items were issued, inclusive of hardcopy and digital, such as digital books, magazines and newspapers. In all, issues are up 21.6%, with the increase being driven by ePress on BorrowBox. In 2025, the Library Service expanded its digital offerings with the introduction of Comics Plus. This service provides members of Tipperary County Council Library Service with unlimited, simultaneous access to a comprehensive collection of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga from a range of library approved publishers. All titles are available at any time—24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year—and can be accessed on computers, tablets, and smartphones.

In addition, the Library Service recorded over 34,100 engagements on its Facebook page.



Bealtaine Festival 2025



Cllr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council launching Bealtaine 2025



Jim & Cáit Ní Riain from Jim O' the Mills performing in Tipperary Town Library as part of the Bealtaine Festival

Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine takes place as an annual nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity of people as we age. The festival is an initiative of Age & Opportunity, the national organisation working to enable the best possible quality of life for us all as we age. Locally the Tipperary County Council Bealtaine Festival is led by The Arts Office and Library Service working with other partners such as arts venues and community groups. Events take place in Arts Centres, Libraries, Day Care Centres, Community Halls, in Nursing Homes and with Active Retirement Groups.

A particular highlight of the 2025 festival was a series of concerts by Jim of the Mills who was accompanied by his daughter, Cáit Ní Riain. These concerts took place in Clonmel, Thurles, Tipperary Town, Nenagh and were very successful and were widely acclaimed.

Local Tipperary author Tommy Treacy visited Libraries in Tipperary Town, Cloughjordan, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Roscrea, Clonmel and Nenagh during the month of May. He spoke about his passion for the game of hurling and in particular Tipperary hurling which has inspired him to write his book *The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter*.

Nenagh Library hosted a fashion workshop with Geraldine Du Berry headlining the Bealtaine Festival's Style Masterclass! Guests were treated to top-notch tips on how to banish wardrobe chaos and unleash their fashion flair.

There were also candle making, Mindfulness and Well-being, heart health and singing workshops across the branch library network, all taking place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.

The Bealtaine Festival 2025 was launched by Cllr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council.

Tipperary Studies

2025 was another busy, successful and innovative year for the Tipperary Studies department. The ongoing success of the annual lecture series continues to engage not only historians but a wider audience of people interested in the history and heritage of the county. 2025 was also a landmark year for Tipperary Studies' digital presence, tippstudiesdigital.ie surpassing 5 million total hits. Across all platforms, engagement metrics showed significant year-on-year growth compared to 2024.

The Tipp Studies Digital platform saw the most significant rise, with active users doubling (+100%) to 40,000 and sessions increasing by 75%. The Tipperary Studies website also performed strongly, recording an 80% increase in active users (32,000) and a 45% rise in page views. The Tipperary War Dead portal maintained steady growth, with user engagement metrics up by approximately 23%.

In terms of innovation, the Tipperary Studies department was delighted to work with archaeologist Caimin O'Brien. The visual heritage offerings from Tipperary Studies has expanded to Sketchfab, where Caimin O'Brien has populated a new account with 488 3D gravestone images covering 37 Tipperary graveyards. This has been a wonderful addition to the online presence and reach of Tipperary Studies, and such engagement and collaboration bodes well for the continued reach of online material. In 2025, Tipperary Studies migrated its audio podcast collection from Soundcloud to Spotify to enhance both accessibility and the overall availability of the collection. YouTube viewership remains robust, with Heritage Week recordings performing particularly well since their December publication.

For Heritage Week the team at Tipperary Studies conducted an oral history project in Rossmore. The team visited the Rossmore Community Centre to meet with and record the stories, folklore and history of the people of Rossmore. The audio recordings have been uploaded to the digital archive. This was such a success that we hope to visit other community centres around the county to undertake similar project. Subsequent to this, the Maxwell Family, Rossmore donated books and archival material relating to the GAA to Tipp Studies. During 2025 the Derby Map was donated to Tipperary Studies by Margaret Moloney on behalf of her family. Her late father, Joe Moloney had retrieved the Map from the demolished Ballykisteon House in 1951. It consists of a book of folio maps surveyed in 1824 by John Longfield for the Earl of Derby. Digitisation of fifteen unique items such as school registers, the Derby map book, and North Tipperary graveyard registers enhanced its online content. Additionally, 300 items from the Reynolds post-card collection were digitised for preservation purposes.



Staff from Tipperary Library Service attending Literacy Changing Lives

Adult Literacy

Another significant highlight of 2025 was the invitation extended to staff from Tipperary Town Library to participate in the Literacy Changing Lives event, which took place at Croke Park on 16 June. Tipperary Town Library received funding through the Collaboration and Innovation Fund supported by Adult Literacy for Life. This funding enabled Tipperary Town Library in partnership with the HSE to deliver Irish sign language (ISL) classes in the community. Over sixty people from Tipperary participated in these classes which were expertly facilitated by Pat Matthews of Trinity College Dublin and his colleagues including the exceptional Louise Skerritt who brought incredible passion and skill to the teaching.

Cruinniú na nÓg 2025

Tipperary's Cruinniú na nÓg, the festival of creativity for young people was officially launched by Minister of State for Community Development, Charities and Rural Transport, Jerry Buttimer T.D. on Thursday 5th June in Cashel Library and was subsequently celebrated on Saturday 7th June across Tipperary. Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. Tipperary Creative Ireland office together with Tipperary Library Service, Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and Arts Centres and creative providers throughout Tipperary provided a busy day of fun and free creative activities for all. Events were held in the Source Library, Thurles, Cashel and Tipperary libraries to celebrate the day.



Conversational English / Irish classes

As part of its literacy mandate, the Library Service continues to undertake collaborative initiatives with communities for whom English is not a first language. Roscrea Library continues to facilitate weekly conversational English classes. These classes take place every Thursday morning and they are run in conjunction with North Tipperary Development Company.

There are also a number of comhrá classes and meetings which take place across the library network, particularly during Seachtain na Gaeilge, but also on a weekly basis.



Summer Stars Programme 2025



The Summer Stars Reading programme was launched by Cllr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council on 17th June. Students from Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles attended the launch where they were entertained by Magician 'Spageddy Eddy' who wowed students with his Magic Show and Balloon Modelling.

To launch Summer Stars Clonmel Library held a David Walliams workshop and a Roald Dahl workshop run by Anyone4Science. The Summer Stars programme, which is a national library promotion, is a terrific asset to families during the summer months where reading and the nurturing of a love of books and knowledge is encouraged in a relaxed manner. It assists in encouraging literacy in the home and facilitate reading among families.

Children's Book Festival 2025

The Children's Book Festival is one of Ireland's biggest arts festivals, with hundreds of free events celebrating children's books happening nationwide in libraries. The Festival places a major focus on children's books and emphasises the message that reading is fun, enjoyable, stimulating and inclusive. It is the biggest annual event that Tipperary County Council Library Service runs and is the highlight of the Library events programme. The Festival was officially launched by Cllr John Carroll, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council in Nenagh Library on 1st October. The occasion marked the beginning of a monthlong programme dedicated to promoting literacy and fostering a culture of reading among young audiences. The highlight of the launch was a performance by Arran Towers, appearing in character as the Big Friendly Giant (BFG). Other events included a children's archaeological workshop with archaeologist, heritage-educator and ancient craft specialist Frankie Callaghan; a "Writers in School" workshop with the author Richie Conroy; an interactive "Making Mythology" workshop with author Sinéad O'Hart, centred on her book *Sword of the Sun*; there was also a workshop titled *Our Volcanic Past* with Tina Keating where students constructed a model of an erupting volcano. Artist and illustrator Shannon Bergin conducted art workshops as part of CBF and there were also author visits from Maeve Devoy and Niamh Donnellan.

The Library programme included 52 events with ten different facilitators, including ones covering STEM subjects and sessions as Gaeilge. Over 1,370 children met authors / illustrators and performers this year. The main aims of the festival are to encourage children to enjoy the experience of reading and support their reading development; to provide activities and events in collaboration with writers / illustrators / storytellers; to promote children's books and stories and to increase engagement with families and schools and to attract new audiences.



Students from Comeragh College, Carrick-on-Suir participating in a course on CPR

Skills for Life

A new national initiative launched by the Libraries Development team at the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) was the Skills for Life programme. Skills for Life is a nationwide initiative aimed at equipping individuals with essential skills to navigate modern life.

Available across all 30 local authority library services in Ireland, the programme will offer support in six key areas:

- Basic Digital Skills
- Financial Literacy
- Media Literacy
- Business and Employment Skills
- Health Awareness
- Sustainable Lifestyles and Environmental Awareness

The programme's core objective is to provide equitable access, across all library services, to resources, workshops, and training that foster lifelong learning, personal development, and community engagement. This programme is being promoted across all libraries in Tipperary and for 2026 events; workshops and meetings will be held, which will embrace all of the six programme categories.

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Healthy Ireland at Your Library 2025

There were a number of events held across the libraries under the Healthy Ireland programme. Of particular interest were the Memory Café meetings and Dementia Awareness workshops. These clubs and meetings are for people with or affected by Dementia. Participants meet, share stories and give support, along with getting an opportunity to engage with the Magic Table, including a round of karaoke. The Memory Café in Carrick-on-Suir is held in conjunction with South Tipperary Development Company and SICAP. At Nenagh the Library and Alzheimer Society of Ireland hosted Dementia Awareness Workshops, with the aim to provide advice and support to the participants so that the community may make a positive impact on the lives of those living with dementia. Similarly, at Cashel Library a dementia workshop was hosted where Mai Nales, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Tipperary University Hospital, who specialises in dementia, spoke about her role and dementia projects within the hospital. Other events included a HSE Heart Health Talk and free blood pressure and pulse check in Nenagh and Thurles, where over eighty attendees availed of the BP check.



A fun way to learn geography was one child's reaction to "Our Volcanic Past" workshops with Tina Keating, goldsmith, geologist and gemmologist during CBF in 2025

Meitheal 21 at the Source Library, Thurles

Thurles Library launched a new Book Club for adults with Down Syndrome in collaboration with Meitheal 21. The aims of this book club are to Encourage Literacy and Life-long Learning; Facilitate the Development of Social and Life Skills; Enable Community Participation and promote social inclusion. Meitheal 21 are an organisation who provide an 'all-through-life' supports to people with Down Syndrome and their families across Ireland with specialists in the areas of health, speech and language, early development, education and adult education and independence that enhance the lives of thousands of children and adults with Down Syndrome across the country.

Thurles Library also collaborated with Down Syndrome Tipperary-Meitheal 21 on a project called ReCreate: Art for ALL. This was a vibrant and inclusive arts project designed to foster creativity and self-expression for people with Down Syndrome and additional needs. This initiative provides a platform for Meitheal 21 members with Down Syndrome, of all ages, from babies to adults, to explore various art forms in a supportive and inspiring environment. Through structured workshops, participants engaged in creative activities that celebrated their unique perspectives and talents. The project culminated in a week-long exhibition in September 2025 in Thurles Library, The Source, Thurles, showcasing the artistic journey of all members, from the youngest participants to adults.

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Community Garden at Carrick-on-Suir Library

The Community Garden at Carrick-on-Suir Library continues to go from strength to strength with great engagement between the library staff and the people who tend and work in the garden. They hosted a LEAF Grow It Yourself (GIY) talk on sustainable energy in March which demonstrated the empowerment of communities to grow their own food as a vital climate action. This community garden is helping to grow relationships as well as produce, offering locals a chance to learn something new, make new friends or to get back in touch with nature. The garden is supported by Tipperary County Council, the Carrick-on-Suir Men's Shed, the Lions Club, and members of the garden's own committee.

Successive librarians at Carrick-on-Suir Library have been instrumental in getting the garden established at the library, which, it is understood, to be one of only two libraries in Ireland that has a community garden attached to it. During the year Community Garden Committee, along with the Suir Valley Community Based Drug Initiative and other various community groups that work on the community garden, to plant a tree, the 'Tree of Hope' in the grounds of the library, to commemorate National Overdose Awareness Day which took place on August 31st

Nature Connection at Templemore Library

Templemore Library and Tipperary ETB collaborated to host a programme, entitled Nature Connection. Participants explored the benefits of connecting with nature through, eco literacy, nature connection activities and creative activities. The participants met in the library to explore course material practical work which then took place in Templemore Town Park. After the initial eight-week course, starting in January 2025 a similar programme was also delivered again in late spring, early summer. They explored the flora and fauna of the park and the benefits of connecting with nature. Literature and resources available through the library network were showcased to the participants.

Culture Night and Heritage Week

During Heritage Week, Clonmel Library hosted a talk on Vernacular Furniture with Michael Fortune, from folklore.ie. The library also hosted a Celtic Calendar Art workshop with Dabúlga Design (aka artist Colm Bolger). Attendees were given an overview of the Ogham alphabet and were guided on how to create their own bespoke calendars.

Cashel Library organised a Walking Tour of Historic Cashel, led by tour guide Maggie O'Malley-Brown. Later on in the week they hosted a Ceilí sa Leabharlann with Michael Cooney. Also, that week Carrick-on-Suir Library were delighted to host Eddie Lenihan, seanchaí (story-teller) and author, who had the audience enthralled from start to finish with his masterful storytelling.

Tipperary Studies held a lecture on the sporting landscape of Tipperary from the 19th century on into the 20th century with various sporting items on display for people to interact with.

For Culture Night Cashel Library saw the return of Jim Ryan and family members to host another "Jim O' the Mills Concert," which was again another resounding success.



Eddie Lenihan performing at Carrick-on-Suir Library



Exhibition and Gallery Space, Templemore Library

Exhibition Space in Libraries

The provision of space for artists, sculptors, photographers, wood workers, mixed media and multi-media crafts people are an important element in the community outreach of libraries. Throughout the calendar year there are many varied exhibitions held all across Tipperary, where local and national artists and indeed community groups and organisations get the opportunity to display their crafts / paintings / sculptures for free. For many the library is a potential gateway to a new career or announcing oneself locally.

There are many examples of the range of items which have been on display, from sculptor Philip Quinn, to the South Tipperary Arts Group, and even exhibitions of library related images curated by our own staff. Another example of the broad community reach is that of a workshop which was held in Templemore Library on traditional Ukrainian Cross Stitch Class was held and a presentation on the meanings attached to cross stitch patterns and colours in their region of Ukraine outlined the value of such spaces in libraries.

Urban & Rural Places



Roads and Transportation

The Policy of the Council is to maintain, develop and improve existing roads and to construct new roads as planning and resources allow.



Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee (to include Roads, Transportation and Water Services)

The Infrastructure SPC (Roads and Transportation) was established following the Local Elections 2024 and held four meetings in 2025, in February, April, September and December.

SPC Membership: 2024 – 2029

Councillors

Cllr. Jim Ryan (Chair), Cllr. Michael O'Meara, Cllr. Máirín McGrath, Cllr. John O'Heney, Cllr. William Kennedy, Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald, Cllr. Marie Murphy, Cllr. Micheál Anglim, Cllr. Fiona Bonfield, Cllr. JP O'Meara.

Sectoral/Pillars

Public Participation Network Representatives:

Ms. Patti O'Neill, Mr. Con Murphy, Ms Lily Torode.

Agriculture & Farming:

Mr. Baden Powell

Business, Commercial & Tourism:

Mr. Dan Egan

Development Construction:

Mr. Barry Ryan

Trade Union

Mr. Michael Crowe

Tipperary Transport Co-Ordination Unit

Mr. Anthony Moroney

A significant body of work was undertaken by the Committee in 2025.

Policy and discussion items in 2025 included:

- 2025 Allocations for Regional and Local Roads from Department of Transport
- 2025 Allocations for National Roads and Greenways from Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Review of Severe Weather and Storm Events
- Parking Harmonisation project – a considerable piece of work, was considered and discussed extensively at three SPC meetings. The resulting draft Bye-Laws went to Public Consultation in January 2026
- Presentation on major Roads Capital Projects
- Winter Service Programme
- Policy on Local Roads was recommended by the SPC and adopted by the Plenary Council
- Fleet Management and progress on Alternative Fuels
- Strategic Capital projects completed and under construction in Tipperary, funded by TII and DoT.

County Tipperary Road Classification

Lengths in Municipal Areas (per km)

National

Municipal Area	Nenagh	Thurles	Clonmel	Tipperary Cahir Cashel	Carrick	Totals
Motorway	39.00	38.00	0	39.00	6.00	122.00
National Primary	0	0	25.40	36.12	9.91	71.43
National Secondary	52.38	52.37	9.07	20.39	11.08	145.29
Total	91.38	90.37	34.47	95.51	26.99	338.72

Regional, Local and Tertiary

Regional	276.69	154.90	58.87	272.18	135.55	898.19
Local Primary	494.74	487.98	130.00	547.00	244.00	1903.72
Local Secondary	453.66	398.86	67.03	537.27	258.30	1715.12
Local Tertiary	260.86	242.46	98.05	321.92	131.25	1054.54
Total	1485.95	1284.20	353.95	1678.37	769.10	5571.57

Totals

Overall Total including Motorways	1577.33	1374.57	388.42	1773.88	796.09	5910.29
Overall Total excluding Motorways	1538.33	1336.57	388.42	1734.88	790.09	5788.29

Summary of Road Grants 2025

National Roads 2025 Allocations (initial):

Improvement	€ 5,742,800
Maintenance	€ 783,443
Construction of Major Roads (NDP N24 – Cahir to Limerick Junction & Oola)	€ 2,500,000
Greenways	€ 650,000
Total	€ 9,676,243

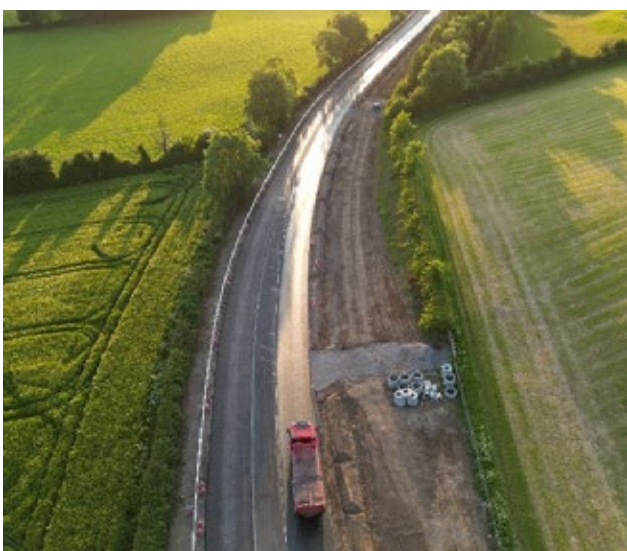
Non-National Roads 2025 Allocations:

This category refers to Regional and Local Roads. The maintenance and improvement of these roads in 2025 was funded by the Department of Transport, in addition to the Council's own resources.

The Council received grants for non-national roads amounting to €42,053,390 in 2025, as follows:

Discretionary Maintenance	€4,846,500
Restoration Maintenance (incl. Supplementary RM)	€4,548,000
Restoration Improvement	€19,319,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€1,070,000
Safety Improvement Works	€771,500
Drainage Works	€1,073,000
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€6,150,000
Specific Improvement Scheme	€560,000
PSCI Survey Support	€44,000
Climate Change Adaptation Projects	€938,490
Training Grant	€129,500
Former National Roads	€680,000
Community Involvement Schemes	€983,400
Speed Limit Review Signs	€940,000
Total	€42,053,390
Own Resources Allocation 2025:	€9,306,634

The Discretionary Grant of €4,846,500 was used to supplement the Council's own resources for ordinary maintenance of Regional and Local roads. The Council's own resources allocation for 2025 was €9,306,634.



*Over €61m invested
in National, Regional
and Local Roads*

Major Capital Schemes

Project Ireland 2040 – Our Plan (National Planning Framework and National Development Plan) sets out the investment programme for National Road infrastructure. In November 2025, the NDP Review Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport was announced, which referenced the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction, R498 Latteragh Upgrade and Thurles Inner Relief Road. The Review also listed the N24 Waterford to Cahir road scheme and a bypass of Thurles as projects to be advanced for future construction.

Outlined below is the current position in relation to major projects:

Major Road Improvement Scheme - N24 Waterford to Limerick:

In January 2018, two schemes were notified to TII by the Department of Transport:

- N24 Waterford to Cahir – Kilkenny County Council advised as Lead Authority
- N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction – Tipperary County Council advised as Lead Authority.

Both N24 projects were notified on the National Development Plan 2021 – 2030. Arup and Partners Ireland Ltd., t/a Arup won two separate appointments and are the Design Consultants on each of these projects.

N24 Waterford to Cahir:

Consultants Arup were appointed by Kilkenny County Council in August 2020 to complete Phases 1 to 4 and a project website was launched in February 2021.

Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility, was completed in April 2021.

Phase 2: Options selection commenced in 2021 and options were announced on 3 May 2022. Phase 2 was due to be completed in Q1 2024. The Proposed Transport Solution was announced on 19th January 2024. No allocation was provided for this project in 2024 or 2025.

Tipperary County Council await the inclusion of a 2026 allocation from TII to Kilkenny County Council in order for the project to progress to Phase 3.

N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction & Oola:

Consultants Arup were appointed by Tipperary County Council on 22 October 2019 to complete Phases 1 to 4 and a project website was launched in August 2020.

Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility, was completed in September 2020. The 'Transport Options and Alternatives' Public Consultation took place between 25 June and 6 August 2021.

Phase 2: Options selection was completed and a Preferred Transport Solution was announced on 23 May 2022. Tipperary County Council published the Options Selection Report in March 2023.

Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation Process commenced in 2023 and is programmed for completion in Q2 2026. This will define the land-take required for the preferred option. Design Update No. 1 took place on 23 January 2023. Design Update No. 2 took place on 25th October 2024 and announced a divided road.

Phase 4 involves an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála and is expected to be supported with TII funding in 2026.

National Primary and National Secondary Routes

Works were planned and carried out on National Primary and National Secondary routes during 2025 as follows:

National Primary Road Improvements

- N24 Knockagh Roundabout: This project involved pavement rehabilitation and improvement to geometry over a 1km section located directly to the east of Knockagh Roundabout. The scheme included a shared footpath and cycle facility. It also addressed two High Collision Locations on the N24. The project was tendered in late 2024 and was awarded to Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd. Work commenced in February 2025 and was substantially completed in October. There is a maintenance period of 12 months for this project which will continue to October 2026.



N24 Knockagh Roundabout September 2025

National Secondary Road Improvement

- N62 Thurles Outer Bypass: The route for this scheme was selected in 2011 and a reserved corridor put in place. On 25th November 2025, the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan was announced which referenced the Project. The next step is to obtain an allocation from TII to progress the project to preliminary design.
- N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel Thurles: This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Gateway beyond the Anner Hotel. The project was tendered in late 2024 and was awarded to Rathcabin Tarmacadam Ltd. in August 2025. The scheme is now substantially complete.



N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel, Thurles

Road Improvement Scheme – Works Substantially Complete 2025

- N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge: This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work commenced on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. Preliminary design will continue when TII funding becomes available. No funding allocation was provided by TII in 2025.
- N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvement Scheme: This scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves road pavement improvement works and addresses road safety issues; renewal, widening and extension of footpaths in the village; public lighting and public realm improvements. The Preliminary design stage and planning procedures have been completed. Advance works (attenuation pond) was completed in Q1 2025. Procurement of consultants and the detail design will progress in 2026 subject to availability of funding from TII.



N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvement Scheme
Advance Works – Attenuation Pond Completed 2025

- N62 Slievenamon Road, Thurles - Phase 2: This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles and also involves changes to the road layout, replacement and widening of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs, surface water drainage improvements, undergrounding of overhead power lines and public realm improvements. The preliminary design and Part 8 planning process have been completed. Consultants for the detailed design were appointed in April 2024 and this has commenced. Design work was stalled due to insufficient TII funding provision in 2025. It is anticipated that the detail design will re-commence in 2026 subject to the availability of funding.
- N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town: This is a road pavement rehabilitation scheme which also incorporates safety improvement measures. The scheme is approximately 1,250m in length and extends along the N74 through Fr. Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. It commences at the Bansa roundabout, including a short section of the N24, and terminates in the vicinity of the 60kph Speed Limit at the eastern side of the town. Contractor GLAS Civil Engineering was appointed to carry out the works, which commenced on April 29th 2024. Construction continued in 2024 and 2025 and the scheme is now substantially complete.



N74 Fr. Mathew Street, Tipperary Town
Road Improvement Scheme – works substantially complete 2025

Strategic Non-National Road Projects

- Thurles Inner Relief Road: This is a proposed local link between the N62 and Mill Road, Thurles. This scheme is in the National Development Plan and Department of Transport approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Land acquisition has been finalised. Documents for the appointment of a Consultant are being finalised for Tender, subject to funding and Department approvals.
- R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends: This project involves a Compulsory Purchase Order. RPS consultants were appointed in November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme. Detailed design and advance works (including fencing, site clearance and archaeological investigations) were completed in 2024. The Main Works contract was awarded to contractor Wills Bros. Ltd in late 2025. The contractor commenced main works in November 2025, with the project expected to take 18 months to complete.



R498 Road Re-Alignment at Latteragh Bends
Site Clearance and Fencing Works



R498 Road Re-Alignment at Latteragh Bends
Archaeological Excavations



R498 Latteragh Re-Alignment Scheme

Contract Award to Wills Bros Ltd

Pictured above - Front L to R: John Carroll MCC, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council; Sinead Carr, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council; Tim Wills, Director, Wills Bros Ltd.

Back L to R: Michael Woulfe, Senior Executive Engineer TCC; Trevor Milton, Wills Bros; Michael Carroll, Wills Bros; John Nolan, Senior Engineer TCC; JP O'Meara MCC; Fiona Bonfield MCC; Michael O'Meara MCC; Liam Brett, Director of Services for Roads & Transportation TCC; Mark Condron, Sector Director - Transport, RPS Group; Michele Maher, Administrative Officer TCC; Neil Howley, Associate, RPS Group; Ger McGrath, PLO & Resident Engineer, RPS Group; Tommy Deely, Executive Engineer TCC.

Photograph by Odhran Ducie.

- Ballina/Killaloe By-Pass, Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme: Clare County Council was the lead authority and works were completed in 2025. The Brian Ború Bridge was officially opened on 22nd May 2025, by Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien T.D.



Ballina/Killaloe Shannon Bridge Crossing – Brian Ború Bridge – works complete 2025



Ballina/Killaloe Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme - works complete 2025



Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Transport, and Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Cllr. Declan Burgess, enjoying the occasion, as captured with and by Sinead Carr, our Chief Executive

Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads

Safety Improvement Works were completed at a number of locations on Regional and Local Roads throughout the county during 2025.

Works took place at the following locations:

- R445-Lisbunny towards Cunnahurt
- R661-17 Clonmore Walk
- R698-Ballycahill Junction
- R688-Ballyvaheen
- R659-Holycross
- R688-Giantsgrave
- R640- Cahir R640 Mitchelstown Road
- R689-10 Glengoole Village
- R660-2-Boherlahan
- R515-Shronell National School
- R689-Rathronan
- L-1501-2-The Green Pedestrian Crossing

Community Involvement Schemes

The Community Involvement Scheme refers to the up-grading and improvement of local public roads where residents contribute 10% of the cost of the works. A total of 12 schemes were completed in 2025 across the Municipal and Borough Districts.

Local Improvement Schemes

In accordance with the Local Improvement Scheme Memorandum of February 2002, improvement works can be carried out on private/non- public roads. There must be more than one landowner on the LIS road and the road must be open to the public. A local contribution is an integral part of the LIS scheme and it varies from 10% to 15% depending on the number of residences on the road. A total of 32 schemes were completed in 2025 across all Districts.

Bridge Rehabilitation Works

Grant funding of €1,053,390 was received from the Department of Transport in 2025 for rehabilitation works to 13 bridges throughout the county.

Machinery Yard

The Machinery Yard, which has bases in Clonmel and Nenagh, provides a support service to engineering based activities for all of Tipperary County Council. The core service objective is to provide machinery (i.e. vehicles, plant and equipment) at a reasonable cost to assist District based staff to carry out their functions. The Machinery Yard has 225 Council owned vehicles and 25 leased vehicles under its control, with a replacement value of circa €4.2 million. In addition, it maintains approximately 20 District vehicles which would have an additional replacement value of circa €1.2 million.

The activities of the Machinery Yard include:

- Fleet management in compliance with the Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) Act 2012
- The inspection, operation and maintenance of the Council fleet, including requirements under Statutory Instrument S.I. 348 of 2013 Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) (Vehicle Maintenance and Repair) Regulations 2013
- The supply of plant and machinery as required to the Districts and other sections of the Council
- The acquisition and disposal of plant and machinery
- To have available the staffing levels and skills necessary to efficiently maintain and operate the Council's plant and machinery fleet
- Arranging the long-term and short-term hire of commercial machinery for the Districts.
- Surface Dressing Works in each Municipal District to complete the Road Works Programme.
- The management and operation of the Winter Maintenance Service throughout county Tipperary.

The Machinery Yard provides technical guidance and experience to the Districts for their Road Works Programme as well as the latest machinery. The programmes work out of bases in Nenagh and Clonmel and completed approximately 1,400,000m² of surface dressing throughout the county in 2025, managed by Senior Executive Technicians based in both locations. In 2025, the Machinery Yard carried out approximately 35,000m² of surface dressing for water main replacement projects carried out by Uisce Éireann.

Machinery Fleet

The Council operates a computerised and automated fuel storage and dispensing system at Clonmel, Cahir, Cashel, Nenagh, Tipperary and Thurles depots to avail of the cost reduction achievable with bulk purchases through the OGP National Framework. The Council operates its own machinery garages in Clonmel and Nenagh to meet the maintenance requirements for the various items of machinery. At present there is a foreman fitter, six fitters and two apprentice fitters in the Clonmel workshop and a foreman, two fitters and two apprentice fitters in the Nenagh workshop. One of these fitters has just qualified and we will advertise for one new apprentice in the coming year. There are 12 full-time drivers and 3 seasonal drivers based in the Nenagh Yard and 14 full-time drivers and 3 seasonal drivers based in Clonmel.

The machinery workshop is responsible for regular inspection of all commercial vehicles in the fleet, the servicing and maintenance of trucks, pickups, vans, tractors, specialised surface dressing and winter maintenance equipment, as required by the manufacturers' specification, and the repair of vehicles as required.

The Council added to the fleet of tipper trucks in 2025, with the arrival of 2 new Mercedes-Benz Arocs 6x4 and three full-time winter service vehicles, Volvo FE. A second hand JCB Excavator, a second-hand Tractor unit, one road sweeper, a compact sweeper, and three new Peugeot Expert vans were also added to the fleet during the year. Tenders were awarded for two pick up vehicles for the Districts and a forklift for the Stores in Clonmel in 2025. These units are planned for delivery in 2026.

As part of our Capital replacement programme, two new 26 Tonne tipper trucks will be procured in 2026. It is planned to procure 7.5 T E Crewcab Pick-ups to replace the older existing units. The modern units, being more fuel efficient, adds to the reduction of fuel use for the fleet. It is also planned to procure a number of electric vehicles to replace small vans and 3.5T Pick-ups in 2026.



30% of fuel used in our fleet is HVO, leading to a 580-tonne reduction in CO2 produced

Climate Action Plan

As part of our Climate Action Plan, Tipperary County Council trialled the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) in a number of vehicles ranging from vans to tipper trucks, instead of conventional diesel. The use of this product continues and is part of our commitment to a greener fleet. It has been extended to all our fleet as of the end of 2025. HVO fuel is now provided at all the Council's dispensing facilities. In 2022, approximately 5% of the fleet was using HVO. By the end of 2025, 30% of all fuel used was HVO. This equates to a 580-tonne reduction in CO2 produced compared to that of conventional diesel. There are currently nine Electric Vehicles (EV) in use in the fleet. The new forklift for the Stores in Clonmel which is to be changed out at the start of 2026 will be electric. This equates to an approximate reduction of 3-tonne of CO2 per year compared to its diesel predecessor.

Nenagh Machinery Yard and Civic Amenity Site

The proposed upgrade of the Machinery Yard and the attached Civic Amenity Site in Nenagh completed Part 8 Planning in 2021. The geotechnical site investigation was procured in Q4 2022 and was completed in Q3 of 2023. A tree survey was also completed in Q4 2023. The project moved to detailed design stage in 2024. The commencement of the construction phase of this project has been delayed due to difficulties in identifying suitable location to allow the CAS to relocate and continue its operations while the redevelopment of the site is taking place.



Winter Maintenance

The Winter Maintenance Service consists of four distinct phases namely:

- Pre-salting of National Primary and Secondary routes and major Regional roads and routes of strategic importance
- Salting and sanding of ice-bound National and Regional routes
- Clearance of snow by means of snow ploughs from National and Regional routes
- Clearance of snow by means of snow ploughs or mechanical loaders from county roads.

Phase 1 is termed precautionary treatment and is generally timed to be completed approximately two hours before the start of freezing conditions.

Winter maintenance of roads in Tipperary is prioritised on the following basis:

- Priority 1: National roads, and Regional roads of strategic importance
- Priority 2: Regional roads with high volume of traffic using the road
- Priority 3: Urban roads and Local roads on a priority basis, urban centres.

In extreme weather events Priority 1 routes will take precedence over Priority 2 routes in terms of allocation of available resources.

The winter maintenance period lasts from mid-October to 30 April each winter with the aim of keeping priority routes safe and as free as possible from wintry hazards. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) provides grant funding for the winter maintenance of National Primary and National Secondary roads within the county and the Department of Transport provides grant funding for other roads. These grants are supplemented by Tipperary County Council as necessary. Winter maintenance salt is purchased nationally by TII and distributed to Local Authorities. The county has a roster of four ice-cast Duty Engineers who are responsible for the use of the Weather Bureau Service to examine the forecast and track the conditions for the area, in order to issue instructions for winter maintenance based on specialist forecasts and local information.

The Winter Maintenance Service is managed and operated by the Machinery Yard. Twelve crews are rostered on a weekly basis using:

- Five No. 6tonne salt spreaders
- Five No. 9tonne salt spreaders - mounted on council trucks, and
- Two Prewet 9tonne salting trucks.

This plant pre-salts Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes (approximately 1,100 km) in the event of forecast of overnight frost/ice.

Tipperary County Council has Section 86 Agreements with neighbouring local authorities on a quid pro quo basis for cross-boundary treatments of routes to increase the efficiency of the operation. Snow ploughs can be fitted to the salt spreading trucks when snow is forecast and the clearance of snow by ploughing will commence as soon as snow depths on all or part of the Priority 1 network exceeds 30mm.

A complete schedule and map of pre-salting routes, and cross boundary agreements is published annually on the council's website <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie>

Winter Service Programme

 5,800km+ <small>Total road length in Tipperary</small>	 1,100km <small>Total road length Salted across 12 mobilisation routes 20% of the network</small>	 2 Duty Engineers 24/7 <small>On duty for winter period October - April Decision to mobilise based on Road Surface Temperature</small>
 €1 million+ <small>Total annual programme cost From T1, Department of Transport & Tipperary County Council funds</small>	 4,500 tonnes <small>Average Tonnes of salt used per annum</small>	 310 <small>Average runs per year</small>
 34 total staff <small>26 Drivers, 4 Fitters, 4 Engineers</small>	 220 tonnes <small>Potential full mobilisation per night across all 12 routes, treated lanes</small>	 3,500 tonnes <small>Salt storage capacity</small>

Salting Routes

View interactive map for full routes

PRIORITY ROUTES

- 01

 - National roads
 - Regional roads of strategic importance (e.g. Expressway bus routes, access to train and bus depots, hospitals, ambulance routes, and fire stations).
- 02

 - Regional Roads with high volume of traffic using the road and access to major schools and industries.
- 03

 - Other regional roads,
 - Town Streets
 - Local County roads on a priority basis.

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Infographic of Winter Service Programme 2025-2026

TII maintains a national reserve of salt for distribution to local authorities in the event of the forecast of a severe weather event, i.e. a prolonged cold snap, or blizzard conditions.

The Council's covered salt storage capacity is nearly 3,500 tonnes and salt storage barns are located in:

- Cahir (600 tonnes)
- Cashel (350 tonnes)
- Clonmel (600 tonnes)
- Nenagh (1,500 tonnes).

This is deemed sufficient to cover a 5-day snow event.

There were 640 separate runs (up 140 runs on 2023/2024), over 54 separate nights, spreading 4,900 tonnes of salt.

Approximately 500 tonnes of salt was spread by the Districts during the snow-ice event in January 2025.

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Tipperary County Council's covered salt storage is nearly 3,500 tonnes

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Severe Weather/Storm Damage

Tipperary County Council continues to operate its Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) to co-ordinate the organisation's response to significant weather events. The SWAT comprises:

- Senior Engineers, Roads & Environment
- District Engineers (5)
- Machinery Yard/Winter Service Manager
- Senior Executive Engineer, OPW Flood Schemes
- Housing Section
- Civil Defence
- Corporate Services
- Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service
- District Executive Engineers, as required
- Administrative support

The group is chaired by a Senior Engineer, with additional staff brought in where required depending on the nature of the event under consideration.

In line with the Council's Severe Weather Policy, the SWAT convenes on receipt of all Orange and Red warnings from Met Éireann. Meetings are held by video conference upon receipt of the warning, to ensure a timely and coordinated assessment.

All warnings are considered alongside IceCast data, local road and infrastructure conditions, vulnerable communities, and operational reports. Based on the assessment, the SWAT issues appropriate preparedness, activation or response instructions to relevant Council services and Principal Response Agencies.

January 2025 Snow and Ice Event:

A significant and prolonged snow-ice event occurred between 3rd January and 10th January 2025, leading to six SWAT meetings, triggered by consecutive Orange snow-ice warnings:

- 3 January – PreEvent
- 6 January – InEvent
- 7 January – InEvent
- 8 January – InEvent
- 9 January – InEvent
- 10 January – InEvent

This represented one of the most sustained winter weather monitoring periods undertaken by the SWAT in recent years.

These meetings ensured a consistent, structured and timely organisational response across all weather-related risks in 2025.

SWAT Meeting No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Weather Alert Type	Snow-Ice	Snow-Ice	Snow-Ice	Snow-Ice	Snow-Ice	Snow-Ice	Wind	Wind	Wind	Wind	Rain	Wind
MET Éireann Status	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow	Orange
Meeting Type	Pre-Event	In-Event	In-Event	In-Event	In-Event	In-Event	Pre-Event	Pre-Event	In-Event	Recovery	Pre-Event	Pre-Event
Meeting Date	03/01/2025	06/01/2025	07/01/2025	08/01/2025	09/01/2025	10/01/2025	22/01/2025	23/01/2025	24/01/2025	24/01/2025	13/11/2025	09/12/2025
Meeting Time	12:30	09:30	09:30	09:30	09:30	09:30	14:00	09:30	09:30	14:00	14:00	09:15

Storm Éowyn – January 2025:

Further significant impacts occurred in late January with Storm Éowyn, which brought multiple Orange Wind Warnings. The SWAT met as follows:

- 22 January – PreEvent
- 23 January – PreEvent
- 24 January – InEvent
- 24 January – Recovery

These meetings ensured coordinated preparation; active monitoring as the storm tracked across the county; and structured postevent assessment.

Total SWAT Activity in 2025:

During 2025 the SWAT convened 12 times in response to severe weather alerts:

- 6 meetings during the January snow-ice event
- 4 meetings related to Storm Éowyn
- 2 additional PreEvent meetings later in the year
 - * 13 November – Yellow Rain Warning
 - * 9 December – Orange Wind Warning

Public Lighting

The Council is responsible for the provision and maintenance of public (street) lighting throughout the county. Public lighting maintenance is carried out under contract with Al Read Electrical Ltd. Energia supplies the electrical power to the lighting network. The total number of public lights in the Tipperary network is circa 18,810.

Public lighting represents 38% of the Council's entire energy usage and 65% of the Council's electricity usage. The Council has introduced LED lights in recent years in order to reduce the maintenance bill, as LED's have to be maintained less frequently. Furthermore, LED's are more energy efficient with up to 50% energy savings being made. By the end of 2025, Tipperary County Council had 12,298 or circa 67% of its lighting stock as LED lights.

The Council is obliged to meet National Public Service Efficiency Targets. This means that energy consumption must be reduced by 50% by 2030. Tipperary County Council has signed the Covenant of Mayors to give effect to this commitment.

RMO Local Authority Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project

Tipperary County Council is participating in a National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP), which will see over 10,000 remaining lights upgraded to LED across Tipperary. The national project is being rolled out on a regional basis with Tipperary County Council included in the Eastern region. Kilkenny County Council is leading the project in the region.

Under this contract, 83,000 lights will be upgraded across 9 counties, including Tipperary. Upgrading to LED lights will help the Council to meet energy efficiency targets while reducing energy and maintenance costs.

The appointed contractor Killaree Lighting Services (KLS) has completed the survey of all street lights in Tipperary and most of the associated lighting designs. The installation of the new LED street lights is ongoing in Tipperary with over 5,000 lights upgraded by the end of 2025. 67% of the street lights in Tipperary are now LED.



Do Chomhairle:
ag lasadh ár bpobal –
ag cosaint ár n-aeráid

Your Council:
lighting our community –
protecting our climate

e-Parking

Tipperary County Council has implemented 'Tipperary eParking', a cashless parking system for the county. The system allows users to pay for parking via an app or online in all nine towns in Tipperary where paid parking operates. The nine towns in Tipperary that operate e-Parking are Cahir, Carrick on Suir, Cashel, Clonmel, Nenagh, Templemore, Thurles, Tipperary Town and Roscrea.

Benefits of the e-Parking service include the ability to process transactions remotely, meaning that users don't need to display a ticket before leaving their car, or return to the car to extend their parking – all of this can be controlled via the app on a smartphone. As e-Parking is a cashless system this cuts down on paper use and potential litter in towns from disused pay and display tickets. Use of the service continued to increase in 2025.



Taking in Charge of Estates

A total of 5 estates were taken in charge during 2025:

Municipal/ Borough District	Name of Estate	Date Taken in Charge
Tipperary- Cahir-Cashel	Glen Court, Emlý	27/02/2025
Nenagh	Ballina Quay, Ballina	20/02/2025
Carrick-on-Suir	Oakwood, Ballingarry	27/02/2025
Thurles	Leighton Manor, Two-Mile-Borris	17/11/2025
Tipperary- Cahir-Cashel	Dun Uisce, Farranlahassery, Cahir	24/11/2025

Road Safety

Tipperary County Council, in conjunction with its partners in the Road Safety Working Together Group ((Road Safety Authority (RSA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), An Garda Síochána (AGS) and Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service) continued to implement the second strategy for road safety in county Tipperary. The Strategy covers the period to 2030. A Phase 2 Action Plan, covering the years 2025-2027, was developed and implemented. A further Action Plan will be developed for the years 2028-2030.

The Strategy is based on the Government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 and is underpinned by Vision Zero and a Safe System Approach, which sets the ambitious target of reducing fatalities and serious injuries by 50% by 2030, and eliminating deaths and serious injuries on the roads by 2050. The objective of the Tipperary Road Safety Strategy 2022-2030 is to create a greater awareness of road safety through our stakeholders and to reduce the number, severity and life-changing impact of road collisions in Tipperary by advancing Vision Zero in line with the Government's Road Safety Strategy.

The Strategy examines local issues relevant to Tipperary. It offers a strategic direction for road safety in Tipperary in terms of safe roads and roadsides, safe speeds, safe vehicles, safe road use, post-crash response, safe and healthy modes of travel and safe work-related use. This requires a coordinated approach between all the stakeholders to provide a focus on collision and casualty reduction in the county and aims to improve overall safety levels within our communities.

It is the sincere hope of all stakeholders that the focus on Road Safety in county Tipperary will contribute to collision and casualty reduction in the county over the lifetime of the Strategy. The Strategy encourages all members of the community to play an active part in reducing fatalities and injuries on Tipperary's roads by taking responsibility for their own behaviour as road users.

Four meetings of the Collision Prevention Team (CPT) were held in 2025, at which the District Engineers, the Roads Policing Unit and a representative of TII discussed any road safety issues identified in Tipperary, and tried to find solutions to them. Three meetings of the Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) were also held. This is an inter-agency working group which co-ordinates road safety policy in Tipperary and implements it at a local level.

Several road safety awareness campaigns were completed in local media during 2025 including local newspapers, radio stations and social media on the topics below:

- Distracted driving
- Driving under the influence
- Seatbelt wearing
- Speeding
- Be safe be seen
- E-scooters
- Campaign around Leaving Certificate results time
- Back to school safety campaign
- Choose a designated driver
- Sponsorship of road safety talks on Tipp FM given by a retired Garda Superintendent and radio campaigns.





Asset Management System

Tipperary County Council uses the MapRoad Asset Management System (AMS) as a key element in the management of the road assets in the county. The MapRoad system is in place for all Local Authorities and records of pavement projects and interventions must be maintained on it. The system provides information on road category, width, length, previous works completed and historical and present pavement surface condition on a scale of 1 to 10 using visual survey and mechanical survey data. This information allows Tipperary County Council to assess, prioritise and design the appropriate road treatments for the different road categories. The system is automatically updated when a section of roadway is surveyed by or on behalf of the Council. Pavement improvement works captured on the system are building into a multi-annual record of completed projects. The MapRoad AMS software is maintained by the Road Management Office (RMO). There are annual survey requirements to be achieved to ensure the data in the system is kept up to date and relevant.

Roads Abutting Certificates

A total of 1,185 applications for Roads Abutting Certificates were received during 2025 and 1,110 Certificates were issued.

Abnormal Load Permits

A total of 279 applications for Abnormal Load Permits were received during 2025 and 266 permits were issued.

Tipperary County Council Community Employment Scheme

Tipperary County Council has supported Community Employment Schemes since their introduction, in partnership with the Department of Social Protection. The Scheme sponsored by the Roads Directorate operates over various locations including the towns and environs of Cahir, Cashel, Clonmel and Tipperary Town and the communities of Boherlahan, Clonoulty/Clogher, Holycross, Kilsheelan and Rosegreen with approval for 30 participants.

The Community Employment Scheme involves a range of activities including:

- Horticultural, landscaping and environmental improvement projects
- Maintenance works in parks, towns, and cemeteries
- Environmental Work/Driver.

Emphasis is placed on providing valuable employment experience and training for participants. All participants benefit from mandatory Health and Safety training which is a transferable skill, required in similar work places. After achieving mandatory training, participants then follow on with job related or skill specific courses. The Tipperary community benefits by having cleaner towns and the improvement of amenities and landscaping of areas. Participants gain in skills, confidence and self-esteem that enable them to work as part of a team within their own community. Many of the participants on the scheme have secured employment either during or directly after their involvement.

Road Opening Licences

The 'MapRoad' Roadworks Licencing system (MRL) administered by the Road Management Office (RMO) is the national system for the management and processing of roadworks licence applications. Once a utility or civil contractor is registered on the MRL system, this registration enables them to apply to any Local Authority in the country for a road opening.

The procedure used on the MRL system is based on the "T" model. "T" model licences contain limits such as total excavation area, advance notification periods, licence validity periods, number of days allowed for works to take place and distances between excavations.

- **T1 Notification:** A T1 Notification is required when it is intended to perform works of high impact due to the extent or complexity of the proposed works. A T1 Notification is not a licence. The notification process allows adequate time for consultation and joint planning between the applicant and the authority
- **T21 Licence:** Following determination of the T1 notification by the roads authority, the applicant subsequently submits T21 licence(s) for the project
- **T2 Licence:** Works of moderate to significant impact
- **T3 Licence:** Works of low impact
- **T4 Notification:** A notification of emergency works as defined under legislation. A T2 or T3 licence may be subsequently required to complete the works that are not of an emergency nature
- **T5 Notification:** A notification by the applicant to the local authority of completion of works carried out under T21, T2, T3 or T4.

The RMO in conjunction with local authorities continues with its programme of improving efficiency in the management of Road Opening Licences by considering and implementing various Service Level Agreements (SLA's). The National Deposit Scheme SLA limits the overall cost of deposits for member utilities while maintaining enough security for the Council against the unsatisfactory reinstatement of the road. The scheme is managed by the RMO and Tipperary County Council is part of the scheme. The National Deposit Scheme does not apply to private contractors. The Group Water Scheme SLA applies to participating Group Water Schemes in respect of reinstatement deposits. A Monthly Billing Agreement SLA has been implemented and there are 8 utilities under this agreement.

The National Centralised Billing Process for utilities road licencing commenced from 1st October 2020. On behalf of all local authorities under the framework, the RMO is authorised to invoice utilities using a single monthly national invoice. Payment is made to the RMO, who re-fund monies received to each individual authority on a quarterly basis. Under this national approach, each utility will receive one monthly bill as opposed to one from each local authority, thereby creating efficiencies. In respect of Tipperary County Council, centralised billing has been implemented for 7 utilities. Implementation of the one remaining utility is on-going. It is intended that any new major utility company will be aligned to this billing and payment process as part of their registration on the MapRoad Road Opening Licence System.

The Council's Road Opening Licence Conditioners continue to undertake Road Opening and Reinstatement Training Courses (Basic and Advanced). This ensures that the Roads Authority has suitably trained personnel to carry out conditioning, monitoring, on-site inspection of works in progress and inspection of completed works.

The automated granting of T3 licences to defined major utilities has been implemented by all local authorities. All 31 local authorities are facilitating this functionality as of 9th May 2023. The RMO in conjunction with local authorities has formulated National Standardised Conditions to support systemised granting of T3 (minor roadworks) licences in MRL.

In 2025, Roads Section received 1,712 No. Road Opening Licence online applications. In conjunction with the Districts, the Council favourably determined 20 No. T1 notifications including 1 No. Section 254's in respect of various telecom utility projects throughout the county and granted 174 No. T21 licences associated with large projects. During the year, 853 No. T2s, 174 No. T3s and 42 No. T4 licences were granted.

National Broadband Ireland (NBI) continues to deliver its programme for rural broadband in Tipperary which commenced in 2021. As part of this programme, NBI applied for a total of 133 T1's to-date, of which 132 are granted.

1 No. T1 Notification submitted and granted in 2025 in respect of application under Section 254 of the Planning Act processed on the RMO MapRoad Road Opening Licence system. This involves co-ordination between Planning and Roads Departments and the co-operation of the District Administrators which facilitates proceeding in a timely manner. This brings the total number of Section 254s in respect of this programme to 83 No. during the period 2021 to 2025.

Total Number of Road Opening Licence Applications in 2025:

Type	No. Received	No. Granted
Section 254	1	1
T1	29	19
Total	30	20

Type	No. Received	No. Granted
T21	195	174
T2	957	853
T3	184	182
T4	42	42
Total	1,378	1,251

The above licences are processed, conditioned and granted by the local authority. The Roads Performance Indicator - R4 Road Opening Licensing and Inspections, will be published annually by the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC).

In addition to the above, Roads and Districts also process and condition licences associated with the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency project (PLEEP), of which there were 301 No. submitted and granted during 2025.

Under Section 53(1) of the Communications Regulations Act, 2022, prior consent of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is required to carry out road opening associated with underground telecommunications on the National Roads network. Each District is invited to review and add conditions in respect of these National Road licences, which involved 63 No. licences in 2025.

Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies

During 2025, Tipperary County Council had approval for four schemes at:

- Marlfield Village
- L35057 Ardfinnan
- R668 Ballylooby
- Cooper's Lot, Cashel

The Office of Public Works (OPW) approved funding under the Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies Scheme (MFMW) for three of these schemes in Q4 2024.

At Marlfield, due to the nature of some of the works required in the area, the OPW approved the carrying out of expedient measures in advance of the Flood Relief Scheme. The required works were completed in 2025 and funding of €60,151 received under Minor Works funding.

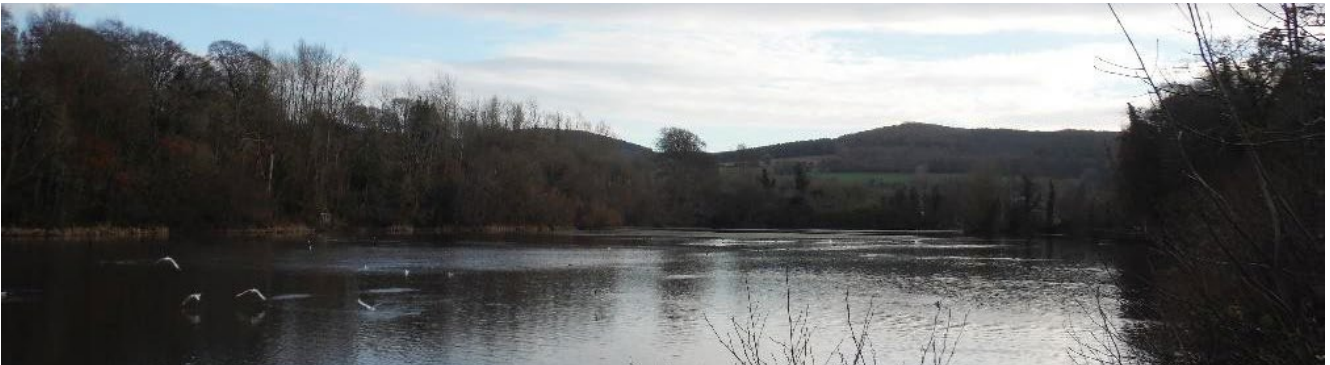
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District completed two schemes at Ardfinnan and Ballylooby with the OPW providing funding in the sum of €27,000 and €25,156 respectively. The Municipal District provided the balancing 10% of the costs of the two schemes.

At Cooper's Lot, Cashel, Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District is currently finalising evaluation of the scheme under 2022/2023 funding approvals. The Consultant's assessment commenced in 2023 and is nearing completion at the end of 2025. To date, the Council has received funding totalling €147,082.67 in respect of expenditure incurred from 2023 to 2025, of which €56,479.71 was received in 2025.

In total during 2025, Tipperary County Council received €168,831 from the OPW under Minor Works schemes.

The Council acknowledges the continued support of the OPW and the co-operation of landowners when carrying out scheme works. Roads Section and our Districts will continue to investigate locations where there are reports of flooding and bring forward further Minor Flood Relief Schemes in 2026, where feasible flood relief measures and cost beneficial engineering solutions are identified to provide protection to "at risk" properties.

Marlfield Lake and Catchment Area



Pre-contract Ground Investigation on Marlfield Dam commenced in October 2025 and is due to be completed in January 2026.

The results of the ground investigation, which are due in Q1 2026, will facilitate the Design Team in selecting the most appropriate design options for the Marlfield Flood Relief Scheme. Upon selection of the emerging preferred option, the scheme would then proceed to Stage II, the planning process, where the preferred option would be developed and an application submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Funding from the OPW Minor Works Scheme enabled remedial works at two culverts to be completed in 2025. Temporary pumping measures are in place and a new sluice gate on Marlfield Dam is due to be installed in early 2026 which will restore reliable drawdown capacity and provide greater control over the level of the lake.

In parallel with the Minor Works projects and Capital FRS in Marlfield, further OPW funding has been sought for dam rehabilitation and flood protection works involving various interim measures that will protect the existing dam and the surrounding area. Significant preparatory work has been undertaken by TCC, to ensure the Council's readiness to commence these works should this funding be secured.



Flood Risk Management Plans have been developed for the county as part of the CFRAM Programme

Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme (CFRAM)

Flood Risk Management Plans have been developed for the county as part of the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme (CFRAM).

The Suir (UoM 16) and Shannon Upper & Lower (UoM 25/26) Flood Risk Management Plans identify several areas at risk of fluvial flooding where viable flood relief schemes are to be developed. The initial objective of the project is to identify, design and submit (for planning consent) Flood Relief Schemes that are technically, socially, environmentally and economically acceptable, in order to reduce flood risk for the communities of Knocklofty, Holycross, Golden, Ballina/Killaloe and Nenagh.

The Flood Relief Schemes for Holycross, Knocklofty and Ballina/Killaloe are currently at Stage I: Option Identification & Preliminary Design. Once the emerging preferred option is selected and approved by the OPW, the individual schemes would then proceed to Stage II: Planning Process, where the preferred option would be developed and an application submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

The Nenagh Flood Relief Scheme was formally reclassified from a minor project to a major flood relief scheme in September 2023. This decision reflects the scale of works required and the inclusion of critical infrastructure. Preparatory work by the OPW has been ongoing with preliminary site surveys (topographical and CCTV) recently completed. Tender documents for the procurement of design consultants are currently being prepared.

Stage I: Option Identification & Preliminary Design will commence following the procurement and appointment of the Design Team. This is expected to progress in 2026 subject to OPW approval.

Single Consent Forest Road Application

Section 8 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2018, makes provision for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to act as the consenting authority for the construction, maintenance or improvement of a road that serves a forest or woodland and ancillary works. This section was enacted by order dated 7 February, 2020 (S.I. No. 39/2020).

Applicants for a Forest Road Works licence, that includes a forest road entrance from a public road, (excluding national roads), or the material widening of an existing entrance are required to submit certain documentation to the Department. These documents are forwarded to the local authority as part of the mandatory consultation process. The Council has eight weeks from the date of receipt of the documents in which to respond.

The Department advises the Council amongst others of the decision. A copy of the applicant's Commencement Notice is also provided with an opportunity for comment within two weeks. On completion of the works, the Council may submit observations within 28 days of the date of the Completion Certificate, which is submitted by the applicant.

The Department of Agriculture produced the 'Forest Entrances - Requirements for Mandatory Consultation' document, and the 'Technical Standard – Design of Forest Road Entrances' document, following consultation with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Department of Transport. Bodies applying for a Relaxation or Departure to a Technical Standard should contact the Council before formally applying to the Department.

In the period January to December 2025, Tipperary County Council received 10 No. referrals and had 1 No. 2024 application due for report to the Department in 2025.

Hedge Cutting

Under Section 70 of the 1993 Roads Act, the owner or occupier of land is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road.

Where a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation is a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road or where it obstructs or interferes with the safe use of a public road or with the maintenance of a public road, a road authority may serve a Notice in writing on the owner or occupier of the land.

Between 1 March and 31 August each year it is an offence under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended by the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 and the Heritage Act, 2018 to cut, curb, burn or otherwise destroy any vegetation growing on any land not then cultivated or growing in any hedge or ditch. During the Hedge Cutting Season in 2025 Tipperary County Council placed notices in the local newspapers in January and September and issued press releases to the local media. A total of 46 Hedge Cutting Notices were issued to landowners/occupiers between September 2025 and December 2025.



The hedge cutting season opens on 1st September each year and runs until the end of February'



Planning & Development

Introduction

The Planning Section of the Council administers the Planning legislation as contained in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the various Regulations made there-under.

Development Management

Development Management involves the evaluation of planning applications and various other applications under planning legislation, within the regulatory time frame and ensuring that interested parties have access to all available information which will enable them to assess proposed development. The planning register is available for viewing online at www.tipperarycoco.ie. Set out below are figures for 2025 planning applications.

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	200	191	9	10	9
Housing Development	24	23	1	4	0
NIA/EIA	8	8	0	1	1
Other Applications	863	834	29	35	3
Total	1095	1056	39	50	13

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96.4% of planning applications granted

Number of Planning Applications received in 2025

A total of 1622 planning applications were received from 1st January to 31st December 2025 compared to 1449 for 2024, an increase of 12% 409 applications were deemed invalid and 36 were withdrawn.

During the year 1095 applications were decided with 1056 being granted planning permission (96.4%) and 39 being refused (3.6%). Of the decisions made

Further information was required in 438 decisions.

Eplanning wins “the Most Collaborative Public Sector Project” at the Business Post Public Sector Digital Transformation Awards 2025.

Tipperary County Council was chosen to pilot the development and implementation of the new e-Planning system, which modernised the processing and administration of planning applications. The Council's Planning, Information Technology and Finance Sections have collaborated with the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) and the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage and third-party providers to facilitate the construction and implementation of this new electronic system.

The e-Planning project is a national portal which enables the submission of planning applications (85% in Tipperary), submissions/objections (56% in Tipperary) to planning applications and all subsequent correspondence from the planning authorities is via the portal. In addition all part 8's (Local Authority own Development) are made available 100% in Tipperary via the portal all subsequent correspondence (if people make submissions online) is via the portal. Professional agents/architects in the business only need one account to apply to any of the 31 Planning Authorities.



Figure P1 Public Sector Digital Transformation Awards 2025

Development Plans/Local Area Plans

Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028

In 2025, as part of a government focus on increasing housing supply and in order to address the new Planning and Development Act 2024, extensive work was undertaken to prepare a variation to the TCDP. This Variation has required extensive surveys and data research work, engaged internal and external stakeholders and municipalities districts, as well as the appointment in January 2026 of environmental consultants. Variation (No.1) of the TCDP will be published in Spring 2026 to increase the quantum of residentially zoned land in the county.

Local Area Plans

The Carrick-on-Suir Plan 2025-2031 was made at the plenary meeting of the council in May after three stages of public consultation. This Plan incorporates the Town Centre First Plan for Carrick-on-Suir, and now provides the planning framework for future development and investment in the town. The Plan reviewed and replaces the former Carrick-on-Suir Town Development Plan 2013. As part of this review, the Record of Protected Structures for the town was updated and incorporated in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) for the county, as part of a multi-annual strategy to provide a single RPS for the entire county.

National Planning Framework and National Development Plan

The Government adopted the First Revision to the National Planning Framework (NPF) on 1st May 2025. The Planning Section led on the drafting of a detailed submission to the consultation phase of the First Revision to the NPF submission, albeit a number of the recommendations of TCC were not accepted by the Department. The Revised NPF has implications on TCC, particularly in relation to the quantum of housing required to be delivered.

Tipperary County Council also made a detailed submission to the consultation phase of the National Development Plan in May 2025. The NDP was published in July 2025, with high level strategy for infrastructure investment set out. Subsequent publications by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform has published projects at a sectoral level, including references to the development of the N24, and capital roads projects in Thurles.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Planning Section conducts surveys to review and update mapping for the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) annually. This work is undertaken by the Council whilst the administration of the tax is undertaken by Revenue Commissioners. Though the Planning Section has been undertaking surveys on the RZLT since 2021 and the first maps were published in 2022, in 2025 taxes were collected for the first time. €49m was collected nationally in 2025 by Revenue.

Public Consultation on the Draft RZLT 2026 opened on 1st February 2025, closing on 1st April 2025. 23 submissions were received. 14 Determinations were made on these submissions (Determinations are only required where a submission is made by the landowner) as well as 6 Decisions on requests to change the land use zoning of land. 3 appeals were lodged with An Coimisin Pleanála, all of which upheld the decisions of the Council to maintain the properties as 'in scope' for the tax.

The Final RZLT Maps for 2025 were published on 31st January 2025. On the basis of these maps, taxes were levied on landowners in 2025.

Town Centre First (TCF) / Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)

The Council is continuing to expand on the National Town Centre First Policy launched by the Department of Rural and Community Development in 2022. In 2025 the Town Regeneration Officer continued to work with communities in Nenagh, Thurles and Carrick On Suir following the establishment of Town Teams in each of those towns and successfully developed a Town Centre First strategy for each town. This work expanded on the work done in Clonmel and Roscrea to create a Town Centre First Plan for every town in the county. These plans have a focus on developing an overarching framework to focus the development of the centre of towns with a particular emphasis on tackling dereliction and vacant properties and making the town centre a more attractive place to live, work, socialise and run a business.

The Town Centre First funding initiative aims to help re-imagine and revitalise rural communities as part of the National Town Centre First Policy. Town Centre First Plans provide concepts and projects for towns to seek support from multiple funding streams and act as a focal point for communities to re-imagine how their town can function better as a place to work, visit and live.

Croí Cónaithe fund

This scheme includes houses in both urban and rural areas. Each applicant can apply for up to two grants from the fund, with one grant for their primary residence and one grant for a second property which must be rented and the tenancy registered with the RTB. A property can also be an over the shop renovation with the upstairs being viewed as a separate premises within the existing property.

The following criteria apply for both types of grant application:

- The building must be empty for at least 2 years.
- Built before 31 December 2007.
- Up to €50,000 available as a grant with an additional €20,000 available where an engineer certifies the building as derelict or dangerous.
- The applicant does not have to own the building when applying for the grant but the grant will not be paid until the sale of the building and works are complete.
- The works proposed must be approved in advance, following inspection by the local authority of the subject property
- The applicant must live in the building as the primary residence for a period of not less than 10 years. Where the property is a second property and is rented then that property must be rented for the period of 10 years prior to completion. Clawbacks of the grant monies.
- Grant must be used to renovate the existing dwelling or be within the ambit of exempt development under planning regulations, or as part of a planning application, if required, as part of a wider refurbishment.2

	Received to date	Received in 2025
Applications received	815	236
Fully approved	654	215
Rejected	43	4
Withdrawn	103	3
Paid out	213	28
Approved total		€35,347,598

Derelict Sites

The Derelict Sites Act requires the owner of a building or land to ensure that they do not become or continue to be derelict. The Act defines a derelict site as being any land which detracts, or is likely to detract, to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of land in the neighbourhood.

At the start of 2025 the derelict sites register contained 84 properties and the owners of these properties were issued with a letter reminding them of their obligations under the Act to carry out works to render the buildings non-derelict. To date we have removed 19 of these properties from the register as the works have been carried out. At the end of 2025 the register showed 115 properties with additional properties being added throughout the county. The team will maintain a focus on this in 2026 with a view towards adopting a systematic countywide approach to identifying derelict properties with an initial focus on the nine historic regional towns.

During 2025 the team commenced two CPO processes and concluded a third with the acquisition of DW Parkes Chemist in Clonmel. In the 2026 the stated aim is to increase the level of interaction with property owners to increase the awareness of the focus on vacancy and dereliction countywide.



19 properties removed from derelict sites register

URDF Call 3

URDF Call 3 seeks to tackle long term vacant and derelict buildings and sites across URDF towns and cities primarily in order to accelerate the provision of residential development and regenerate town centres. An allocation of €5m has been approved for Tipperary County Council under this Call and properties in Nenagh, Clonmel and Thurles are eligible for inclusion.

There number of properties on the list was increased from 74 to 85 and the team are in the process of adding additional properties to the list as they are identified. To date approximately 65% of these properties are in the process of being brought back into use.



215 Vacant properties approved

Project Ireland 2040: Regeneration and Development Funds

Project Ireland 2040 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework). These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) administered by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The Planning Department leads the preparation and development of the strategic projects for consideration by the Government Departments while the Municipal Districts with the assistance of the Planning Department coordinate their delivery.

Irish Planning Institute (IPI) Awards 2025

Kickham Barracks Regeneration was announced the winner in its category (Urban Regeneration) at the Irish Planning Institute Awards held in September 2025. The application for the award was a joint submission between Tipperary County Council & the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The project involved the construction of Main and Central Plazas within Kickham Barracks; construction of a new street including footpaths and parking linking the Main and Central Plazas; opening up access to the site from Dillon Street and Davis Road including additional pedestrian access points; landscaping and boundary treatments together with the development of services and utilities needed to support the future development of the site and adjoining lands.



Figure P2 Kickham Barracks - Winner in Urban Regeneration Category of the IPI awards

The following projects are currently being delivered under these Schemes.

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme Thurles

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment/employment. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund to undertake works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square and to develop a new car park off Liberty Square. Additional funding was secured in March, 2021 to undertake enhancement works to the Western end of Liberty Square and the junctions of the approach roads. Overall project costs approved amount to €11,211,479. Total funding secured through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund amounts to €5,773,682. This project has been divided into two sub elements by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. Phase 1 works are completed on the new car park and the Eastern end of Liberty Square. Phase 2 works comprises of the Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach roads converging on the Square. Preliminary design is completed. Integrated design team appointed in December, 2025. Consultations with statutory bodies are ongoing.



Figure P3 Liberty Square Phase 2

Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with associated Civic Plaza -

The project is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with the Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and Tipperary Energy Agency. Total approved project costs amounted to €4,014,746 and funding of €3,011,060 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Additional works which were approved by the Department were completed during the year.



Figure P5 Templemore Library & Enterprise Centre

Thurles Market Quarter:

Regeneration, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion's Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated multi-functional space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers and will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. The building will be utilised as a café. Total approved project costs amount to €3,825,700 and funding of €3,443,130 has been secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Works were at an advanced stage by end of December, 2025 with estimated completion in Q1 2026.



Figure P6 Thurles Market Quarter

Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition' -

This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of extensive public realm enhancements in the town centre, development of Suir Blueway linkages and the regeneration of the Ormond Castle Quarter. Improvements will consist of (i) installation of high-quality public realm in Main Street, Sean Kelly Square, Greystone Street, Bally Alley Street and Chapel Street ; (ii) provision of a new Enterprise and Digital Hub in a vacant town centre building on Main Street (iii) the creation of an arrival point at Sean Healy Park through design, enhancement and orientation measures and the integration of the Suir Blueway into the town centre through the creation of shared spaces along the Quays and linkages to Main Street.; (iv) public realm upgrade of Castle Street and repurposing of Ormond Castle Park as a high-quality Amenity and Biodiversity Park. Total approved project costs amount to €17,989,387 and funding of €14,391,509 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Phase 1-Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park-snagging completed in 2025 and works are now fully completed on this phase. Phase 2-Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay-Tendering process for the engagement of a contractor completed and approval issued by the Department to proceed to construction stage in early November, 2025. Contractor appointed in November, 2025 and works commenced in December, 2025. Phase 3-Digital Hub-Works are at an advanced stage as at end of December, 2025 with anticipated completion in Q1 2026.



Figure P7 Suir Blueway, Carrick on Suir



Figure P8 Carrick on Suir Digital Hub

Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh.

The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr's Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development to new cutting-edge research on technologies and incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland's first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include public realm and amenity enhancements. Total project costs approved amount to €13,990,179 and funding of €10,492,634 was secured through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund towards the works. The site on which the centre of excellence will be constructed has been identified and the conveyancing process is underway. Stakeholder engagement to assess their requirements within the building has been completed. Preliminary design is in progress.



Figure P4 Centre of Excellence, Nenagh

Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy-

This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of a new Business Development Centre in the heart of Cahir, public realm enhancements in the centre of the town and the development of a car park on a central backland site. Improvements will consist of (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business Development Centre; (ii) the refurbishment of the historic Granary building to provide a state-of-the-art library for the community; (iii) Cahir Square Public Realm Enhancements to include prioritisation of pedestrian and cyclist movements and the redistribution of public realm in favour of recreational space; (iv) the provision of a new car park on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings that were acquired by the Council under the Category 2 approved project. Total approved project costs amount to €16,955,750 and funding of €13,564,600 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Phase 1b Car Park-Tendering process for the appointment of a contractor completed and approval to proceed with the works issued by the Department. Contractor appointed and works commenced on site in July, 2025. Phase 2- Library-Tendering process for the appointment of a contractor completed and approval to proceed with the works issued by the Department. Works commenced early November, 2025. Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works- Tendering process for the appointment of a contractor completed and approval to proceed with the works issued by the Department. Works commenced in September, 2025.



Figure P9 Cahir Car Park



Figure P10 Market House Enabling Works, Cahir



Figure P11 Cahir Library

Reimagining and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea

This project will deliver a transformational change to the public space around Gantly Road and promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The project will be the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area. The works will involve (i) the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles; (ii) the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths; (iii) extensive bio-retention rain gardens and (iv) the provision of water service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Street Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imagining of Gantly Road is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood Masterplan area into the future which will transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town. Total project costs amount to €6,174,648 and funding of €4,939,719 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Tender process for the engagement of an integrated design team completed and design team appointed in May, 2025. Topographical Survey completed September, 2025. Detailed design is completed. Archaeologist and Ground Investigations specialist appointed in December, 2025 following separate procurement processes. Ongoing engagement is taking place with utility companies.



Figure P12 Gantly Street (Photomontage)

Tipperary Town -

Social, community and heritage led regeneration of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell was successful in securing funding under Call 5, Category 1 RRDF which was announced in May, 2024. Proposals involve the regeneration and repurposing of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell. Works will involve (i) the alteration, refurbishment, extension and repurposing of the centrally located Dan Breen House (former Council offices vacant since 2011), into a dynamic services, education, training and social impact centre operated by Youth Work Ireland-Tipperary and Tipperary ETB (ii) the refurbishment, alteration, repurposing and extension of the Courthouse and the refurbishment, alteration and repurposing of the Bridewell buildings into a social development, education and training services centre for adults with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities which will be operated by MooreHaven. The long-term sustainable use of the sites will be secured with much needed services and buildings of heritage importance will be conserved that will contribute to the towns revitalisation. The project value is €9,974,847 and grant funding of €7,980,000 has been approved through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Match funding is being provided by MooreHaven and Youth Work Ireland Tipperary who will also be responsible for the operational costs of the facilities on completion of the works. Multi Party Framework Agreement for Renovation and Redevelopment Works to Protected Structures and other Buildings owned by Tipperary County Council established during 2025. Tender documents for the construction stage of Dan Breen House have been completed. Tender documents for the former Tipperary Courthouse are at an advanced stage.



Figure P13 Dan Breen House (Photomontage)



Figure P14 Tipperary Courthouse (Photomontage)

Goldcrop Regeneration -

This project involves the preparation of detailed design and demolition works on the 1.2ha long-term vacant Goldcrop site which is strategically located in the town centre. The site was purchased by the Council in 2022 and has enormous potential for a variety of uses such as tourism-based development, commercial units, community and cultural facilities, residential units, along with associated enhanced public realm spaces. The Goldcrop Regeneration Project seeks to leverage public investment, community engagement and collaborative efforts to bring about positive transformation in Carrick-on-Suir, making it a more vibrant and resilient town centre and contributing to the overall well-being of the community. Total project costs amount to €1,231,040 and RRDF grant approved is €984,832. Approval in Principle issued by the Department on 24th November, 2025. Verification documentation completed and returned to the Department on 16th. December, 2025.



Figure P15 Goldcrop Site, Carrick on Suir

Roscrea Transformational Regeneration Town Centre First: - This proposal involves the preparation of Part 8 Planning and detailed design for the development of a proposed community centre and community creche close to the town centre, public realm enhancements on Main Street and reactivation of three pedestrian laneways off Main Street. The proposal seeks to deliver a key project contained in the Roscrea Town Centre First Plan. The three pillars represent a comprehensive approach to the physical and economic regeneration of Roscrea town centre in a way that is both respectful of the historic character of the town and ambitious in its future growth and economic development. The project will drive greater economic activity and footfall, create employment opportunities and address vacancy and dereliction. Total project costs amount to €1,214,005. RRDF grant approved is €971,200. Approval in Principle issued by the Department on 24th November, 2025. Verification documentation completed and returned to the Department on 17th December, 2025.



Figure P16 Main Street, Roscrea (Photomontage)

Active Travel Investment Programme

In 2025, Tipperary County Council received an allocation of €4 million to improve cycling and walking infrastructure throughout the county. During the year. In addition, an allocation of €500,000 was secured for bus stop enhancement works across the county for the installation of bus poles and hard standing areas.

A sample of some of the Active Travel Projects implemented and at construction stage in Tipperary is provided below:

Cashel Road, Clonmel:

Phase 2 works substantially complete which involved the provision of improved cycling infrastructure with extension of existing cycling facilities; improved pedestrian footpath; controlled and uncontrolled pedestrian and cyclist road crossings.



Chestnut Avenue, Clonmel:

Works completed on Chestnut Avenue including cutting back of vegetation, provision of new tarmacadam surface and the installation of additional public lighting along the walkway.

Before and after pictures of the works completed at Chestnut Avenue



R445 Lisbunny, Nenagh:

Works completed on R445 Lisbunny included provision of improved shared walking and cycle path with additional public lighting.

Inch Active Travel Scheme:

Project at Inch School completed. Works included widening of footpaths, installation of pedestrian crossings and improvements to bus stops.

Emly Village:

Emly village project completed. Works included installation of raised controlled crossings, widening of footsteps and landscaping.

Bus Stop Enhancement Works:

The National Transport Authority Bus Stop Enhancement specific funding allowed for the upgrade of a number of bus stops across the county such as the works completed in Cloughjordan and Dromineer in the above images.

Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI):

ZEVI is actively assisting in the transition to greener fleets through various targeted programs and financial supports. The goal is to achieve 30% of Ireland's private car fleet being electric by 2030, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan 2023.

To achieve the ambitious Greenhouse Gas reduction targets required in the transportation sector, strategic planning of the charging network is required.

Over the course of 2025, local authorities have been tasked with developing charging network strategies and implementation plans to identify high quality locations for charging infrastructure. These local strategies will determine the minimum charging requirements at destination and neighbourhood locations and also consider the best approach to partnering with the private sector, in order to leverage technical expertise, resources and private funding.

As part of the Regional and Local EV Charging Network Plan 2024 -2030 Tipperary County Council as lead authority has appointed Ove Arup & Partners Ireland Ltd, T/A Arup as the Consultant for the development of an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy for Region 5. Tipperary County Council as lead Authority for Region 5 is developing the strategy in collaboration with the local authorities of Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford. The Regional Strategy will form the basis for Tipperary and the other Local Authorities in this Region to develop infrastructure planning, prepare business plans and funding requests to ZEVI for the future deployment of EV charging infrastructure.

A Public Consultation was completed in May 2025 whereby residents, stakeholders and the general public were invited to share their views on the future of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in their areas. A significant number of individuals and groups participated in this Public Consultation and provided their views to help shape the final strategy.

We are now at an advanced stage in the development of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy which we expect will be finalised in Quarter 1 2026 following the completion of a Public Consultation on the Draft Strategy. It is expected that Phase 1 of the Strategy Implementation will begin thereafter.



Conservation Grant Schemes 2025

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2025** sought to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas.

The allocation approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for Tipperary County Council under the Built Heritage investment scheme for 2024 was €367,285 and we also received €21,376.70 under the **Historic Thatched Buildings** Stream.

On completion, the projects were inspected by Eamonn Hunter, Executive Architectural Conservation Officer and 27 projects were awarded funding availing of our full allocation of €388,661.70.

The projects which received funding are as follows:

Ballyfinboy House, Newlawn, Ballinderry, Co. Tipperary	€20,000.00
The Old School House, Garryduff East, Dundrum, Co. Tipperary	€7,000.00
Killoran House, Templetoohy, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	€28,900.00
Ballylaffin, Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary	€3,566.70
Thonogue House, Roosca, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€4,000.00
Ballybrado House, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€15,000.00
Church of St John the Baptist, Clonoulty, Co. Tipperary	€8,600.00
St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	€12,000.00
St. Ruadhans' Church of Ireland, Lorrha, Co. Tipperary	€3,800.00
St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€15,000.00
Church View House, Church Street, Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€20,000.00
Vernacular Out-houses, Toomevara, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€12,000.00
Milford House, Borisokane, Co. Tipperary	€20,000.00
Drominagh Lodge, Ballinderry, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€20,000.00
St. Mary's Church, Bailey Street, Killenaule, Co. Tipperary	€18,000.00
St. John the Baptist RC Church, Friar Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	€25,000.00
Beechrow House, The Terrace, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary	€14,000.00
St. Joseph's RC Church, Ballinree, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€2,800.00
Main Street, Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	€13,000.00
Ferns Hollow, Ballina, Co. Tipperary	€10,000.00
34 Castleliney Village, Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€3,995.00
Millhouse, Step Road, Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary	€20,000.00
Town Clock, Westgate, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary	€17,000.00
Former AIB, Bank Street, Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€8,000.00
Thatch Cottage, Greenmount, Newcastle, Co. Tipperary	€3,500.00
Governor's House, O'Rahilly Street, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€37,500.00
Masonry Stone Wall at Anne Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	€26,000.00

Planning & Emergency Services SPC

The first of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2025 were held on 12th February. Agenda covered: Nature Based Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, Update on Emergency Services and Vacancy Dereliction and regeneration. The second of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2025 were held on 13 May. Agenda covered: Anaerobic Digesters and Trees and Hedges, Update on Emergency Services First Revision to the NPF and the Review of the NDP, Update on the Working Group for Housing solutions, Agree Work programme and meetings. The third was held on 23rd September 2025 Agenda covered RED III (renewable energy Directive), Fire Safety & Building Control aspects of Reusing Vacant “above -the Shop” units in Irish Towns , S28 Guidelines NPF Implementation – Housing Growth Requirements and Update on the Working Group for Housing solutions. The fourth was held on the 2nd December 2025 the Agenda covered Presentation from Alan Moore (Hedgerows Ireland) “Hedgerows, Trees and Council Policy”, Report on Housing solutions and Commencement of Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)

A key project undertaken by the SPC in 2025 was the initiation of a Working Group to investigate ‘Housing Solutions in a Housing Crisis’. This working group met 7 times, undertook site visits to modular units in Limerick and produced an extensive and detailed report with a number of recommendations, which was reported to the final SPC in December 2025 and subsequently to the plenary Council in January 2026.

Sector	Name
10 Councillors	Chair – Rodger Kennedy
	Seamus Morris
	Micheál Lowry
	Michael Smith
	Ann Marie Ryan Shiner
	John Carroll
	Fiona Bonfield
	Mark Fitzgerald
	John Crosse
	Mary Hanna Hourigan
1 Agriculture & Farming	Michael Tobin
1 Business Commercial & Tourism	Brid Harrington
1 Development Construction	John O’Shaughnessy
3 PPN	Gillian Moore
	Charles Lamb
	Vacant

Taking-in-Charge of Estates

Five estates were taken in charge in 2025 - a total of 207 housing units.

Developments TIC by Municipal District in 2025		
Municipal District	No of Developments TIC	No of Housing Units
Nenagh	1	49
Clonmel	0	0
Carrick On Suir	1	13
Thurles	1	18
Tipp / Cahir / Cashel	2	127

Enforcement

The enforcement part of the Section deals with non-compliance with the conditions of permissions granted, collection of development contributions and follow up of reports received from the public and/or council officials of possible unauthorised development.

In accordance with Section 154 (14) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the statistics from 1st January to 31st December 2025 are as follows:-

Complaints investigated	240
Warning Letters issued	184
Enforcement Notices issued	87
Prosecutions initiated	31
Cases closed	243



250 % increase in the number of estates TIC (2 in 2024 to 5 in 2025)

SPC produced detailed report and recommendations on “Housing Solutions in a Housing Crisis”

300% increase in planning authorities prosecutions in enforcement

Organisation & People



Corporate Policy Group

The Corporate Policy Group (CPG) comprises the Cathaoirleach and the Chairpersons of each of the Strategic Policy Committees and representatives from the Municipal District if applicable, supported by the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team.

The role of the CPG includes advising and assisting the Plenary Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy for Tipperary County Council, however, full decision-making authority remains with the Elected Council. The group may also make proposals for the allocation of business between the Strategic Policy Committees and for the general coordination of such business.

The following Councillors were members of the CPG during the period January to December 2025



JOHN CARROLL
CATHAOIRLEACH
FG



JIM RYAN
INFRASTRUCTURE
(TO INCLUDE ROADS & TRANSPORTATION)
NP



SEAN RYAN
ENVIRONMENT &
CLIMATE ACTION
FF



MARY HANNA HOURIGAN
HOUSING
FG



MARIE MURPHY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
& ENTERPRISE
FG



ROGER KENNEDY*
PLANNING & EMERGENCY
SERVICES
FF



ANDY MOLONEY
COMMUNITY, CULTURE &
LIBRARY SERVICES
NP



MICHAEL SMITH
SOCIAL INCLUSION COMMUNITY
& RURAL DEVELOPMENT
FF



DAVID DUNNE
CARRICK ON SUIR MD
SF



PAT ENGLISH
CLONMEL BD
WUAG



PHYLL BUGLER
NENAGH MD
FG

**Roger Kennedy replaced Imelda Goldsboro following her nomination to Seanad Eireann*

Executive Summary – Corporate Policy Group (CPG) 2025

Throughout 2025, the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) provided strategic leadership and oversight across the full spectrum of the Council's governance, policy development, service planning, and civic representation activities. Meeting regularly, the CPG guided the preparation of key statutory documents, considered major policy proposals, and ensured alignment between Council priorities and national frameworks.

Governance, Ethics and Corporate Affairs

The CPG oversaw ongoing compliance with the local government ethics framework, including annual declarations and updates to the Protocol for Complaints against Elected Members. Key corporate documents reviewed included the Corporate Plan 2024–2029, the Draft Annual Report 2024, and the Service Delivery Plan 2025. The Group also endorsed updates to the Privilege & Procedure Committee, the Protocol for the Office of the Cathaoirleach, and reviewed the NOAC Performance Indicators for 2023.

Finance and Audit

Significant financial oversight activities included consideration of the Draft Annual Financial Statement 2024, the accompanying over-expenditure report, and the Audit Committee Work Programme 2025. Audit reports relating to 2023 and 2024 were also reviewed.

Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

The CPG examined numerous statutory proposals, including Section 183 disposals, Part 8 developments, and policy updates across housing, planning, and infrastructure. Major items included the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029, the Draft Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025–2031, and progress on water supply and strategic infrastructure submissions. Work continued on the Burial Ground Development Policy and Housing Adaptation Grants.

Economic Development, Community, Tourism and Recreation

The Group considered a suite of strategic plans aimed at strengthening community and economic development, including the Outdoor Recreation Plan 2025–2030, Tipperary Tourism Roadmap 2025–2030, the Festivals & Events Strategy 2025–2029, and updates on Just Transition initiatives and the Community Recognition Fund.

Culture, Libraries and Arts

Arts Act Grants for 2025 were reviewed, along with progress on various library capital projects.

Climate Action and Environment

The CPG assessed the Climate Action Plan progress reports, Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) 2024 updates, and waste enforcement performance metrics.

Workshops, Training and Member Development

A comprehensive programme of councillor workshops and training sessions was delivered, covering areas such as budget preparation, planning, roads funding, strategic policy committees, climate action, and external briefings from key national agencies. Cathaoirleach training and social media/security training were also included.

Civic Honours, Receptions and Representational Role

The CPG recommended and supported a wide range of civic engagements, including receptions for sporting achievements, community contributions, and cultural recognition. High-profile events included receptions for Dáire Lynch, Olympic Bronze Medallist in Rowing and the Tipperary U20 and Senior Hurling Teams. International and intercommunity initiatives included participation in the Mayors for Peace network and authorisation of the Council logo for international cultural events.

Other Matters

Additional items addressed included the Clonmel Business Improvement District Scheme, naming of the Brian Ború Bridge, various deputation requests, and coordination of official invitations and openings.

Civic Events

Civic Receptions

On the 6th May Dáire Lynch, Olympic Medallist was honoured with a civic reception for his outstanding achievement in winning a bronze medal in the Men's Double Sculls (M2x) at the 2024 Paris Olympics.



L-R Cathaoirleach Councillor Declan Burgess, Dáire Lynch, Chief Executive Sinead Carr



L-R Woodturner Donnacha Ryan, Cathaoirleach Councillor Declan Burgess, Dáire Lynch, Chief Executive Sinead Carr, President of Rowing Ireland Jane Williams and President Clonmel Rowing Club Dermot Dougan.



L-R Niall Lynch, Cathaoirleach Councillor Declan Burgess, Dáire Lynch, Chief Executive Sinead Carr, Joanna Lynch



L-R Dáire Lynch, Cathaoirleach Councillor Declan Burgess, Chief Executive Sinead Carr, President Clonmel Rowing Club Dermot Dougan, Clonmel Rowing Club High Performance Coach Pat Kinsella



Members of Clonmel Rowing Club in attendance at the Civic Reception for Dáire Lynch (Photographer John D Kelly)

Following a remarkable year for hurling in the 'Premier' County, a civic reception was held on the 1st November to proudly recognise the incredible success of the 2025 All Ireland Senior and Under 20 Hurling Champions.



L-R Chief Executive Sinead Carr, Manager Senior Hurling Team Liam Cahill, Cathaoirleach Councillor John Carroll, Chairperson Tipperary GAA Board Jimmy Minogue, Captain Senior Hurling Team Ronan Maher



L-R Chief Executive Sinead Carr, Manager Under 20 Hurling Team Brendan Cummins, Cathaoirleach Councillor John Carroll, Chairperson Tipperary GAA Board Jimmy Minogue, Captain Under 20 Hurling Team Sam O'Farrell



L-R Manager Senior Hurling Team Liam Cahill, Cathaoirleach Councillor John Carroll, Chief Executive Sinead Carr



L-R Manager Senior Hurling Team Liam Cahill, Captain Senior Hurling Team Ronan Maher



L-R Under-20 Hurling Team Brendan Cummins, Captain Under 20 Hurling Team Sam O'Farrell



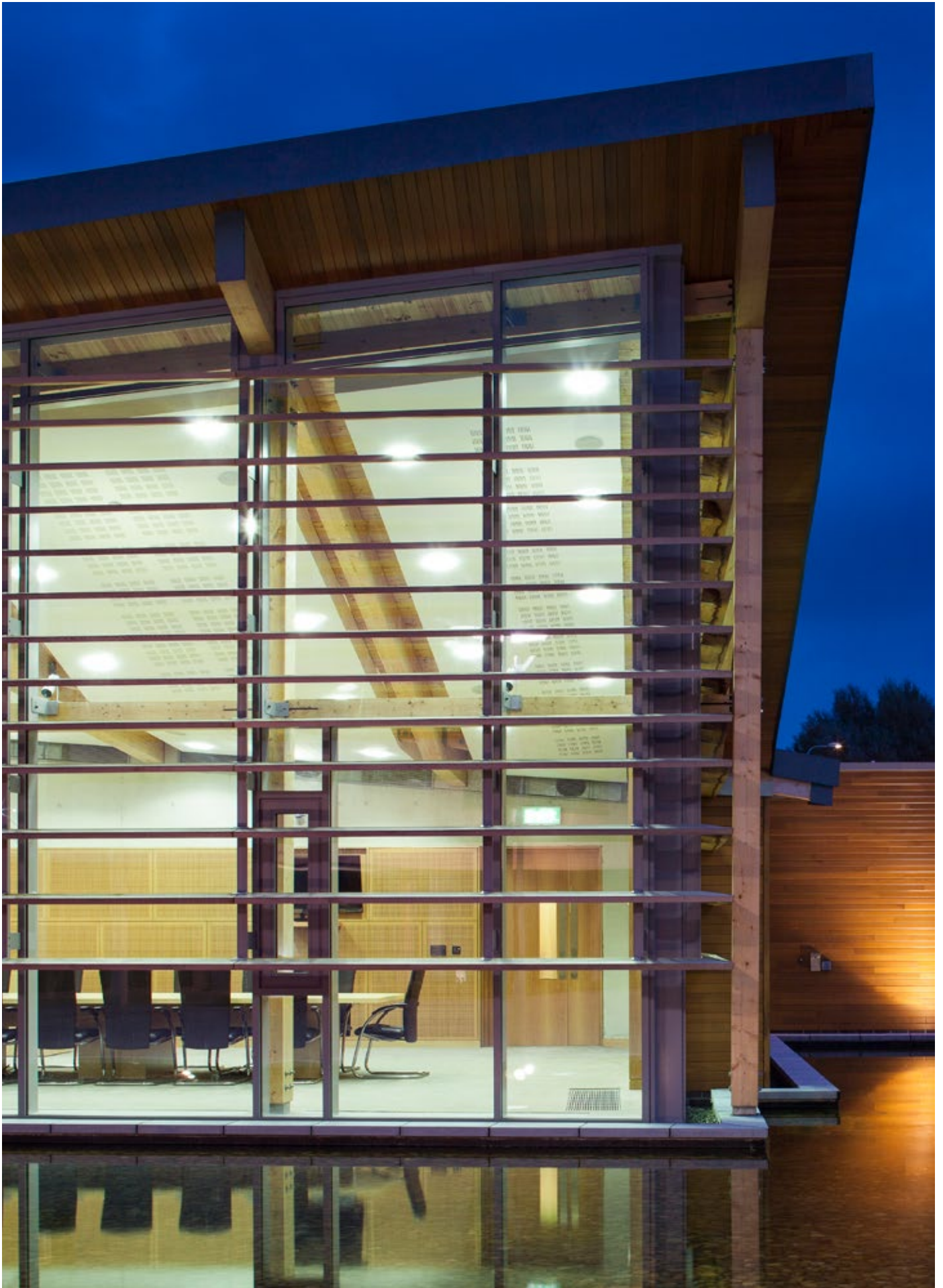
L-R Players Darragh Stakelum, Michael Breen, Conor Stakelum (Photographer John D Kelly)

Ministerial Visits

The Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O'Callaghan, together with the Minister of State for the Office of Public Works, Kevin Boxer, and Assistant Commissioner Eileen Foster, joined Deputies Michael Murphy, Seamus Healy and Mattie McGrath, members of An Garda Síochána, The Office of Public Works and representatives of Tipperary County Council to mark the official turning of the sod for the new Garda Station at the Kickham Barracks site in Clonmel.

The contractors are Tipperary based Duggan Brothers and they started work on the 1st December 2025 with a proposed completion date of 28 months.







Protected Disclosures

Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Statutory Background

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires public bodies to publish an annual report setting out the number of protected disclosures made to the body during the preceding year, together with information relating to any actions taken in response to such disclosures.

This report is submitted by Tipperary County Council (“the Council”) in respect of the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Protected Disclosures Received

During the reporting period, the Council did not receive any protected disclosures made internally under its Protected Disclosures Policy, in accordance with Section 6 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014.



Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires public bodies to publish an annual report setting out the number of protected disclosures made to the body during the preceding year

Other Relevant Disclosures

In 2025, the Health Service Executive (HSE) received a disclosure relating to a nursing home located in County Tipperary. The disclosure concerned matters associated with compliance in the areas of building safety, fire safety, and waste management.

The disclosure was subject to preliminary screening and evaluation by the relevant authorities.

- The aspects relating to waste management were examined and the case was subsequently closed.
- In respect of fire safety matters, the Council sought additional information to enable further consideration and appropriate follow-up, as required.

Conclusion

The Council continues to maintain and promote robust procedures for the receipt and management of protected disclosures, in line with statutory requirements and best practice. Arrangements remain in place to ensure that disclosures, where made, are handled in a confidential, objective, and timely manner.

Date of Report: 5 January 2026

Communications & Customer Service

Tipperary County Council continues to improve our communications and engagement with all citizens and stakeholders in order to heighten awareness and understanding of our role and the services we deliver by promoting the services, supports and activities of the Council, managing the Council’s online presence across the various digital and social media platforms. Everything we do is for our communities, citizens and our stakeholders, involve engagement by staff in customer service and communications on a daily basis.

Promotion of Council’ activities and events, some of which include: -

Your Council Day

Your Council Day took place on Friday, 27 June, and Tipperary County Council was excited to be part of this national campaign celebrating the vital work of local government across Ireland.

This year’s theme, Building Stronger Communities, highlighted our commitment to building communities where people are connected, supported, and empowered to thrive.



Promoted various national, regional and local campaigns through digital and social media campaigns which include:



Online customer service initiatives 2025

Improvements were made to the provision of online services, this is an area of opportunity to enable more accessible, timely interaction and automation of services with our customers.

Year on year, our web visitors and social media followers increase. These range from the main council website, <http://www.tipperarycoco.ie> to the Libraries/Museum/Tourism and Events Guides.

Achievements 2025

Tipperary County Council's **customer service** centres in Nenagh and Clonmel aim is to enhance our level of customer service based on a dedicated, trained staff who provide a countywide service for customers including phone, email, postal items and our public counter. Tipperary County Council utilises the use of a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system for logging and tracking customer queries to ensure a consistency on how all our customers are dealt with.



L-R CSD staff Clonmel
Karl Moloney, Martina Aherne, Siobhan Wynne, Fiona Downey, Shane O’Gorman

1	Customer queries processed through Customer Relations Management System (CRM)	26,147
2	Telephone calls answered	110,680
3	Average speed of answer	2.5 minutes
4	Average longest wait time	26 minutes
5	Media queries received	191
6	Web pages viewed	1,277,134
7	Facebook followers	132,847
	Instagram followers	42,494
	X followers	33,093
8	Number of complaints from Irish Language Commissioner Oifig an Choimisinéara Teanga	1



L-R CSD staff Nenagh

Olga Carroll Ryan, Patsy Brislane, Attracta Cahill, Stephanie Sheehan, Ann Kelly, Danny Reddan

Irish Language

Tipperary County Council supports the promotion of the Irish Language and encourages staff to avail of courses through Gaelchultúr.

The Council is fully compliant concerning the implementation of the requirements of the Official Languages Act 2003-2021. It has an Irish Language Scheme (Scéim Gaeilge) which contains our commitments to the promotion of the Irish Language. These include a page on our website, bilingual forms, and a query email asgaeilge@tipperarycoco.ie. This Scheme will be replaced during 2026 with Language Standards. These standards will set out the services to be provided through the Irish language and the levels of competence in the Irish Language required of staff.

Tipperary County Council also supports and promotes activities during Seachtain na Gaeilge. The use of Irish phrases form part of our Plenary and Municipal Council meetings during the month of March each year.

All Council and Municipal District Council meetings used Irish for opening and closing of meetings, and for proposing and seconding notices of motion to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Libraries

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025

As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025 Clonmel Library held an Intercultural / Gaeilge Storytime hosted by Ken-sika Monshengwo with local school children.



On 5th March, library staff welcomed the school children from Glengoole National School to The Source Library, Thurles for a special Seachtain na Gaeilge storytime as Gaeilge. The Source Library also held a Christmas Carol Service on the 11th of December where school children from Gaelscoil Durlas Eile choir sang as Gaeilge.

Ciorcal Comhrá sa Leabharlann

Clonmel Library host a very well attended conversational Irish group twice a month on Thursday mornings.



Cashel Library hosts a ciorcal comhrá every Monday throughout the year at 11:00am.

An Ghaeilge

Tacaíonn Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge, agus spreagtar baill foirne chun leas a bhaint as cúrsaí trí Ghaelchultúr.

Tá an Chomhairle i gcomhlíonadh iomlán le cur chun feidhme cheanglais Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, 2003-2021. Tá Scéim Gaeilge ann ina bhfuil ár dtiomantais maidir le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge. Áirítear leo sin leathanach ar ár suíomh gréasáin, foirmeacha dátheangacha, agus seoladh ríomhphoist do cheisteanna asgaeilge@tipperarycoco.ie. Le linn 2026, cuirfear na Caighdeáin Teanga in ionad na Scéime sin. Leagfar amach sna caighdeáin sin na seirbhísí le bheith curtha ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge agus na leibhéil inniúlachta sa Ghaeilge a éilítear ar bhaill foirne.

Tacaíonn Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann le gníomhaíochtaí chomh maith le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge, agus déantar iad a chur chun cinn. Úsáidtear nathanna cainte Gaeilge mar chuid dár gcruinnithe lomlánacha agus Comhairle Bardais le linn mhí an Mhárta gach bliain.

Úsáideadh Gaeilge ag tús agus ag clabhsúr gach cruinniú Comhairle agus cruinniú Chomhairle Ceantair Bhardasaigh, agus chun réamhorduithe a mholadh agus cuidiú leo chun críche Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh.

Leabharlanna

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025

Mar chuid de Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2025, reáchtáladh Am Scéalaíochta Idirchultúrtha / Gaeilge le leanaí scoile áitiúla i Leabharlann Chluain Meala arna óstáil ag Kensi-ka Monshengwo.



Ar an 5 Márta, chuir baill foirne na leabharlainne fáilte roimh leanaí scoile ó Scoil Náisiúnta Ghleann an Ghuail ag Leabharlann na Foinse, Durlas d'am scéalaíochta speisialta Sheachtain na Gaeilge as Gaeilge. Reáchtáladh Seirbhís Carúl ar an 11 Nollaig ag Leabharlann na Foinse, agus bhí leanaí scoile ann ó chóir Ghaelscoil Dhurlas Éile ann, agus chan siad as Gaeilge.

Ciorcal Comhrá sa Leabharlann

Óstáiltear grúpa comhrá Gaeilge ag a bhfuil tinreamh maith in Leabharlann Chluain Meala dhá uair sa mhí maidin Déardaoin.



Óstáiltear ciorcal comhrá gach Luan i rith na bliana ag 11:00am in Leabharlann Chaisil.

Sports & Social Club

Clonmel Branch

The Sports and Social club continue to run a broad range of events and arrange the monthly draw with a bumper summer and Christmas draw. €65,000 was given out in prizes in 2025.

2025 started off with a trip to the Panto in early January at the University Concert Hall, Limerick to see Mother Goose, lucky to get there as the weather was so bad!! Thanks to Rosemary Purcell for organising.

February had us hillwalking with John O'Mahoney over the hills and out to Fourmilewater. May was Mystery Tour month and the craic was mighty as we headed from Cashel to New Inn, Barne and back to the Railway Bar in Clonmel.

Mystery Tour - 2025!



The Bus!! Such anticipation



Mystery Tour – Ollie's Bar, New Inn

Shane O'Dwyer, Ger Walsh, John O'Mahoney and Shane O'Gorman.



Mystery Tour - Ollie's Bar New Inn.

(Lisa O'Halloran, Maeve O'Brien, Aine Brett, Fiona Flynn, Sheevaun Thompson and Angela Sheehan)

June had us horse racing at Powerstown Park in Clonmel, a fun evening and a very well supported event as always. Thanks to Maeve O'Brien for organising.

14th June we headed to Dublin to the Bord Gais Theatre to see "Tina" the musical. It was brilliant!!! Claire Cooney organised, thanks Claire.

Another hill walk in August with John O'Mahoney we headed out to the Nire Valley after work on the 15th August, fantastic weather and spectacular views.



Nire Valley, Hill Walk – August 2025

We held an end of summer BBQ in Eldon's on the 11th September, great crowd, great food and a bit of fun.

For Christmas the annual cards 25 Drive was held in the Canteen in the Civic Offices, Clonmel and the Sports and Social club also supported the partnership events for retired staff Christmas lunch and the family Santa event in Clonmel.

We would like to thank all our members for their continued support. New members and event organisers are always welcome. If you are interested in organising an event or joining the Sports & Social Club please contact any member of the committee.

Committee Members:

Chairperson

- Fiona Crotty

Secretary

- Rosemary Purcell

Treasurer

- Anne Marie O'Flynn

Committee

- Alison Blackmore
- Geoff Burke
- Marian Scully
- Claire Cooney
- Maeve O'Brien
- Shannon O'Brien
- Lisa O'Halloran
- John O'Mahoney
- John O'Meara
- Eimear Raftery
- Veronica Makunike



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Sports & Social Club

Nenagh Branch

The Nenagh Branch continued to offer a wide range of activities and events for members throughout the year.

A fortnightly lotto draw was held for all members, along with special Bumper Easter and Christmas Draws.

In June, staff were offered complimentary tickets to attend the Gerbola Circus in Nenagh. Also, in June, members enjoyed a guided walk along the Dark Road in Nenagh followed by a dinner in Andy's Gastro Pub.

On 31 July, we hosted a Pitch & Putt Tournament. Participants spent the evening testing their short-game skills across the course, with plenty of memorable shots, near-misses, and a healthy dose of banter along the way. Following the event, everyone made their way to the Hi-B for a relaxed and enjoyable dinner.



Dinner in the Hi-B following a thoroughly entertaining day of Pitch & Putt with Nenagh Sports and Social Club Members

In November, members attended a Queen tribute concert, performed by a live rock band and West End singers in an intimate, candlelit setting.

Also, in November, the annual mass for deceased staff and elected members was held in the Civic Offices Chambers in Nenagh, followed by a meal in the canteen.

The Christmas party took place at the Abbey Court Hotel in December and was attended by staff from several different departments.

Later in December, members and their children attended the pantomime "Cinderella" at the University Concert Hall in Limerick.

Committee Members:

Chairperson

- Brian Dunne

Vice Chairperson

- Mary Stephens

Secretary

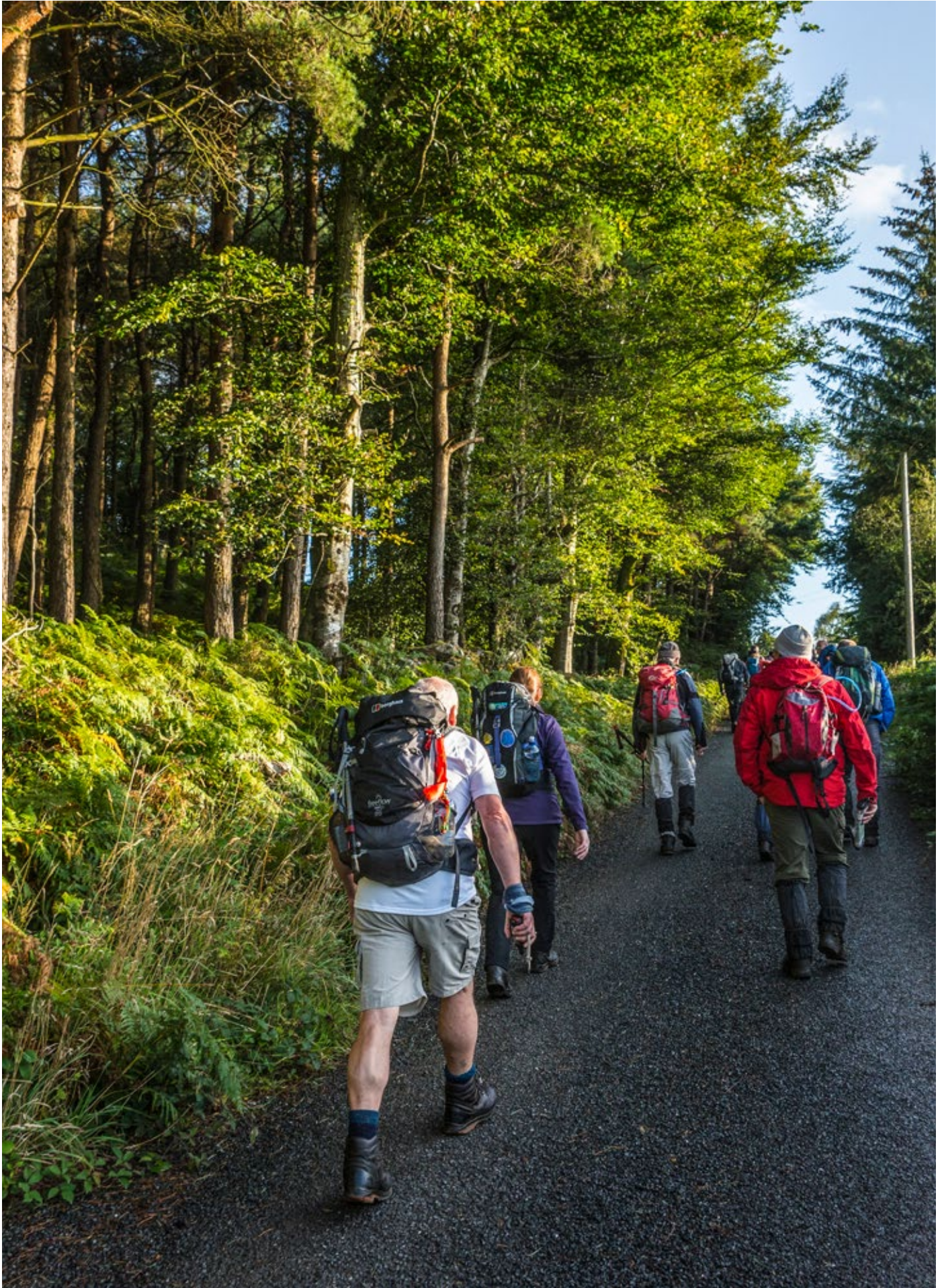
- Siobhan Ryan

Treasurer

- Rosemary Joyce

Committee

- Lorraine Kelly
- Peter Cleary
- Nuala Freeman
- Christine Cussen
- Mary Murphy
- Olivia Madden





Human Resources

With close to 1,200 employees (full time equivalent and retained) on our payroll at the end of 2025, Tipperary County Council remains one of the largest employers in the County.

The Human Resources Section is responsible for the delivery of the following service areas:

- Workforce Planning, Recruitment, remuneration and conditions of employment;
- Industrial Relations;
- Development and implementation of staff training/development programmes;
- Payroll resource for the shared service MYPAY;
- Superannuation (pension entitlements);
- Employee welfare/relations;
- Work-Life Balance - Family-friendly policies and arrangements;
- Maintenance of personnel records;
- The PEOPLE XD human resources software system;
- Data Analytics across a range of service areas;
- Performance Management and Development System (PMDS);
- Support to functional departments in all matters relating to human resources.

Workforce Planning and Recruitment

The objective of the Human Resources Department is to ensure that there is an appropriately resourced, skilled and motivated workforce to meet the priorities and objectives of the Council on an ongoing basis.

In late 2024 HR commenced the process of reviewing the Workforce Plan in the context of a Strategic Framework for Workforce Planning introduced into the Local Government Sector in mid-2024.

This framework provided a structured approach to:

- Assessing current workforce capacity and capability
- Identifying gaps in skills, experience, and headcount
- Developing strategies for upskilling, reskilling, and recruitment
- Aligning workforce planning with the Council's Corporate Plan and service delivery goals

This process was informed by extensive engagement with staff and their representatives. It will enable the Council to deploy its people more effectively, respond to emerging needs, and build a resilient, future-ready organisation.

The Tipperary County Council Strategic Workforce Plan 2025 – 2029 received confirmation of compliance with the provisions of the framework from the Department in November 2025. The plan highlights 97 actions across all Directorates that will seek to improve and expand service delivery over the coming years and will lead, if fully implemented, to an additional 148 staff positions. The plan is fully aligned with the Corporate Plan and builds on its ambition and mission.

The workforce staffing levels on the 31st of December 2025 equated to a headcount of 1,176 or 1,106.35 Whole Time Equivalents. The Human Resource Section coordinates the ongoing management of the workforce plans, managing new entrants, staff transfers and staff departures in consultation with line management colleagues.

Where necessary the HR section will seek the approval of the Department to add to the current Work Force Plan. In 2025 a total of 25 sanction requests were submitted to the Department in respect of 48 positions across all service areas. All were approved, 4 of which related to new posts identified in the Strategic Workforce Plan.

A total of 53 recruitment competitions were organised in 2025 (following on from 78 in 2024, 70 in 2023, 71 in 2022, 62 in 2021, 50 in 2020 and 67 in 2019). Of the competitions concluded, 270 candidates were placed on panels equating to 67% of those interviewed. This yielded 114 new joiners across the full range of disciplines including Administrative, Engineering, Technical, Scientific, Fire Services, General Operative and supervisory grades.

Staff Training & Development

In keeping with current national policy and the objectives of our Corporate Plan we continue to ensure that staff at all levels of the organisation have the opportunity to develop to their full potential and acquire the appropriate level of knowledge and skills to carry out their job. The Human Resources Section has a dedicated training team which is responsible for drafting and implementing a comprehensive training programme. Training requirements are based on the needs identified through the Performance Management Development System (PMDS) and during the year prioritisation was given to Health and Safety Training, training required for specific roles and also developing new skills.

Furthermore, 33 staff members were provided with funding for third level courses under the Staff Education Assistance Scheme in 2025 to a value of €49,685.

In order to ensure effectiveness and value for money, training was delivered in-house, where possible, and at the Regional Training Centre, Roscrea using in-house and external trainers. A greater emphasis is being put on engagement with participants and feedback/evaluation forms are requested after each course in order to ensure training is valuable, effectual and meeting the needs of the organisation.

In line with the 2023 Learning & Development Strategy (A Strategic Design & Planning Approach), a “Course Directory” is available as an iterative reference document facilitating identification of courses which can be matched to the organisation and individual needs.

Further targeted L&D events were rolled out across the organisations in 2025 including an Employee Recognition and Engagement event for all our indoor staff, which was a very well received, insightful day with opportunities for staff to connect and meet each other, strengthening morale and collaboration opportunities.



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Public Sector Duty (“The Duty”)

The Human Resources Section operates under the umbrella of equality, transparency and openness in all its dealings with staff and the public. In particular the Section espouses public sector values and seeks to embed these into our processes, with particular emphasis on its recruitment processes.

Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014 places the Duty in the context of strategic planning. Tipperary as a consequence is required to set out an assessment of equality and human rights issues relevant to its purpose and functions in a strategic plan, such as a Corporate Plan, in a manner that is accessible to the public.

Section 42(1) requires public bodies to have regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination;
- Promote equality of opportunity, and
- Protect the human rights of staff and service users.

A Public Sector Duty Implementation Strategy and Action Plan for the Council was approved by the Council’s Senior Management Team in December 2021. Following on from this in February 2022 an Executive Summary was designed and published in Arabic, Polish and Portuguese and is available in print and online.

Additionally, HR participated in a workgroup charged with creating the conditions for the implementation of the Public Sector Duty as it relates to ROMA accommodation. In November 2023 the group published a draft Implementation Plan titled “Tipperary County Council: Implementing the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty in relation to Roma and Accommodation Provision”. The plan was officially published in May 2024.

In addition, the council commenced a review of its Corporate Plan with a view to adopting a new Plan for the period 2024 – 2029, which it did on the 9th December 2024.



Continuous upskilling and training opportunities for our employees ensures that they can develop to their full potential

Our Core Values contain a measure specific to the Duty as follows:

5. Commitment to Public Sector Duty

- Promote equality of opportunity and treatment of our elected members, our staff, and the public
- Prevent discrimination
- Protect the human rights of our employees, customers, service users, and everyone affected by our policies and plans

Allied to that is Strategic Objective number 5 associated with Strategic Theme 3 “Organisation & People” which provides:

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The Public Sector Duty and DEI

To embed the values of the Public Sector Duty, promoting and supporting a culture of dignity, respect, diversity, equality, and inclusion.

Appendix 3: Implementing the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty sets out further detail of how we intend to deliver on these strategic themes/objectives including the re-establishment of a cross-departmental project team.

That cross-departmental project team, which included HR, succeeded in developing:

- An Assessment of Equality & Human Rights Issues & Evidence Book,
- Equality & Human Rights Values Statement,
- Implementation Plan, and
- Annual Action Plan.

All of these documents were adopted by the Senior Management Team in Q4 2025.

Industrial Relations

The Council continues to work in partnership with trade unions and employee representatives to achieve harmonious working relationships and improved working conditions with safe, effective and efficient work practices. The main trade unions engaged with are FÓRSA, SIPTU/LAPO, UNITE and CONNECT. The Council retains the services of the Local Government Management Agency as representation in disputes referred to third parties such as the Workplace Relations Commission and Labour Court.

In addition, the Council's Workplace Partnership Committee continues to be a source of engagement enabling the free flow of information on a consultative basis. The work of that committee also feeds into the area of employee welfare and wellbeing with many initiatives being brought forward on a continuous basis.

In 2025, as with previous years, the Council benefitted from a very stable Industrial Relations environment.

Superannuation

The Human Resources Department administers the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and Single Pension Scheme (SPS) and associated Spouse's and Children's and Widows and Orphans Pension Schemes for all grades.

It carries out the following functions:

- Calculation of retirement lump sums and pensions, death gratuities, preserved benefits and Spouses and Children's benefits etc.
- Transfer of service to and from other public sector bodies
- Preparation of pre-retirement benefit estimates;
- Generation of Annual Benefit Statements for SPS members
- Calculation of revised benefits in line with sectoral pay increases.

In late 2024 the transition to MyPay of the Superannuation function was revitalized following a pause caused by the legal requirements involving the administration of the Single Pension Scheme. It had been expected that the project would conclude in 2025, however due to the scale and complexity of the project the deadline for completion has been extended to Q3 2026.

Performance Management & Development System (PMDS)

National policy continues to place a very high priority on the use of performance management and development systems in Local Government. Increased emphasis has been placed on ensuring that team development plans and personal development plans are in place for all teams and employees and that they are aligned with the Council's Corporate Objectives. The PMDS system has been further broadened to include performance rating and 2025 saw these ratings applied for all staff throughout the organisation. It has been further broadened to include a training needs assessment at Senior Management Team and Team Development level.

During 2025 a working group was established to conduct a full review of the PMDS system. The working group published their findings in November 2025 and set out a number of recommendations for improvement in order to ensure a more strategic and operational shift in PMDS delivery utilising a more inclusive, consistent and digitally enabled approach.

Gender Pay Gap

Arising from the enactment of the Gender Pay Gap Information Act 2021 and the subsequent publication of the Employment Equality Act 1998 (Section 20A) (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations – May 2022, all organisations, (relevant employers), with greater than 250 employees were required to report on their Gender Pay Gap in 2022 and each year thereafter. Reporting is via a set of metrics provided in the Regulations using a June snapshot date. Relevant employers are additionally required to set out the reasons for Gender Pay Gap differences and the measures (if any) being taken, or proposed to be taken, by the employer to eliminate or reduce such differences.

The regulations provided for reports to be published within six months of the snapshot date. In common with other Local Authorities, Tipperary County Council published its 4th Report in November 2025. Similar to 2024, the Average and Mean Gender Pay Gap suggest a strong bias in favour of females, with a marked increase in the percentile between both years. The full report is available on the council website at [Gender Pay Gap Report 2025](#)

Employee Welfare/Relations

The Council continuously strives to create a work environment that is conducive to promoting a healthy and progressive workforce.

Initiatives that have been taken include the following:

- Provision of an Employee Assistance Programme providing 24-hour access over 7 days to staff and their families;
- Access to an Occupational Health Professional;
- Employee Handbook;
- Superannuation Handbook (SPS);
- Information/Induction package to new employees;
- Pre-retirement Courses;
- Return to Learning Project.
- Full access to new Medical Care Leave and Domestic Violence Leave.

Tipperary County Council facilitates the taking of various family-friendly leave arrangements including work-sharing, parental leave and carers leave. 2018 saw the introduction and adoption of a sectoral “People Strategy” which sought to focus on the development, capability and capacity of staff. Tipperary County Council continued the process of integrating it into all operational and functional areas of council activity in 2025.

Arising from the strategy, the Council enhanced its staff support offering and rolled out a comprehensive **Employee Assistance Programme** covering a multitude of services and various means of access on a confidential basis free of charge to all employees and their immediate family members. HR note that there was continued, welcome, engagement with the services on offer during the course of 2024 and encourage staff to continue to engage with and benefit from this very important initiative.

PART V Disability Act 2005

In order to comply with Statutory Obligations associated with the employment of people with a disability, every employee completes a short questionnaire during onboarding in order to determine an accurate reflection of the position with regard to same. In addition, there is engagement with staff whose disability status may have changed, and a full staff survey is undertaken periodically. Training is also provided to all staff to raise awareness of disabilities, create an inclusive environment and continue to build a diverse & equitable organisation. The minimum statutory employment target for 2025 has moved from 4.5% to a minimum of 6%.

PEOPLE XD HR Software System

The Local Government sector utilises People XD (formerly CORE HR) for all its HR, Payroll and Superannuation needs. Tipperary County Council also partners with Makodata with regard to the provision of Data Analytics as a means of accessing, understanding and reporting on the data contained in the People XD system. This enables the section to provide key strategic management reports across a range of business areas highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of those areas.

A key project in 2025 was the transition of all retained firefighters across the organisation from a quarterly to a fortnightly payroll.

Blended Working

Following on from the Covid-19 flu pandemic and the success of “Remote Working” the Irish Government issued a Directive to the wider Public Service to introduce a system of Blended Working enabling staff to alternate between office and other locations (including the home) where appropriate.

In June/July 2022, Tipperary County Council developed an online application system to facilitate this which went live in September 2022. HR conducted a review of blended working in March 2023 and reported on same to the Senior Management Team and the Audit Committee. The findings of the review were generally positive citing it as a positive addition to the way of work, greater flexibility, a reduction in commute times and critically, no loss of productivity and enhanced work-life balance. A similar position existed in 2025 with similar numbers availing of the facility.

Water Services

The transition of public water services continues to progress nationally with a Master Co-Operation Agreement between Uisce Éireann and local authorities being signed in 2023. Under this agreement Uisce Eireann as the national public water utility assumed responsibility for the day-to-day management and direction of Water Services staff in September 2023. However, these staff members continue to remain Tipperary County Council employees up to the end of 2026 or until such time as individual staff members choose to either permanently join Uisce Eireann or return to Tipperary County Council through an agreed reassignment protocol.

The Council’s HR Section continues to actively engage with the trade unions and with individual staff members through the provision of personal employment-related data that assists their personal decision making as well as identifying suitable reassignment options including the backfilling of vacant posts and new posts.





Digital/Information Systems

Technology is transforming how we live and work, and Tipperary County Council (TCC) is committed to leading this change across County Tipperary. In a rapidly evolving digital landscape, our focus is on delivering efficient, secure, and customer-centric services. Guided by our Corporate Plan 2025–2030 and the national Local Government Digital and ICT Strategy, we aim to digitize and modernize our business systems and maximize the number of services offered online.

The information outlined below showcases our progress in digital transformation, infrastructure enhancement, and the adoption of innovative technologies such as Microsoft 365 and Artificial Intelligence. It reflects our dedication to operational excellence, a strong digital culture, and exceptional service delivery for citizens, businesses, and staff.

Key 2025 Highlights

- Digital online services expanded across Housing, Planning, Human Resources, Customer Service Desk and Finance.
- Microsoft 365 rollout progressed across the organisation, incorporating digital transformation.
- Business Systems upgraded and new systems developed, improving business workflows and productivity
- AI governance approved; AI chatbot developed for the Corporate Plan.
- Infrastructure resilience strengthened; phone system upgraded; hybrid cloud initiated.
- Data kept secure, zero cyber incidents; ransomware policy approved
- Sustainability actions advanced, including pilots of recycled laptops.

Looking Ahead to 2026,

Our priorities include:

- Continued rollout of MS 365 across the entire organisation and digital transformation projects.
- Increased provision of online services to meet the 90% target by 2030.
- Exploration and adoption of AI technologies, as appropriate.
- Strengthening cybersecurity and resilience.
- Delivering robust technical architecture to support future growth.

Detailed Highlights in 2025

In 2025, the team achieved the following:

Online services to our citizens and stakeholders

The IT team, **in conjunction with the business sections**, have been proactive in the delivery of online services, and in 2025, we continued to increase the availability of online services to our citizens and stakeholders, and progressed towards the target of having 90% of relevant services online by 2030.

Achievements included the following:

1. Commenced benchmarking our **current online digital services posture**. In conjunction with the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) and using the national services catalogue as the baseline of services, surveys covering grants, funding supports, licences, and permits were completed and submitted to the LGMA.
2. Enhanced and upgraded the online **Housing Choice Based Letting** (CBL) system, the online **ePlanning Portal**, the online **Parking Fines** System, the **online Electoral Register** System, and the online payments system for **Rents and Loans customers** (MyCoCo). Facilitated the provision of an **online eRecruitment** system via a project led by our HR department. These projects were performed in partnership with our Suppliers and the Local Government Management agency (LGMA).
3. Enhanced our **Customer Relationship Management** system, which manages all queries, from online and telephone channels in our dealings with our citizens and stakeholders.
4. Facilitated **online consultations** for Residential Zoned Land Tax and Variations to Development plans
5. Continued to provide real time and up to date public information on **our web sites**, and enhanced, upgraded, provided advice and support for these websites which include the following:
 - a. Tipperary County Council <http://www.tipperarycoco.ie>
 - b. Consultation & Grants Portal <https://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie>
 - c. Tipperary Tourism web site (Tipperary.com)
 - d. TipperarySports (via tipperarycoco.ie)
 - e. Tipperary Foreign Direct Investment Site (Tipperary.ie)
 - f. Discover Lough Derg web site
 - g. <http://www.whatsonintipp.ie>
 - h. <http://shop.localtipperary.ie>
 - i. <http://www.tipperaryarts.ie>
6. Continued with the provision, enhancement and updating of **online Planning Map GIS viewers** and online document management systems (eDocs). Updated our online GIS systems with the latest versions of base GIS maps.
7. Kept our **customer's digital data safe and secure**. We improved our cyber security posture, and we continued to liaise with the national cyber security centre (NCSC), other Local Authorities and our external providers regarding security measures. We progressed the implementation of technology to assist with the recovery of systems in the event of a **major cyber security event**.
8. Designed new solutions for the **Libraries Section** to facilitate access to high-speed internet connectivity.
9. Enhanced the IT facilities provided to our **Elected members**.
10. Continued to enhance **Video Conferencing facilities** in the council chambers and offices across the county and provided the technology to enable external stakeholders and the Press attend council meetings remotely.



Microsoft 365/Digital Transformation



In 2025, we continued with the project to implement MS 365 across the organisation. The MS 365 suite of tools are rich in functionality, empower our Users, and enable the provision of solutions and services that the organisation needs going forward into the future. This platform is being used for email, office tools, collaboration, intranet, sharepoint, video conferencing and mobile device management.

In 2025, the following was achieved:

- Set up an IT team to progress the project.
- Procured the relevant licenses and provisioned them as rollout progressed.
- Provisioned the MS 365 tenant.
- Implemented login identity services.
- Migrated email services to the MS 365 tenant and made them available from mobile devices and desktops.
- Provided MS Teams and Copilot to staff.
- Procured an eLearning Management system to assist with training in MS 365.
- Commenced the migration of Sharepoint on premise business systems to MS Sharepoint online.
- Migrated mobile devices to new security platform (Intune).
- Commenced preparatory work for Teams and One-Drive deployment.
- Deployed MS Conditional access framework and deployed conditional access policies incrementally.
- Provisioned licenses as rollout progressed.
- Progressed a 'Champions programme' to drive adoption.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)



There have been rapid developments and advancements in the field of Artificial Intelligence, and in particular in the field of Generative AI (Chatbots, Large-Language Models, Text/Image/Video/Voice generation etc). These technologies will provide new opportunities to streamline tasks and provide predictive analytics, but it is important that the introduction of any such technologies is accompanied by appropriate governance and ethical arrangements.

Tipperary County Council will maximise the use of AI and will avail of this technology to improve the delivery of our services, while at the same time ensuring our data is protected.

In 2025, the following was achieved:

- Obtained approval from the Management team for a Policy/Guideline document for the use of Gen AI in the organisation.
- Agreed MS CoPilot as the AI tool within TCC.
- Provided access to AI tools to staff who completed the AI Policy and MS Copilot training
- Developed an AI chatbot solution for TCC's Corporate Plan.
- Requested the business sections to use and explore the technology further and to provide feedback on same.

The IT section will continue to assist the business sections in their efforts to maximise the use of AI, streamline tasks and to help improve the delivery of services.

Business Systems Modernisation

In addition to the delivery of the services outlined above, the Digital/IT Team enhanced and upgraded business systems across our internal services. The implementation and enhancement of these systems has led to improved business processes, productivity gains and improved customer service.

In 2025, the following projects were progressed across the various the Business Sections:

Roads

- Migrated the Suir Flood Forecasting system to a cloud environment.
- Updated the Salting Routes App online.

Community and Enterprise

- Commenced development of a digital platform to support vacant business grants
- Developed an investment & pipeline projects system with dashboard reports.

Planning

- Progressed the new Enforcement System.
- Provided mapping and GIS services for the publishing of the relevant Plans.
- Commenced development of a 'Taking in Charge' system.

Finance

- Facilitated the IT elements of the project to move the Agresso financial management system to the cloud.

Environment

- Developed an Environmental Inspections App with integrated mapping features.

Housing

- Upgraded Housing management system (iHouse 4.4.3).
- Developed a HR Probations Tracking System.
- Continued with the facilitation of the Digitisation scanning project (I-Docs is to be used).
- Liaised with DHLGH regarding technical requirements for the DION project.

Human Resources (HR)

- Facilitated the provision of an online eRecruitment system via a project led by our HR department.

LAWPRO

- Provided cloud access to several TCC Applications for LAWPRO users.

Corporate Services

- Upgraded Electoral Register Management System (iReg 5.1.4).
- Migrated the Adlib Museum system to a new Server.
- Developed and implemented new Meeting Room system.
- Catered for IT requirements regarding Severe Weather Events - Phones Emergency lines, Remote working, etc.

Health & Safety (H&S)

- Developed a system for recording Violence and Aggression incidents on a map and reporting on same.



IT

- Promoted Tipperary Co Co's technical excellence in website development, by presenting at the National Digital Government conference.
- Procured a new service for Mobile Voice and Data Communications and commenced implementation of same.

Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

- Implemented new GIS technical architecture called AGOL and moved several applications, datasets and maps to the new platform including: historic maps for Planning, Vewer/digitiser for the Central Property Unit, Roads application datasets, Roads salting route maps, Vacant homes survey app. Progressed the development of a GeoCollect system for rates collection on the new AGOL platform.
- Developed and implemented FME Server technology to automate data processing.
- Upgraded GIS layers with data received from external agencies such as Tailte Éireann, ESB, Bord Gáis and Geodirectory.
- Created and Update GOS dataset regarding Solar farms and Wind turbine layers, N24 corridor and the Record of Protected structures

Networks, Infrastructure, Security & Phones

Our Network, Infrastructure, Phones and Communication systems are the core foundation for the provision of online services, business systems, digital transformation and IT systems.


In 2025, the following was achieved:

Network

Delivered maximum uptime and performance of Networks, Business Systems, Connectivity and IT Systems across all offices for all Users.

Email

- Upgraded the Email Exchange system.
- Continued to monitor and filter all inbound mails in current cybercrime climate.
- Migrated the Mailmeter Archiving system into the cloud.
- Reduced our on-premise Exchange environment.


	Total number of inbound mails from external senders	Total e-mails blocked at source due to spam, virus, content rule, blocked sender, Quarantined.	Delivered
	2,551,565	775,840 (30%)	1,775,725

Office Moves/Data Connectivity

- Facilitated staff and office moves in several offices across the organisation (Local Link in Templemore, Cloughjordan & Newport Fire Stations, Roscrea Civic Amenity site, Donohill and LASNTG)
- Continued with deploying new connectivity (SD WAN nodes) for Libraries Service and remote sites.
- Deployed a new direct internet access circuit for Clonmel Hydra suite.
- Deployed connectivity upgrades across several sites.
- Decommissioned legacy remote access and mobile device management systems.

Phones

- Completed a major system upgrade of the Phones system
- Completed disaster recovery testing of the cloud-based solution for Customer Services Desk.

	Inbound Calls	Outbound Calls	Internal Calls
	179,242	123,374	314,827

- Decommissioned old legacy phone system.

Data Centre/ Cloud Data Centre/ Secondary Site

- Tested a data centre cloud solution and migrated a subset of virtual environments to the cloud.
- Prepared and obtained approval for a hybrid cloud data centre solution.
- Commenced the procurement process for a hybrid cloud solution.
- Reconfigured our secondary site to cater for Government Network configurations (VRFs). Commenced failover connectivity testing.

Blended Working

- Continued to facilitate blended working requirements.
- Provided equipment, set up new users, provided multifactor authentication, softphone and access to relevant systems.



Video Conferencing

- Completed the upgrade of the video conferencing system in the Thurles MDO chamber.
- Assigned MS Teams licenses to all Zoom users.
- Commenced planning for the migration of our Zoom rooms to MS Teams.

Cyber Security

Our lives have been transformed by digital technologies, but they are vulnerable to attack, misuse, and abuse. Attackers can exploit weaknesses which poses a risk to the systems, services and information on which we depend.

Tipperary County Council recognises the importance of cyber security and in 2025 we achieved the following:

- Kept our systems safe and secure.
- Developed and obtained approval from the Management Team for a Ransomware policy.
- Implementation technology to assist with the recovery of systems in the event of a major cyber security event.
- Made a presentation to the Audit Committee on the cyber security measures we have in place.
- Managed the IT security operations services (SOC) which provides a 24/7 monitoring of relevant devices for suspicious activity.
- Liaised with the national cyber security centre (CSIRT), other Local Authorities and our external providers regarding security measures.
- Reduced the level of threat on our servers by liaising closely with our external Suppliers.
- Decommissioned out of support servers and keep services running on supported environments.
- Completed the Windows 11 upgrade programme. (extended warranty put in place for non-upgradable devices).
- Completed the migration of our endpoint encryption to a cloud solution.
- Patched our systems on an ongoing basis.
- Renewed the vulnerability management software licensing and continued with our 'Vulnerability Management as a Service (VMaaS)'.- Continued with online security training. Issued several training assignments over the course of the year.
- Completed several organisation wide phishing tests over the year and provided follow up training where relevant.
- Arranged for a penetration test of Active Directory.
- Continued to deploy a Privileged Access Management (PAM) solution to all server assets and ensured that all IT staff and contractors are utilising PAM with relevant approvals in place.
- Progressed the implementation of the segmentation project to protect our assets.



Support and Maintenance Service

The full team continued to:

- provide a technical support service to our staff and elected members across the organisation.
- provide technical support and maintenance for:
 - the IT and Network systems such Email, File Services, Data Centre, Internet, Virtualisation technologies, Desktops, Servers, Database systems, etc.
 - our business systems e.g. I-Plan, I-Docs, I-House, CRM, etc.
 - our web sites and web systems e.g. www.tipperarycoco.ie, www.Tipperary.com; and the Intranet and Sharepoint
 - our geographical and CAD information systems e.g. Planning Enquiry, Online Digitisers, etc; and training in same.
 - phone systems, mobile phones and fixed lines phones.
 - facility to work remotely from home.

In addition, the team:

- compiled and published NOAC returns for websites, social media accounts and financial information.
- prioritised Health and Safety in the IT section and maintained H&S ISO 45001 certification.
- assisted the business sections when they were procuring services that had IT requirements.

Climate Change

To assist in the fight against climate change, the IT section

- supported and assisted other business sections achieve their climate change actions.
- participated in national OGP procurement frameworks, which includes “environmental ratings” as an award criterion in the procurement of IT services/products.
- piloted the use of recycled laptops instead of buying new ones.

Summary

The achievements detailed above show that Tipperary County Council is at the forefront in terms of its vision to become a highly performant digital organisation. It has used technology to improve on its operational effectiveness and improve on its services to our customers and stakeholders.

In 2026, we will continue to develop customer-friendly technology initiatives, improve service delivery, embrace digital transformation and leverage innovative technology to optimise the efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation. We will strive to improve the digital culture of our staff and provide an excellent customer experience.

The priority areas for 2026 will include the following:

- continued implementation and rollout of MS 365.
- increased provision of online services in line with the national strategy to have 90% of relevant services online by 2030
- progress projects to assist with digital transformation and business process reengineering.
- explore and use Artificial Intelligence technology.
- provide a highly performant and resilient technical architecture.
- keep our systems and data safe and secure and improve on our cyber security posture.



Information Management

Freedom of Information

The new Freedom of Information Act 2014 was enacted on 14 October 2014. It replaces the FOI Acts of 1997 and 2003.

Since then the Act has encompassed more public bodies.

One of its key provisions is that there is no longer a fee payable when an FOI request is being made.

The Freedom of Information legislation establishes three statutory rights:

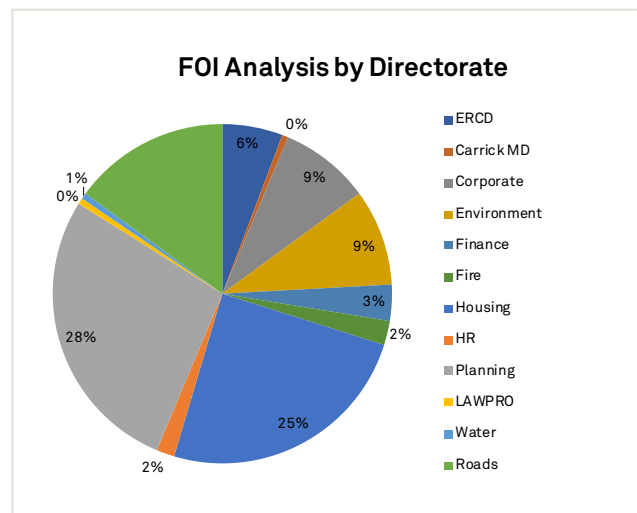
- A legal right for each person to access information held by public bodies
- A legal right for each person to have official information relating to him/her amended where it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading.
- A legal right to obtain reasons for decisions affecting oneself

Information Requests received	2025	2024	Difference
Freedom of Information	174	152	+22

Planning Section has the highest number of FOI requests at 48.

Types of requesters were as follows:

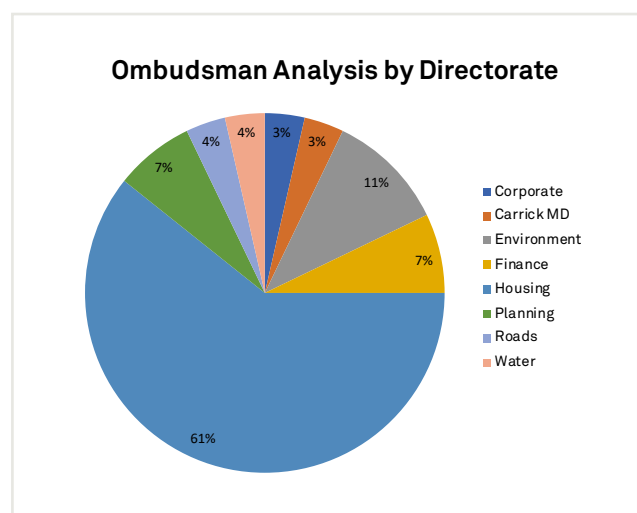
Business	18
Client Request	3
Councillor	2
Journalist	20
Member of the Public	103
Oireachtas Member	5
Residents Association	5
Solicitor	18



Ombudsman

The Office of the Ombudsman investigates complaints from members of the public who believe they have been unfairly treated by certain public service providers such as government departments, local authorities, the HSE and publicly-funded third level education providers. The Ombudsman also investigates complaints about failures by public bodies to provide accessible buildings, services and information.

Information Requests received	2025	2024	Difference
Ombudsman	28	28	0



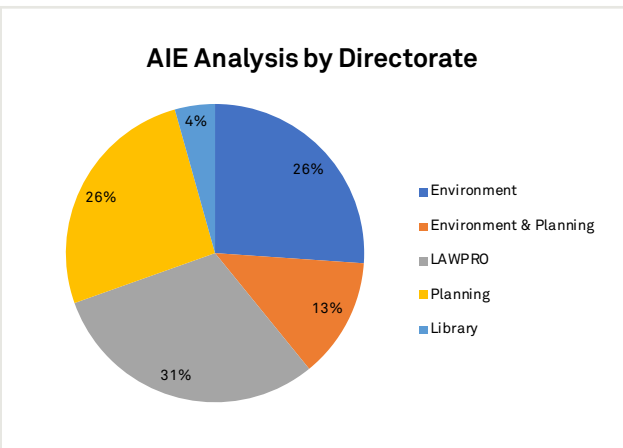
AIE

European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007, S.I. No. 662 of 2011, S.I. No. 615 of 2014 and S.I. No. 309 of 2018) (hereafter referred to as the AIE Regulations), give legal rights to those seeking to access information on the environment from public authorities.

Under these regulations, information relating to the environment held by, or for, a public authority must be made available on request, subject to certain exceptions. The AIE regulations also oblige public authorities to be proactive in disseminating environmental information to the public.

The AIE Regulations provide a definition of environmental information; outline the manner in which requests for information may be submitted to public authorities and the manner in which public authorities are required to deal with requests e.g. timeframes for response. The regulations also provide for a formal appeals procedure in the event that a person is unhappy with a decision on their request.

Information Requests received	2025	2024	Difference
Access to Information on the Environment	23	38	-15



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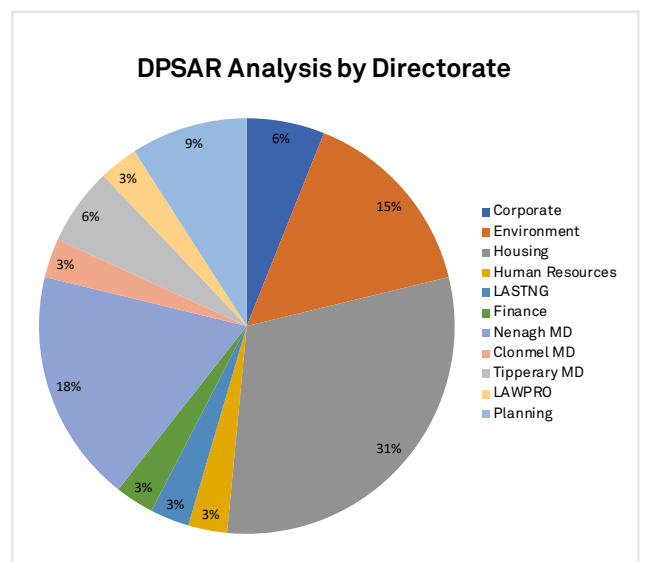
Data Protection / General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Council are committed to respecting and protecting the personal data of its' customers. Policies and procedures have been put in place to govern the various aspects of data protection including the Councils Privacy Statement and a CCTV and other Surveillance Technologies Policy.

The Council has appointed a Data Protection Officer and Data Protection Nominees for each Section and Municipal District.



Information Requests received	2025	2024	Difference
Data Protection Subject Access Requests	33	21	+12



Franchise Section

The Franchise Section is responsible for the preparation of the Register of Electors. This Register is a list of persons over 18 years resident in Tipperary who are entitled to vote in elections/referenda. Those aged 16/17 can pre-register but will not receive voting rights until their 18th birthday. The rolling register is a single live and continuously updated register. To apply to vote or update voting details an elector can currently apply online via www.checktheregister.ie or by paper form (ERF1).

Register of Electors/Electoral Register Reform

On the 31st of December 2025, the Tipperary Register contained 135,127 Local Government Electors.

The following was a breakdown of the total electorate per Local Electoral Area in Tipperary:

Local Electoral Area	Registered Electors
Cahir	12,191
Carrick-on-Suir	16,438
Cashel-Tipperary	23,418
Clonmel	19,251
Nenagh	18,242
Newport	14,314
Roscrea – Templemore	14,663
Thurles	16,610
Total	135,127

Data Cleansing/Register Updating

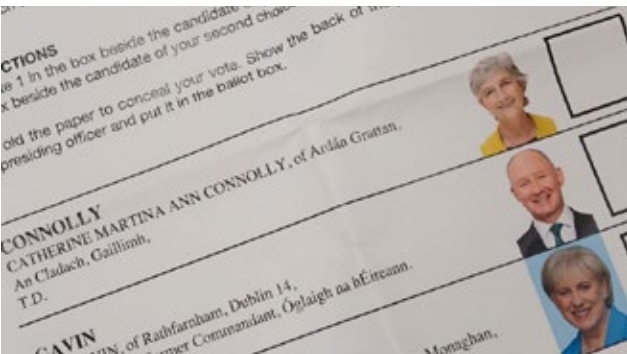
A national data cleanse of the Electoral Register has continued throughout 2025. This involved a media campaign to encourage electors to update their details on the Register, identifying and removing duplicated electors and electors no longer living in the constituencies of Tipperary North and Tipperary South. This data cleanse is continuing as we work towards migrating to a new elector-based system in 2026. The below table highlights a comparison in the data from December 2023 up to December 2025 for County Tipperary.

	Dec 2025	(%)	Dec 2023	(%)	Difference (%)
Total Electorate	135,494	100%	128,540	100%	
DOB populated	107,383	80%	95,884	76%	4%
Eircode populated	75,653	56%	54,625	43%	13%
Email populated	32,421	24%	5,472	4%	20%
Contact No Populated	29,796	22%	4,932	4%	18%
Both DOB & Eircode populated	65,620	49%	43,335	34%	15%
PPSN Populated	35,494	26%	6,288	5%	21%



Electoral Events 2025

Presidential Election – 24th October 2025



In accordance with Article 12 of the Constitution and under the Presidential Elections Act, 1993, voting for Ireland’s tenth Presidential took place on the 24th October 2025, between 7am and 10pm. Although Jim Gavin (Fianna Fáil) withdrew from the campaign, his name remained on the ballot paper as the ruling on nominations had already been finalised.

Ultimately, the election became a two-candidate contest between

- Catherine Connolly (Independent)
- Heather Humphries (Fine Gael)

The following tables outline the Presidential Election results for the Tipperary South and Tipperary North.

	Catherine Connolly	Heather Humphries	Jim Gavin	Spoiled Votes
Tipperary South	15,563	7,793	1,883	3,889
Tipperary North	16,259	9,217	2,551	3,999
Total	31,822	17,010	4,434	7,888

Winning 63% of the national vote, Catherine Connolly was elected as the tenth President of Ireland and was inaugurated on November 11th, 2025.



Catherine Connolly being sworn in as Ireland’s tenth President.

Tipperary County Archives

2025 marked a year of renewed focus and significant progress for Tipperary County Archives. In January, a new archivist was appointed following a vacancy in the role since late 2023. During the interim period, archival and records-management queries had been handled across several Council departments. The new appointment ensured a return to dedicated professional oversight, enabling the Archives Service to advance multiple strategic priorities and strengthen service delivery to both the public and Council staff.

Throughout 2025, the Archivist responded to public enquiries, supported internal records-management requests, and oversaw essential organisational improvements across the Archives Service.

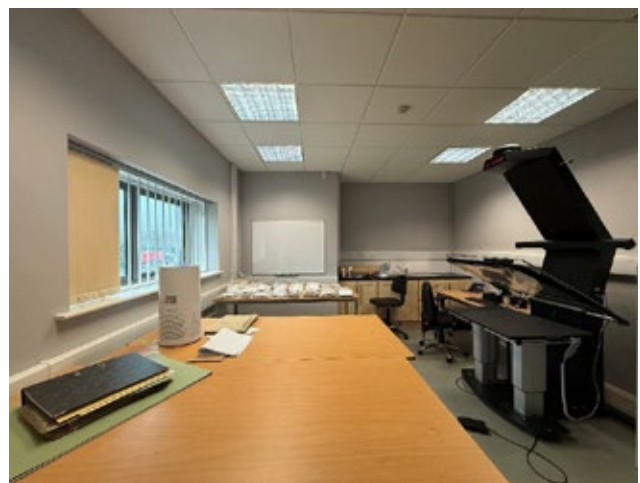


2025 Key Achievements

- Completion of the Records Management Tender.
- Development of a new File Reference Classification System inspired by the LGMA Service Catalogue.
- Establishment of the Records Management Working Group.
- Opening of the Public Reading Room with updated forms, rules, and agreements.
- Reorganisation of Archive facilities including the Supervision Room, Reading Room, Processing Room, strong rooms and interpretation of new collections
- Documentation, cataloguing and digitalisation of priority records.
- Activation of the Axiell Collections Database to improve access and visibility of scanned records.
- Conservation Assessment by Muckross House Conservators
- Engagement with Local Government Archivists & Records Managers Group, Tipperary Heritage Forum and the Archives and Records Association.



The Reading Room in Tipperary County Archives



The Processing Room, Tipperary County Archives



Environment & Climate Action





Environment and Climate Action Section

Introduction

The Environment & Climate Action Section continued to deliver strong environmental protection and sustainability outcomes in 2025. Implementation of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan remained on track, with 93% of actions completed or in progress, and all 24 Community Climate Action Programme projects successfully delivered.

Regulatory targets were achieved, including the 350 inspections under the National Agriculture Inspection Programme. Significant infrastructure progress included the opening of the final cell and start of the capping project at Ballaghveny Landfill, along with the commencement of the remediation project at the Tipperary Town Historic Landfill. New lawn cemeteries were developed at Fethard and Boher.

The Textile Collection Service was successfully amended, while public engagement grew through new awareness initiatives such as the Rubbish Film Festival and the Team Tipp Clean Up.

Overall, 2025 marked a year of strong delivery, enhanced services, and continued progress toward a more sustainable and climateresilient county.

Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee

The Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) met four times during 2025, in March, June, September and December with meetings held at the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Offices.

Over the course of the year, the Committee dealt with a wide range of environmental and climate action related matters. Members received regular updates from the Public Participation Network (PPN) and ongoing reports from the Climate Action Section covering areas such as Civic Amenity sites, Burial Ground Development, applications under the Climate Action Fund and Community Climate Action Programme and the Agricultural Inspection programme.

Key items considered included the SPC Work Programme for 2025 and approval of the SPC Work Programme for 2026 and the TCC Corporate Plan 2024–2029. Other matters discussed included a Notice of Motion (Ref: 2888) relating to Cormac's Cemetery in Cashel and proposed amendments to the Burial Ground Bye-Laws 2022.

Members also received presentations and updates on a range of significant initiatives during the year including the proposed Silvermines Hydroelectric Energy Storage Project, the Pesticide Alternative Project led by Kildare County Council and Maynooth University, Mid-Tipperary Decarbonisation Zone activities, the Closed and Historic Landfill programme, and the EPA's Local Authority Performance Framework results for environmental enforcement.

Climate Action & Energy

The Tipperary County Council Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029 (LACAP) sets out a pathway for how the Council is reducing energy use and increasing energy efficiency across its own operations, facilities and fleet, and also how the Council through its services and functions is influencing, facilitating and advocating for climate action across other sectors and communities. The LACAP comprises 100 actions, along with opportunity areas and actions for the Tipperary 'Decarbonising Zone' (DZ).



Tipperary County Council Climate Action logo

The second annual 'Progress Report' of the LACAP for the period 2025 will be published in April 2026, and will reflect the strong progress in LACAP action delivery over the period January 2025 to December 2025.

To see the 2024 Progress Report and the 2025 Progress Report (when published) click here [Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan | Tipperary County Council](#)



Supporting Pollinators at Thurles MD Offices

Staff and Governance

The Climate Action Office (CAO) was established in spring 2023 with three core roles:

- Climate Action Coordinator
- Climate Action Officer
- Community Climate Action Fund Officer



During 2024, the following additional roles were created:

- Pathfinder South East Sub-Group Regional Energy Manager
- Decarbonising Zone Stakeholder and Community Outreach Officer
- Climate Action Assistant

The CAO is supported by the Climate Action Steering Group (CASG), chaired by the Chief Executive and comprised of the members of the Senior Management Team. The CASG provides strategic guidance to the Climate Action Team (CAT) made up of senior staff from all service areas, and is their role to act as champions for climate change in their own service areas, and to deliver and report on the actions of the LACAP. The Tipperary Energy Agency provide advisory and technical services to the Council including the monitoring and reporting of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions.



Climate Action EXPO November 2025

The November CAT meeting was held in the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh in the form of a Climate Action EXPO with 22 high quality Tipperary County Council Climate Action Case Study presentations on the day.

LACAP Action delivery

Climate Action delivery over 2025 has been excellent with 93% of actions either in progress or completed¹, this illustrates the commitment to climate action through service delivery by Council management and staff.

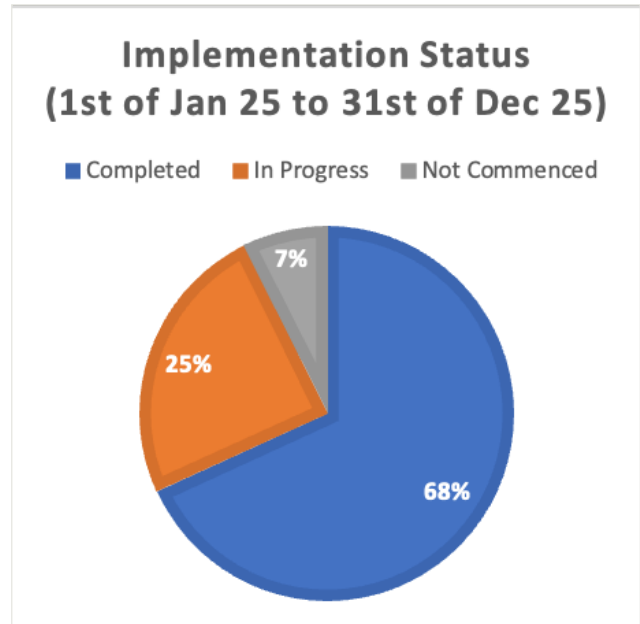


Figure 3: Progress on LACAP Action delivery over the period 2025

¹ Noting that many actions are delivered on an annual basis

Tipperary County Council Own Emissions Reductions targets

Tipperary County Council is required under the national Climate Action Plan to achieve a 51% reduction in GHG emissions (vs. 2016–2018 baseline) and 50% improvement in energy efficiency (vs. 2009 baseline) by 2030. Good progress has been made to date with a pathway that has delivered staffing and a strong governance structure to achieving these targets, as a result there has been active progress across both facilities and fleet. Critically, awareness of the need for emissions reductions and energy efficiency obligations has increased across staff and among Tipperary County Council elected members through the work of the Climate Action Steering Group and the Decarbonisation Advisory Group.

Decarbonising Facilities

Tipperary County Council is leading the south east regional energy unit (SREU) covering Tipperary, Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford. The SREU guides the councils through the SEAI pathfinder programme for building energy upgrades. In 2025, Tipperary County Council identified 9 buildings to be upgraded, The Council established a multi-supplier design framework to deliver projects, with the TEA being appointed Energy Efficiency Design Facilitators. In November design contracts were signed for Clonmel Civic Offices, the first of the planned upgrades.

Decarbonising Fleet

A new dedicated fleet manager was appointed in 2025, who is implementing a plan to reduce GHGs by using low carbon fuels and electrification of the fleet.

Other measures include;

- Driver behaviour monitoring and anti-idling initiatives
- Eco driver training (can reduce emissions by 5–8%)
- Optimising road works planning
- Continuous fleet reviews to ensure appropriate vehicle allocation
- Exploring carbon efficient large vehicles and emerging fuels (e.g., biomethane)
- Requiring HVO compatible engines in all new tenders

Staff Training and Awareness for Climate Action

The Climate Action Officer is working with the almost 1300 staff of Tipperary County Council to encourage them to reduce their energy use both in the office and at home, for example, turning off lights and PC monitors when they are not in use. As part of this the Council has signed up to the SEAI 'Reduce Your Use' engagement programme.

During 2025, the Council also included, for the first time, 'Climate Action Induction' for all new staff, to introduce them to the organisational commitment and vision for Climate Action. Climate Action training is provided by the Local Authority Services National Training Group and staff participation has been strong over 2025.

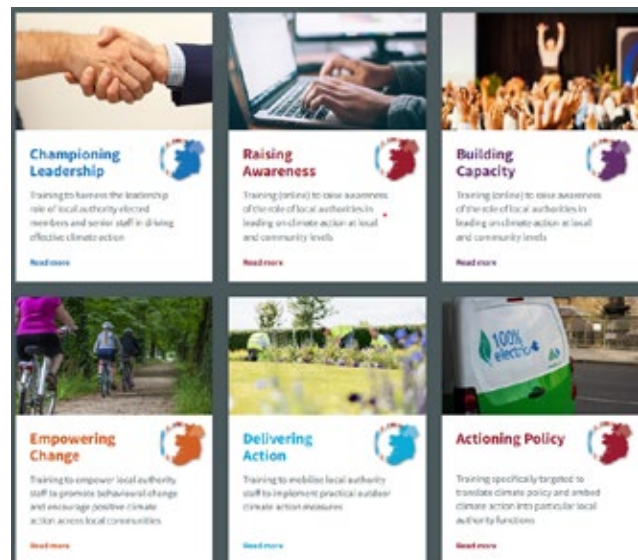


Figure 4: Infographic of the CARO Training Programme Website

Decarbonising Zone

The Tipperary DZ is strategically anchored around the former Lisheen mine, now home to the National Bioeconomy Campus, the zone also includes extensive former Bord na Móna industrial peatlands and a rich agricultural and forestry hinterland.

The DZ includes twelve villages: *Two Mile Borris, Littleton, Gortnahoo, Templetohy, Ballynonty, Horse & Jockey, Moyne, Castleleiny, Glengoole (New Birmingham), Ballysloe, Ballinure, and Grange*. In 2025, efforts were primarily directed toward stakeholder and community engagement to identify and advance opportunities arising from the DZ designation. Active participation from stakeholders and local communities remains central to achieving the vision for the DZ, which encompasses initiatives in the bioeconomy, biodiversity enhancement, forestry and tree planting, peatland rehabilitation, clean energy solutions, and the development of Sustainable Energy Communities (an SEAI initiative).

Community Climate Action Programme

The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is a collaboration between local authorities and the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment. It is designed to support communities of all sizes (rural and urban) in taking climate action at local level.

In 2025, the Council's CCAP Officer worked with the 24 community groups who were approved funding from Call 1 of the CCAP with all projects now completed. Call 2 of the CCAP was launched on October 17th 2025. 69 applications for funding were received to Call 2 and the projects selected for funding will be presented to the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment in February 2026 for approval. For further details, see the webpage here:

[Community Climate Action Fund | Tipperary County Council](#)



Figure 5: CCAP Photos from around the County



In 2025, the Community Climate Action Programme supported 24 community led climate projects across the county.

Climate Action through our Services

Tipperary County Council is one of the foremost local authorities in implementing effective climate change **Mitigation and Adaptation** through day to day services delivery.



Figure 6: Snapshot of Climate Change Mitigation through Council services.

Projects, initiatives and collaborations by the Council extend to biodiversity, green energy, energy efficiency, research and development, recycling, the bioeconomy, green enterprise, nature-based solutions, emergency services, circular economy, sustainable transport, empowerment of communities and businesses. This extensive activity is resulting in co-benefits for all of us in the county as a result of positive climate action.



Figure 7: Snapshot of Climate Change Adaptation through Council services.



Through its services, Tipperary County Council is delivering both climate change mitigation and adaptation, strengthening resilience across the county.

Community Services

The number of environmental related complaints received in 2025 was 1881, which was an increase of approx. 4.5% against 2024 figure of 1799. The table below shows the breakdown of the categories of complaints received.

Complaint Category	% of Overall Complaints
Air	3.47%
Animal Related	23.87%
Infrastructure	1.6%
Litter	34.87%
Noise	2.92%
Waste Enforcement	26.35%
Water	6.38%

Litter Management

The Litter Management Plan 2024-2026 was adopted by Tipperary County Council in 2023.

The Plan has steered the Council response to tackle litter throughout the county and aims to encourage awareness and community participation. Tipperary County Council will continue to provide litter management and prevention services such as; street cleaning, emptying of public bins, anti-litter awareness programmes / supports and enforcement of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended).



Litter picking Ballylooby and Clogheen Tidy Towns

Fixed Penalty Fines Issued in 2025

Fixed Payment Notice (FPN)	No. of FPNs issued in 2024
Litter Fines issued	120
FPN issued for giving vehicle to an unauthorised Collector	42
FPN issued to unauthorised Waste Collectors	10
Total No. of FPNs issued	172

Tidy Town Grants

The Council continued to support Tidy Towns Groups in 2025, by providing Tidy Towns Grants. 132 Tidy Town Committees applied and received grants totaling €203,475.23

Municipal District	Tidy Town Grants	Amount
Carrick on Suir	18 Applications	€12,750
24th November 2025 Awards Ceremony	14 Tidy Towns Groups awarded	€16,900
Clonmel	8 Applications	€12,000
Thurles	27 Applications	€41,625.23
Tipp-Cahir- Cashel	47 Applications	€63,500
Nenagh	32 Applications	€56,700

Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District awards ceremony was held in the Carraig Hotel on Monday 24th November 2025. Awards were given to recognise the consistent year-on-year increase in marks achieved by the towns & villages in the Super Valu National Tidy Towns Competition. The awards varying from €1,000 to €2,0000 were allocated to groups based on their increase in marks. Total amount paid €16,900.



Cathaoirleach Carrick on Suir M.D. Cllr Mark Fitzgerald with Cllr Goldsboro and Cllr Dunne at Tidy Town Awards.

Burial Grounds Maintenance Grants

In 2025, the Council provided 270 burial ground grants totaling €194,085

Municipal District	Burial Ground Maintenance Grants	Amount
Carrick on Suir	49 applications	€33,200
Clonmel	23 Applications	€16,100
Thurles	61 Applications	€42,700
Tipp-Cahir- Cashel	71 Applications	€59,385
Nenagh	66 applications	€42,700

Veterinary

Horses

There were 42 loose horse reports in 2025. This resulted in a total of 49 horses being seized across the county. 3 of these horses were reclaimed by the owners with the remaining 46 being re-homed

Dogs

A total of 243 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to 31st December, 2025. 146 of that number were sent to rescue, 31 were reclaimed by their owners, 37 were rehomed and 22 were put to sleep. The Section continues to work with the animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs. The number of dog licences purchased to 31st December 2025 was 7636.

XL Bully Certification of Exemption

A total of 77 applications were received by TCC under the XL Bully (Certificate of Exemption) Legislation in 2025.



In 2025, Tipperary County Council invested over €397,000 in grants to support local Tidy Towns groups and burial ground maintenance across the county.

Environment Protection

This section outlines the key activities undertaken during 2025 in relation to water quality monitoring, agricultural inspections, wastewater oversight, drinking water compliance, Air Inspections and Monitoring. These activities form part of statutory obligations under the Water Framework Directive (WFD), the National Agricultural Inspection Programme, and various national and EU regulatory frameworks.

Water Pollution/National Agricultural Inspection Programme



Water Framework Directive Monitoring

A total of 692 samples were collected as part of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) monitoring programme. These samples support the assessment of ecological and chemical status in accordance with EU and national water quality requirements.

National Agricultural Inspection Programme

In 2025, 388 planned catchment inspections were carried out under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme.

Key points include:

- 19 priority waterbodies in Tipperary were selected for targeted agricultural inspections.
- The average noncompliance rate was 70%, representing an improvement from 75% in 2024.
- Prior to inspections, 1,369 notification letters were issued to farmers in the relevant catchments. These letters provided:
 - A minimum twoweek notice period.
 - Information on common breaches identified during inspections.

These measures aim to encourage improved compliance and support better agricultural practices to protect water quality

Nutrient Management (Sewage Sludge Use in Agriculture)

During 2025, 13 Nutrient Management Plans relating to the use of sewage sludge in agriculture were submitted, assessed, and approved. These assessments ensure compliance with statutory requirements governing the safe and sustainable application of treated sludge on agricultural lands.

Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (Septic Tanks)

A total of 56 septic tank inspections were conducted under the National Inspection Plan, including verification inspections.

In addition:

- 7 inspections were completed under the Prioritised Areas for Action (PAA) and High-Status Objective Catchment schemes, which target areas of particular environmental sensitivity.

Discharges to Waters (Section 4 Licensing)

Under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 (as amended):

- 109 samples were taken from Section 4 licensed discharges and monitored for compliance.

These monitoring activities ensure that licensed discharges to waters remain within authorised environmental limits.

Drinking Water Monitoring and Auditing

Significant work was undertaken to support the safety of drinking water under the Rural Water Programme and the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2023.

Key outputs include:

- 452 drinking water samples taken from various rural supplies.
- 112 drinking water audits completed across:
 - Small Private Supplies
 - Group Water Schemes (GWS)
 - Private Wells

These activities ensure that drinking water supplies meet required health and safety standards.

Planning Referrals

106 Planning reports have been assessed and reported to the Planning Section to ensure potential environment impacts of proposed and current developments are identified and mitigated.

AIR



Air Inspections

During the reporting period, a range of inspections were undertaken under national legislation and EU regulatory frameworks governing air quality, emissions, and solvent-related activities. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure compliance, protect public health, and maintain air quality standards.

Air Pollution Act 1987 (Solid Fuels) Regulations 2022 – S.I. No. 529 of 2022

- A total of 22 inspections were conducted to assess compliance with the Solid Fuel Regulations.
- In addition, 2 multiagency inspections were undertaken in collaboration with partner organisations to address fuel quality and air pollution concerns at a regional level.

European Union (Installations and Activities Using Organic Solvents) Regulations 2012

7 inspections were carried out at facilities operating under the organic solvent regulations. These inspections focus on emissions from activities such as surface cleaning, printing, and coating processes.

European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations 2012

28 inspections were completed under this regulatory framework. These inspections ensure that facilities engaged in spray painting, refinishing, and coating activities comply with VOC (volatile organic compound) limits designed to reduce air pollution.

Air Pollution Act 1987 (Petroleum Vapour Emissions) Regulations 1997

A total of 30 petroleum vapour emissions inspections were conducted. These inspections verify compliance at petrol stations to ensure adequate vapour recovery and prevent harmful emissions during fuel transfer and storage operations.

Air Monitoring

Air quality monitoring conducted across towns in the county indicates that the current air quality status is rated as “Good”. All monitored areas were found to be fully compliant with the requirements of the Clean Air for Europe (CAFE) Directive, which establishes limit values for pollutants such as particulate matter (PM), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), and ozone (O₃).

Public Access to Air Quality Information

Realtime air quality measurements for Clonmel, Nenagh, and Tipperary Town are available to the public. Live monitoring data can be accessed at: <https://airquality.ie/>

This service provides up to date information on pollutant concentrations, air quality indices, and long term trends, supporting public awareness and local environmental management.

Water Safety

717 lifebuoy inspections were completed in 2025 under the Water Safety Programme.

Rural Water Programme

Annual Maintenance (AM) Subsidy 2025

During 2025, a total of 67 applications were received under the Annual Maintenance (AM) Subsidy. All 67 Group Water Schemes (GWSs) were successfully processed and paid within the year.

- Total investment in 2025: €626,480.07

This funding supported ongoing operational, maintenance, and compliance activities across the participating Group Water Schemes, ensuring the continued provision of safe and reliable rural water services.

MultiAnnual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) 2024–2026

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLG&H) allocated significant capital funding under the MARWP to support infrastructure upgrades, water quality improvements, amalgamations, and potential taking in charge processes by Uisce Éireann.

Funding Allocations:

- November 2024 Allocation:
 - €1.789 million
 - 13 projects, covering 15 Group Water Schemes
- July 2025 Allocation:
 - €540,174
 - 21 projects, covering 16 Group Water Schemes

These allocations bring the total MARWP 2024–2026 funding to €2.6 million.

Project Delivery and Procurement

A MultiParty Framework is currently being prepared to procure Consulting Engineering Services.

This framework will support the implementation of major capital projects, including:

- Amalgamation of Group Water Schemes
- Taking in Charge of schemes by Uisce Éireann
- Significant infrastructure upgrades and modernisation works

Financial Progress to 31 December 2025

At year-end, €124,228.42 had been drawn down and paid across 12 Group Water Schemes. These payments relate primarily to smaller projects, such as water quality improvement systems and minor infrastructure enhancements.

Private Well Grants

- Applications received: 95
- Total investment: €323,411.96

These grants support private householders in upgrading or rehabilitating private wells to ensure a safe and sustainable water supply.

Domestic Wastewater Treatment System (Septic Tank) Grants

- Applications received: 9
- Total investment: €85,305.35

These grants contribute to the repair, upgrade, or replacement of domestic wastewater treatment systems (septic tanks) identified as posing a risk to human health or the environment.

Lead Piping Remediation Grants

- Applications received: 2
- Total investment: €5,000

This scheme assists homeowners in removing and replacing internal lead plumbing to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water.



Targeted investment in rural water programmes continues to ensure safe, reliable and sustainable water services for rural communities across the county.

Landfills

Ballaghveny Landfill



Ballaghveny Landfill – Phase 1 Capping Project drilling of new monitoring wells November 2025

Waste acceptance at Ballaghveny recommenced on 22nd September 2021. The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste license conditions is ongoing.

The acceptance of waste continued in 2025, filling Cell 10B with contaminated soil, stone and wood ash. The acceptance of stabilised waste commenced from November 2025 which coincided with the commencement of filling Cell 11. During 2025, the landfill accepted in a total of 44,574.68t of waste, this is ca. 91% of our licensed intake limit of 49,000t/a.

The amount of leachate produced at Ballaghveny landfill in 2025 was 14.1% up from the previous year (2024) but was still 6% less than 2023. The same landfill area was in use until November 2025 when Cell 11 was opened. The increased area will have added to the volumes in November/December 2025, however there was an increased rainfall of 276.2mm from 2024 to 2025 so the main difference is due to higher rainfall amounts in 2025 compared to 2024. The annual leachate generation amount is anticipated to increase further in 2026 (subject to the rainfall amounts) as Cell 11 is now open. Note that Cell 11 is the final cell to be filled. Once filling is complete, Ballaghveny Landfill will cease to accept any further waste.

Ballaghveny Phase 1 Capping Project

Construction of the Phase 1 Capping Project at Ballaghveny Landfill began in November 2025 following the appointment of Priority Construction Ltd. to carry out the works at a cost of €1.88m Ex VAT. The works include the installation of new monitoring wells for groundwater, leachate and gas, the installation of an impermeable gas membrane, gas collection pipework and surface water collection pipework and a 1m soil cap. The works are due to be completed by the end of 2026.

Ballaghveny Community Gain Fund

The allocation of money from the landfills Community Gain Fund (CGF) 2024 has been completed, with Letters of Offer issued to five successful applicants on 11th August 2025. The CGF 2024 total was €65,873.34 which includes €4,000 unallocated from the CGF 2023.

The allocation of funds from CGF 2024 is as follows:

Organisation Name	Project Description	CGF 2024 Allocation
Ballinree Church	The restoration of one arched window and one large gable window.	€7,126.67
Ballymackey Football Club	Construction of four dressing rooms and gym.	€46,560.59
Ballymackey Women's Shed	The purchase of one sewing machine and storage cabinet.	€797.08
Bishop Harty National School	Provision of school garden picnic area project.	€11,389.00
Total 2024		€65,873.34

The value of the Community Gain Fund from waste accepted during 2025 is currently expected to be approximately €56,610 and will be made available for distribution in 2026.

Donohill Landfill

The total leachate volume produced at Donohill landfill in 2025 was 23.1% greater than the previous year (2024). Similarly to the Ballaghveny site, the difference in volume of leachate generated at Donohill is due to higher rainfall amounts in 2025 compared to 2024.

The monitoring of the landfills in compliance with their respective waste licence conditions is ongoing.

Rathcabbin Waste Removal

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermicomposting (SVC) facility in Coolross, Rathcabbin commenced on 02nd December 2021.

At the end of 2025, the SVC waste removal is estimated to be 99% complete. Approximately 100t of waste remains at the site.



Site Clearance at Tipperary Town Historic Landfill – December 2025
Historic Landfills

Tipperary Town Historic Landfill Remediation Project

Construction of the Tipperary Town Historic Landfill Remediation Project began in December 2025 following the appointment of Priority Construction Ltd. to carry out the works at a cost of €2.67m Ex VAT. The works include the installation of new monitoring wells for groundwater, leachate and gas, the installation of an impermeable gas membrane, gas collection pipework and surface water collection pipework and a 1m soil cap. The works are due to be completed by the end of 2026.

Historic Landfills	
Carrick-On-Suir	Connawarries, Carrickbeg – The Cert of Authorisation application was submitted to the EPA in December 2024. The EPA has yet to make a determination on this application.
Clonmel	Kilsheelan - The Certificate of Authorisation application was submitted to the EPA. The EPA has yet to make a determination on this application.
Nenagh	<p>The environmental risk assessment of the landfill at Shesheraghscanlan, Borrisokane was completed and an application for a Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) was submitted to the EPA in November 2025.</p> <p>The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with requirements is ongoing.</p> <p>Consultants were appointed in January 2025 to carry out an Environmental Risk Assessment at the 4 Class C Closed Landfills which includes the historic landfills at Bawn, Cooleen Silvermines, Glencrue Portroe, Grange Ballina. The site investigations were completed at all four locations in 2025.</p>
Thurles – Templemore	<p>Applications for a Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) have been submitted to the EPA for the Brittas Road and Monanearla historic landfills. The EPA have to make their final determination on these applications. The EPA issued a draft decision on the Brittas Road CoA application in August 2023. TCC representations were submitted to the EPA in September 2023.</p> <p>Environmental monitoring of these historic landfills is ongoing.</p> <p>Contracts were completed on 22nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct Environmental Risk Assessments of 5 closed landfills including the landfill at Kiltillane, Templemore. We completed the installation of additional boreholes for the Risk Assessment in 2025.</p>
Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir	<p>Tipperary Town - a Contractor has been appointed for the Remediation of the Landfill and works have commenced. Applications for a Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) have been submitted to the EPA for Dundrum, Knocklofty, Caher Abbey and Killeigh historic landfills. The EPA have yet to make their determination on these applications.</p> <p>Environmental monitoring of the historic landfills is ongoing.</p> <p>Consultants were appointed to conduct environmental risk assessments of 5 closed landfills including Deansgrove, Cashel. The work on the Deansgrove Cashel site is currently on hold pending landowner agreement.</p>

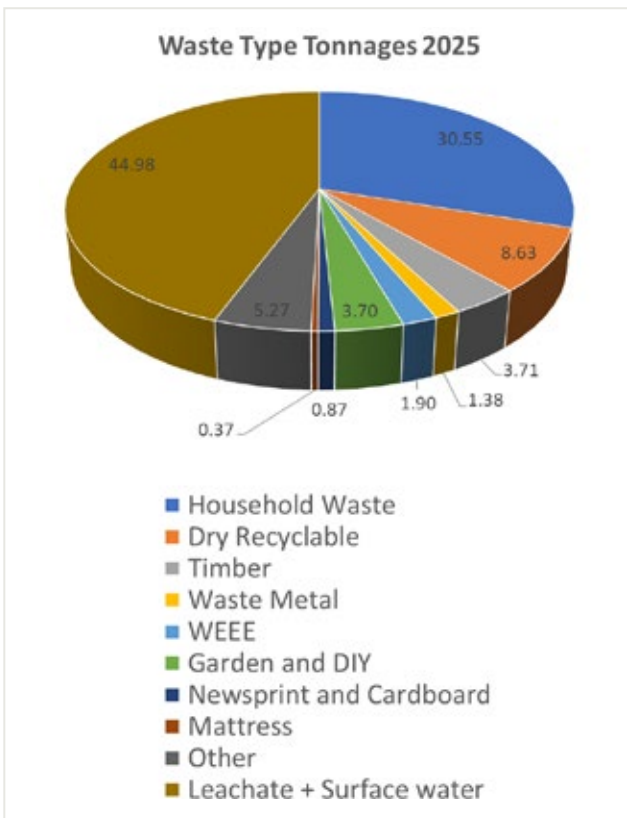
Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites

The 5 Civic Amenity sites at Clonmel, Donohill, Nenagh, Roscrea and Cashel continued to remain open throughout 2025.

The five civic amenity sites accepted **29,785.35** tonnes of waste in 2025, this includes waste accepted into the transfer station at Wallers Lot. This reflects a miniscule drop of 0.5% in total tonnages compared to 2024.

The average proportions of waste accepted into the civic amenity sites can be seen in the chart below:



The facilities accept a wide range of materials including household, dry recyclables, paper, cardboard, plastic, timber, garden waste, DIY waste, glass, and metal, waste electrical goods, batteries, textiles, waste oil and household hazardous waste for recycling. All materials leaving Waller’s-Lot Civic Amenity and Waste Transfer station were sent for recycling, mechanical treatment and repurposing.

The total number of customers visiting the civic amenity sites in 2025 was 120,752 which is an 4.6% increase in footfall over 2024. The average spends per customer were similar to 2024, this is consistent with the increase in charges for the acceptance of certain waste materials to meet current market conditions and an increase in volume of material brought to site by each customer which would reduce footfall but increase average spend.



Carrigeen Civic Amenity Site

Textile Receptacles

During October 2025 changes to the textile recycling service were successfully introduced by TCC. These changes were made in response to market challenges and environmental concerns, and aim to support more sustainable waste management practices. Clothes/Textile Receptacles located at Bottle Bank sites across the county were removed. The textile collection service continues in the usual manner at the five TCC Civic Amenity Sites.

582 tonnes of textiles were collected in 2025 to the end of December. This reflects an increase of 181 tonnes compared to 2024 total tonnage and a 36% increase.

Bring Banks

- 3,296 tonnes of glass were collected in 2025. Up 0.4% compared to 2024.
- 43.59 tonnes of cans were collected to in 2025. Decrease from 69.01 tonnes in 2024. Can tonnages continue to fall since the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme in 2024.



More than 120,000 customers visited Tipperary’s civic amenity sites in 2025, reflecting increased public engagement with waste and recycling services.

Burial Grounds

Fethard Lawn Cemetery:

Civil Works completed and the official opening to be held in Q1 2026.



New Lawn Cemetery at Fethard

Holycross:

New Section for inurnment Urn Plots with Memorial Plaques constructed.



Holycross Cemetery

St Marys Burial Ground, Carrick on Suir Extension:

Land acquisition for the provision of Lawn Cemetery was completed during 2025. The Part 8 Planning Application preparation also commenced.

St Patricks Cemetery, Clonmel:

Improvement Works completed at main entrance to St Patricks Burial Ground Clonmel during 2025

Boher Burial Ground:

Burial Ground & Carpark substantially completed and official opening to take place Q1 2026.

St Cormacs, Cashel:

Large Plot Section provided in St Cormac's Burial Ground in Q4 2025.

St Marys, Cahir:

Burial Ground extension provided by the Diocese with technical assistance provided by Tipperary County Council Environment & Climate Action Section.

Environmental Awareness Programme

Various initiatives supporting climate action in communities, energy efficiency, waste prevention and the circular economy were delivered throughout 2025.

Some of the projects completed in 2025 included:

Project	Project Details
Green Schools	39 schools were awarded their Green Flags in 2025.
National Spring Clean	233 groups, involving an estimated 5369 individuals, registered to participate in littercleanup activities across the county as part of the National Spring Clean.
National Tree Week	To celebrate National Tree Week the Environment & Climate Action Section distributed 1,000 native Irish tree saplings to schools, community groups, and voluntary organisations countywide.
Dog Fouling Awareness	Antidogfouling signage and stencils were supplied to Municipal Districts for installation in identified blackspot areas.
Awareness Trailer Summer Show Promotions	The MyWaste Food Waste Prevention Roadshow attended the Tipperary Age Friendly Expo (Thurles), Clonmel Show, Bansha Show, Dualla Show, and Cahir Heritage Day, with over 1,000 foodwaste caddy packs distributed.
Picker Pals Programme	Support was provided to the Picker Pals litterpicking programme for primary schools, involving 34 classrooms throughout the county.
Climate Action Workshops	Climate Action workshops were delivered by the Rediscovery Centre in 10 Local Schools in the Decarbonisation Zone (DZ Zone) as part of low carbon community project.
Gum Litter Awareness	The Gum Litter Taskforce visited Thurles on 1st September as part of its interactive national roadshow, delivering fun and engaging education and awareness initiatives in partnership with local authorities and communities.
Rubbish Film Festival	Eight schools and over 90 Transition Year students participated in the first Tipperary Rubbish Film Festival. Best Movie – Regional Award: Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel. Runnersup: Presentation Secondary School, Ballingarry. Best Poster: Scoil Mhuire, CarrickonSuir
Team Tipp Clean Up	Fortythree groups and approximately 1,300 volunteers registered to take part in the Team Tipp CleanUp from 10-12 October.
Circular Economy Projects	<p>Relove Fashion Competition: Eighteen schools registered, with four reaching the final stages. The Southern Regional Award for Most Innovative Design was awarded to Megan Byrne and Eimear O’Gorman of Coláiste Mhuire CoEd, Thurles.</p> <p>Mattress Amnesty: Mattress amnesty events were held at civic amenity sites in Cashel, Clonmel, Nenagh, Roscrea, and Donohill during June and July, resulting in 1,075 mattresses being recycled.</p> <p>Cloth Nappy Incentive Scheme: The scheme, led by VOICE Ireland in partnership with Tipperary County Council and Tipperary University Hospital Maternity Unit, was launched on 1st December 2025.</p> <p>Circular Cups for Community Events: This initiative provides local not-for-profit community events with access to high-quality reusable cups, designed to eliminate single-use waste at their events. Developed by the Southern Region Waste Planning Office in partnership with Local Authorities across the Southern Waste Region and IRD Duhallow.</p>

Pictorial Highlight from 2025



Students from Presentation Secondary School Thurles receiving the Regional Award for Global Citizen Energy Green Schools Flag



Presentation Secondary School Clonmel winners Best Film in Rubbish Film Festival



Mattress Amnesty mattresses collected at Nenagh Recycling Centre



Gum Litter Task Force visits Thurles Town Park



Team Tipp County Clean Up Launch Clonmel Town Plaza with Cathlaioileach Tipperary Co. Council Cllr. John Carroll and staff of Environment and Climate Action Section



Members of Clonmel Scout Group participating in Team Tipp County Clean-up



Launch of Cloth Nappy Incentive scheme at Tipperary University Hospital. From L-R: Eimear Raftery Tipperary Co. Council, Maggie Dowling Director of Midwifery TUH, Abi O'Callaghan VOICE Ireland, Sinéad Braken, Clinical Midwifery Manager TUH, Fiona Flynn and Denise Kearney, Tipperary Co. Council.



Launch of Circular Cups for Community Events. From L-R: Fiona Flynn, Tipperary Co. Council, Leas Cathloairleach Tipperary Co. Council Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald and Maria O'Donnell, Tourism Officer, Tipperary Co. Council.

Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO)



The Local Authority Waters Programme is a national shared service jointly managed by Tipperary and Kilkenny County Council. LAWPRO fosters cooperation and collaboration between local authorities and relevant public bodies, both locally and nationally, to produce positive water quality outcomes in our rivers, lakes, transitional and coastal waters, and groundwater, as required by the European Union Water Framework Directive (WFD).

LAWPRO's primary role is to support the achievement of the Water Framework Directive objectives through the development and execution of River Basin Management Plans and Programmes of Measures.

Local authorities are tasked with regional co-ordination, public participation, and supporting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the development and implementation of these plans. LAWPRO serves as an established national Water Framework Directive office, to deliver on these actions working on behalf of all local authorities.

LAWPRO operates a regional structure, with five regions and functional areas including catchment science and communities teams. While challenges remain with recruiting and maintaining staff, the LAWPRO teams continued to evolve and grow during 2025. By the end of the year, LAWPRO's staff complement was 125 across both the Water Framework Directive and Farming for Water EIP teams. The Water Framework Directive Team had a staff complement of 97 with 83 posts filled and the Farming for Water EIP Project Team had a complement of 28 posts with 20 filled.



The River Suir, Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary by John O'Neill

LAWPRO Head office

The Head Office aims to ensure that LAWPRO is supported by a suitably skilled, adequately resourced, and highly motivated workforce capable of delivering the organisation's priorities on an ongoing basis. Head Office works with Tipperary County Council and Kilkenny County Council to coordinate the advertisement of new recruitment opportunities and integration of new staff.

LAWPRO's administrative support team consists of staff who provide financial operations support, community funding services and human resources supports.

While staff members are based in regional offices across Ireland, the LAWPRO headquarters is located in Ballingarrane, Clonmel with a second office in Heffernan House, Rossmore Neighbourhood Centre, Tipperary Town.

In 2025 LAWPRO's Environmental Health and Safety system maintained its certification to ISO45001 and ISO14001 standards. The 2025 health and safety plan included a focus on staff health and wellbeing, with health screening and a Wellness Day event organised for staff that included speakers on physical and mental wellbeing.

LAWPRO staff were involved in Tipperary County Council Safety Working Groups helping with the creation and development of health and safety policies for the council and LAWPRO. Staff also engaged in green procurement training in 2025 as part of LAWPRO's responsibility to meet environmental commitments and obligations.

LAWPRO Work Programme 2025

Regional Coordination

In 2025, LAWPRO continued to coordinate and provide secretariat services to the five regional committees meeting on a quarterly basis under the Water Framework Directive structures.

During 2025 LAWPRO also coordinated local authority liaison meetings on a regional basis, as well as facilitating bilateral engagements between local authorities and state agencies to resolve implementation issues.

Tipperary County Council is a member of the Southeast Regional Water and Environment Management Committee and Southeast Regional Operational Committee along with other state agencies that play a role in Water Framework Directive implementation.



The bodies represented on the Regional Operational Committees, which are coordinated by the Local Authority Waters Programme.

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 The LAWPRO Strategy provides a framework to ensure we can coordinate delivery of the programme of measures to protect and restore our waters and ensure efficient and effective implementation.
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LAWPRO Organisational Strategy

In 2025, LAWPRO published its Organisational Strategy 2025-2028. The Strategy sets out LAWPRO’s mission, vision, goals and objectives as an organisation. It reinforces our purpose and our role within the context of local government.



The Strategic Goals as published in LAWPRO’s Organisational Strategy 2025-2028

LAWPRO’s work programme combines to deliver on our strategic goals and the actions assigned under the Water Action Plan 2024. The LAWPRO Strategy provides a framework to ensure we can coordinate delivery of the programme of measures to protect and restore our waters and ensure efficient and effective implementation.



Launch of LAWPRO’s Organisational Strategy 2025-2028 at the Nature-based Solutions Conference 2025 in Dundalk Institute of Technology. Eimear O’Keeffe, Averil Gannon and Wayne Trodd from the Water Advisory Unit in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, along with Anthony Coleman, Director of LAWPRO.

Catchment Science

The Catchment Science team carries out local catchment assessments in **Priority Areas for Action** across the country. These areas were selected because their waterbodies were 'at risk' of not meeting the water quality objectives under the Water Framework Directive.

Summary of work undertaken by Catchment Science team in 2025:

- LAWPRO catchment scientists are currently working in 106 3rd Cycle Priority Areas for Action across Ireland.
- LAWPRO held 23 Municipal District scale community information meetings on water quality issues.
- Catchment scientists undertook fieldwork and gathered scientific evidence on water quality impacts in 18 Priority Areas for Action.
- 41 referrals were made to ASSAP, with a further 13 referrals to other agencies including local authorities and the EPA.

Tipperary Catchment Science Highlights

- In Tipperary, work on 3rd cycle Priority Areas for Action continued throughout 2025. This included completion of desk studies, holding public meetings and undertaking fieldwork.
- LAWPRO catchment scientists have commenced assessment work in the Upper River Suir Priority Area for Action, the Ara, Aherlow and Bunow catchment areas, with further water quality works planned.
- A water quality information evening was held in Templemore in November and had over fifty people representing community groups, agriculture, elected officials, angling and recreation in attendance.



Ruth Hennessy, LAWPRO Catchment Manager in the Southeast, alongside members of the public in attendance at the water quality information evening held on 25th November in Templemore.

Blue Dot Catchments Programme & Waters of LIFE Project

- The Blue Dot Catchments Programme Steering Committee, which focusses attention and resources towards the protection and restoration of our high-status objective waters, met regularly throughout the year.
- LAWPRO continues its support of ACRES Co-operation Projects through membership of all the Local Steering Groups across the country.
- The LAWPRO Blue Dots team delivered Catchment Science and Management training to the ACRES Co-operation Project teams whose project zones (ACRES Munster/South Connacht) include areas in Tipperary such as in the Galtee Mountains and Slieve Felims.
- A number of projects have been advanced in Blue Dot Catchments supported through the Community Water Development Fund and Catchment Support Fund.
- The LAWPRO Blue Dot team, Catchments team and Farming for Water EIP project team assisted the Waters of LIFE project programme, an EU LIFE Integrated Project (IP), which aims to help reverse the deterioration of Ireland's most pristine waters.
- Significant engagement work aimed at increasing awareness of the value and vulnerability of Blue Dot waterbodies was undertaken nationally in 2025 including a focussed project on the Blue Dots of the Iveragh Peninsula, Co. Kerry.

Community Engagement & Funding



LAWPRO Senior Community Water Officer Maggie Morrissey leads a Heritage Week Walk and Talk with Cahir Tidy Towns – August 2025

Engagement with communities and local groups around water quality is a core function of LAWPRO. Community Water Officers, working at both waterbody and catchment scales, work closely with community groups across the country to deliver improvements to water quality and promote local water quality management. A major part of this is providing funding support to groups and organisations delivering projects to improve water quality.

In 2025, the Community Water Development Fund supported 54 community projects worth €1,047,265 across Ireland. In addition, a total of 40 community groups nationally were supported to the total of €856,260 last year through the Catchment Support Fund. LAWPRO administers these funds on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Community highlights in Tipperary

The Community team in Tipperary continued to work with community groups in 2025 to implement water quality related projects and develop awareness of local water bodies.

- Under LAWPRO's Catchment Support Fund, Cabragh Wetlands Centre received €32,957 for the employment of a temporary project scientist and contributed to the employment of a co-ordinator at the centre. The scientist worked on a project to engage the community in the Lisnagonoge_010, a sub catchment of the Suir in relation to water quality, pressures and solutions.
- LAWPRO's Small Grants and Events Scheme supported various projects delivered by groups including Clonmel Junction Arts Festival, Fethard Tidy Towns, Hedgerows Ireland, Kilsheelan Tidy Towns, Cahir Tidy Towns and Cabragh Wetlands. For example, projects in this scheme included awareness events, rainwater harvesting, pond maintenance and tree planting.

- Heritage Week, which ran from 15–23rd August 2025, allowed LAWPRO to support the following events under the Water Heritage Day grant scheme:
 - River Suir Event – Thurles
 - Kilsheelan Tidy Towns – Ecology event
 - Cahir Tidy Towns – River Walk and Talk
- LAWPRO supported the Thurles Lions Club in a citizen science project 'The Ageing of Water'. This project is administered by the School of Natural Sciences, Trinity College Dublin and will continue into 2026.
- In partnership with the Thurles Municipal District, LAWPRO ran a two-day Ecology of the River Suir workshop, facilitated by Dr. Ken Whelan, the renowned fishery ecologist. The weekend was very well attended, and participants came away with a better understanding of how a river and its catchment works.



Thurles Lions Club's 'The Ageing of the Water' Citizen Science project underway. This project is administered by the School of Natural Sciences, Trinity College Dublin and will continue into 2026.

Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) to address Surface Water Management - developing and supporting a national strategy

LAWPRO is working with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the continuous development and roll out of the Nature-Based Solutions National Strategy, which is a key measure in Ireland's Water Action Plan 2024.

Tipperary has been to the centre of LAWPRO's Nature-based Solutions work from the beginning, as LAWPRO regularly engages with Tipperary County Council colleagues in planning, roads, environment, municipal districts, capital projects and communities' teams to develop best practice.

Community engagement and discussions with Tipperary County Council elected members have been important in informing how community participation and better placemaking can be supported.

Working with Environment, Climate Action and Biodiversity Teams, climate adaptation and biodiversity goals are also promoted. Some examples of this work are provided below.

Planning advice and best practice: National nature-based solutions guidance for planners, developers and planning agents



Front cover of Implementation of Urban Nature-based Solutions: Guidance Document for Planners, Developers and Developer Agents

LAWPRO worked in partnership with Tipperary County Council and others to develop a best practice guidance focusing on how nature-based solutions can be integrated in typical projects developed in Ireland.

Nature-based solutions best practice demonstrator projects

Examples of demonstrator projects delivered by Tipperary County Council and funded or supported by LAWPRO and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage:

The Carrick-on-Suir, Bogfield Nature-based Solutions project removes pollutants from the adjacent Dungarvan road through a combination of nature-based features including swales and retention ponds, helping to protect the River Suir from road runoff. The project was delivered by the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District in partnership the local community and Lions Club including the support of Tirlán. LAWPRO uses the site as an example of best practice for a nature-based solutions project suitable for an edge of town location and is featured in the Irish Green Buildings Council Biodiversity Case Study Catalogue.



The Carrick-on-Suir, Bogfield Nature-based Solutions project was recognised at the 2025 Business Post National Property Awards for innovation and excellence. Left to Right: Eamonn O'Connell LAWPRO, Cllr. David Dunne Carrick on Suir Municipal District, Ben O'Keefe Tipperary Co. Council, Tom Brennan LAWPRO, Margaret Keegan LAWPRO, Fintan Towey DHLGH, Fran Igoe LAWPRO.



Brian White of Carrick-on-Suir Lions Club pictured giving a presentation on the community aspects of the project to the 25 International Youth Group.

Other Nature-based Solutions Projects delivered in Tipperary



- 1. Suir Island, Clonmel.** Eight rain gardens were delivered in Suir Island Car Park by Clonmel Borough District and supported by LAWPRO. Design by Eamonn O'Connell, LAWPRO.
- 2. Fethard:** Rain gardens delivered in Fethard by Carrick-on-Suir MD and supported by LAWPRO, providing an enhanced visual amenity and treating surface water runoff before entering into the adjacent Clashawley River. The planting was done in partnership with Fethard Tidy Towns. Design by Tom Brennan, LAWPRO.
- 3. Irishtown, Clonmel.** Rain gardens delivered in Irishtown, Clonmel by Tipperary County Council's Active Travel team, informing how LAWPRO communicates best practice to local authorities. The feature takes runoff from the road and footpath, filtering out pollutants from passing traffic.
- 4. Cashel Road, Clonmel.** 200m linear rain garden delivered by Tipperary County Council's Active Travel team and supported by LAWPRO, taking runoff from the adjacent footpath, cycle lane and road.

Nature-based Solutions Training

LAWPRO provided extensive training on nature-based solutions and water sensitive urban design (rainwater management planning) to individual local authorities and in partnership with the Climate Action Regional Offices, Town Centre First Teams, Local Authority Training Centres and the private sector. LAWPRO staff also participated in conferences and webinars.

NbS training was delivered to Tipperary County Council's Town Regeneration and Capital Projects team. LAWPRO trained staff from all 31 Local Authorities to identify opportunities to integrate nature-based solutions into their Town Centre First projects and other regeneration and capital projects.



Paul Singleton from McCloy Consulting delivering a Nature-based Solutions Training Workshop

Farming for Water European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Project



An example of a small scale wetland pond, as funded through the Farming for Water EIP

LAWPRO progressed implementation of the Farming for Water EIP project in partnership with Teagasc, ASSAP and Dairy Industry Ireland (DII) during 2025. This agri-environmental project provides grant funding to farmers to implement targeted actions to reduce runoff of nutrients, sediment, and pesticides from agricultural lands.

- During 2025, the Farming for Water EIP Research Hub commenced data analysis to help determine the effectiveness of implemented measures under the project. The Research Hub utilises experts from several institutions including University College Cork, University College Dublin, Dundalk Institute of Technology, Atlantic Technical University, and the James Hutten Institute UK.
- The team was heavily involved in engagement and implementation activities during 2025 with the National Ploughing Championships in Screggan, Tullamore, County Offaly proving to be another highlight. By the end of the year, the Farming for Water EIP team had exceeded its targets and approved just short of 5,000 applications from farmers.
- The project received significant media attention in 2025 with Ear to the Ground and Nationwide on RTÉ, and The Road to Green on Euronews TV, all featuring the project's work underway.



Kate Tynan demonstrates a kick sample for the Euronews TV crew.



Joan Martin leads the discussion while showing the Good Farm Practice/Poor Farm Practice Model at the National Ploughing Championships 2025.

Farming for Water EIP Tipperary Highlights

By the end of 2025, there were 345 Tipperary applicants with a total measures value of €3,945,022 approved. The total payments made to Tipperary applicants were €231,733, so implementation and payment for measures will be a priority for the team in the next phase of the project.

Giant Hogweed Eradication: In partnership with Tipperary County Council, the local community, and other stakeholders, LAWPRO, through the Farming for Water EIP, has implemented a pilot giant hogweed infestation control programme in west Tipperary. Giant hogweed is a non-native invasive hazardous plant, which can cause serious skin burns and other health issues.

Two separate contractors treated the Toem and Cappawhite streams in August for giant hogweed. All the Cappawhite (11km, both sides of the stream) was inspected and treated, including the Coillte Greenfield site. 6km of the Toem stream were inspected and treated on both sides with foliar spray and by cutting.

Further treatments will be required on these lands in 2026, and expansion of the areas will also be examined by the team.



An example of the Giant Hogweed on the Toem and Cappawhite streams in west Tipperary.



Treatment underway by contractors engaged under the Farming for Water EIP project.

Supports to Local Authorities during 2025

The LAWPRO Local Authority Support and Coordination team assists local authority coordination in the delivery of their functions to achieve the objectives of the Water Action Plan including:

- Supporting coordination of local authority actions for efficiency and effectiveness, with an initial focus on the agriculture area and the delivery of the National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP).
- Building capacity through supporting development and timely delivery of focussed water related training programmes.
- Assessing the needs within local authorities for additional supports to deliver the objectives of the Water Action Plan and develop approaches to address these.
- Identifying and harnessing opportunities for synergies with other implementing bodies.

The Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASNTG) with assistance from LAWPRO finalised a local authority Water Quality Training Plan (2026-2030), which was informed by the findings of a national water functions training needs assessment review. Training development and delivery is prioritised on that basis. This is in addition to training in catchment science and management (CSM) already being provided to local authorities and implementing bodies staff. In-person training was delivered over three days in the Regional Training Centre in Roscrea.

The Local Authority Support and Coordination team has supported local authorities in the development of a Local Authority Water Action Work Plan template incorporating all local authorities functions as required under the Water Action Plan for Ireland.



LAWPRO demonstrating biological and physicochemical assessments during the field element of Catchment Science & Management training module 2 (May 2025)

LAWPRO Information Systems Management

LAWPRO's newly established Information Systems Management Team supports a broad range of organisational workstreams, including networks, cyber security, systems support and development, device management, end-user support, GIS, data collaboration, governance and protection.

Bringing IT, GIS and data management expertise back in-house enables LAWPRO to achieve improved operational effectiveness, greater cost efficiency and more timely delivery of critical projects and initiatives. Tipperary County Council are currently providing support to LAWPRO for travel and the Agresso financial management systems.



Members of LAWPRO's IS Management team attending the National Shared Services Conference in Dublin Castle (May 2025). From left: David McLaughlin, Mags Keegan & Stephen Kearon.

Key highlights for 2025 include:

- Establishment of Service Desk and IT Infrastructure Management System, ensuring a consistent and positive experience when using or seeking support for systems and devices.
- Enhanced IT security and cyber defence systems put in place.
- Commitment to Green Public Procurement (GPP) - LAWPRO signed a OGP Framework Agreement for GPP which encourages the use of refurbished laptops and peripherals, and other IT equipment.
- Launch of a new Data & GIS Strategy, which creates a long-term vision for leveraging data and geospatial intelligence.
- Piloting an automated process which provides organic manure movements data to local authorities and alerts relating to irregular movements. It is anticipated that this will be rolled out to all local authorities in early 2026.

Communications and Public Engagement

The Communications Team captures LAWPRO's priorities, positions, challenges, and achievements and convey those effectively to our target audiences and stakeholders. The aim of the Communications Team is to communicate best practice in water quality management and increase the visibility of the work of LAWPRO through comprehensive public engagement.

The Communications Team's key achievements in 2025 include:

- Issued 178 national and regional press releases to promote LAWPRO's work across a wide range of local, regional and national media.
- Media training workshop held for LAWPRO staff to help them prepare for interviews and speaking engagements.
- Delivered over 20 national PR campaigns.
- Provided communications support, promotion and services to the delivery of 23 municipal district meetings on water quality nationwide, including Thurles Municipal District.
- Co-ordinated the development and publication of LAWPRO's first Organisational Strategy.
- Launched a new LAWPRO newsletter called 'Ripple Effect', in print and digital formats.
- Implemented improvements to the LAWPRO website to enhance its functionality and appearance, and to improve accessibility.
- A 33% increase in followers across LAWPRO's social media channels in 2025, including an expansion onto Instagram.



Key statistics for LAWPRO's communications output in 2025.



LAWPRO Senior Community Water Officer Maggie Morrissey at a Heritage Week event in Cahir, Co. Tipperary. Photo by Ciaran O'Brien.



Fire & Rescue Services

The Council maintains Fire Brigades in Twelve Fire Stations located in Nenagh, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Carrick on Suir, Tipperary Town, Templemore, Newport, Borrisokane, Cloughjordan, Cahir and Cashel.

The dedicated crews, together with modern vehicles and equipment, ensured delivery of a prompt, efficient and effective response to 2104 incidents on a 24/7 basis in 2025. The breakdown of Incidents in 12 Stations as follows (Clonmel 290, Cahir 239, Nenagh 226, Cashel 208, Thurles 193, Tipperary Town 178, Carrick-on-Suir 173, Roscrea 150, Templemore 144, Cloughjordan 137, Borrisokane 106, Newport 60).

This is supported by the Munster Regional Control Centre located in Limerick City Fire Station, which receives calls from the public through the 999/112 service and mobilises the appropriate fire service resources in Tipperary.

Services such as Fire Operations Support, Administration, Fire Safety Activities, Dangerous Substances Licensing, Building Control Administration and Certification and Major Emergency Management are delivered from the Fire Service Headquarters at Limerick Road, Nenagh and from the Clonmel Fire Station at Heywood Road, Clonmel.

New Fire Appliances and Fire Vehicles

Two new fire appliances are currently in construction by Emergency One in Scotland at a total cost of just in excess of €470k per appliance which was fully funded through the capital programme of the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management. It is expected that these will be delivered to Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service and go into Operational Service in Cashel and Thurles Fire Stations.



Photos of one of 2 Fire Appliances currently in construction in Scotland by Emergency One

Two new 4 * 4 Fire Jeeps were delivered to Thurles and Roscrea Fire Stations in December 2025 and cost of just in excess of €50k per Jeep which was fully funded through the capital programme of the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management



Delivery of 4*4 Fire Jeep to Thurles Fire Station December 2025



Delivery of 4*4 Fire Jeep to Roscrea Fire Station December 2025

Training, Safety And Quality Management

A comprehensive training program was carried out in 2025 by all members of the service and the service successfully retained its certification to ISO 9001 and ISO 45001 in January 2025.

Fire Safety / Building Control

In addition to the operational activities, the Fire Service was also very active in promoting fire safety and continued to inspect public-assembly buildings in an effort to meet the obligations under the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003. Furthermore, the Fire Service fulfills the role of Building Control Authority in Tipperary under the Building Control Act 1990 (as amended).

Activities undertaken in 2025 included:-

Fire Prevention

A total of 115 fire safety inspections were carried out in 2025. These inspections were carried out on a range of premises from assembly and recreation, petrol stations, buildings containing flats etc.

A total of 133 fire safety certificate applications were received in 2025 with 87 fire safety certificates granted during the year.

TFRS received 31 fire safety related complaints during 2025 in addition to 92 fire safety related enquiries.

Building Control

TFRS fulfill the role of Building Control Authority within Tipperary, promoting a culture of compliance with the Building Regulations for new buildings and works to existing buildings. As part of this role, 339 Commencement Notices were processed for 2025, additionally, 98 Certificates of Compliance on Completion were submitted in 2025.

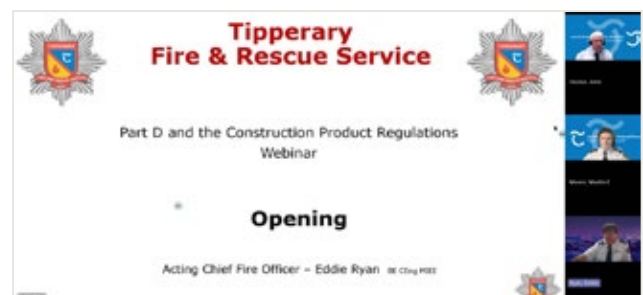
A total of 337 building control inspections were conducted in 2025 on housing developments throughout Tipperary. Of these inspections, 45 were on buildings commenced in 2025, representing an inspection rate of 17% of new buildings. Exceeding the Key Performance Indicator of 12-15% set down by the Department.



Examples of Housing Sites Inspected in 2025

91 Disability Access Certificates were received in 2025 with 60 applications granted during the year.

Finally, Officers of TFRS delivered a webinar on Part D of the Building Regulations and the Construction Product Regulations on the 28th November 2025. The webinar was delivered to professionals within the construction industry and highlighted the regulatory background to Part D and the CPR along with the practical application of the regulations and common non-compliances found.



Webinar Part D and the Construction Product Regulations

Fire Safety

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

To increase ownership of smoke alarms across Tipperary, the community smoke alarm scheme was launched in late 2016 and continues to this date. This scheme allows members of the public to contact the Fire Service via their local community groups to receive a *Home Fire Safety Check* by members of the Fire Service. This allows the fire service to carry out a fire safety check in the home installing smoke alarms where necessary while communicating to the householder advice on fire safety issues and addressing any such concerns the occupant may have. To date 2,500 Home Fire Safety checks have been carried out throughout the county, much of these checks were carried out in rural Tipperary targeting the most vulnerable people. Having advertised the scheme locally we found an increased interest in demand for smoke alarms from targeted groups and now work with the National Council of the Blind and more recently the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme, through Age Friendly Ireland to supply and fit alarms.

Also hard-of-hearing smoke alarm systems were installed in homes across the county.

Liaising with Community Groups/Agencies

In Tipperary, accommodating requests from various community groups to deliver fire safety presentations has always been a standard practice, and this remains an ongoing commitment. Groups such as Barnardos, the Rehab Group, Men's Sheds, Age Action Ireland and many more regularly receive fire safety presentations from both firefighters and officers alike.

2025 saw an increase in the number of community events attended by the fire service, some of the larger events attended included the Dualla Show and Clonmel Show. We also had a huge presence in St. Patrick's Day parades across the county, allowing us the opportunity to promote the fire safety message.

Our community-based Fire Marshal programme continues to be very popular with voluntary/community groups. This has now been rolled out county-wide. With this programme, we offer a half-day training programme in the use of Fire Extinguishers and a one-day Fire Marshal training programme to mainly charitable organisations free of charge. To date over 240 members of staff and volunteers from Barnardos, Cuan Saor (Women's Refuge), Rehab Group, Various Schools and staff from Clonmel Swimming Pool have successfully completed these courses and interest remains very high for participation in future courses.

Station Tours

Throughout the year we saw an increase in demand for fire station tours. This is a fantastic way to connect with the communities we serve and to spread the 'Fire Safety' message. Where possible we will always try to facilitate these requests and are delighted to welcome schools back into our stations. We have also carried out a number of visits to preschools and are always delighted with the interaction from students and teachers alike. This year we placed a special emphasis on the 'STOP, DROP and ROLL' technique and have even created a short original cartoon to demonstrate this.

It remains a priority for Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service to engage with the public in regard to all matters relating to Fire Safety, in doing this we as a community can reduce the risk and subsequent consequences of a fire occurring.

2025 saw some stations offering our quickly becoming annual **Special Santa Visits** to some of our local special needs schools. This is an opportunity to give back to our community by offering a tailored visit to children who can meet Santa in an exciting new location. It is a chance for the young students to get to know our firefighters, with the hope that should they ever need their assistance in the future they will be familiar with the uniform and equipment and perhaps it will be less frightening an experience. It is becoming very popular and a huge hit for all involved.



School Visit to Santa in Fire Station

Schools Programme

The 2025-2026 Primary schools programme is running as normal. All Primary schools have been offered this programme and continued to participate in it. Nationally there was a review of the content of this programme which has resulted in the production of an updated schools pack which is currently being delivered. Tipperary Fire Service had representation on this National Working group.

Having launched the Youth Fire Service Programme (TY Programme) in 2022, 2025 saw a huge increase in demand. It has now been rolled out across the county. Approximately 730 students received a certificate in 2025. The course is aimed at the secondary school senior cycle, primarily, but not limited to, transition years. This program runs in conjunction with the secondary school curriculum covering areas such as Fire Science, Case Studies and even Career Investigation (where we look to the Fire Service for potential career opportunities). There is both a theoretical and practical element to the programme, which seems to appeal to all, both student and teacher alike. At the end of this 4-week programme, students will understand the basics of fire safety and their responsibilities both in and out of the workplace. Interest in the programme is very high and many schools have already come forward to receive the programme in 2026.



Students watching a demonstration as part of the TY course

Social Media

To date both a Facebook page and Twitter account has been set up for Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service and are working extremely well with approximately 16,500. followers on Facebook and 1,837 on X.

The 'Test it Tuesday' campaign continues to encourage people to test their smoke alarms every Tuesday. Our biggest 'Test It Tuesday' reach in one week reached over 3,200 followers but averages approximately 2,550 per/week.

The cumulative reach of all posts in 2025 was just over **1.6 million**. Our biggest post of the year reached nearly 17,000 people and was engaged with over 30,000 times across X and Facebook.

Social Media continues to be an important means of spreading both the fire safety and road safety messages.

A brief summary of our social media statistics are as follows:

- 16,727 followers – 93 new likes in the year (approx.)
- We had a reach of 434,440 (approx. - up 5,000 on 2024) over the course of the year, with our best 'post' reaching 46,877 (approx.) – This was a 'Product Recall' on several models of Airfryers
- Our page was visited 22,800 times – this is where someone types in 'Tipperary Fire Service' on the Facebook search engine as opposed to clicking on news feed and/or shared posts. An decrease of 6,000 on 2024
- We are ranked as the 4th highest fire service Facebook page behind Dublin, Cork and Limerick. But still the most followed/liked retained service page in Ireland.
- Our Test It Tuesday posts still achieve a reach of around 1,250





Civil Defence

Civil Defence is a volunteer-based organisation that supports the Principal Response Agencies, Government Departments, and State Agencies during National, Regional and Local emergencies and non-emergency events. Civil Defence also assists at a wide range of community, Local Authority, sporting and charitable events.

Tipperary Civil Defence with a Volunteer membership of 106 comprises of highly trained, dedicated & resilient volunteers who provide a valued support to Local Authority, statutory emergency services and the wider community, particularly in times of crisis, adverse weather events or other emergency situations.

2025 was once again an extremely busy year for our volunteers who consistently attended training and upskilling, in addition to our callouts to searches for missing persons, provision of support to the PRA's and provision of ongoing supports to the wider community.

Our commitment to supporting community events continued, providing First Aid and Ambulance cover for sporting cultural and charity events, nearly always at weekends.



Civil Defence volunteers always meeting the challenges posed by our changing world

Response to Adverse weather

2025 started with the immediate response of our volunteer to the week-long significant snow event, immediately follow by Storm Eowyn

Crews responded relentlessly over that period to assist the HSE acute hospital service in the transportation with 4, 4x4 Jeeps transporting staff to and from the hospital twice daily, followed by the daily transportation of critical medical staff to out of hospital appointments & essential care. Daily support was also given to mental health services and community care assistance with upwards of 5 journey per day. Volunteers also supported the local community with the delivery of essential supplies, medial and welfare checks in isolated areas of Ballingarry, Killenaule and Dromineer. . Volunteers also provided transport to patient for essential kidney dialysis in Limerick hospital on a number of occasions .The volunteers were an integral part of Tipperary County council's adverse weather response and were available to assist the PRA's as requested.



Image 1 Civil Defence responses to adverse weather

Training

Training of our volunteers is of paramount importance. Since the introduction of the Civil Defence Act 2023 all volunteers must now obtain minimum training standard (M.T.S) for membership of Civil Defence. This training includes Cardiac First Responder (C.F.R), Manual Handling, Garda Vetting, Children First (Tulsa on line child protection), and induction for new members. This new minimum standard ensures the standardisation of training throughout the Country. Training is usually provided by our own Civil Defence Instructor through weekly classes and at weekends.

Recertification of Instructors and Emergency Medical Technicians (E.M.T's) is also an essential component to our training. Specialised training in Food Safety, Search Skills, Water Awareness & Life Jacket competency also took place. The Civil Defence College also delivers central training of instructors and volunteers in our National Training centre in Roscrea.

Joint training exercises with our neighbouring counties are planned



Image No 4. Search for missing persons



International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes

More than 60 Officers & volunteers from across the country travelled to Lourdes on the 15th May as part of the annual international Military Pilgrimage. Some 18,000 military & Civil protection personnel from across the world participated in the event. Ann Carroll has represented Tipperary Civil Defence at this event for over 25 years and was honoured to attend again in 2025



Image no 2 International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

Equipment familiarisation

In 2025 a number of scenario-based training sessions took place with our colleagues in the National Ambulance Service & other neighbouring Civil Defence units. This training link and exchange of knowledge is essential to ensure good communication and preparedness for working together at a major incident.

Community Support & Medical Cover

Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of first Aid and Ambulance cover at an array of events throughout the year including, the Knockmeal-down Challenge, Clonmel Horse Show, Thurles Liberty Music Festival, Boston Scientific half marathon, cultural, heritage, and event organized by Tipperary County Council.



Image No 5 Civil Defence medical crew supporting local communities

Searching for Missing Person

Provision of Assistance to An Garda Síochána in the search for missing persons is one of the primary functions of Civil Defence. 2025 saw our teams assisting at both local level searches and in support of neighbouring counties. Our search capacity is enhanced by well-trained search managers, search responder. 2025 saw the addition of an updated state of the art drone. The Enterprise Matrice 4D drone was granted to Tipperary Civil Defence by the Civil Defence Branch. This is a highly modern drone and has many additional features that enhance the search capacity.



Image No 3 New Drone with advanced Search capacity

This year also saw training in the Sonar system that assists in search for missing persons in the water. We also saw the very welcome addition of a new Whalley boat and trailer which is a huge asset to the County. The Civil Defence Branch is developing training standards for boat operations and maintenance and these sessions were attended by our volunteers.

Assistance to Wexford Civil Defence with Fleadh Ceoil Na Eireann

Tipperary Civil Defence were again in 2025 delighted to be in a position to support Wexford Civil Defence with the provision of medical and Ambulance crew for Fleadh Ceoil Na Eireann. This was a very significant event and also involved an Inter-Agency response from the Principal Response Agencies (PRA's) and other voluntary organizations such as the Order of Malta and the Red Cross.



Image no 6 Assistance to Wexford Civil Defence

President Michael D Higgins acknowledge 75 years of Civil Defence in Ireland

On the 8 May 2025, President Michael D. Higgins hosted Officers and volunteers from Civil Defence units across the country to mark 75 years of Civil Defence in Ireland. The President paid tribute to decades of service by Civil Defence Volunteers stating;

“Sabina and I are delighted to mark 75 years since the establishment of the Civil Defence. Whether it be through its service in medical rescue, search and rescue, emergency response, radiation monitoring, or community assistance, the Civil Defence volunteers have shown, time and again, their dedication and response capability in support of the primary emergency services and their local communities.

I take this opportunity to commend all members, past and present, for this work and for their spirit of volunteerism, giving back to their local community and indeed to wider society.

Tipperary was represented at the ceremony by Officer Dolores Fahey , A/Officer Matt Peters, and long serving volunteers Dan Walsh, Ann Carroll and Mark Quillinan.

Numerous events were held throughout the year to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Civil Defence. Tipperary Civil Defence attended a ceremony held in UCC where volunteers attending were presented with the specially commissioned medal.



Image No 9 75th Anniversary Medal & Volunteers at a ceremony in UCC

Health & Safety

Tipperary Civil Defence section has achieved the ISO45001 Health & Safety Standard. This is an excellent achievement for the section and to the commitment of our staff and volunteers to have a well-established culture of health & safety . Reviews are ongoing of our Risk Assessments and response plans and the section will endeavour to maintain this standard going forward. A newly formed group of volunteers are now in place with the specific task of monitoring health & safety issues and feeding in the health & safety management system.

New Recruits to Civil Defence

2025 saw the recruitment of a number of new members to our team. They have all reached the minimum training standard and are now all operational. They are attending regular training and participating in duties at many of our community events.



Image No 8 Specially commissioned 75th Anniversary Medal



Image No 7 Recruitment slide

Volunteer Information ,Training & Awards Day

A very successful information, training & Awards day for volunteers was held in the Raheen House Hotel in late November. The day was an opportunity to deliver workshops on Health & Safety, policies & procedures. We were also delighted with the opportunity to have Mr. Stevie Hayes, CDO Clare County Council to deliver a very informative workshop on search for missing persons and care of the volunteer. The day also saw equipment familiarisation including the use of the drone, search & communication and mapping systems.

It was also an opportunity for volunteers to meet & chat and catch up on friendships. The day concluded with a presentation to volunteers of the Nationally commissioned 75th Anniversary medals along with volunteers who were receiving long service medals for 10, 20- and 30-years' service to Civil Defence.

The event was attended by Sinead Carr, CEO Tipperary County Council Paul Brophy Dept of Defence Civil Defence , Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald Leas Chathaoirleach Carrick M.D and Major of Clonmel Cllr Pat English. Volunteers were also presented with of certificates of achievement for training undertaken during the year.



Image No 10 Sinead Carr, CEO Tipperary Co Council , Paul Brophy Civil Defence Department Roscrea, Mayor of Clonmel Pat English volunteers at the Volunteer Information & training Day



Image 11 Tipperary Civil Defence 2025



Economic & Enterprise





Economic Community and Enterprise

Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee

The role of this Strategic Policy Committee is to assist the Council in formulating Economic Development and Enterprise policy. The membership consists of Council Members, Representatives of National Sectoral Pillars, Members of the Public Participation Network (PPN), Farming, Development Construction and TUS.

Member	Representative Body
Cllr. Marie Murphy	Tipperary County Council
Cllr. Joe Hannigan	Tipperary County Council
Cllr. Liam Brown	Tipperary County Council
Cllr Siobhan Ambrose	Tipperary County Council
Cllr, Kay Cahill Skehan	Tipperary County Council
Cllr. Roger Kennedy	Tipperary County Council
Cllr. John Carroll	Tipperary County Council
Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh	Tipperary County Council
Cllr. Declan Burgess	Tipperary County Council
Pat Carroll	Farming Pillar IFA
Michelle Aylward	Business Commercial & Tourism
Adriaan Bartels	Business Commercial & Tourism
Sean Reidy	Development Construction
Thomas Cooke	PPN (Community & Voluntary)
Mary Spillane	PPN
Sean O'Farrell	(Environmental) An Taisce NT Ass.
Seamus Hoyne	TUS
Cllr AnnMarie Ryan Shiner	Tipperary County Council
Cllr Eddie Moran	Tipperary County Council
Cllr Tom Acheson	Tipperary County Council

During 2025 the SPC focused on a number of key areas within Economic Development & Enterprise sphere and there was great interest in the many topics that were examined. These topics included the following:

Topics and Work Programme

- Consideration of Standing Orders & Agreement of Dates for 2025 Meetings
- Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Role and Functions
- Tipperary Local Enterprise Office 2024 update
- Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme
- Climate Action Plan/Decarbonising Zone Delivering on our Actions
- Outline of the LECP to date and Implementation Plan for 2025
- Consideration of the Work Program for 2025
- Lisheen Bio Economy Centre Projects
- Presentation on the Economic Activity of Visit to New York
- Input on the Review of the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme
- Tipperary an Economic Briefing [John Daly Economist]
- Work place Trends and Insights
- The Agriculture Sector and the Impact on the Economy of County Tipperary
- Adoption of the Vacant Business-property Reopen Scheme
- Tourism in County Tipperary - An update
- Tipperary Local Enterprise Office Mid 2025 update
- Town Centre First
- Outline of the LECP to date and Implementation Plan for 2025
- Review of Topics covered in 2025 - Consider for 2026
- Identify representatives on the Digital Strategy Sub-Group

Grow Local Talent

This event took place November 12, 2025 - at the Anner Hotel in Thurles. In its 3rd Year, this event was an informative event aimed at helping Tipperary businesses up-skill and retain skilled employees. 80 people attended breakfast briefing with over 30 businesses represented on the morning.



Attendees heard from panel discussion made up of local businesses who are currently availing of various grants and training programmes to help develop their employee career pathways.



This event is a collaborative event with local agencies, including the Mid-West & South-East Regional Skills Fora, Tipperary ETB, County Tipperary Chamber Skillnet, Intreo, Tipperary County Council and the Local Enterprise Office.



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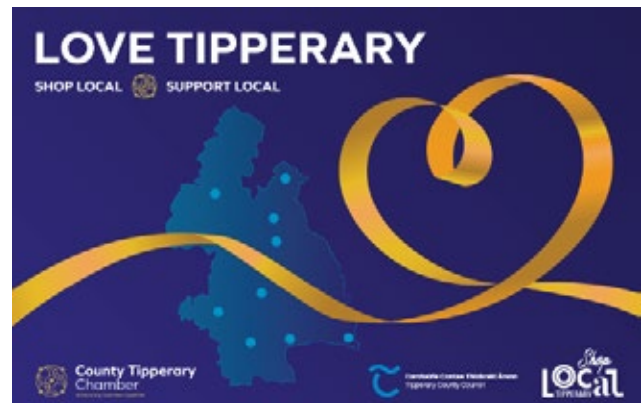
The Tipperary Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

Following the adoption of the LECP, the six-year objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic (and community) development of County Tipperary have been commenced. The actions derived from national and regional strategies at a local level have been integrated and initiatives related to economic and community development in Tipperary have commenced delivery as outlined in the Implementation plan for 2024-2025. Updates on progress are made to the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee on a bi-annual basis. Progress on 38 out of 44 Economic Development Actions was recorded in 2024.

Love Tipperary Gift Card

Tipperary County Council and County Tipperary Chamber continued their collaboration in 2025 on the Love Tipperary Gift Card Project which has been seen as a catalyst to lock-in spending on Gift Vouchers in the county. The Love Tipperary Gift card continued as commission-free Gift Card in 2025.

In the year since it was commenced, over 400 businesses had signed up to accept the card across all the towns in the county. The businesses that committed to accepting the card included national brands and independent businesses.



Tipperary businesses say the new gift card will drive foot-fall in local towns and take 'shop local' to the next level. Sales in the month of December 2025 reached €250,000 with now over €475,000 worth of Love Tipperary Gift Cards have been purchased in the County. Clonmel followed by Thurles and then Nenagh have had the majority of sales. Sales were also throughout the county but not at the same level of expenditure.

The Christmas Retail Support Grant Scheme 2024

The Christmas Retail Support Grant Scheme proved again to be a very popular grant scheme in 2025 as it continued to fund organisations in County Tipperary who host events that will improve footfall into the towns and villages over the Christmas period.

In 2025, a budget of €50,000 was awarded towards the 38 different activities from festivities, entertainment, Christmas markets and fairs, and promotional efforts on social media and other traditional media channels. The events assisted with the retention of these potential customers to the businesses in the towns and villages. They created atmosphere and a great sense of Christmas and brought people with their families into the towns and villages of County Tipperary throughout the month of December.

The voluntary efforts by different community groups in the organising of the Christmas events is commendable. An additional €107,000 was spent by these groups.

The full list of Grantees in 2025 is as follows:

Organisation	MD Location	Name of Event
Cloneen Sports & Social Club	Carrick-on-Suir	Christmas Festival Craft Fair
Fethard/Killusty Community Council	Carrick-on-Suir	Light up Fethard Christmas Weekend
Mullinahone Village Tidy Towns	Carrick-on-Suir	Christmas in the Village
Carrick on Suir Business Association	Carrick-on-Suir	Christmas in Carrick on Suir
Fethard Business and Tourism Group	Carrick-on-Suir	Fethard Christmas Lights
Millennium Family Resource Centre	Carrick-on-Suir	Glengoole Food and Craft Fair
Tudor Artisan Hub Arts Collective	Carrick-on-Suir	A Cultural Quarter Christmas Experience
Finding A Voice music festival	Clonmel	Sounding the Season
Clerihan Community Council	Clonmel	Clerihan's Festive Wheels Deals Weekend
County Tipperary Chamber	Clonmel	Santa Visiting Clonmel 2025
Newport Dev Association	Nenagh	Newport Christmas Market
Nenagh Tourist Office/Visitor Centre	Nenagh	Christmas at the Nenagh Castle 2025
CloughJordan Community Dev Ass	Nenagh	Christmas Market
Christmas Tractors Nenagh	Nenagh	Christmas Tractors Nenagh
Nenagh Country Market Ltd	Nenagh	Nenagh Country Christmas Market
Nenagh/District Chamber Commerce	Nenagh	Nenagh Christmas Retail Programme
Destination Lough Derg	Nenagh	Ballina
Rathcabbin Development Association	Nenagh	Rathcabbin Lights Up 2025
Nenagh Choral Society	Nenagh	Christmas with Nenagh Choral Society
Birdhill Tidy Towns	Nenagh	Santa in the Park
Taste of Christmas	Thurles	Taste of Christmas 2025
Templemore Com Dev Association	Thurles	Nollag le Chéile
Holycross Jubilee Team	Thurles	Christmas Gala Concert Holycross Abbey
Thurles Christmas Skyfest	Thurles	Thurles Christmas Skyfest
Tipperary Heartland Vol Tourism	Thurles	Santa's Grotto 2025
Thurles Chamber of Commerce	Thurles	Christmas in Thurles 2025
Roscrea Country Market	Thurles	Roscrea Country Markets Coffee Mornings
The Source Arts Centre	Thurles	Thurles Town Christmas Retail Video
Roscrea Chamber of Commerce	Thurles	12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS
Tipperary Excel Heritage	Tipperary	PJ Movie Night & Breakfast with Santa
Ardfinnan Community Council	Tipperary	Ardfinnan Christmas Festival 2025
Cahir Development Association	Tipperary	Christmas Retail Programme 25
New inn Community Centre	Tipperary	New Inn Christmas Wonderland
Clogheen/St Pauls Comm Council	Tipperary	Christmas Market
Tipperary Town Marketing Group	Tipperary	Tipperary Town At Christmas
Le Ceile Caiseal	Tipperary	Le Ceile Caiseal Markets
Cashel Chamber of Commerce	Tipperary	Cashel Retail Voucher Initiative
Rhododendron Walking Festival	Tipperary	Rhododendron Walking Festival

The Painting & Enhancement Scheme

The Painting & Enhancement Scheme in 2025 continued to offer a budget of €20,000 funding for painting and general improvements to commercial building frontages; the erection of planters; floral hanging baskets or other environmental improvements and the removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and the replacement with shop fascia signage.

New Vacant Business-property Reopen Grant Scheme

Following a review of the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme (CVIS), a new scheme has been devised called the Vacant Business-Property Reopen Grant (VBR). The VBR Scheme recognises the success of the previous grant and acknowledges the retail challenges at this time. It has considered how to further revitalise and enhance the vibrancy of our towns centres through a focused approach that will attract a curated mix of businesses in the main streets of our towns, and that aligns with the character and needs of our communities.



The VBR Grant offers an improved scheme to anyone opening a new business in a property that was vacant, derelict, or/and on the Dangerous Structure Register (subject to conditions). This will

be achieved by an increase in the grant value, removal of any limit on amount awarded and by providing additional benefits if the business meets the criteria under the 'Targeted Business Strategy' for Main Streets.

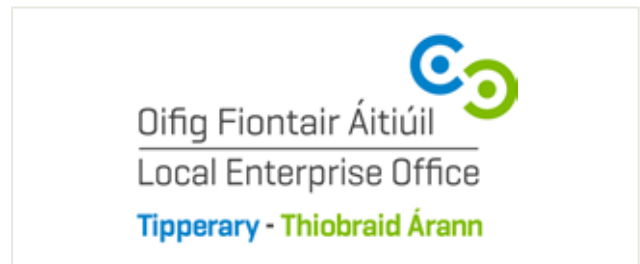
The new scheme also addresses over-representation by defining certain business that will not receive any grant funding if located on the Prime / Core Retail Area.



Having presented the scheme to the Pleanery Council on October 13th 2025 it was adopted and in addition it was deemed open to applications from Midnight that day. Applications have been brisk since then.

Innovative ways to support and assist businesses in Tipperary County Council continued in 2025. Work commenced on a new and innovative platform within Tipperary County Council's website that would enable perspective business owners to locate properties that are available to rent in the county. The Economic Team, in collaboration with the Information Technology Department and Myhome.ie have developed an interactive system with any businesses for sale, rent or lease will be displayed in 'real-time'. The program will also use AI technology to demonstrate to the potential owner the opportunity that could be harnessed with the properties including designing-out the inside for whichever business-type that would be under consideration along with providing links to various supports and grants that are available. It will also indicate the likely Annual Rates (where this information is available) for the property and directly link them to the VBR application platform.

The platform is undergoing testing currently and most likely will launch in the first quarter of 2026.



Local Enterprise Office Tipperary is now supporting over 264 small businesses and 1,470 jobs according to new figures. Tipperary also achieved a gain of 83 new jobs in 2025

Grant Support & Training / Mentorship

A total of €1,404,740.48 supports was approved for businesses in various sectors throughout Tipperary for 2025. A total of 5 client Companies were transferred to Enterprise Ireland to help enhance the businesses Export Growth.

Grant Support

43 businesses received a total of €1,023,567 in Priming, Business Expansion, Feasibility, Market Explorer, Grad-Start & Intellectual Property

Grow Digital Voucher

A further 11 businesses received funding support of €30,212 towards Grow Digital Grant

Energy Efficiency Grant

A further 22 businesses received funding support of €185,842 towards Energy Efficiency Grant

Productivity Consultancy Supports & Mentoring / Training

A total of €779,300 was made available to support Businesses in 2025. Supports included Productivity Supports in LEAN, Green & Digital for business. Other supports included Mentoring of which 704 assignments were approved. A total of 1,268 availed of training supports.

Student Enterprise Programme





Local Enterprise Office Tipperary were represented by student entrepreneurs from CBS Thurles, St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh and Rockwell College at this year's **Student Enterprise Programme National Final** held on Thursday 8th May 2025.

2,155 students from twenty-five (25) post primary schools took part in the programme in Tipperary made up of 449 Junior Students, 396 Intermediate students and 1,311 Senior students. Of this student number 1,221 were female students and 934 male students.

In the Senior Category, Rockwell College's students **Sean Cahill** and **Paddy Corcoran** won the National Innovation Award for their business **Studytok**. They also appeared on Virgin Media and Ray Darcy promoting their business and went to San Francisco's Step SF 2025 an international AI and tech startup festival. Studytok continue to develop their business and were invited to attend the National launch of this years programme.

They also were very successful at the Stripe Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition where they met and chatted with Stripe CEO Patrick Collison and came back to Tipperary with two trophies - First place in the Senior Technology Category and a Special Award for the Educational Research Centre. These awards recognised both the technical quality and educational impact of their Student Enterprise Business.

LEO Tipperary had an overall national winner in the **Concept Category** represented by student Liam Hackett of **St Joseph's Borrisoleigh** with his amazing business **BIT-FIT**. Liam also had feature articles in the Nenagh Guardian and The Irish Field as well as Marty Morrissey singing its praises on the Today show on RTE. Liam attended Dog Patch in Dublin for a three day programme to develop his business further.

Tipperary Food Producers Long Table Dinner, Cashel Palace Hotel



Held on 16 August at the Cashel Palace Hotel, The Tipperary Food Producers Long Table dinner was a standout celebration of Tipperary's artisan food culture. On a glorious evening in what truly was a magnificent and elegant setting in the avenue of the Cashel Palace Hotel, 180 guests sat down to share what truly was a spectacular showcase of all that is good in Tipperary's artisanal food sector.

More than 30 local Tipperary producers showcased their cheeses, meats, breads, preserves, beverages, and other craft foods in a menu that highlighted the county's exceptional quality and diversity.

Beyond the food, the event fostered a strong sense of community, bringing producers, chefs, and guests from all corners of Ireland together at a shared long table that encouraged conversation, collaboration, and connection. The event and its fabulous

The evening was a celebration of Tipperary's rich food culture offered with the menu comprising locally sourced ingredients from the members of the popular network, including artisan cheeses, breads, meats, preserves and beverages.

Supported by LEO Tipperary and Tipperary County Council, the network was launched in 2008 as a community of food and beverage producers working together to promote the very best food. Today, their local impact includes 180 people employed in the industry generating a turnover of €15 million.

Galtee Honey Farm Shines at The Ploughing



The Local Enterprise Village housed 30 Small Businesses from across the Country at Ploughing 2025.

A small business from Cahir got the chance to exhibit to almost 300,000 people at the National Ploughing Championships in Scraggan, County Offaly earlier this month as part of the Local Enterprise Village.

Aoife Mac Giolla Coda, T/a Galtee Honey Farm produces award-winning raw Irish honey and beeswax gifts from native Irish honeybees. Home to 200 colonies, the business started in 1970 and has grown and developed since then, the honey is fully traceable and the gift range includes candles and skin care products.

This year the Local Enterprise Offices partnered with Google to enhance the offering within the Local Enterprise Village. Google had their own area within the Local Enterprise Village where they hosted talks and demonstrations for small businesses and entrepreneurs looking to improve their business by utilizing digital tools and AI



LEO Tipperary facilitated multiple introductions between participating companies and manufacturers and agents of advanced wood processing machinery, including high tech and automated systems.

National Enterprise Awards, Mansion House Dublin



Spellings for Me, Promoters Paddy & Emma, represented the Local Enterprise Office Tipperary at the prestigious awards that took place on Thursday 22nd May in the Round Room at the Mansion House in Dublin, the 25th year of the Local Enterprise Office initiative. The company developed an AI-powered personalised spelling programme, designed for primary schools and home learning.

National Women's Enterprise Day



160 Female entrepreneurs and women in Business attended National Women's Enterprise Day Mid-West which took place in the beautiful setting of the Cashel Palace Hotel 16th October. Sinead Carr, Chief Executive Tipperary County Council opened the day. The day offered a rich programme with keynote speaker, the dynamic entrepreneur Oonagh O'Hagan. Panel discussions featuring Leah O'Dwyer, Founder of Zero Mission (Tipperary), Maeve Sheridan Co-founder of Western Herd Brewing Company (Clare) and Sarah O'Sullivan, Founder of SOS Cookies (Limerick). All sharing their journeys, highlighting the strength and creativity that women bring to enterprise across industries.

Networking sessions were designed to provide participants with the time to connect, collaborate, and be inspired by the stories and experiences of others.

LEO Tipperary Trade Mission to LIGNA 2025, Hannover, Germany



LEO Tipperary organised and coordinated a sectoral trade mission a trade mission to the LIGNA Exhibition in Hannover, the world's leading event for wood processing technology. Following a strong response to the Expression of Interest, seven Tipperary companies participated, with 11 delegates travelling from 27–29 May 2025.

In advance of the mission, connections were established with Maginn's Wood Equipment, which led to an introduction to IWIN (Irish Wood & Interiors Network). Across the exhibition, LEO Tipperary facilitated multiple introductions between participating companies and manufacturers and agents of advanced wood processing machinery, including high tech and automated systems designed to streamline production, reduce labour dependency, and boost capacity.

The mission directly resulted in a number of the clients investing in new equipment at the trade show which reflect companies' strategic plans to improve efficiency, address ongoing skills shortages, and increase production output.



Facilitating the creation of jobs with a bioeconomy focus in an area severely impacted by the loss of peat and mine industry employment.

Official opening of REACH by John Carroll, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council



The Roscrea Enterprise & Community Hub (REACH) is an important project that repurposes unused spaces for community benefit. The project, funded through the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund, transformed a former Tesco store into a modern innovation hub. The facility provides office spaces for local entrepreneurs, community meeting rooms, and training facilities. The Hub acts as a focal point for business and community activities in Roscrea.

The REACH project in Roscrea has been completed under budget and on time with a final project cost of €3,096,367. The state of the art centre has secured two Anchor Tenants, Herdwatch a Global Technology Company working with the Agri Sector and Tipperary ETB providing upskilling and training opportunities through their numerous FET courses.

The remaining space approximately 2,000 sq ft provides flexible workspace solutions for businesses, entrepreneurs, and remote workers, offering private offices, hot desks, fully equipped meeting spaces, video conferencing facilities and high-speed gigabit broadband to support productivity and collaboration.

Bioeconomy Development In Tipperary

Tipperary is already a leader in the emerging national bioeconomy, and the Irish Bioeconomy Foundation (IBF) has its headquarters in the National Bioeconomy Campus. Significant funding has been received by the Council under the EU JTF to support the development of the bioeconomy and the Council is working collaboratively with the Irish Bioeconomy Foundation (IBF), multiple research partners and the private sector to support the development of the bioeconomy.

The cumulative investment in Lisheen and Derryville projects currently finished or underway total approximately €50m, with a further €50m forthcoming over the next two years with a successful An Bord Pleanála appeal for the NuaBioEnergy project in November 2025 and planning also granted for Tatver Medical Waste in April 2025.

Current EU JTF funded projects include:

Lisheen Masterplan (10 acre site)



Ten acre site has been purchased by TCC behind the scale up facility with the purpose of developing a large-scale serviced landholding in public ownership, in an area severely impacted by the loss of peat and mine industry employment, facilitating the creation of jobs with a bioeconomy focus.

These rural based sustainable jobs will be created by companies utilising the innovative technologies being developed within the adjoining pilot bioeconomy facility in the Lisheen National Bioeconomy Campus

A Design team has been appointed to prepare a masterplan for the development of research, scale-up, and commercialisation facilities in the bioeconomy sector at the Lisheen site

A Project Manager has also been appointed under a separate commission to act on behalf of Tipperary County Council in overseeing the delivery of this strategically significant project. Place+U were appointed as the Design Team lead, with MKO appointed as Project Managers.

During 2025 the team has engaged extensively with:

- - Industry and commercial stakeholders
- - Relevant government agencies
- - Academic researchers and experts
- - Operators of comparable facilities across Europe

In parallel, the design team has commenced:

- A full suite of site surveys and environmental assessments
- Planning and policy research to inform the project's development brief
- Masterplan design options for the 10 acre site



The Lisheen Bioeconomy Scale-Up Initiative (BioScale-Up) is a €5 million project led by Tipperary County Council, co-funded by the EU Just Transition Fund and the Government of Ireland.

Bioeconomy Campus Integration



The 10-acre TCC land is being integrated into the National Bioeconomy Campus vision, supporting broader activities such as advanced bio-processing and pilot facilities.

This site feeds into BioScaleUp, the EU JTF-funded demonstration initiative, where six innovative biobased technologies will be piloted and scaled at the Lisheen Campus. Although the masterplan covers broader infrastructure, the TCC land acts as part of the enabling footprint.

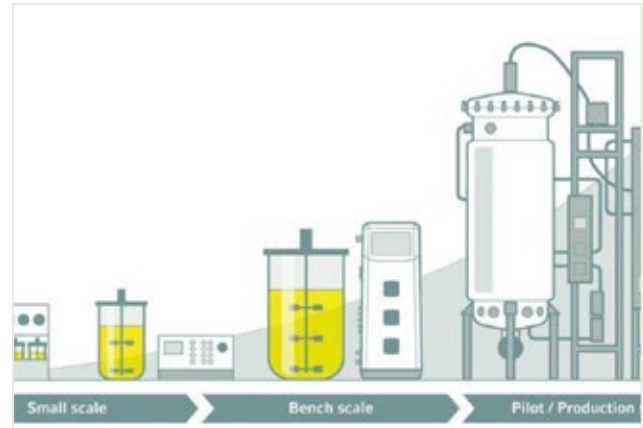
TCC's climate action planning situates the Lisheen Bioeconomy Campus, including the 10-acre site, as a Decarbonising Zone in Mid-Tipperary—laying groundwork for renewable energy and circular economy businesses.

Although not limited to the 10 acres alone, the wider campus developments include:

- Anaerobic digestion/biomethane plant (Nua Bioenergy Ltd) — now fully approved and progressing toward construction, expected to anchor renewable gas production roles on adjacent lands.
- BioProducts Campus planning — outline proposals consider an industrial campus for bioproducts (part of the broader Bioeconomy Campus strategy).
- The 10-acre TCC site is being actively masterplanned to host future uses that align with Ireland's bioeconomy strategy, enterprise innovation, renewable energy production, and sustainable industrial development.
- The work on the TCC land is framed within broader regional and national commitments to economic transition, climate action and just transition funding supporting rural regeneration and green industry growth.

BioScaleUp

The Lisheen Bioeconomy Scale-Up Initiative (BioScale-Up) is a €5 million project led by Tipperary County Council, co-funded by the EU Just Transition Fund and the Government of Ireland. Launched in October 2024, the initiative aims to advance Ireland's circular bioeconomy by demonstrating six innovative biotechnologies at the National Bioeconomy Campus in Lisheen, Thurles.



Current Progress

- **Facility Development:** The National Bioeconomy Campus is currently being equipped to operate at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 7, facilitating pilot-scale demonstrations of biomanufacturing processes.
- **CircleBio-P** project lead by TUS, aims to demonstrate an integrated one-stop-shop-bioeconomy innovation blueprint pilot at the National Bioeconomy Campus using two exemplar projects.



The All-Island Bioeconomy Summit 2025 brought together policymakers, researchers, industry leaders, farmers, innovators, and community representatives from across Ireland and Northern Ireland to advance collaboration on the development of a shared, all-island bioeconomy.

All-Island Bioeconomy Summit 2025



Representatives from TCC, Irish Bioeconomy Foundation and the Biomethane for Carbon and Community team at the 2025 Bioeconomy Summit.

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The Summit provided a strategic platform to review progress, align policy and funding priorities, and accelerate the transition to a circular, low-carbon, bio-based economy that delivers economic, environmental, and social benefits across the island

The days events also underlined that regions with defined bioeconomy assets,

designated development or demonstration zones, dedicated bioeconomy and climate officers are best positioned to secure funding, attract innovation, and deliver measurable outcomes. This message was particularly relevant for counties and regions actively implementing climate action and rural development strategies.



Its primary purpose is to strengthen cooperation, accelerate innovation, and support the scaling of bio-based solutions in line with EU climate, industrial, and circular economy objectives.

EU Bioeconomy Clusters Alliance



The EU Bioeconomy Clusters Alliance is a European-level collaborative network that brings together bioeconomy clusters, regional ecosystems, innovation hubs, and development organisations from across the EU. Its primary purpose is to strengthen cooperation, accelerate innovation, and support the scaling of bio-based solutions in line with EU climate, industrial, and circular economy objectives.

The Alliance acts as a coordination platform linking regions, SMEs, research organisations, and public authorities working across the bioeconomy.

TCC was represented by Elaine Cullinan Circular Bioeconomy Outreach Officer, at the launch of this Alliance in Brussels in February 2025.



The event supports the objectives of Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan by empowering communities to take meaningful, place-based action.



Pathways 2 Resilience Programme (P2R)

TCC has been successful in securing EU funding to participate in an 18 month programme, Pathways2Resilience (P2R). This project supports a transformative approach to climate adaptation and climate change resilience. The focus of the TCC P2R project is to support the capacity building for a transformative shift towards a resilient and sustainable circular Bioeconomy in Tipperary.

This is aligned with Action 100 of TCC LACAP which supports the county's move towards a more sustainable way of producing, managing and using our resources. TCC is one of 40 European regions participating in the first cohort of the programme, and we are working with Irish and European partners to build a resilient Circular Bioeconomy, centred on the work of the National Bioeconomy Campus at the former Lisheen Mine Campus, Thurles.

P2R Achievements to date:

- Partnering with key stakeholders to raise awareness, and build capacity across the region
- Stakeholder engagements
- Circular Bioeconomy trainings and outreach by the Rediscovery centre
- Collaborating with Local enterprise office LEO and our partners Magfi LTD, to support businesses across Tipperary for EU fund scan at zero cost.
- Embedding Climate Action into Core Governance
- Actions identified in TCC LACAP are being delivered by a multi disciplinary group with the Climate Action Team. The Climate Action Steering Group (internal group made of Directors of services and CEO), has been set up and engaged in reviewing baseline findings and identifying cross-cutting risks to support the embedding of climate risk consideration into service delivery.
- TCC is addressing data gaps by partnering with universities, CARO, and national bodies like the EPA. Example of TCC led research and capacity building projects in collaboration with academic researchers are 'Bio-Scale Up', Biomethane for Carbon and Communities and CLIMAAX.



The P2R Programme Manager participated in a webinar panel discussion in May 2025 hosted by Munster Technological University, the Southern Regional Assembly and Teagasc on two Horizon Europe Projects concerned with bioeconomy governance – ROBIN and ShapingBio - aimed at advancing the conversation about how to achieve greater cohesion in the implementation of local, regional and national initiatives and policy priorities for the bioeconomy in Ireland.

Unlocking Ireland's Bioeconomy Potential: Policy Insights and Practical Tools for Regional Development

01.05.2025 | 10-11.30 | Online

Topics to be discussed will include:

- Insights on bioeconomy governance in Ireland.
- Good practices from EU regions to guide local initiatives.
- Decision-making tools to help identify bioeconomy opportunities.
- Strategies for aligning regional development plans with Ireland's National Planning Framework.

For registration and more information Scan the QR code <https://tinyurl.com/yf5m44b>

Climate KIC Workshop with Local Authorities to explore Bioeconomy solutions -

Exploration of Climate Risk, Cascading Impacts & Resilience building, at the local authority level



This workshop was run by Climate KIC in partnership with the CARO offices & Teagasc at the Teagasc Grange site in October 2025.

The Local Authorities discussed how we could harness the bioeconomy to drive benefits on the ground across social, environmental and economic pillars. While addressing the impacts of Climate change on them and how some of the solutions could support adaptation and mitigation of the potential impacts.

Presentations were given by the P2R team from Tipperary and Donegal showcasing their approaches to effecting change in their administrative areas.



Mid Tipperary Low Carbon Community Information Event

The Mid Tipperary Low Carbon Community Information Event was held to raise awareness of climate action initiatives, support community-led decarbonisation, and highlight funding and support mechanisms available to communities across Mid Tipperary.

The event brought together representatives from local communities, community groups, development organisations, and public bodies, with a shared focus on practical actions to reduce carbon emissions while strengthening local resilience and sustainability.

The Mid Tipperary Low Carbon Community Information Event successfully increased awareness, built capacity, and encouraged community-led climate action. It demonstrated a clear appetite among communities to engage in the low-carbon transition, provided appropriate support and coordination are in place.

The event supports the objectives of Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan by empowering communities to take meaningful, place-based action and by strengthening the link between local initiatives and wider climate policy goals.



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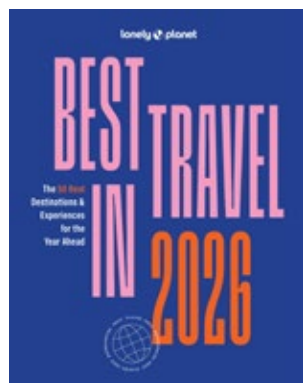
Tourism

Tipperary Tourism

Tipperary Tourism continues to promote Tipperary as a destination that appeals to the international and domestic visitor. By the end of 2025, Tipperary received the prestigious accolade from Lonely Planet's "Best in Travel 2026" "best for hiking, history and fine food".

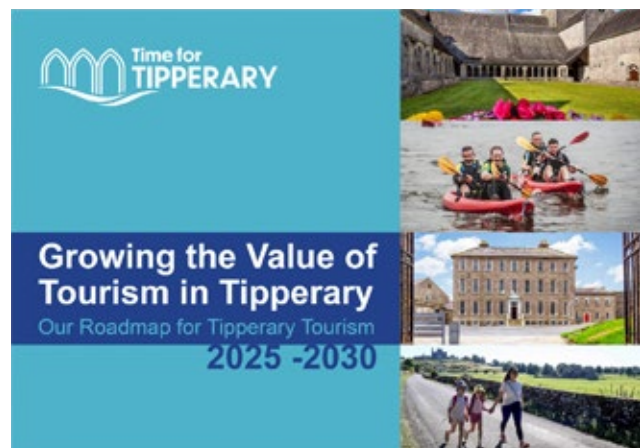
The guide also says that *"In Tipperary, the food is remarkable, the landscapes are generous, and the castles are so casually scattered across the county that you'll probably stumble across one on your way to dinner. This is the Ireland of postcards, yes, but it's also a place with a few surprises"*.

The Lonely Planet merit for Tipperary was recognised internationally, appearing across various traditional and social media channels. Tipperary Tourism will work with Tourism Ireland and Fáilte Ireland to champion this award, enticing new visitors to Tipperary.



Tipperary Tourism Roadmap

Tipperary Tourism launched its roadmap for Tourism called 'Growing the Value of Tourism in Tipperary', which sets out SMART actions for the marketing and development of tourism in Tipperary. The roadmap is embedded in working with industry and partners in enhancing tourism across the county, working on specific and attainable actions from 2025-2030.



[Download Time for Tipperary Visitor Discover Guide](#)

Tipperary Tourism New Brochure and Map

Tipperary Tourism produced a new brochure promoting visitors' experiences across the county. The Time for Tipperary Visitor Discovery Guide shows the wonderful offerings on our doorstep that appeal to local, domestic and international visitors. Over 40,000 copies are in circulation, including at all airports. The brochure is accompanied by an A3 map with QR codes linking to the new website. Tipperary Tourism can utilise these QR codes to access data to inform what areas are appealing to trade and how to alter the marketing to address segmentation. The brochure and map are available to download from the website here [Download Brochure](#)



State of the Tourism Season Research 2025

The Tipperary State of the Season Pulse Survey 2024 was conducted by Tipperary Tourism and Tipperary County Council to gauge the health of the county's tourism sector. The report is based on feedback voluntarily provided by businesses participating in the survey. It compares the performance of tourism businesses, accommodation, activity providers, and attractions, from January to September 2025, with the same period in 2024.

Overall, the 2025 report shows a year of mixed but largely positive outcomes for tourism in Tipperary. 74% of participating businesses reported growth or a stable performance compared with 2024, while 26% experienced a decline. Accommodation providers recorded results, with 66% reporting increased or steady performance year-on-year. Domestic tourism remained the sector's strongest driver, with 72% of accommodation businesses matching or exceeding domestic occupancy levels from 2024. Attractions and activity providers performed even more strongly, with 82% increasing or maintaining visitor numbers, underpinned by exceptional domestic engagement, with 94% reporting growth or stability.

Full report can be accessed from Tipperary.com
[Download State of the Season Report](#)

New Website Tipperary.com

Tipperary Tourism through EU Just Transition Digital that Delivers and co-funded by the Government of Ireland, delivered a new destination website showcasing the wonderful range of attractions, activities and accommodations across the county. The website is an international platform for highlighting the array of visitor experiences, along with festivals and events within Tipperary. The website features an array of itineraries that appeal to short-term and longer-term breaks in Tipperary. You can read the itineraries from here: [Explore Itineraries](#)



Tipperary Tourism Board Members with Liam Cahill, Tipperary Hurling County Manager and Laura Magee, CEO of Horse Country, at the launch of the roadmap and website.

Time for Tipperary Brand Refresh



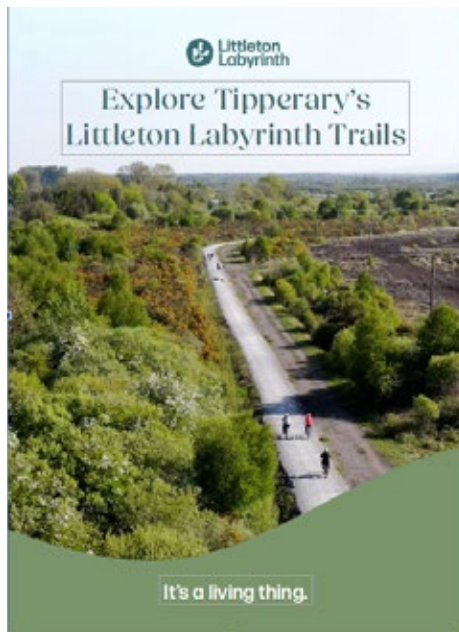
Tipperary Tourism refreshed the brand assets, including the logo, which captures a refined, cleaner brand identity. This was part of a wider brand update rolled out across the website, guides, maps, and campaigns. Tipperary Tourism also incorporated a merchandise toolkit for corporates and industry.

Full suite of logo files and new colour palette available for consistent branding.

Partners can access assets via our Digital Assets Management System on Filecamp, where this can be accessed here [Download Assets Here](#)

Littleton Labyrinth

The Littleton Labyrinth walkway/ cycleway officially opened in 2025. The Tourism Department developed content creation funded by ORIS, which included new video and imagery promoting the new peatway. The new brochure highlighting the peatway and the attractions surrounding the walkway was distributed across providers, including the Tourism Information Offices. The promotion of newly opened visitor experiences continues to be promoted through Tipperary Tourism Social Media Channels.



Brochure available on www.Tipperary.com

Advertising

Time for Tipperary featured in various media during the year, including the 'Your Daily Adventure' publication. Tipperary is featured as a full page in the Southeast edition, with 100,000 copies. It is distributed to and merchandised at the key places visitors frequent – hotels, other accommodations, airports, ferry-ports, visitor attractions, tourist centers, large motorway stations, and more. It is particularly important in reaching and attracting overseas visitors to Tipperary.

EU Just Transition Fund Tourism Activator

The EU Just Transition Fund Tourism Activator is in place to support tourism start-ups and existing providers in the Just Transition Territory by raising awareness and understanding among potential applicants of how the JTF funding and support schemes work. The Tourism Activator has been working with applications to elicit quality project proposals and grant applications by liaising with private and community SMEs to identify quality projects within the Just Transition territory of Carrick MD and Thurles MD. The outcome of those with funding awarded under JTF is highlighted below. In addition to these successful applicants, over €90,000 have been awarded for tourism experiences to develop websites in Tipperary.

Tipperary: Blueway Bike Hire	Category 1 Purchase of Ebikes and Accessibility Bikes	Tipperary County Council	€ 47,200
Tipperary: Carrick-on-Suir Heritage Centre	Category 1 Transformation of the Heritage Centre into a contemporary historical and cultural attraction, providing a fully immersive and interactive Visitor Experience.	Tipperary County Council	€352,647
Tipperary: Forest Lane Lodges	Category 2 Development of three two-bedroom family lodges.	Tipperary County Council	€300,000
Tipperary: Noan Country House	Category 2 Transformation of a stable block in the estate's yard into two two-storey self-catering lodges.	Tipperary County Council	€248,000
Tipperary: Ely Haven Ltd T/A Barnane Rectory	Category 2 Development of Sustainable Visitor Accommodation	Tipperary County Council	€300,000
Tipperary: The Carraig Hotel	Category 5 Enhancing accessibility	Tipperary County Council	€300,000
Tipperary: Cloncannon Biofarm	Category 1 Develop a visitor education centre with microscopes and digital displays, allowing visitors to observe microbial life in soil and understand its importance for food systems.	Tipperary County Council	€112,560

Supporting Sustainable Networks

The Suir Blueway Network Programme aims to support and develop the potential of tourism across the cluster towns of Carrick on Suir, Clonmel and Cahir. Fáilte Ireland has provided funding of €17,500 in 2025 to support the rollout of this important training programme, with the commencement of the programme in 2026. Runda Hospitality and Tourism Solutions has been appointed as consultants.

Tourism Activator Business Clinics

The Tourism Activator held Tourism Business Clinics over the year, starting with Local Enterprise Week. The clinics were well attended in Fethard, Templemore, Roscrea and Online with 60 individuals looking for guidance on start-ups, enhancing existing tourism business or diversifying into tourism. Those who attended were provided with support via their business plan or referred to funding or training supports that would benefit their entity.

Cluster Tourism Workshops

Three Cluster Tourism Workshops were rolled out in 2025, with over 45 attendees from the Just Transition Territory in attendance. The workshops aimed to support businesses with an understanding of how to bundle and package their experiences working together to promote their region to the visitor.

Tour Operator Training

Alva Pearson of Pearson Consulting rolled out a very successful workshop on how the tour operator business works in Ireland. A group of over 25 attendees met in the Carraig Hotel in Carrick on Suir where they learned important tips on how to engage with tour operators by ensuring the sales pitch is short, specific and generates an insight into what can be expected from a tour.



Capacity building is an important element of tourism as it supports tourism providers' business development

Connecting Clusters

Connecting Clusters Breakfast Briefing took place in Hotel Minella on the 5th September to unite and explore cluster tourism across Cahir, Clonmel, Cashel and Carrick on Suir, with over 40 participants in attendance. Guest Speakers like Gráinne Moynihan from St Declan's Way highlighted the importance of collaboration across the tourism trade, Neil Dennehy of High Potential gave an informative insight into the wellness industry and Sarah Jane O Grady of Explore Carrick demonstrated the positive outcomes when people come together to support tourism initiatives. The event was inspiring, with an insight provided by Chairperson Helen King on the impact projects that will be rolled out from Tipperary Tourism.

Littleton Bog Experience Feasibility Report

The feasibility report relating to the potential development of visitor experience at a designated site owned by Bord na Mona was completed in 2025. Nic De Jong and Repucon Consulting produced a feasibility study that was innovative and based on research, economic outlook and proposals from consultations. The Tourism Activator has worked closely with the consultants in ensuring the feasibility report captures the brief and aligns with recreational and regenerative tourism objectives. The report is available for download from here: [Download Here](#)



EU Just Transition Funding is providing significant enhancement to tourism development within the JTF territory.





Munster Vales

Motorcycle Feasibility Study

A report was completed by Wordhoard Consultants in 2025, this report dives into how feasible it is to target the Motorcycle market. This report has been shared with over 250 people in the region. An action plan is due to follow in Q1 of 2026, with a networking event being held for interested tourism businesses who would like to find out how to target this market and what steps are needed. This project is being funded by South Tipp Leader.

Strategic Plan 2026 – 2031

An application for funding has been submitted to Blackwater Leader for a 5 year strategic plan. Toposophy are the chosen consultants for this project. This project will access the success of Munster Vales initiatives over the last 5 years, and find ways to improve brand awareness and its overall success. We are awaiting funding approval from Leader, before this project can commence.

ORIS Project

Oris funding of €36k will be used to create 10 promotional videos across the region. As part of this project there will be Google ads and PR. It will be a great opportunity to get new footage which we can use for the website and social media. We will also share these videos with the trade so they can also use them.

Munster Vales Training Workshops

There were 2 training workshops delivered to tourism businesses in the region in 2025. The first was in Lough Gur, Co. Limerick which was facilitated by BeDynamic Training – it focused on ways in which you can use AI for marketing your business. The second workshop was held in November online, this was on using video on social media. There were 30 attendees at the training days. The next training day will be in March 2026. A training survey will be sent to the trade in February to see what they would like to focus on.

Social Media

Munster Vales started using Tiktok in 2025, there are plans in place to grow the following organically here in 2026. Facebook and Instagram continue to perform well. Jess Glynn who is a marketing professional, managed Munster Vales social media up until July 2025, her contract was funded by Leader Waterford.

New Collateral

A new map and brochure has been designed by One Little Studio in 2025. This new map and brochure has been added to the Munster Vales website. These are gone to print and will be delivered to Tipperary, Limerick, Cork and Waterford county councils. They will also be delivered to local hotels, B&B's, cafes and tourist offices across the region in Q1 2026. This project was funded by Leader Waterford.



Destination Lough Derg

Tourism Spotlight Series

This six-week program provided an opportunity to businesses around the lake to showcase their business. It proved to be an excellent way to cross-promote businesses in the region. We will revisit this program again in the shoulder season.

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Launch of New DLD website

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Feature Articles appeared in the Nenagh Guardian. The Midland Tribune & The Clare Champion.



*Where Time Slows and
Heritage feeds the soul*

Cluster Development

Throughout 2025 three cluster groupings were developed around Lough Derg



Water Activities



Accommodation



Food & Beverage

Connecting Local Tourism Businesses Through Collaborative clusters and focused units to share Knowledge, resources and drive collective growth across Lough Derg.

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Legendary Food Trails

Funding Received From DFAM under t Rural Innovation and Development fund for the following initiatives

Funding & Development

Marketing & Promotion:

- ✓ Expand the "Meet the Legends" video concept
- ✓ List local foods on menus
- ✓ Launch a "Destination Dish" Regional Status
- ✓ Food exhibition
- ✓ Farmers' Markets, Honesty Boxes, artisan shops, coffee shops, and restaurants locations

Experience Development & Training:

- ✓ Training sessions
- ✓ Cross-selling opportunities

Content & Digital Expansion:

- ✓ Expand the podcast series

“
Land, Lake, Local
”

Waterways Ireland Shannon and Shannon-erne Waterway Interpretation Scheme

Discovery/Signature points are agreed and a product launch of the style, Interpretation scheme, standards and branding completed.

Interpretation boards going for manufacture end of Q1. 2025

In addition to the Signature points there will be one artistic installation per county. The location for Tipperary will be the lookout.

Portumuna in Galway and Mountshannon in Clare.

Tipperary:	
73	Terryglass
75	Dromineer Harbour
76	Garrykennedy
78	The Lookout
79/80	Killaloe/Ballina Bridge ^a



Site Review visit between Waterways Ireland and Tipperary County council completed in Tipperary. Visit Outstanding for Clare & Galway.



Terryglass



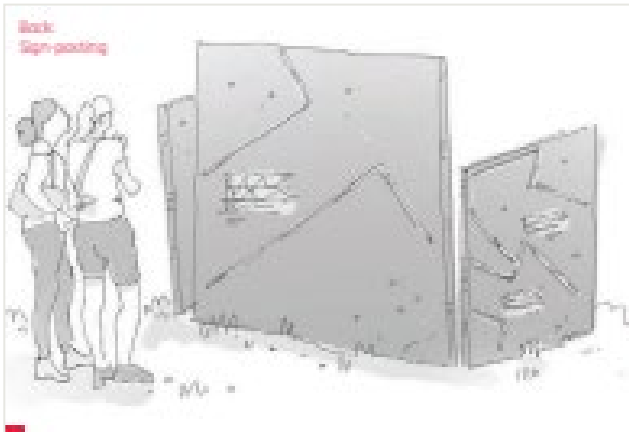
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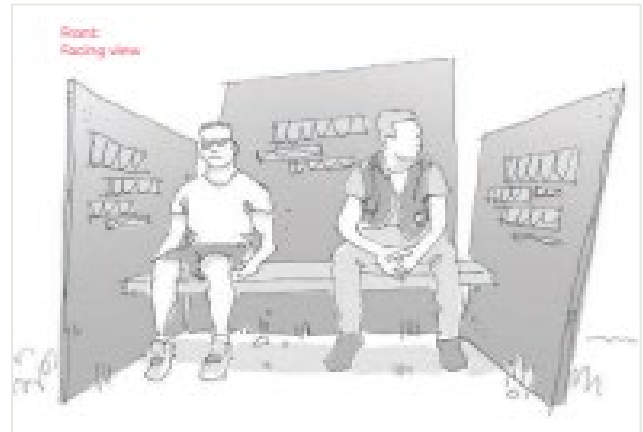
Dromineer



Ballina



The Lookout.



Interpretation Boards gone out to tender with installation commencing along the navigational route Q3 22026

Platforms For Growth Ballycuggeran and Dromineer.



Progress Report

The main contractors in Dromineer are due to be completed March 2026 with an additional two months allowed for the changing places facilities.

Signage plan agreed with Tandem design.

Projected opening date end of Q2 2026.

Funding secured for Changing places facility in Portumna ensuring there is a facility in all three counties surrounding the lake.

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Brian Boru Bridge

New bridge connecting Ballina & Killaloe was opened by Minster Dara O Brien. on 22nd. May 2025. Initially both bridges remained for traffic. A trial period of pedestrianisation of the old bridge in August September & October. Events were planned during the trial pedestrianisation to activate and showcase the old bridge.



Twin Town Trails Map



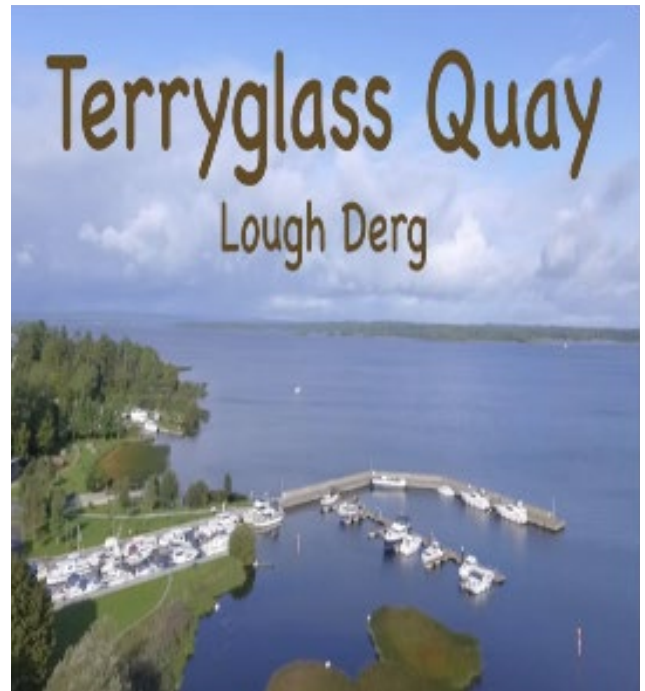
Twin town trail route developed for Killaloe Ballina following of the Bridge.

Ballina



In September 2026, a new Mural by Davit Speed brings a fresh perspective to the streets of Ballina.

“Entente Florale Europe”.



Terryglass village secures gold medal in Entente Florale Europe.



Honouring Heritage, while shaping the future



Terryglass Community Pride European Recognition

Headline Festivals in Lough Derg 2025.

Brian Boru Killaloe/ Ballina.
Quest Lough Derg.
Killaloe Music Festival.
European Pike Angling competition in Killaloe/Ballina.

Galeforce Mountshannon.
Mountshannon Arts Festival
Scariff Harbor festival.

Portumna 10K run
Summer Solstice festival,
Scaries and Faries in Portumna.
New Summer 18-week, season of festivals developed for 2026.

Junior International Festival Dromineer.
Dromineer Arts Festival.
A Taste of Nenagh.
Field Exchange festival.

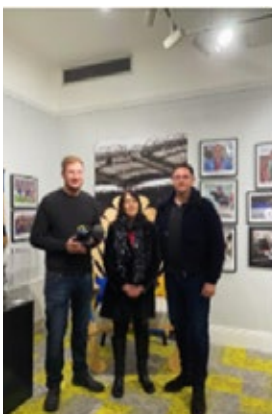
Broad Majestic Shannon festival.

The new Shane Mac Gowan Unravelling tour was launched at the Broad Majestic Shannon Festival in Kilbarron.

This tour now has evolved in different ways either self-guided with a series of curated QR codes and dedicate google maps or fully guided coach tour. www.unravellingshane.com



The Tour Featured in The Irish Independent weekend magazine and on Sky News and Media.



New Product on Lough Derg

The Rectory Mountshannon Interpretive Centre for Inis Cealtra.



This new facility offers an exciting new opportunity to visitors visiting the western coast of Lough Derg

New Business in Lough Derg

Derg Lake Tours.



This business currently features one ten-seater rib with expansion plans to extend to a second rib in early 2026.



Heritage & High Octane

Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASNTG)

Background

The Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASNTG) is a critical component of Ireland's public service infrastructure, providing dedicated training to staff across the Local Authority network. It operates as a national shared service responsible for the co-ordination, development and delivery of specialist training across each of the 31 Local Authorities.

LASNTG currently supports staff development across five specific training pillars, these include: Roads, Water, Environment, Fire Services and Planning and each Training Group is comprised of representatives from the relevant bodies within the sector and chaired by a local authority Chief Executive.

The Group oversees the delivery of a wide range of courses from single day courses and refreshers up to QQI level 9 post graduate courses. Details of the various courses are available to view at the following website <https://www.lasntg.ie/courses/>

These courses are designed to meet the training needs of the sector and are delivered through:

- Five Regional Training Centres (RTCs) at Roscrea (Co. Tipperary), Ballincollig (Co. Cork), Ballycoolin (Dublin), Castlebar (Co. Mayo) and Stranorlar (Co. Donegal). See figure 1.
- LASNTG also works in partnership with the Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Sligo, and South East Technological University (SETU) Carlow who deliver courses at QQI level 6 to 9 that have been designed to support the Local Government Sector.



The 2025 Regional Training Centre Figures for 2025 person training days are set out in the table hereunder;

	Ballycoolin	Ballincollig	Castlebar	Roscrea	Stranorlar	Total
Planning	118	117	89	224	55	603
Roads	1,179	1,536	1,823	2,698	1,134	8,370
Water	1,076	792	658	852	459	3,837
Environment	23	51	81	279	150	584
Climate	192	244	55	395	9	895
Fire	1,815	1,500	1,867	2,447	1,717	9,346
Other	1,751	2,874	3,385	1,739	2,129	11,878
Totals	6,154	7,114	7,958	8,634	5,653	35,513

2025 Update

In 2025 the LASNTG began implementing their Strategic Plan 2025 – 2030 which sets out the strategic direction and KPI's for the service for the coming years. It represents an advancement in the LASNTG's ongoing development, with a focus on optimising Local Authority training and refining the LASNTG's national role in public sector services. It ensures that the organisation remains at the forefront of delivering high-quality training and development services.

Some of the key achievements of 2025 included;

- 71 Fire Service Personnel recognised by the Minister of State, Christopher O'Sullivan, on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage at an awards ceremony in November for achieving the Level 6 Special Purpose Certificate in Firefighting Operations.
- Over 8000 Local Authority Staff trained under the Local Authority Climate Action Programme.
- Over 60 Local Authority Inspectors trained under a new course for the National Agricultural Inspection Programme.
- A new Water Quality Training Strategy developed and supported by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

2025 Conferences

Conferences are key events to enhance capacity within the sector. The conferences not only provide an opportunity for experts to share information, guidance and best practice but also for people within the sector to network, discuss and learn from other Local Authorities and key stakeholders.

The LASNTG hosted the Environmental Services Training Group conference in the Monaghan in October. The LASNTG hosted the Roads Services Training Group conference in Mullingar in May in conjunction with the Department of Transport. Over 250 Local Authority Engineers attended.

The main areas covered at the ESTG included;

- Circular Economy
- Nature Based Solutions
- Waste Recovery
- Air Quality
- Persistent Organic Pollutants
- Bioeconomy

The main areas covered at the RSTG included;

- Transport Priorities on Regional and Local Roads
- Roads over peat
- Road licensing performance metrics
- Transport Appraisal Framework
- Abnormal Load Management
- Safe Speed limits



Members of the Environment Services Training Group at the ESTG Conference at the Peace Campus in Monaghan in October 2025



Members of the Roads Services Training Group at the RSTG Conference in Mullingar in May 2025 with Minister of State, Mr. Jerry Buttimer.

Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance is a significant consideration for training delivery and development and in 2025 the LASNTG continued monitoring courses and training providers on the framework.

LASNTG processed 1,340 learners through QQI courses for certification across areas such as Temporary Traffic Management, Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations, Site Suitability Assessment for on-site Wastewater Treatment Systems, Firefighting Skills, Hazardous Materials, Pump Operations, Using Breathing Apparatus and Transportation Incidents.

External Training Providers Framework 2023 - 2025

LASNTG, in conjunction with the five RTC's, provides a significant number of training courses through the utilisation of external providers. The procurement of the external providers is via a framework from which the Regional Training Centres run mini competitions using SupplyGov. The framework is extended until the end of 2026. The potential value of contracts across the 5 RTC's over the lifetime of the framework is between €10-€15 million.



Over 250 Local Authority Engineers attended the Roads Conference in 2025



Development of New Training Programmes

Training development continued throughout 2025 with new courses developed and a number of existing courses updated and delivered to Local Authority staff.

- Under the RSTG remit, the Road Opening and Reinstatement Training, and the Surface Dressing for Operatives was updated. Environmental considerations for Roads Staff was developed.
- Under the PSTG remit, the LASNTG collaborated with SETU to develop a Certificate in Environment Planning Legislation (offshore renewables). A new Planning Technical Report Writing Course, and a new Urban Design Fundamentals course were developed. The Derelict Sites and Dangerous Structures courses was updated to suit Urban and Rural regenerations teams nationally.
- Under the ESTG remit, the National Agricultural Inspection Programme Training course was developed and delivered to dedicated NAIP inspectors across the Local Authority network, and a new Persistent Organic Pollutants Awareness course was developed in conjunction with the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment. The suite of LACAP training expanded in 2025 and included 14 webinars on various climate matters for Local Authorities. A new Water Quality Training Strategy was developed by the ESTG for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- The WSTG made updates to Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant Operations.



Over 35,000 training days delivered in 2025

Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme 2024-2027

The Climate Action Training Plan for the period 2024-2027 is funded through the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment and administered through the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and the LASNTG. This plan represents a proactive and forward-thinking document, engineered to help address the challenges of climate change. In 2025 over 8400 staff received training under the programme. The LASNTG began using a new Learning Management System (LMS) for Climate Action Training in 2025. This system offers many advantages to improving how training is delivered, tracked and scaled. The training programme for “Delivering Action” to fire service and outdoor staff was the first training rolled out on the platform.



31 LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- 26 County Councils
- 3 City Councils
- 2 City & County Councils

- 32,000 Local Authority Staff
- 949 Elected Members

FUNDING BODY

Department of Climate, Energy & the Environment



8000+ staff trained under the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme

Municipal Districts

Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District



Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach

The Annual General Meeting of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Members was held on the 26th June, 2025. Councillor David Dunne was elected as Cathaoirleach and Councillor Mark FitzGerald was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach for the 2025-2026 term.



Left to right – Councillor Mark FitzGerald Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor David Dunne Cathaoirleach-elect, Councillor Kieran Bourke, Councillor Amy Goldsboro and Councillor Michael Brennan

Performance of Municipal District Functions:

In 2025, the Municipal District members held eleven monthly meetings along with its Annual General Meeting on the 26th June, 2025. A special meeting was convened on the 16th April, 2025 to convey a vote of sympathy on the death of former Councillor, Mr. Joe Brennan.

Joint meetings of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District and the neighbouring Piltown Municipal District were held on the 22nd May and 5th November, 2025, providing structured opportunities for discussion and coordinated action on issues of shared importance across the two districts.



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Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025

This comprehensive schedule of Municipal District Works had a total works value of €8.2 million in 2025.

The schedule provided for housing maintenance, road improvements and maintenance, footpath improvements, safety schemes, bridge rehabilitation, schemes such as the Local Improvement Scheme and Community Involvement Scheme, street cleaning, burial ground maintenance, maintenance of playgrounds, open spaces and drainage works in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District.

Highlights of the programme included;

- Maintenance Works to National Primary Roads were allocated a sum of €18,168.
- Maintenance Works to National Secondary Roads were allocated a sum of €13,710.
- Discretionary Maintenance Grants for roads amounted to €588,903.
- A budget of €368,378 was allocated from 'Own Funds' towards maintenance of regional and local roads within the district.
- Restoration Maintenance works were allocated a sum of €627,807 to carry out surface dressing to 16 no. roads totalling 23.4km.
- 21 roads were identified under the Restoration Improvement programme with a cost of €3,380,850 taking in a total of 20.9km.
- 'Red Roads' identified at Cathaganstown were allocated €50,872 under 'Own Resources' allocation.
- Safety Improvement Works at Glengoole Village were allocated a budget of €95,000.
- The amount of €203,489 was provided for the 'Town Allocation' to cover road improvements, footpath improvements, drainage works and urban road maintenance within Carrick Town.
- A sum of €165,000 was provided in Bridge Rehabilitation Grants for bridge repairs and improvement works.
- Maintenance Works to Tertiary Roads were allocated a sum of €90,421.
- A sum of €147,093 was provided for the Community Involvement Scheme.
- Local Improvement Scheme works had an allocation of €258,720.
- Public Lighting Works amounted to €7,500.
- Drainage Grant Works amounted to €148,117.
- Climate Change Adaptation Grants for road reconstruction at Clonoura and Brenormore totalled €165,000.
- National Transport Authority [NTA] Active Travel projects allocated a total of €20,000 for the Detail Design associated with safety routes to Killenaule School.
- 2025 Development levies assigned to enhancement schemes for Mullinahone footpaths, Drangan footpaths, Glengoole footpaths and Moyglass footpaths amounted to €191,309.
- Rates Vacancies funded works to the value of €7,310.
- Cycle Signage and Installation of Speed Limit Signs were allocated a budget of €129,934.
- IPB funded footpath replacements were allocated a sum of €59,015.
- A budget of €300,000 was allocated for resurfacing works to the Former National Road Ballytarsna – Ashill.
- A budget of €223,193 was allocated for Carrick-on-Suir street cleaning.
- A budget of €42,000 was provided for Burial Ground Maintenance at St. Mary's Cemetery in Carrick-on-Suir.
- Amenity Areas Maintenance – A budget of €48,500 was provided for the Carrick-on-Suir Marina and a budget of €207,958 was provided for Parks & Open Spaces.
- The Japanese Knotweed Project was allocated a budget of €7,282.

Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District 2025 Programme of Works

Road Improvement (RI) Works
21 Roads 20.9km - €3.38m



Installation of Cycle & Speed Limit Signage -€130k

Road Maintenance (RM) Works
17 Roads 31.4km - €628k



Resurfacing Works to Former National Roads at Ballytarsna to Ashill €300k

Red Roads
260m - €50.8k



Active Travel Project – for detailed design associated with safety routes to Killenaule School - €20k.

Climate Adaptation /Severe Weather Road Works
2 locations - €165k



**Maintenance Works - National Primary Roads - €18.1k
National Secondary Roads- €13.7k
Tertiary Roads—€90.4k**

Drainage Grant Works
13 locations - €148k



1 Community Involvement Scheme Project -€147k

Safety Improvement Works
Glengoole Village - €95k



4 Local Improvement Scheme Projects - €259K

2025 Development levy works
Drangan, Mullinahone, Glengoole & Moyglass - €191k



ORIS Improvement works completed on Suir Blueway and at Lough Doire Bhile

Bridge Rehabilitation works
Curraghdobbin Bridge, Garansilly Bridge & Clonbrogan Bridge - €165k



Town Centre First Plan adopted in May 2025 providing a strategic framework for revitalising the town centre.

IPB Funded Footpath replacement Works - €59k



Cathaoirleach Awards - Celebrating the wealth of talent, commitment & civic spirit of the 5 nominees

District Wide Pothole Repair/Patching—€64k



Town Clock made safe for entry, restored to working order and further conservation works carried out



Roadworks/Projects Undertaken in 2025

- Surface dressing was completed on 16 roads in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District over a total of 23.4km under Restoration Maintenance programme at a cost of €627,807.

Surface Dressing on the R-690-8 at Pollagh - Ballyduggan



- Some €3.38m was spent on improving and restoring 20.9km of roads at 21 different locations in the district under Restoration Improvement programme.

RI Works on the R-690-8 at Ninemilehouse



RI Works on the R-691 at Harleypark



Road Recycling Works on the R-691 at Cooldine



Safety Scheme at Glengoose Village



- Safety Improvement Works were completed in Glengoose Village costing €95,000.

- Bridge Rehabilitation Grants funded the completion of works at Garransilly Bridge (€70,000), at Clonbrogan Bridge (€50,000) and Curraghdobbin Bridge (€45,000).

Bridge Rehabilitation Works at Garransilly Bridge



Bridge Rehabilitation Works at Clonbrogan Bridge



- 260m of 'Red Roads' identified at Cathaganstown were remediated at a cost of €50,872.
- Drainage works were carried out at Springfield, Ballincurry, Mohober, Glengoole North, Shangarry, Ballyduggan, Tullowcossaun, Cathaganstown, Mobarbarnane to Farranleen, Cloneen to Fethard Road, Ballynagrana, Macreary and Rathclarish at a combined cost of €148,117

Drainage Works at Ballykerrin



- The Carrick MD Climate Adaptation Grant of €165,000 funded works at the following locations, variously raising the road levels and improving drainage, providing additional drainage pipes or new drainage crossings as appropriate;
- L-21112-0 Clonoura Road Reconstruction (Drainage and Road Reconstruction Works).
- L-6417-0 Brenormore Road Reconstruction (Drainage and Road Reconstruction Works).

Climate Adaptation Works at Brenormore



- 2025 Development levies assigned to enhancement schemes for Mullinahone footpaths, Drangan footpaths, Glengoole footpaths and Moyglass footpaths amounted to €191,309.

Development Levy Footpath Works at Glengoole



Development Levy Footpath Works at Mullinahone



Local Improvement Scheme Works at Gurteenbryan



- 1 project was completed in Modeshill under the Community Involvement Scheme [CIS] (public roads) at a cost of €147,093.
- 4 private roads were upgraded under the Local Improvement Schemes [LIS] in 2025 at a total cost of €258,720.

Local Improvement Scheme Works at Crampscastle, Fethard



Local Improvement Scheme Works at Clashbeg



- Cycle Signage and Installation of Speed Limit Signs to the value of €129,934 were completed.

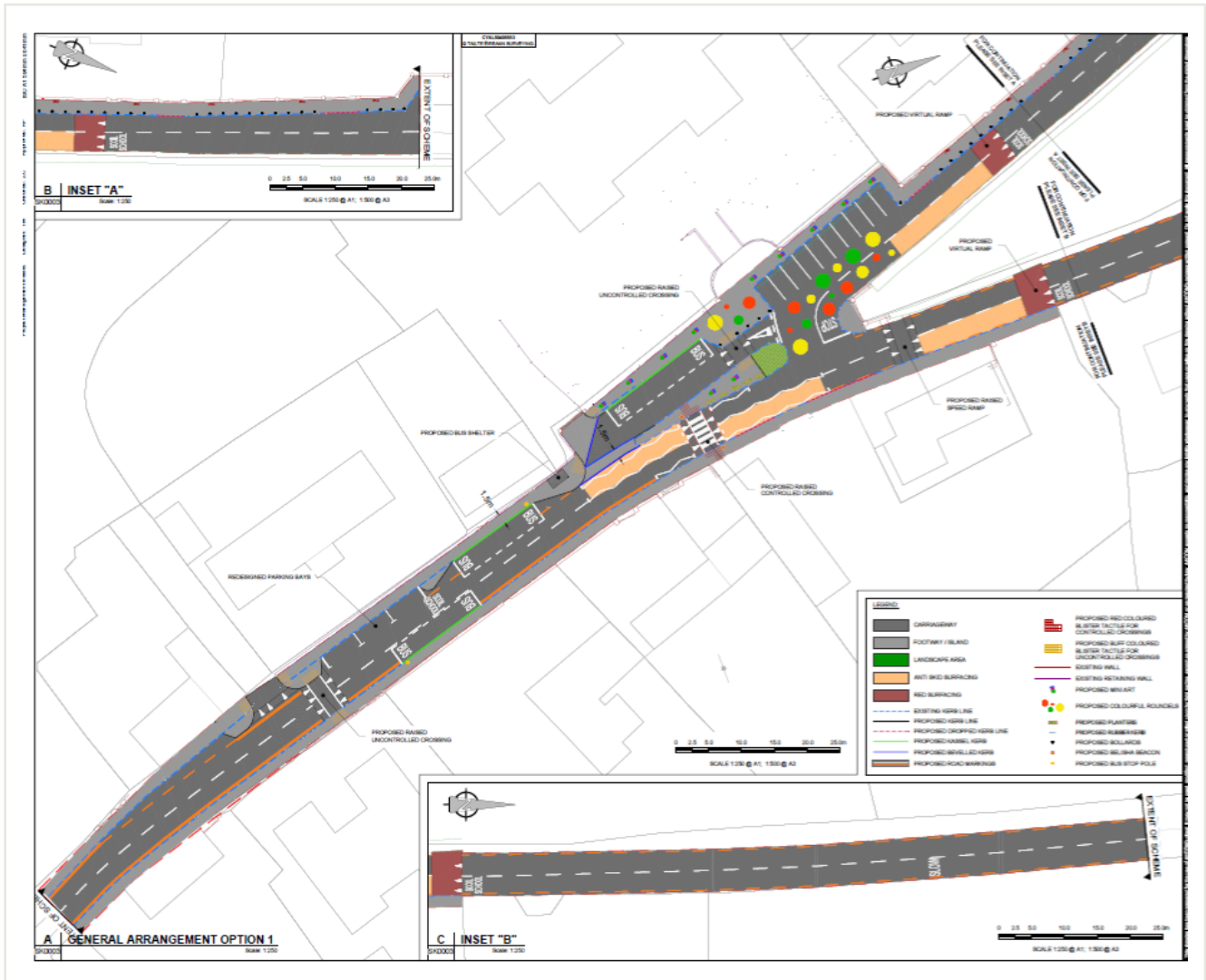
Upgrade of Signage and Road Markings in Cloneen Village



National Transport Authority Active Travel Works

The National Transport Authority [NTA] Active Travel projects allocated a total of €20,000 for the Detail Design associated with safety routes to Killenaule School. The design was completed during 2025 with works due to commence in 2026.

Killenaule School Safety Scheme Proposal Drawing



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

Lough Doire Bhile

ORIS funded works commenced in 2024 were completed in 2025, including new Car Park layout (fencing, resurfacing and lining); overlay existing walking track with hard-core material ensuring solid level surface with widening at specific locations, installation of drainage at location around walking track, installation of rock armour, removal and reinstallation of fishing platforms at locations around Lough, refurbishment of existing huts located around walking track.



River Suir Blueway at Carrick-on-Suir

- ORIS Improvement works commenced in 2024 on a section of the River Suir Blueway were completed in 2025 with the installation of new seating along this picturesque cycleway and walkway.



Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan (“A Journey from Suir Blueway to Ormond Castle”)

Works continued throughout 2025 on the exciting “*The Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan – ‘A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter – Delivering Our Community’s Ambition’*” project which was allocated €14.39 million from the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund [RRDF]. Phases 4 & 5 are currently in detailed design with Phase 1 substantially complete, and Phase 2 and 3 underway.

Tipperary County Council wishes to acknowledge that this scheme was made possible through the financial contributions of local traders, following rates increases, together with funding from the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. This significant investment will play a vital role in driving economic activity in Carrick-on-Suir and in supporting the Council’s longterm vision for a thriving, prosperous town and district that benefits all residents, communities, and businesses.

Phase 1_ Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan

Sean Healy Park, Castle Street (approach to Ormond Castle), Strand Walk and Ormond Castle Park.

Phase 1 of this project is now substantially complete with a small snagging list and the installation of one sculpture remains to be completed. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd. were tasked with carrying out the works for Phase 1 of the Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan *“A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter”*. This Phase 1 contract was funded by the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and part funded by Tipperary County Council.

Works completed in phase 1 included the following:

- At Sean Healy Park – construction of new footpaths, hard paved areas, construction of an ‘arrival point’ and widening of the Suir Blueway including associated landscaping and services/ utilities to serve the proposed and future uses.
- Upgrade of the Castle Street approach to Ormond Castle Park.
- Undertaking of ecological and amenity improvements within Castle Park grounds including new lighting along Strand Walk, step access from Strand Walk to Castle Park and repointing of Castle Park walls.

Sean Healy Park



Ormond Castle Park



Ormond Castle and Castle Street getting ready for the Ormond Market on All Ireland Hurling Final Weekend



South East Bikers Toy Run visit Ormond Castle Park during December 2025

The sculpture of 'Black Tom' from the impressive collection of sculptures created by talented artist Philip Quinn was officially unveiled in Castle Park by the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Members on the 26th June, 2025.

The sculpture of Thomas Butler, commonly known as Black Tom – the 10th Earl of Ormond, who built Ormond Castle in Carrick-on-Suir, was unveiled in the town's Castle Park, marking a number of investments in the town.

Black Tom Sculpture



Left to right – Councillor Mark FitzGerald Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Amy Goldsboro, Councillor David Dunne, Cathaoirleach-elect, Councillor Kieran Bourke and Councillor Michael Brennan

Phase 2_ Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan

Chapel Street, part of William Street, North Quay from Castle Lane to Dillon Bridge.



Pictured at the contract signing for the next phase of the Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Scheme at Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Offices were front row; Cllr David Dunne, Cathaoirleach Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District, Brian Barry, Tony Kirwan Ltd, Cllr John Carroll, Tipperary County Council Cathaoirleach, Sinead Carr, Tipperary County Council Chief Executive.

Back: Marie Cox, Carrick-on-Suir MD Administrator, Cllr Michael Brennan, Brian Beck, Carrick-on-Suir MD Director of Services, Páidí Kirwan, Tony Kirwan Ltd, Cllr Kieran Bourke, Michael Scully, Carrick-on-Suir MD Engineer, Ciarán O'Shea, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Tipperary County Council, Máire Keane, Malachy Walsh & Partners.

Tendering for these works took place in 2025 with Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd being awarded the works contract for Phase 2 of the Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan. The contract was signed on the 1st of December 2025 at Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Offices, New Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary.

The €2.9 million project is funded by the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and Tipperary County Council. This project is an integral part of the overall "A Journey from the Suir Blueway to Ormond Castle Quarter" €17.9 million RRDF funded project.

This project has been shaped and refined over several years through invaluable support and collaboration from multiple stakeholders. Extensive public consultation played a key role in influencing and guiding the design of the scheme. Malachy Walsh & Partners, Engineering and Environmental Consultants, and Nic de Jong Architects are the Design Team for this project.

Phase 2 of the Regeneration Project will focus on improvements to Chapel Street, William Street, Castle Lane and part of North Quay and Castle Street.

The physical works include construction of new road carriageway, new footpaths, new public lighting, line marking and associated landscaping. In addition, services and utilities will be upgraded to support both current and future needs of these streets.

Phase 3_ Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan

Digital and Enterprise Centre at Old Post Office, 43 Main Street.



Progress photo of former An Post Office

Phase 3 of the Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan “A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter”. The Phase 3 works consist of the refurbishment of former derelict Post Office, 43 Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir into a Digital and Enterprise Working Hub. The €1,054,350 project is being funded by the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and part funded by Tipperary County Council.

Marhill Construction Services Ltd, Jack Coughlan Architects (JCA), Malachy Walsh & Partners, Engineering and Environmental Consultants and Michael Barrett Partnership Quantity Surveyors (MBQS) are the Construction Contractors and Design Team for this project.

The works included in Phase 3 are:

- Refurbishing the derelict site into The Digital and Enterprise Working Hub incorporating single and shared offices including toilets, showers and kitchen facilities.
- Conservation repair to the existing building fabric along with a new lift to improve accessibility.
- Retention of the carriage arch at the front of the building to form part of a reception / public entrance leading to the landscaped rear garden and terrace.
- A state-of-the-art multi-media room with facilities for creating podcasts along with video conferencing facilities.

The specification for this project paid particular attention to retaining elements of the building that would contribute to the design as well as conserving this listed building for future generations.



Pictured during a visit to the site in June 2025:

L-R: Ciarán O'Shea, Project Manager TCC, Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Administrator Marie Cox, Katie Aherne, Marhill Construction Services Ltd, Cllr Michael Brennan, Cllr Amy Goldsboro, Cllr David Dunne, Cathaoirleach, Cllr Mark Fitzgerald, Cllr Kieran Bourke, Edmund O'Gorman, Marhill Construction Services Ltd, Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Director of Services Brian Beck



Carrick-on-Suir MD Councillors pictured outside the construction site in June 2025

Carrick-on-Suir Riverside Regeneration Project

The Carrick-on-Suir Riverside Regeneration Project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the EU Just Transition Fund. The project funded Project A: Feasibility and design for the repurposing of two arches under the Dillon Bridge and Project B: Masterplan and feasibility for the redevelopment of the Goldcrop Site. Both projects are underway and due for completion during 2026.

Project A: The Dillon Bridge arches project seeks to understand whether the arches could be repurposed as a water sports hub and will move through Part 8 planning in 2026



Dillon Bridge Arches

Project B: The Goldcrop Masterplan seeks to identify the best use of the 2.7-acre Goldcrop site, located at North Quay and Castle Lane and spanning the distance between Dillon Bridge and the Tudor Manor at Ormond Castle. With the ongoing RRDF investment into Carrick-on-Suir, the development of this site is critical as a catalyst for increased economic, social and environmental activity in the town. The project investigates the development of tourism products which develop the visitor experience, linking to the heritage of the town and having clearly identified target markets and demand analysis. The project also explores the operations of the site including any opportunities for private sector operators and employment opportunities.



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In October 2025, it was announced that €984,000 has been allocated to a Category 2 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) project in Carrick-on-Suir, specifically aimed at regenerating the former Goldcrop site.

Town Clock

Funding of €17,000 was secured under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, supplemented by an additional €10,000 allocated from the General Municipal Allocation (GMA).

The overall objective of the project was to ensure safe access to the Town Clock, Works completed include measures to allow for safe access to and around the building; Removal of damaging vegetation from parapet masonry, re-bedding of cap stones and pointing of all damaged or missing mortar joints between exposed stonework to the parapet of the tower and lower areas of the cut sandstone clock surround using appropriate lime mortar; Repair and renewal of any elements of leadwork to the parapet or abutment; Clock repair to have all three faces of clock working.

Works commenced on 3 September, focusing initially on measures required to ensure safe access to and around the structure. Completed works to date include:

- Installation of improved access routes to the tower and roof areas
- Removal of invasive vegetation from the parapet masonry
- Rebedding of capstones and repointing of damaged or missing mortar joints using appropriate lime mortar
- Repair and renewal of leadwork to the parapet and abutment
- Restoration and repair of the clock mechanism to return all faces to working order



Town Centre First Plan Carrick-on-Suir

The Carrick-on-Suir Town Centre First (TCF) Plan provides a strategic framework for the regeneration and revitalisation of the town centre. It was adopted in May 2025 as part of the Carrick-on-Suir & Environs Local Area Plan 2025 - 2031.

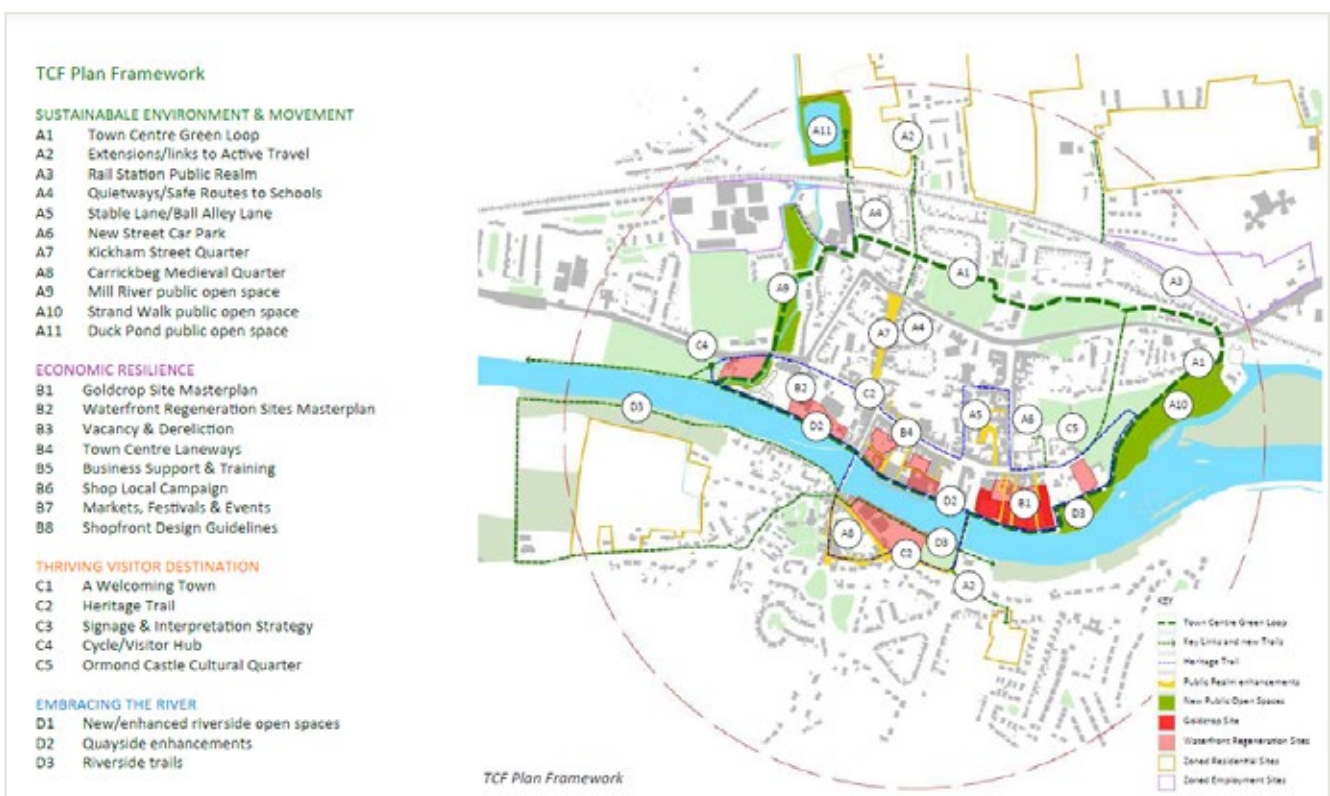
The Plan aligns with national Town Centre First policy, which prioritises combating vacancy, dereliction, and economic stagnation in town centres. The TCF Plan updates the Carrick-on-Suir Vision 2030 Plan to incorporate newly secured Rural Regeneration Development Funding (RRDF), and builds upon the comprehensive Regeneration Plan – ‘A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter’. The goal is to make the town a vibrant, attractive, and sustainable place to live, work, and visit. It focuses on an area within a 10-minute walking radius from the town centre.

The timeframe for delivery of the TCF Plan is around 15 years, or by year 2040, phased in relation to existing funding commitments and according to the future requirements and priorities of the Town Team and local community.

The TCF Plan prioritises the enhancement of the public realm, with a particular focus on Main Street and the Ormond Castle Quarter, in order to strengthen sustainability, improve accessibility, and support tourism development. The plan area encompasses a 10-minute walking catchment (approximately 800 metres) from the town centre, including Carrickbeg.

The TCF Plan aims to reinforce the town's role as a key service, commercial, and social hub, while addressing the need for modern, sustainable, and well-designed infrastructure.

To support the delivery of the Plan, 27 Key Projects have been identified that meet the objectives of the four established themes. These themes are Sustainable Environment and Movement, Economic Resilience, Thriving Visitor Destination and Embracing the River. The projects vary in scale and character, and all seek to fulfil the vision for the town.



The TCF Programme offers an exciting opportunity for delivering a series of transformative projects and actions for achieving a vibrant, resilient and attractive town centre that supports economic growth while preserving the unique character of the place.

Carrick-on-Suir Duck Pond Amenity Enhancement Project

In December 2025, a €50,000 grant was awarded to improve public access to Carrick-on-Suir Duck Pond located off Sir John's Road.

The purpose of the funding is to transform the under-utilised Duck Pond Area into a publicly accessible, environmentally sustainable amenity. This Town & Village Renewal Scheme Project Development Measure fund will allow for Planning and design stages to progress towards capital investment readiness. The Duck Pond Amenity Enhancement Project aims to support access to this community amenity along the Glen River and protect and enhance its natural character and the ecology of the riverside habitat.

The Duck Pond is a popular location with surrounding residents for watching birdlife and for leisurely walks. The pond provides habitat for a wide range of bird species, including mute swans which return annually for breeding.



Amenity Areas Works and Maintenance

- Regular litter picking, litter bin maintenance and street sweeping works completed from our Street Cleaning budget.
- Regular ongoing amenity area maintenance carried out from our Parks and Open Spaces budget, such as grass cutting, planting and painting.

Town Park Carrick-on-Suir

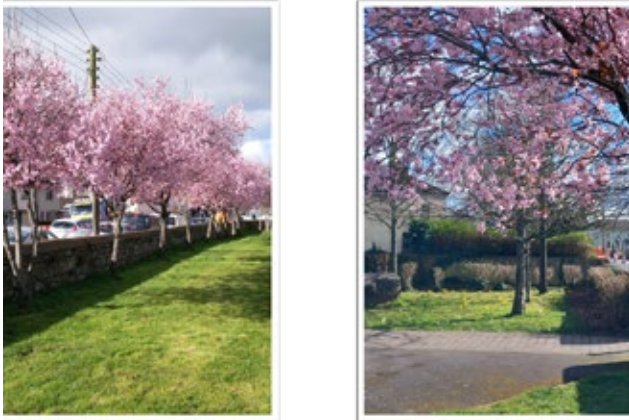


Bench Painting



Regular litter picking, litter bin maintenance and street sweeping

Fairgreen Carrick-on-Suir



Rates Vacancies funded various works including the cleaning and refurbishment of stone signs located at the entrances to several estates.



Before and after photos of stone signage works



Regular ongoing amenity area maintenance such as grass cutting, planting and painting.

Carrick-on-Suir Marina

Regular Maintenance, including the removal of debris and safety inspections were carried out on the Carrick-on-Suir Marina.



Cláirín Well Clean Up



Tipperary Bunting on New Bridge



Assistance under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001

In 2025, the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District in exercise of its powers under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, provided financial support to the following community organisations.

Carrick-on-Suir Development Association

A grant of €3,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Development Association (CoSDA). This annual grant supports the Association in its work to develop various initiatives for Carrick-on-Suir.

Sean Kelly Sports Centre

Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District is proud to support the Sean Kelly Sports Centre each year. The sports centre provides facilities for swimming and physical training and attracts thousands of visitors each year. A grant of €60,000 was provided to the Sean Kelly Sports Centre in 2025 funded from the local property tax.

Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band

A grant of €1,900 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band. The Band has been established for many years and performs in public free of charge.

Painting Enhancement Scheme

The Junction	€500
Carrick-on-Suir Credit Union	€500
Fethard & Killusty Muintir Council	€300
Walsh's Garage	€500
OK Cycles	€324

Christmas Lights

Fethard Business & Tourism Group	€1,700
Killenaule Enhancement Group	€900
Ballynonty Community Field	€800
Cloneen Sports & Social Club	€900
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Committee	€900
Carrick-on-Suir Business Association	€3,000
Mullinahone Tidy Towns	€750
Glengoole Tidy Towns	€750
Drangan Community Centre	€800
Fethard Community Café	€200
Ballingarry Community Centre	€200
Carrick Tractors	€750

Many of these groups built festivals around the Christmas Lighting events



Fethard Christmas Festival

Tidy Towns Supports

Arising from applications submitted by 17 Tidy Towns Groups in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District, the Councillors awarded a grant of €750 to each applicant group in acknowledging the volunteers' dedicated work and commitment to their communities throughout the year.

Tidy Town Awards 2025

In order to reward the advances and success at national level in the National SuperValu Tidy Towns Awards 2025, supplementary grants were awarded by resolution of the members of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District to those groups participating in the national competition.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. David Dunne and the members of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District were delighted to welcome representatives of the Tidy Towns Committees within the District to a reception held in The Carraig Hotel, Carrick-on-Suir on Monday 24th November, 2025.

A reception to acknowledge the achievements of Tidy Towns Committees across the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District was hosted by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. David Dunne, at the Carraig Hotel, Carrick-on-Suir, on 24th November, 2025. Representatives from all participating committees within the District were in attendance.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the groups and commended their continued success in the SuperValu National Tidy Towns Awards 2025, noting the consistent year-on-year increase in marks achieved by towns and villages throughout the District. The event provided an opportunity for the Municipal District to formally recognise the commitment, volunteerism and ongoing community engagement demonstrated by the participating groups.

The **Carrick-on-Suir Tidy Towns Committee** received the top award of **€2,000** for achieving a 20point increase on their previous year's score, following their special commendation as new entrants in 2024.

Nine of the fourteen participating committees recorded doubledigit increases in 2025. Awards presented included:

Cloneen Tidy Towns	€1,600 for an 18point increase
Ballingarry and Faugheen	€1,300 each for 15point increases
Killenaule	€1,250 for a 14point increase
Ahenny/Clashnasmuth	€1,150 for a 12point increase
Ballyneale, Ballynonty and Moyglass	€1,100 each for 11point increases
Drangan, Grangemockler, Mullinahone & Fethard	€1,000 each for their respective increases

A **special award** was presented to **Glengoolle**, which entered the National Competition for the first time in 2025.

In presenting the awards, the Cathaoirleach acknowledged the dedication and civic pride demonstrated by all volunteers involved, noting their significant contribution to the enhancement of the local environment and the overall presentation of towns and villages across the District. He expressed his appreciation for their ongoing efforts and encouraged continued participation in the coming years.



Carrick-on-Suir Tidy Towns Overall District Winner with Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mark Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach Councillor David Dunne, District Administrator – Marie Cox and Cllr Amy Goldsboro

Carrick-on-Suir received a particular mention having increased their score by an incredible 20 marks over the previous year.



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Tidy Town Volunteers from across the district attending the annual Tidy Towns event in Carrick-on-Suir

Tidy Towns Support Scheme 2025		Tidy Towns Awards 2025			
	Initial Award	Marks 2024	Marks 2025	Increase in marks	Amount awarded
Carrick-on-Suir	€750	315	335	20	€2,000
Cloneen	€750	340	358	18	€1,600
Ballingarry	€750	319	334	15	€1,300
Faugheen	€750	225	240	15	€1,300
Killenaule	€750	310	324	14	€1,250
Ahenny / Clashnasmuth	€750	235	247	12	€1,150
Ballyneale	€750	318	329	11	€1,100
Ballynonty	€750	231	242	11	€1,100
Moyglass	€750	264	275	11	€1,100
Drangan	€750	336	345	9	€1,000
Grangemockler	€750	230	238	8	€1,000
Mullinahone	€750	318	326	8	€1,000
Fethard	€750	309	315	6	€1,000
Glengoole	€750	0	283	New entry	€1,000
Ballinure	€750	No entry in National SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition			
Dualla	€750				

Burial Grounds Grants

Each year, grants are awarded to burial ground committees to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of burial grounds throughout the district.

In 2025, grants were approved by the Councillors to provide support at the following 48 locations in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District.

Ahenny Carrick-on-Suir BG	€600	Kilvemnon Mullinahone BG	€800
Assumption Burial Ground	€600	Immaculate Conception BG	€600
Ballinalacken Glengoole BG	€800	Lanespark Burial Ground	€800
Ballingarry Church Graveyard	€600	Lismolin Burial Ground	€600
Ballyneale Parish Graveyard	€600	Magoury Drangan BG	€800
Ballinure Burial Ground	€800	Modeshill Mullinahone BG	€600
Calvary Graveyard	€600	Mogorban Parish Council	€600
Carrick-on-Suir Workhouse Restoration	€600	Nun's Graveyard	€600
Cloneen New BG	€800	Old Ballingarry BG	€800
Cloneen Old BG	€600	Peppardstown Fethard BG	€800
Cooleagh Fethard BG	€800	Rathcoole Fethard BG	€800
Crohane Burial Ground	€600	Raheen Graveyard	€600
Crosscannon Killenaule BG	€800	Red City Fethard BG	€600
Dualla Cemetery	€600	River Street Killenaule BG	€800
Dualla Burial Ground	€600	St. Johnstown Killenaule BG	€800
Everardsgrange Burial Ground	€600	St. Joseph's Ballingarry BG	€800
Famine Graveyard	€800	St. Mary's, Killenaule	€600
Grangemockler Parish Graveyard	€600	St. Mary's Drangan BG	€600
Holy Trinity Fethard	€600	St. Michael's Church Graveyard	€600
Isterkiernan Mullinahone BG	€800	St. Patrick's Faugheen	€600
Killaghy Mullinahone BG	€800	Woodhouse BG	€600
Killmacclough Fethard BG	€800	Templemichael Graveyard	€600
Kilmurray Carrick-on-Suir BG	€600	Moyglass Graveyard	€600
Kiltinan Fethard BG	€600	Tullamaine Fethard	€800

The Council acknowledges the significant and ongoing contribution of the voluntary burial ground committees, recognising the dedication and care invested by volunteers in the maintenance and preservation of their communities' burial grounds.

Community Grants

Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District sought submissions from clubs and other organisations providing facilities or engaging in community-based projects in 2025.

Grants totalling €31,310 were made under the scheme which was funded through the General Municipal Allocation and provided support to the following groups;

Ballingarry Albion FC	€690	Fethard & Killusty Muintir Council	€690
Ballingarry Community Sportfield	€690	Fethard Convent Hall	€690
Ahenny Tidy Towns	€690	Fethard GAA	€690
Ard Alainn Residents Committee	€390	Fethard Men's Shed	€670
Ballynonty Community Field	€400	Fethard Regional Community Sport CLG	€690
Carrick-on-Suir & District Angling Club	€690	Fethard Tennis Club	€690
Ballingarry Tidy Towns	€690	Glengoole Hall Committee	€690
Ballyneale Community Field	€690	Glengoole Tidy Towns	€390
Carrick-on-Suir AC Roadrunners	€690	Grangemockler Community Sportsfield	€690
Carrick-on-Suir Handball Club	€400	Killenaule Community Enhancement	€690
Carrick-on-Suir Junior Athletic Club	€690	Killenaule Moyglass Ladies Soccer	€690
Carrick-on-Suir Men's Shed	€685	Lingaun Valley Tourism Group	€200
Carrick-on-Suir Triathlon Club	€690	Lissadell Residents Association	€480
Carrick United	€690	Manor Close Residents Association	€480
Carrick Swan Hurling & Football Club	€690	Men's Shed Mullinahone	€400
Castle Court Residents Assoc	€480	Millennium Resource Centre	€600
Castle Heights Residents Association	€480	Moyglass Sports & Leisure	€690
CJ Kickhams Mullinahone GAA	€690	Mullinahone Community Playground	€690
Cláirín Residents Association	€385	Mullinahone Tidy Towns	€570
Cloneen Tidy Villages	€570	Nano Nagle Womens Group	€590
Cluain Cregg Residents Assoc	€385	Orchard Crescent Residents	€390
Cluain Ard Residents Assoc	€400	Realta Special Needs Sports Club	€690
Sliabh Ardagh Mining Group	€690	St Francis Paupers Cemetery	€690
St Nicholas Boxing Club	€690	St Patrick's GAA	€690
Strylea Residents Assoc	€385	Tipperary Fethard Scout Group	€690
Coalbrook Tidy Towns	€300	Sliabh Ardagh Rural Development	€690
Faugheen Tidy Towns	€580		

Festivals & Events

The Clancy Festival

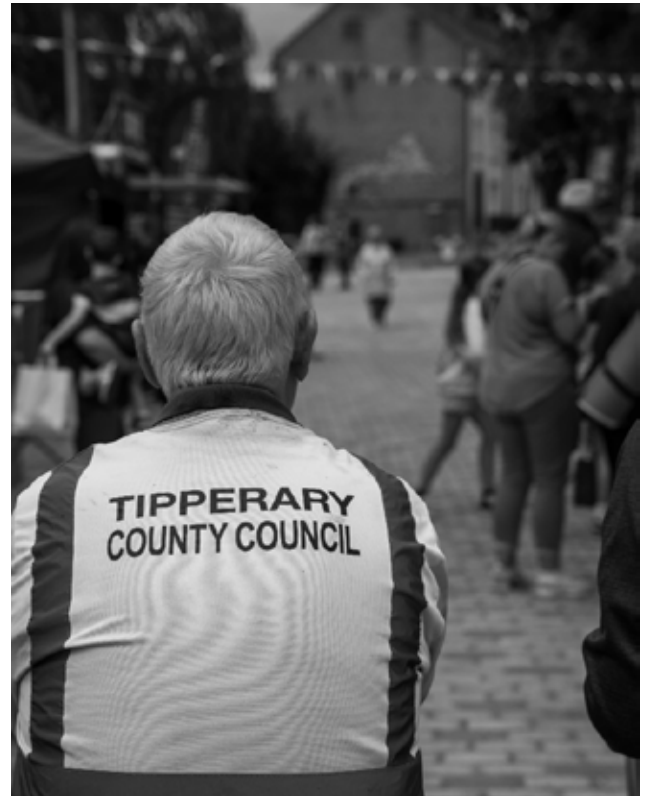
The Clancy Festival in Carrick-on-Suir had another great event with a fantastic line up of music and cultural events attracting visitors locally and nationally. The festival was assisted with a grant of €6,000 in 2025 and was a great success.



1848 Commemoration 2025

Fethard Community Heritage Festival, held on Sunday 24th August, 2025, was another highlight and very well attended, hosting their annual fancy dress parade and a whole array of other entertainment, from puppet shows to face painting.

Ormond Castle Markets



Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District supported a number of Ormond Castle Markets including the launch on Saturday 19th July, Heritage Week Market 16th August and during the L'été festival. The outdoor team closed the Castle Street car park to facilitate the events and provided traffic management for the first event.



Yoga taking place outside Ormond Castle to kick off the Ormond Castle market series in July 2025

Three County Hinterland Festival & St. Patricks Parade

A celebration of Unity, Community & Collaboration saw Explore Carrick-on-Suir, the St Patricks Day Parade Committee and Carrick-on-Suir MD come together to create a festival. The Carrick-on-Suir St. Patrick's Day Parade followed the established route through New Street, Main Street and Kickham Street, before completing the N24 loop. Lead vehicles were provided by the Carrick-on-Suir Fire Brigade, the Irish Red Cross, and the Community First Responders (CFR) Carrick-on-Suir.

The 2025 parade was led by two Grand Marshals: Joseph O'Brien of Carriganóg Racing and representatives of Special Olympics Ireland, including groups from Scoil Aonghusa, South Tipp Tigers, and Réalta Carrick-on-Suir.

More than 30 community, sporting, youth, and heritage organisations participated, contributing to a vibrant display of local pride and cultural expression. Beat 102-103 provided live commentary from outside the Town Hall. A familyfriendly festival took place at the New Street Car Park from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., offering a wide range of performances, competitions, and community activities.

Highlights included:

- AJ Cronin's Strongman Competition, featuring 27 participants and an attempt at the Irish Axel Bar title
- Lar Corbett GAA Wall Challenge, comprising ongoing friendly club competitions with spot prizes
- A live music stage with performances by Sandra Keyes, Kevin Power, Maria O'Shea, Anthony Dignam, the Gaelscoil Choir, Paney Bartley, Phila Grace, and Michael Raggett
- A dedicated Community Zone, including an Aqua Dunk fundraiser in support of CFR Carrick-on-Suir and meet-and-greet activities with emergency services
- A Sensory Area operated by Sensory Solutions
- Children's amusements and funfair attractions
- Food vendors offering a variety of options, including crêpes, churros, cupcakes, hog roast, and refreshments

The Office of Public Works (OPW) provided free guided tours of Ormond Castle throughout the afternoon.



St. Patrick's Festival in New Street Car Park



Cathaoirleach Cllr Mark Fitzgerald meets with Special Olympics at the Hinterland Festival



L'étape Ireland

On 27th and 28th September, Carrick-on-Suir, hailed as the home of cycling, welcomed L'etape Ireland by Tour de France. There was a fantastic weekend of events - On Saturday there were market stalls at Ormond Castle and music. The L'etape team led a children's cycle race around Carrick-on-Suir. On Sunday 1,283 cyclists undertook either 100km route (263) or 150km route (1,015).

4% of participants were international visitors and less than 20% from Tipperary & Waterford, 29 counties of Ireland represented in the remaining 76%.

The event generated an estimated **1,800 spectators** and approximately **1,260 bed nights**, resulting in a **direct economic benefit of €550,000** to the local area. The wider indirect economic impact, including the assessed value of media coverage, is estimated at **€1.5 million**.

In addition, over **€8,000** was distributed to local clubs for stewarding and event support.

Postevent evaluation indicated that **92% of participants expressed a willingness to take part again in 2026.**"



Winner 150km- Hugh Mulhearne



Winner 100km- John Dowley



Cathaoirleach Cllr David Dunne starts the race



Cllr David Dunne, Cathaoirleach Carrick MD, Cllr Seamus Ryan, Mayor Waterford City & County, Cllr Mark Fitzgerald, Leas-Cathaoirleach Carrick MD pictured with L'etape by Tour de France Official on the stage at the finish line

Tractors & Tudors

Carrick-on-Suir hosted the second *Tractors and Tudors* Christmas Festival, which attracted several thousand attendees from both the local community and further afield. The event celebrated the town's distinctive Tudor heritage while highlighting its connection to Ireland's original Christmas Tractor Run, *The Christmas Tractors of Carrick-on-Suir*, now in its twelfth year.

- Over 1700 people entered the grounds of Ormond Castle, for free "Tudor Christmas Tours", craft stalls set up in the Courtyard, and attending a number of events including Tudor re-enactment, Christmas markets and the "Voices from the Land" panel in the Long Gallery.
- New Street car park provided a Music wall for teenagers and adults along with food services and amusements also.
- Ormond Castle Park buzzed with energy as approximately 130 motorbikes from the Southeast Bikers Charity Run made a spectacular stop after driving through the town from the N24.
- Carrick-on-Suir Fire & Rescue Service provided a Santa & friends meet and greet to support the Beat Party on Main Street, distributing treats donated by local businesses and highlighting fire safety.
- Ormond Castle Park hosted the beginning of the Kids' Christmas Tractor Run, with the lit-up tractors pedal powering their way around the park.
- The festival's grand finale was over 50 displays in the Christmas Tractors of Carrick's 12th year which came across Dillon Bridge and over Main Street before parking in New Street Car Park to a fantastic reception throughout the town.

The day was a huge success thanks to the collaborative work put in by Carrick-on-Suir MD staff & elected members, Explore Carrick-on-Suir, OPW- Ormond Castle, Christmas Tractors of Carrick-on-Suir, Carrick-on-Suir Fire & rescue Service, Carrick-on-Suir Businesses, and Tipperary County Council Civil Defence.



John Paul O' Dwyer, The Grinch, who supported the Beat Street Party on Main Street.



John Paul O' Dwyer, Carrick Town outdoor staff, who took part in the Bikers Toy Run, pictured at Ormond Castle with Marie Cox, District Administrator.

Community Festivals

Our local festivals provided a very welcome outlet for families during the summer months with grants providing support to the following groups;

- Ballynonty Community Field Festival
- Fethard Heritage Festival
- Glengoole Christmas Festival
- Glengoole Music Event
- 1848 Slievenamon Monster Meeting Commemoration
- Explore Carrick-on-Suir St Patrick's Day Festival, Tractors & Tudors and Heritage Festival



Fethard Heritage Festival

Cathaoirleach Awards 2025



L-R Cathaoirleach Cllr Mark Fitzgerald, Cllr David Dunne, Paddy Power Carrick-on-Suir River Rescue, Benny Cooney Carrick-on-Suir Meals Assistance Service, Ann Williamson Fionn MacCumhaill Players, Pamela Sweeney, Cllr Amy Goldsboro, Una Hayes, Declan Fanning, Marie Cox Tipperary County Council, Cllr Michael Brennan

Recipients of Cathaoirleach Awards 2025 with their nominating elected members pictured at Drangan Community Hall Carrick-on-Suir.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald, together with the Members of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District, hosted a reception on Wednesday, 21st May, 2025, to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals and groups nominated by the Elected Members. The event recognised the breadth of talent, community involvement, and voluntary endeavour present throughout the District.

The evening was facilitated by Paul Collins of Ballywire Media, who acted as Master of Ceremonies. Through a series of video features and commentary, he highlighted the work, accomplishments, and community impact of each nominee.

Each Elected Member nominated an individual or organisation in recognition of their contribution to the Municipal District and the wider community.

The 2025 nominees were:

- Fethard Community Council
- Carrick-on-Suir Meals Assistance Service
- Carrick-on-Suir River Rescue
- Fionn Mac Cumhaill Players
- Declan Fanning & Una Hayes

In presenting the awards, the Members expressed their appreciation for the commitment, dedication, and civic spirit demonstrated by all nominees, noting that each had made a meaningful contribution to the quality of life within the District. Certificates and awards were presented in recognition of their efforts.

The event took place in the Community Hall in Drangan, one of a number of community facilities that provide valuable space for local gatherings, celebrations, and community led activities.

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Welcomes & Farewells

Welcomes

- John Paul O'Dwyer –
General Operative Gr. 6 – Carrick Town
- Emma Collins - Clerical Officer
- David Kelly – School Warden

Farewells

- Philip St. John (Carrick South - Retired March 2025)
- Gerard Lonergan (Carrick West - Retired July 2025)
- Denis Power E.E (Moved to Waterford Co. Co. Oct 2025)



Staff of Carrick MD gather to say farewell to Denis Power Executive Engineer as he returns to his native Waterford to take up a post with Waterford City & County Council



Clonmel Borough District

At the Annual Meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 24th June, 2025 Councillor Pat English was elected Mayor and Councillor Siobhán Ambrose was elected Deputy Mayor of the District for 2025/2026.



January 2025

Clonmel Borough District awoke to a blanket of snow on Sunday morning, 5 January, after an overnight fall that left roads, footpaths, and public spaces covered in several centimetres of snow with icy conditions throughout the town.

It proved to be the start of an exceptionally busy week for the Borough District, as staff worked tirelessly to keep the town accessible and safe. All approach roads and town centre routes were continuously salted to prevent ice build-up, while additional crews focused on clearing and treating footpaths, town centre car parks, and priority pedestrian areas.

Private contractors were also brought in to assist with clearing of snow and ice from roads and residential estates across the District, helping to restore safe travel for local residents as quickly as possible.



Photos courtesy of John Kelly

Tipperary Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2025

Funding was allocated under the 2025 Tipperary Festivals and Events Grant Scheme in the Clonmel Borough District and it included groups in the categories listed below.

Festivals and events are crucial to the fabric of life in County Tipperary and the funding that the Council provides not only supports these groups to celebrate the arts, culture and heritage of the town but also serves to increase the level of vitality and vibrancy of the town centre bringing much needed footfall, bed nights and spend into the local economy.

Premier Category:

Clonmel Junction Arts Festival	€30,000
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Municipal Category:

Fleadh Cheoil Thiobraid Arann 2025	€ 7,500
Clonmel Applefest	€10,000
When next we meet	€ 5,000
Finding a Voice	€ 3,500
Clonmel Busking Festival	€15,000

Community Category:

Clonmel Community Pride Festival	€ 1,500
Belle Voci Choir	€ 500
Lingaun Valley Tourism CLG	€ 500
Comhaltas Kilcash	€ 400
Clonmel Triathlon Club	€ 2,000
South Tipperary Bee Keepers Association	€ 500
Tipperary Indian Community	€ 800
Fermoy Canine Club All Breed International Show	€ 500
Malayalees in South Tipperary – MIST Christmas Celebrations	€ 500
Clontempo Summer Concert 2024	€ 500
Rosegreen Development Association Field Day	€ 500
Clerihan Community Games Field Evening	€ 400
Clonmel Bridge Congress	€ 700
Cross Cycling Club	€ 1,500



March 2025 - St Patrick's Day Parade

The parade commenced at Irishtown and proceeded through the town to the reviewing stand at the Town Hall led by Banna Cluain Meala. The Grand Marshal was Olympic Rower, Daire Lynch, who, along with his rowing partner Philip Doyle won a bronze medal at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The weather was great and the day brought out thousands of spectators both young and old wearing their green, white and gold to mark the occasion. The participating groups brought an array of colour to the streets of Clonmel showcasing their talents and giving their best performances to the onlookers.

A number of other side-line events to entertain children took place in Mary Street Car Park. Huge effort was also made to decorate and light up the town with shops and businesses doing their best to create festive, green-themed window displays, main buildings illuminated in green and bunting hung throughout the town to create a festive atmosphere.

In 2025, we also welcomed dignitaries and visitors from our twinned town of Costa Masnaga in Italy who really enjoyed the festivities of the day.



May 2025 - County Tipperary Fleadh Cheoil

The County Tipperary Fleadh Cheoil was hosted by the Powerstown/Lisronagh Branch of Comhaltas in Clonmel from the 10th to the 18th May.

Across the weekend (16–18 May), Clonmel was filled with traditional music, dance, singing, and lively pub sessions, helped along by beautiful sunshine that drew big crowds. At the Official Opening in The Coachman, six people were honoured for their contributions to Irish culture and community: Maurice Walsh, Mary Prenderville, Emma Lacey, Eileen Boland, Martina Maher, and Margaret Redmond. Dr. Labhrás Ó Murchú of Comhaltas attended to present the awards. Some of the acts included Flúirse, Ciarán Ó Gealbháin & Becky McCloskey, Gaelscoil and Gaelcholaíste groups, and visiting branches from Kilkenny and Mitchelstown. A special free openair concert at the Main Guard on Saturday night also drew large attendance. A lively céilí at the Gaelcholaíste kicked off the weekend, with the Abbey Céilí Band providing the music. Sessions continued in pubs and on streets late into Saturday night.



Ruaile Buaille were one of the headline acts of the 2025 County Tipperary Fleadh Cheoil in Clonmel and their performance became one of the standout moments of the entire festival. This free openair concert was held in the centre of Clonmel on the Saturday evening of the Fleadh and ran from 7pm–10pm. The act was also supported by the group Ceolan, a new up and coming young group, who put on a great show on the gig-rig on the night. The event was sponsored by Clonmel Borough District who were delighted when the streets of Clonmel burst into life with music, singing, dancing and great craic. Hundreds of people gathered, creating an electric atmosphere. The event was part of the festival's big push to bring live trad and contemporary folk energy right into the centre of town.



July 2025 - Clonmel Junction Festival

The 2025 Clonmel Junction Arts Festival, held from July 4th to 13th, was widely regarded as a vibrant celebration that brought a buzz to the town throughout its 10-day programme.

The festival's 25th-anniversary centred on the theme "Encounters" and what a fantastic range of encounters the organisers provided for all who attended. Key highlights included the Vincent Hanley Summer School, celebrating the broadcaster's legacy through talks and live music, as well as various concerts, literary events, theatre and dance performances.

Kickham Plaza served as a central hub for family events over both weekends, featuring circus performances and street arts. The "100 Dogs" community project by artist Tom Campbell featured a six-week residency where participants created dog sculptures, culminating in a large-scale display on Kickham Plaza during the festival.



The creative use of Clonmel's historic venues and beautiful cultural spaces like STAC Chapel and the Main Guard was noted as a success by attendees and reviewers. Overall, the festival was praised for its energetic atmosphere and its ability to showcase the town in full colour.



July 2025 - Clonmel Pride Festival

Love, diversity and inclusivity were celebrated at the Clonmel Pride Festival 2025. The event took place on Saturday 19th July with a program packed with so many amazing activities, including the parade, inspiring talks, fantastic musical performances, and fun activities for all ages.

The parade brought a vibrant display of colour to the streets of Clonmel and made its way from Westgate to Kickham Plaza where the fun continued with entertainment from local musicians, fabulous drag performances and a variety of community and vendor stalls. There was also a quiet, sensory-friendly area facilitated by Neuro Pride Ireland, providing a calm space for anyone who needed it.

The festival recorded its highest ever attendance to date with over 1,000 attending the activities throughout the day. Participants and visitors travelled to Clonmel from Shannon, Limerick, Galway, Roscommon and Dublin and from as far away as Barcelona.



The vibrant festival not only celebrated love, fellowship and diversity, it created a safe space in Clonmel for LGBTQ+ individuals, their families and friends.



August 2025 - Clonmel Busking Festival

The 2025 Busking Festival opened on 7th August with a new Wellness Walk at Carey's Castle, which drew an excellent turnout and highlighted strong community interest in health-focused activities.

The main festival ran from 8th–10th August, celebrating its 15th year with a packed weekend of live music across Clonmel's streets and venues. A major highlight was the performance by internationally acclaimed busker Allie Sherlock, who once again attracted a huge crowd. Other Plaza performers included Mia McCarthy, Charcoal Greys, and Devil's Cadillac with their Oasis tribute set.

The Busking Competition returned on Saturday in East Lane, showcasing impressive talent from both young and experienced musicians. The Dara Vincent Band took home the overall prize.

Sunday featured the muchloved Family Fun Day in Denis Burke Park, with entertainment from Banna Cluain Meala, The Papa Zitas, Angel & the Dead Hearts, and Foul Play. A neuroaffirming yoga session also took place and was warmly received.

Strong community support and large attendance numbers continue to make the festival a standout event in Clonmel's social calendar.



September 2025 - Clonmel Applefest

This year's festival took place from 25th to 28th September and saw a collaboration with many local and national artists, crafters, food producers, performers and communities celebrating the rich cultural, industrial and natural history of Clonmel.



Festival highlights included The Clonmel Story Slam, musical performances by Sun Merchant and Rasa Nua along with many free and paid events throughout various venues in Clonmel.

Saturday brought the Harvest Fair to the Plaza, where food stalls, crafts,

apple pressing, circus acts, and live music drew large family crowds. Sunshine and a lively mix of traditional set dancing and Middle Eastern Dabke added to the vibrant atmosphere.



The festival closed with The Burning Cave in Channon's Forge—an ambitious, atmospheric production curated by Eoin Halley combining spoken word, poetry and music. Applefest 2025 succeeded in honouring tradition while embracing innovation and delivered a dynamic blend of culture, creativity, and community celebration.

October 2025 – Zombie Walk – Halloween In Clonmel

Clonmel once again came alive on Friday, 31st October for our annual Zombie Walk & Halloween Party, with locals turning out in force despite ominous weather forecasts. Not even the threat of heavy rain could scare off our ghoulishly enthusiastic crowd!

The evening kicked off with eerie energy as our roaming Ghostbuster band filled the streets with spooky season classics, setting the perfect tone. At 6:30 pm sharp, the fearsome Pumpkin Ghoul, flanked by the Ghostbusters, led the haunting procession through Abbey Street, Mitchell Street, and Parnell Street, finally arriving at the Plaza.

The crowd danced to spooky tunes and watched mesmerising live projections on the STAC Chapel. When the Chapel doors opened, attendees were welcomed into a festive haven featuring a silent disco and children's activity zones, keeping the Halloween magic alive indoors.



November 2025 – Santa Coming To Town

Escorted by the Fire Service, Santa made his grand entrance at West Gate before climbing aboard his sleigh and spreading festive cheer throughout the streets of Clonmel on Saturday, 29th November.

Along the route, Santa was joined by cheerful elves from Kool School Gymnastics Club. The parade concluded at Kickham Plaza, which was beautifully illuminated for the occasion. As Santa arrived, Banna Cluain Meala filled the air with music, while the “Sleigh Riders” kept the crowd entertained. Approximately 1,500 people attended the parade and gathered on the Plaza, where Santa greeted and chatted with hundreds of excited children.

Santa's arrival brings more than holiday magic — it creates a warm, festive atmosphere that unites the community. It offers an opportunity to celebrate together, support local businesses, and make lasting memories. Clonmel Borough District gratefully acknowledges the contributions from businesses across Clonmel and the surrounding areas towards the 2025 Christmas Lights.



Schedule of Municipal District Works

In February 2025 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Clonmel Borough District.

Schedule of the main programmes affecting the Clonmel Borough District in relation to road and infrastructure during 2025 were:

Surface dressing works (Restoration Maintenance) were carried out at:

L-2502-1	Graigue Ballypatrick
L2503-0	Kilcash
L-7202-1	Killerk North
L7202-1	Red City
L-7204-0	Orchardstown East
L-3282-2	Ballingarrane South
L-3288-0	Marlfield
L-3282-2	Patrickswell
L-3275-1	Chancellorstown
L-3274-0	Rathduff Upper
L-7205-1	Ballyclerihan
L7207-0	Ballynattin Upper

Road strengthening (Restoration Improvement) works on public roads were carried out at:

L-7201-1	Rathdrum
L-1411-0	Blackcastle
L-1408-0	Tullamaine
L-3282-2	Loughtally
R-688	Ballyclerihan
L-7204-0	Orchardstown East
Restoration Improvement additional allocation	
L-2507	Ballyvaughan
R-688-45	Ballyclerihan
Macadam Patchworks in Clonmel Town	



Ballyvaughan L-2507 Road Improvement Works



Rathdrum L-7201 Road improvement Works



Orchardstown East L-7204-0 Road improvement works



Mary St – New footpaths, road surface and pencil bollards

Road patching, drainage and other maintenance of regional and local roads were carried out around the District throughout the year.

Drainage Grants were received for:

L-6503	Kilmore
L-1411-0	Blackcastle
L-7205-1	Ballyclerihan
L-7204	Orchardstown



Upgrade to entrance at St. Patrick's Cemetery

Community Improvement Scheme (CIS) project Botherduff L-32791 was carried out in 2025 and an annual schedule of routine works continued throughout the District as follows:-

- Footpath Repairs at the following locations:
- Old Bridge, Mary Street, Wilderness Grove, Cashel Court, Western Road.
- Maintenance of LA housing units, based on Councils responsibility, priority and available budget.
- Voids/Pre-letting repairs, as required and based on budget allocation from centre. Based on necessary works to return a house to a habitable condition subject to available budget.
- Street cleaning and litter management.
- Maintenance of St Patrick's Cemetery burial grounds. 2025 saw the construction of a new entrance gate to St Patrick's Cemetery.
- Kilcash Culvert Replacement at Mount Cahill, an existing 300mm pipe was upgraded to a box culvert.
- Management of parks and Open Spaces and Suir Blueway maintenance.

Climate Action

Nature Based Solutions

There is a growing recognition in the District to move towards blue and green nature-based spaces and more natural systems incorporating soil, plants, wetlands and rivers as a tool to solve environmental challenges such as flooding, water pollution, and biodiversity loss in the urban setting. The following nature-based solutions were introduced in Clonmel in 2025:-

Active Travel Scheme - Cashel Road

A swale installation which is a planted, shallow drainage channel, formed part of the recent Active Travel Scheme at the Cashel Road in Clonmel. This 190M rain garden drainage channel helps filter pollutants from road runoff and reduces flood risk by slowing and storing water.

Kickham Street Car Park

The project involved the installation of two Rain Gardens at Kickham Street Car Park. Overflow provision in the form of drainage gullies are included within the Rain Gardens as part of the project. Infiltration below the Rain Garden is permitted via a permeable geotextile. There is no underlain pipe system provided underneath the Rain Gardens and existing surface water drainage levels have been maintained and utilised.

Rain gardens help to reduce or slow the volume of water entering the surface water drainage system. They also filter pollutants from surface water run-off, including hydrocarbon compounds, and contribute to enhanced biodiversity.



Nature based solutions Cashel Road – PHOTO 30

Enhancement And Painting Scheme 2025

Clonmel Town Centre Enhancement and Painting Grant Scheme provided grant aid to assist owners/occupiers of properties in the town to improve the streetscapes through:

- Removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and replacement with shop fascia signage (with an emphasis on hand painted signage)
- Painting and general improvements to commercial and residential building frontages
- Erection of planter, floral hanging baskets or other environmental improvements.

This initiative saw strong uptake this year with 20 property owners availing of the Scheme to enhance their premises. Other property owners are being engaged with in terms of vacant units, dereliction and how the District can help in any way to enhance the look of the town in general.



Before



After

Clonmel Borough District Garden Section

The garden section staff were actively engaged in planting and arranging an array of vibrant flower pots and hanging baskets that bring colour and life to the town throughout the summer season. Their efforts help create a welcoming and uplifting atmosphere for residents and visitors alike. The team also carried out extensive grass cutting and ensured that the approach roads remained neat, wellkept, and visually appealing, contributing greatly to the overall presentation of the town.



Tidy Towns/Burial Ground/Amenity Grants

Other funding provided to organisations and voluntary groups includes tidy town grants totaling €12,000 allocated to 8 tidy town groups, €16,100 allocated to 23 burial ground committees and amenity grants totaling €8,556 allocated to 31 applicants.

TIDY TOWN GRANTS

No.	Name of Committee	Grant Awarded
1	Clonmel Tidy Town	€1,500
2	Kilsheelan Tidy Town	€4,000
3	Marlfield Tidy Town	€ 500
4	Rosegreen Tidy Towns	€2,000
5	Kilcash Tidy Towns	€ 500
6	Clerihan Tidy Towns	€1,500
7	Lisronagh Tidy Towns	€1,500
8	Killusty Tidy Towns	€ 500
Total Grants Awarded		€12,000



Tidy Town Groups from the District were given continued financial support in order to continue with funding projects throughout the year. These groups included Kilsheelan, Clonmel, Kilcash, Marlfield, Rosegreen, Lisronagh, Clerihan and Killusty.

Tidy Towns

Clonmel Borough District Tidy Towns Groups were again very successful at the Tidy Towns Award Ceremony which was held on the 24th October, 2025 with Clonmel and Kilsheelan both retaining their gold medals. Kilsheelan were also crowned Greenway Winners in the special awards category and given a highly commended certificate in the young person in Tidy Towns Award. Marlfield Tidy Villages Group was announced as the overall winner and the South East Regional Winner of the Waters and Communities National Award. Well done to Lisronagh in their Endeavour Award. It was great to see that all of the groups in the District increased their points significantly on last year. The District acknowledges the commitment, pride and huge effort of the Tidy Towns Groups in continuing to enhance their towns and villages and having them look so well.



Burial Ground Grants

Burial Ground Committee 2025	Grant Awarded
Old Powerstown BG Committee	€700
Burnchurch BG Committee	€700
Clerihan New Graveyard BG Committee	€700
Clerihan Old BG Committee	€700
Killaloe BG Committee	€700
Lisronagh Old BG Committee	€700
Lisronagh Church Graveyard	€700
Marfield BG Committee	€700
New Chapel BG Committee	€700
Old Kilsheelan BG Committee	€700
Powerstown Church BG Committee	€700
Rathronan BG Committee	€700
Donoughmore BG Committee	€700
Baptistgrange BG Committee	€700
Shanavine BG Committee	€700
St. Mary's Churchyard BG Committee	€700
Templetney BG Committee	€700
St. Nicholas BG Committee	€700
Rosegreen BG Committee	€700
St Stephens BG Committee	€700
Killusty Church BG Committee	€700
Woodrooffe BG Committee	€700
Clonmel Quaker Burial Ground	€700
TOTAL GRANTS ALLOCATED	€16,100



Amenity Grants

Residents Association	Grant Amount
Ard Caoin Residents Association	€ 276.00
Ashlawn Residents Association	€ 276.00
Auburn Close Residents Committee	€ 276.00
Barr An Aird Residents Association	€ 276.00
Beechwood Close Residents Association	€ 276.00
Beechwood Drive Residents Association	€ 276.00
Brookway Residents Association	€ 276.00
Cloughcarrigeen Residents Association	€ 276.00
Cois Coille Residents Association	€ 276.00
Coleville Avenue Residents Association	€ 276.00
Crann Ard, Glencarra, Gracefield Residents Association	€ 276.00
Fán Aoibhinn & Dromainn Residents Association	€ 276.00
Garden Grove Residents Association	€ 276.00
Gort na Manach Residents Association	€ 276.00
Gort na Smol Residents Association	€ 276.00
Highfield Grove Residents Association	€ 276.00
Honeyview Residents Association	€ 276.00
Inis na Managh Residents Association	€ 276.00
Ivowen Residents Association	€ 276.00
Knockaun Court Residents Association	€ 276.00
Marlfield Village Association	€ 276.00
Meadowlands Residents Association	€ 276.00
Moylebrook Residents Association	€ 276.00
Old Bridge Community Association	€ 276.00
Redwood Gardens Residents Association	€ 276.00
Rosegreen Development Association	€ 276.00
Springfields Residents Association	€ 276.00
The Paddocks Residents Association	€ 276.00
Tivoli Heights Residents Association	€ 276.00
Wilderness Grove/Carrigeen Residents Association	€ 276.00
Lime Court Residents Clonmel	€ 276.00
TOTAL GRANTS ALLOCATED	€ 8,556.00

Clonmel Borough District Tree Strategy 2024 -2029

Clonmel Borough District adopted a 5-year Tree Strategy on the 20th November, 2024 and is the first District in the County to do so. This Tree Strategy provides a structured framework for managing and maintaining the urban trees within Clonmel Borough District. It ensures that the existing tree stock is cared for and managed effectively, sets goals for future tree planting and maintenance and establishes clear guidelines for sustainable management practices. It also focuses on educating people around the value of trees and encouraging everybody to play a part in protecting and nurturing our trees.



Clonmel Swimming Pool

Clonmel Swimming Pool is a 25m 5 lane pool located in Mick Delahunty Square. It operates 7 days a week from 6.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m Monday to Friday and from 7.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m at weekends.

Adult and Children lessons, water safety courses and a competitive swimming club are among the range of services provided. Facilities include a steam room and sauna, learner pool, gymnasium, weight room with wheelchair access, hoist and pool chairs also available.

In 2025 approximately 40 schools from Clonmel and the surrounding areas availed of the lessons provided at the pool where these students gained a valuable life skill. It is a well-priced facility for the community with concession rates available for Seniors and Students.



Playgrounds

Clonmel Borough District carry out weekly inspections of all playgrounds in the District to ensure the health and safety of the users with any defects that are observed acted on and maintenance carried out.



New additions to our Sensory Park in Mulcahy Park, Clonmel

STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration Project is a longterm, multiproject designed to revitalise Clonmel's town centre, create new public spaces, enhance tourism, and deliver major community and economic infrastructure. It is primarily supported through the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) and led by Tipperary County Council.

Kickham Barracks PHASE 2 (Garda Barracks)

Construction works commenced on the new Clonmel Garda Station on the 01st December 2025. The works involve the construction of a new Garda Community Engagement Headquarters for Clonmel. The completed project, consisting of a two, three and four storey building will face onto the new public plaza which all form part of the proposed Kickham Barracks masterplan. The development will enhance Garda presence in the town while facilitating the policing infrastructure for Clonmel and the surrounding area.



Kickham Barracks PHASE 2 (ETB/TUS Integrated Campus for Education)

The Technological University of the Shannon, are finalising the preliminary Business Case for the Connected Campus. Clonmel will become the first home for a co-located Further and Higher Education Campus. The green light to take the proposed joint third level high-quality facilities to detailed design phase will enable Tipperary ETB and TUS to move forward as education partners, making the concept a reality for the town of Clonmel.



Suir Island

Suir Island Gardens form part of a broader Suir Island Masterplan to transform this historic part of Clonmel into a major public amenity, integrating heritage, recreation, biodiversity, and improved pedestrian link to the town. The project is creating a new outdoor public space on the Island, once the industrial heart of Clonmel. The development is funded through Tipperary County Council and Sláintecare Healthy Communities. Works include clearing old sluice channels, landscaping, pathways, seating, interactive play areas and sensitive material choices to ensure durability, public safety, and ecological protection. Works continue within the site with more than half of the works complete to date.



The Suir Island Gardens will be used by the residents of Clonmel, families, walkers, and casual visitors to our camper van site. Watersport users and community groups are already users to the area and look forward to the enhancements being made on site. Suir Island in recent years has become home to Clonmel's Freestyle championships in kayaking and also the annual triathlon event in May.



Abbey Street Performance Area

The Abbey Street Performance Area was officially launched by the Mayor of Clonmel, Councillor Pat English on Friday, 19th September, 2025. On the night Des Dillon delivered a captivating interactive puppet show enchanting the audience both young and old with his magical creations.

This Project has transformed the existing car park to provide a dual-purpose space which allows the car park to host performances during events and festivals and remain active as a car park at all other times. There is a covered stage area for performing artists and additional features to enhance the audience space. Improvements include architectural canopies, seating, lighting and power points.

The aim for this space is to encourage and facilitate year-round use for up and coming performers in the town in the hope of bringing greater vibrancy and life to this entire area while also providing a range of usage options into the future.

This project was funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and Tipperary County Council.



Suir Blueway

The Suir Blueway runs through some of the most picturesque countryside around Clonmel with beautiful riverside views, historic bridges, wildlife such as herons and otters and other natural features making it very attractive for walkers, cyclists, and paddlers alike. Overall the Blueway enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors, promoting healthier, more sustainable living while boosting the local community.

Clonmel Borough District were successful with the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructural Scheme (ORIS) funding and will install water filter stations at a number of locations in the Clonmel District.



OPW – Flood Defence Scheme

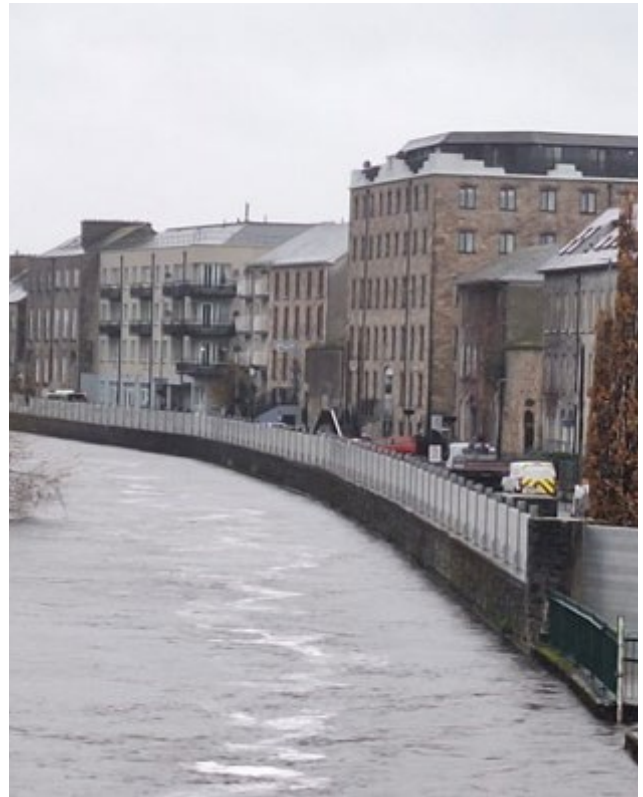
The Clonmel Flood Defence Scheme is monitored and maintained by Clonmel Borough District. The scheme is 100% funded by the Office of Public Works. Continuous monitoring by the Engineers, technical staff and team in the District provides a safeguard against flooding in vulnerable areas. The prior warning of flood events and the indication of the severity is of benefit to inform the local authority staff, its response partners and the general public in affected areas to take appropriate action to prepare for flood events. The flood schemes management plan is reviewed every year in September with a meeting with the Principle Response Agencies and other related agencies convened.

In 2025 the river levels passed “Threshold 1” on 3 separate occasions. The River never exceeded Threshold Level 2.

The Clonmel Borough District Staff continue to monitor Marlfield Lake monthly with inspections completed before and after any severe weather events. The Marlfield Flood Relief Scheme is being progressed by the Roads Capital Scheme. Ground Investigation on Marlfield Dam commenced in October 2025 and is due to be completed in January 2026. The results of the ground investigation, which are due in Q1 2026, will facilitate the Design Team in selecting the most appropriate design options for the Marlfield Flood Relief Scheme. Upon selection of the emerging preferred option, the scheme will then proceed to Stage II, the planning process, where the preferred option will be developed and an application submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Funding from the OPW Minor Works Scheme enabled remedial works at two culverts to be completed in 2025. A new sluice gate on Marlfield Dam is due to be installed early 2026 which will restore reliable drawdown capacity and provide greater control over the level of the lake.

In parallel with the Minor Works projects and Capital FRS in Marlfield, further OPW funding has been sought for dam rehabilitation and flood protection works involving various interim measures that will protect the existing dam and the surrounding area. Significant preparatory work has been undertaken by Tipperary County Council to ensure our readiness to commence these works should this funding be secured.



December 2025 – Flood Barriers in place.



Removing vegetation from the Old Bridge

Clonmel Borough District 2025 Programme of Works



Road Improvement Works
6.2km - €1m



Clonmel Christmas Lights Investment



Red Roads
1.5km - €232,471



Painting & Enhancement Scheme



Climate Adaptation
Kilcash Culvert €118,000



Tipperary Greenway Project:
Suir Island Infrastructure Links
Marfield to Clonmel Greenway
Marfield to Cahir Greenway



Road Maintenance Works
8.7km - €288,924



Active Travel Projects:
Cashel Road, Old Bridge
SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala & Loreto



Community Involvement Scheme
0.4km - €62,473



Support for Festivals ie St Patrick's Day



THRIVE Strand 1 – 3 Buildings in
Kickham Barracks – Part 8 adopted



ORIS Funding & Maintenance –
Suir Blueway



Tree Strategy Project



Weekly inspection and
maintenance of our playgrounds



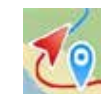
Nature Based Solutions introduced



Town Centre First team: 19
properties added to Derelict Site
Register



Funding through Built
Heritage Investment Scheme
for Anne St. Wall



TII Geo App Funding for Kilsheelan,
Tree Pruning & Drainage on N24



Sir Thomas Bridge:
€200,000 Funding through
the Specific Improvement
Grant



€82,500 investment in Road
Safety



€100,000 invested in
footpath upgrades

Schedule of Municipal District Works

In March 2025 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Nenagh Municipal District.

The combined expenditure across the below categories for 2025 totalled €12,760,570.

Housing Maintenance	€463,977
Roads Programme	€11,072,191
Drainage	€112,597
Burial Ground Maintenance	€113,080
Amenity Area Maintenance	€596,036
Street Cleaning	€402,689

The following are examples of how the Schedule of Works was delivered:

- 32km were improved under the Road Improvement Works costing €5.24m
- 45km costing €1.21m were surfaced dressed under the Restoration Maintenance Programme
- 2.8km involving two projects were improved under the Community Involvement Scheme cost €262,000
- Nine projects were completed under the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) to the value of €417,880
- Bridge Rehabilitation works to the value of €225,000 were carried out on three bridges – R438 Graigue Rathcabbinn Culvert, R499 Deepark Bridge Dolla and R499 Deerpark Culvert Dolla
- Safety Improvement Works on the R445 Rathmartin Road Junction €200,000
- Drainage works were undertaken on seven schemes costing €286,000
- Pavement Repairs were carried out in Hamilton Drive and Ballygraigue Road, Nenagh, Nenagh Town Centre, Borrisokane, Finnoe Drive, Borrisokane and Main Street, Templederry costing €90,000
- Targeted Intervention on the R493 Firmount, Terryglass costing €27,900
- Roads Projects funded from Development levies covering 6 locations €136,000 e.g. L5139 Richmond Cottages footpaths and Burgess Graveyard Car Park
- Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience works on four schemes costing €270,000
- National Speed Limit Signage – changing signs from 80kph to 60kph, cost €232,000
- 23 voids completed



Void property before works



Property after completion of works



Replacement of collapsed culvert on the R438 at Graigue



Repair work and building of stone wall on Deepark Bridge and Culvert on the R499 road from Dolla to the Silvermines



Repair work and building of stone wall on Deepark Bridge and Culvert on the R499 road from Dolla to the Silvermines



Council Staff clearing snow on the R497 at Dolla



Footpath replacement at Richmond, Nenagh funded from Development Levies

In 2025 Nenagh Municipal District issued 56 Hedge Cutting Notices to landowners to encourage them to maintain roadside hedges and trees in the interest of road safety and facilitation of road maintenance operations.



Before and after photos of hedge cutting on the L2141

Pedestrianisation of Abbey Lane, Nenagh

Works have been completed under the Towns & Villages allocation to pedestrianise the area under the archway on Abbey Lane, Nenagh. These improvements included the installation of a new resinbonded surface to enhance safety and accessibility. A steel bollard has also been put in place to protect pedestrians and prevent unauthorised vehicle access. In addition, signage has been updated to clearly inform both motorists and pedestrians of the new traffic and access arrangements.



Pedestrianisation of Abbey Lane, Nenagh

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

A total of €500,000 was allocated to Tipperary County Council in 2025 under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme.

Nenagh Municipal District in conjunction with the Active Travel Team intend to provide Bus Stop/Bus Shelters at the following locations:

- Portroe Eastbound/Westbound
- Dromineer
- Cloughjordan Northbound/Southbound
- Rearcross Eastbound/Westbound
- Ballina Northbound/Southbound
- Kilcommon Westbound/Eastbound
- Ballinagarry N52 Northbound/Southbound

Works are being progressed with delivery of the shelters expected in early 2026.

Declaration of a Public Road 2025:

- Mulcair View, Newport
- Stafford Street Enterprise Centre, Stafford Street, Nenagh
- Castle Oak Crescent, Castle Oak Mews, Nenagh

General Municipal District Allocation

The General Municipal Allocation for 2025 was €331,445 and was used to fund the following:

Christmas Lighting	€ 8,500
Amenities/Playground	€ 133,500
Festival & Events	€ 34,000
Economic Development & Promotion	€ 58,695
Enhancement Measures	€ 10,000
Specific Projects	€ 86,750

Working with the Community

During 2025, Nenagh Municipal District continued to work closely with communities throughout the District in a variety of ways. This included the provision of funding through grants and contributions, ongoing liaison with voluntary groups and associations, engagement with local business groups, and the delivery of advice, support, and assistance across a wide range of community events.

2025 was another exceptionally successful year for the Tidy Towns Committees across the Nenagh Municipal District. A total of 26 towns, villages, and communities from within the District participated in the competition, and their results were truly outstanding.

All centres showed an increase in the marks awarded with Toor achieving an additional 18 marks this year and also obtained an Endeavour Award. Rathcabbin received an additional 14 marks and Ballina-Boher an additional 10 marks. No centre received less than an increase of 7 marks. The three top achievers were Terryglass (County winner & silver medal), Silvermines (County second and bronze medal) and Birdhill (County third and bronze medal). Nenagh Town retained its bronze medal.



Ballina Tidy Towns volunteers hard at work

Tidy Towns Grants

Aglish Old School & Village Committee	€ 800
Adrcrone Community Development Committee	€ 2,000
Ballina Tidy Towns Committee	€ 6,000
Ballinahinch Tidy Towns Committee	€ 800
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Committee	€ 1,000
Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee	€ 1,500
Borrisokane Tidy Towns Committee	€ 1,300
Capparoo Tidy Towns Committee	€ 500
Carney Tidy Village	€ 300
Carrig Tidy Town Committee	€ 1,700
Carrigahorig Development Association	€ 1,000
Cloughjordan Tidy Towns	€ 1,000
Dromineer & District Development Association	€ 1,700
Garrykennedy Tidy Towns	€ 1,000
Kilbarron Dev. Association	€ 800
Kilcommon Tidy Towns Association	€ 800
Killoscully Dev. Association	€ 1,500
Lorrha Dev. Association	€ 1,000
Nenagh Tidy Towns	€10,000
Newport Tidy Towns	€ 6,000
Pike Residence Association	€ 300
Portroe Tidy Towns Committee	€ 1,200
Puckane Tidy Towns Committee	€ 1,000
Rathcabbin Dev. Association	€ 800
Rearcross Tidy Towns	€ 800
Riverstown Tidy Towns	€ 900
Shallee Enhancement Group	€ 900
Silvermines Enhancement Group	€ 3,000
Templederry Tidy Towns	€ 1,300
Terryglass Improvement Association	€ 4,000
Toor Tidy Village	€ 800
Total	€55,700



Flower display completed by AGLISH Tidy Towns group



Shallee Enhancement group's creation of a vibrant floral bed at Shallee Cross



Painting works by Portroe Tidy Towns group

In recognition of the contribution made by communities across the district, funding was allocated in 2025 to 88 clubs & organisations, 43 residents associations, 25 festivals & events, 31 Tidy Towns Committees and 69 burial grounds committees within the Nenagh Municipal District.

A full listing of all grant and contributions recipients is set out in this report.



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Details of Grants and Contributions 2025

Burial Ground Grants

Aglish Burial Ground	€ 668.55	Kilcommon Old Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55
Ardcroney New Cemetery	€ 668.55	Kilkeary Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55
Ardcroney Old Graveyard	€ 668.55	Killenaive Graveyard	€ 668.55
Ballinaclough Graveyard	€ 668.55	Killodiernan Church of Ireland Graveyard	€ 668.55
Ballinahinch New Graveyard	€ 668.55	Killodiernan Graveyard	€ 668.55
Ballinahinch Old Graveyard	€ 668.55	Killoscully Burial Ground	€ 668.55
Ballingarry Church of Ireland	€ 668.55	Kilmastulla Graveyard Committee	€ 668.55
Ballinree Church Burial Ground	€ 668.55	Kilmore Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55
Ballinree New Burial Ground	€ 668.55	Kilnarath Burial Ground	€ 668.55
Ballygibbon Burial Ground	€ 668.55	Kilruane Burial Ground	€ 668.55
Ballymackeogh Graveyard	€ 668.55	Knigh Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55
Ballymackey Burial Ground	€ 668.55	Kyle Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55
Ballymackey Church of Ireland Graveyard	€ 668.55	Lisboney Old Cemetery	€ 668.55
Birdhill Graveyard Committee	€ 668.55	Lockeen Graveyard	€ 668.55
Bonaham Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55	Lockeen Church of Ireland Graveyard	€ 668.55
Borrisokane Old Church of Ireland	€ 668.55	Lorrha St. Ruadhan's New Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55
Burgess Graveyard Committee	€ 668.55	Lorrha St. Ruadhan's Old Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55
Carrig Burial Ground	€ 668.55	Modreeny Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55
Castletown Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55	Monsea Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55
Cloughjordan Burial Ground	€ 668.55	Old Workhouse Graveyard	€ 668.55
Cloughprior Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55	Pallas Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55
Congor Graveyard Committee	€ 668.55	Pike Burial Ground (Ballingarry)	€ 668.55
Cragg Burial Ground	€ 668.55	Rearcross Community Burial Ground	€ 668.55
Cuan Mhuire Burial Ground	€ 668.55	Rockvale Cemetery	€ 668.55
Curreeny Burial Ground	€ 668.55	St. John's Newport COI Graveyard	€ 668.55
Dromineer Graveyard Committee	€ 668.55	St. Peter & Paul's Graveyard	€ 668.55
Finoe Graveyard	€ 668.55	St. Ruadhans Church of Ireland Committee	€ 668.55
Garrykennedy Graveyard Committee	€ 668.55	Templederry Church of Ireland Committee	€ 668.55
Grawn Burial Ground	€ 668.55	Templederry New Graveyard	€ 668.55
Grennanstown Graveyard	€ 668.55	Templekelly Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55
Kenyon Street Graveyard Committee	€ 668.55	Terryglass Cemetery Committee	€ 668.55
Kilbarron Church of Ireland Graveyard	€ 668.55	Tyone Burial Ground	€ 668.55
Kilbarron New Graveyard Committee	€ 668.55	Youghlarra Graveyard	€ 668.55
Kilbarron Old Graveyard Committee	€ 668.55		
Kilboy Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55	Total	€46,129.95
Kilcommon New Burial Ground Committee	€ 668.55		

Residents Associations

Ard Coillte Residents Association	€ 250
Arravale Residents Association	€ 250
Ballygraique Estate Committee	€ 350
Brooklands Drive Residents Association	€ 250
Brookville Green Residents Association	€ 250
Bruach Tailte Residents Association	€ 350
Carrig Rua Residents Association	€ 350
Castle Court Residents Association	€ 150
Castle Oak Residents Committee	€ 250
Ciamaltha Meadows Residents Association	€ 350
Clonbealy Residents Association	€ 250
Cluain Caoin Residents Association	€ 250
Coille Bheithe Residents Association	€ 350
Cois Deirge Residents Association	€ 150
Cnoc Ard Residents Committee	€ 250
Cnoc Cluain Residents Association	€ 250
Cullenagh Residents Committee	€ 250
Derg Manor Residents Association	€ 150
Doncarrig Residents Association	€ 250
Dromin Court Residents group	€ 150
Drom na Coille Residents Association	€ 350
Drummin Village Residents Association	€ 350
Farmleigh Residents Association	€ 250
Glencree Residents Committee	€ 350
Harbour View Residents Committee	€ 150
Iniscealtra Residents Association	€ 250
Killnasalla Residents Association	€ 250
Lakeside Villas Residents Association	€ 150
Lorrha Village Residents Committee	€ 250
Lough Derg Cottages Residents Association	€ 150
Marine Village Residents Association	€ 250
Monaree Residents Association	€ 350
Mulkear View Residents Committee	€ 250
Pallas Derg Residents Association	€ 250
Radharc Darach Residents Committee	€ 150
Rearcross Residents Committee	€ 150

Sallygrove Residents Association	€ 250
The Beeches Residents Association	€ 250
Townfields Residents Association	€ 250
Tullow Residents Committee	€ 150
Willowcliff Management Company	€ 300
Yewston Residents Association	€ 250
Youghalarra Way Residents Association	€ 250
Total	€10,700

Clubs & Organisations

Aonach ar Siul(Nenagh Walking Club)	€150	Friends of St Conlons Nursing Home	€250
Ardcroney Community Field	€250	Irish Kennedy Heritage Group	€200
Ardcroney Community Hall	€200	Kilbarron Terryglass Historical Society	€250
Ardcroney FC	€200	Kilruane MacDonaghs Camogie Club	€200
Ardcroney Old Man's Organisation	€200	Knigh Utd	€200
Arra Historical & Archaeological Society	€250	Lahorna Handball Club	€200
Ballina Camogie Club	€200	Longhouse Field Committee	€200
Ballina GAA Club	€200	Lorrha/Dorrha Camogie Club	€200
Ballina Handball Club	€200	Lorrha Community Games	€200
Ballina Killaloe Rugby Football Club	€200	Lorrha/Dorrha Ladies Club	€200
Ballina Ladies Football Club	€200	Martin O'Meara VC Committee	€250
Ballinaclough Sportsfield Committee	€200	Mna agus Cairde an tAonaigh	€350
Ballycommon/Puckane CE CLG	€250	Mulcair Men's Shed	€350
Ballymackey Womens Shed	€200	Nenagh Active Retirement	€250
Birdhill Development & Environmental Association	€200	Nenagh AFC	€200
Birdhill Folk Group	€300	Nenagh Classic Car Club	€200
Boher Community Development Group	€250	Nenagh Community Allotments	€350
Borrisokane Gospel Choir	€200	Nenagh Community Bridge Centre	€200
Borrisokane Mens Shed	€350	Nenagh Cricket Club	€250
Borrisokane Tennis Club	€200	Nenagh Eire Og Camogie Club	€200
Burgess Duharra Camogie Club	€200	Nenagh Eire Og Hurling & FC	€250
Burgess Juvenile Club	€250	Nenagh Golf Club – Ladies Branch	€200
Capparoo Womens Shed	€200	Nenagh Hockey Club	€200
Carrig Riverstown Killeen Active	€200	Nenagh I.C.A.	€250
Choose Respect	€200	Nenagh Kickboxing Club	€300
Cloughjordan Community Games	€200	Nenagh Masters Swimming Club	€250
Cloughjordan FC	€200	Nenagh Neptune Swimming Club	€250
CRK Drama Group	€200	Nenagh Ormond Brass Band	€250
Curreeny Community Hall	€200	Nenagh Special Summer Camp	€350
Development Association Newport	€200	Nenagh Squash Club	€200
Eyes Open Kilruane/Ardcroney Community Alert Group	€300	Nenagh Warriors Basketball Club	€200
Farm Family Group	€250	Neuro Nation	€350

Newport Community First Responders	€250
Newport Community Text Alert Group	€250
Newport Historical & Archaeological Society	€250
Newport Womens Shed	€350
Newport Youth Choir	€200
North Tipperary Artists Collective	€300
North Tipperary Republican Memorial	€200
Order of Malta - Nenagh Unit	€350
Puckaun & Carrig Senior Citizens Association	€250
Puckane Tennis Club	€200
Rathcabbin Players	€300
Rearcross Women's Shed	€350
Riverdale Pitch & Putt Club	€250
Silvermines Community Centre	€300
Silvermines GAA Health & Wellbeing	€250
Silvermines Historical Society	€250
Silvermines Juvenile GAA Club	€200
Silvermines Mens Shed	€350
Silvermines Senior Citizens Committee	€250
St. Odhrans Ladies Football Club	€200
Stafford Day Service	€350
Terryglass Angling & Conservation	€200
Terryglass Kilbarron Game & Conservation Club	€200
The A Team Youth Club	€350
Total	€21,150

Painting & Enhancement Schemes

A number of businesses and domestic properties benefited from the 2025 Painting and Enhancement grant schemes in Nenagh Municipal District. This scheme was provided to improve the streetscape and public realm in Nenagh Town and Terryglass by supporting the owners to improve and enhance their properties and public areas. Grants to the total of €15,599.75 was paid.



Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District 2025 Painting & Enhancement grant scheme



Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District 2025 Painting & Enhancement grant scheme



Terryglass National School received a Painting & Enhancement grant in 2025

Civic Reception for Nenagh Ormond RFC



Nenagh Ormond RFC members with Elected Members at Nenagh Municipal District Awards

Nenagh Municipal District hosted a Civic Reception on Friday, 12th September, to honour the outstanding achievements of Nenagh Ormond RFC during the 2024/2025 season.

and, in particular:

- Their promotion to Division 1A of the All-Ireland League
- Becoming the first ever Tipperary Rugby Club to win the Munster Senior Challenge Cup
- Their victories in both the Mansergh Cup and the Charity Cup

On the night, the Cathaoirleach of Nenagh Municipal District, Cllr. Phyll Bugler, presented a framed scroll to Tony Wells, President 2025/2026, to commemorate these remarkable achievements.

A beautiful handcrafted piece, created by Donnacha Ryan of Metal & Mallet, was jointly presented by Cllr. John Carroll, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, and Cllr. Phyll Bugler, Cathaoirleach of Nenagh Municipal District, to John Long, President 2024/2025 and Director of Rugby.



Donnacha Ryan, Metal & Mallet along with the exceptional piece he crafted



Nenagh Ormond Rugby Team

Entente Florale Europe Competition 2025

Terryglass was proudly nominated by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to represent Ireland in this year’s prestigious Entente Florale Europe competition.



Judges and representatives of the community in Terryglass

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Entente Florale competition, which celebrates towns and villages across Europe for excellence in environmental enhancement, sustainability, horticultural achievement, and community engagement.

Judging took place on Friday, 11th July, in Terryglass. Assessments were carried out across ten key criteria:

- Planning and Development
- Sustainable Environment – Climate Change Mitigation
- Built Environment
- Landscape
- Green Spaces
- Planting – Permanent and Seasonal
- Environmental Education
- Effort and Involvement
- Tourism and Leisure
- Communications

Terryglass was awarded a Gold Medal and Special Characteristic Award at the ceremony held on Saturday, 27th September, in Velenje, Slovenia.

This remarkable achievement is a testament to the tireless dedication of the Terryglass Tidy Towns group, local volunteers, and residents who have worked collaboratively to enhance the village’s natural beauty, sustainability, and overall environmental quality.



Terryglass Entente Florale Award & Plaque



Members of Terryglass Tidy Towns celebrating their Gold Medal in Velenje, Slovenia

Playgrounds and Amenities

Nenagh Town Park Extension

Following the purchase of land at Riverston, Nenagh in 2024 adjoining Nenagh Leisure Centre and Town Park, plans are now in place to extend the Town Park.

€45,000 was set aside from the General Municipal Allocation to bring the project to planning stage.

Following a tender process Will McGarry & Associates were appointed Lead Engineer and Greentrack Environmental Consultants were appointed as lead Ecological Consultants to prepare a concept design for the project with a view to progressing to planning stage in early 2026.



Land at Riverston, Nenagh adjacent to Nenagh Town Park

Casual Trading

In 2025 there were 12 casual trading licences issued by Nenagh Municipal District for Ballina Riverside Park, Dromineer, Garrykennedy, the Lookout and Castlough. The type of casual trading ranged from the sale of ice cream, teas and coffees to burgers and hotdogs. Casual Trading Licences for the designated areas must be applied for on a yearly basis.

St Paul's Playground

Over the summer of 2025, thirteen artists from North Tipperary Artists Collective led by artist Edwina Knight volunteered their time and artistic skills to create a mural in St. Paul's Playground, Nenagh.

The mural consists of thirteen panels. Each 4m x 2m panel was done by a different artist resulting in a mural which has unique styles and different interpretations of the theme of biodiversity.



Example of one of the panels of the mural

An event was held in conjunction with Nenagh Tidy Towns on Friday 17th October to mark this wonderful volunteer work and the completion of phase 1 of this project. Further walls within the playground will have murals added in the near future.



Students from Nenagh College working on the Mural at St. Paul's Playground



Edwina Knight, Artist working on the mural

In addition, funding was secured under the Participation Nation Outdoor Fund in conjunction with Tipperary Sports Partnership for the installation of a 3 x 3 Basketball Court along with biodiversity measures.

Works commenced in November 2025 with the installation and surfacing of the basketball court and landscaping. The contractors for the project were McSweeney Sports Surfaces and Slievenamon Nurseries Ltd. The basketball court is wheelchair accessible.



Basketball Court at St Paul's Playground



Landscaping at St Paul's Playground

Festival and Events

During 2025, Nenagh Municipal District provided a wide range of support—financial assistance, guidance, and in-kind contributions—to numerous festivals and events across the District. In addition, the District directly facilitated several events in collaboration with event management services, the Nenagh Tourist Office, and representatives from various community sectors.

Festivals and events are recognised as an essential part of life in the District, delivering significant economic, social, and cultural benefits. They entertain and bring communities together, showcase our towns and villages, and often reflect local identity and sense of place. Representing our artistic, cultural, heritage, and sporting strengths, these events contribute positively to how the District is experienced and perceived.



Festivals & Events grant recipient – Splendour festival



Festivals & Events grant recipient – Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Nenagh Municipal District Awards Evening took place on Thursday 20th November 2025. Cathaoirleach of Nenagh Municipal District, Councillor Phyll Bugler, presented twenty one awards to voluntary groups and individuals across a range of categories, recognising their commitment, dedication, and outstanding achievements within the community.

Awards were presented to voluntary committees involved in Tidy Towns, Residents' Associations, Heritage Groups, and the management of Burial Grounds. Recognition was also given for notable achievements in sports, as well as to individuals who contribute through fundraising and community work, often quietly and behind the scenes.

A special award on the night was presented to the Terryglass Tidy Towns Committee, in recognition of their outstanding achievement in securing a Gold Medal in the Entente Florale Europe Jubilee Competition 2025. This prestigious honour reflects the committee's exceptional commitment to excellence and community enhancement.

The evening as a whole served as a celebration of people and their contributions—acknowledging the voluntary effort, civic pride and community spirit that make local areas better places in which to live, work, visit, and conduct business.



Silvermines Historical Society – Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District Award - Heritage Category



Toor Tidy Village Committee - Recipients of Nenagh Municipal District Award - Tidy Towns Category



Trish O'Shea with Elected Members - Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District Award - Significant Contribution Category



Tullow Residents Committee - Recipients of Nenagh Municipal District Award – Residents Association Category



Ardcrony Burial Ground - Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District Award - Burial Ground Committee Category



New Institute Snooker Club - Recipients of Nenagh Municipal District Award -Sporting Achievements Category

Grants were awarded under the Festival & Events Grant Scheme to the following organisations and event committees:

Municipal:	
Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival	€12,000
Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival	€6,000
St Patrick's Day Parade, Nenagh	€7,500
Convergence 2025	€5,000
Cloughjordan Arts Season 2025	€3,921.50
Féile Brian Ború	€4,000
Irish Youth Circus Gathering 2025	€6,000
The Broad Majestic Shannon Festival of Music	€7,500
Resonance Lough Derg	€5,000
Taste of Nenagh	€5,000
Killaloe/Ballina Music Festival	€3,000
The Silver Stage	€3,140.22
Tipperary Pride	€1,331.16

Comm unity:	
Classic Car Easter Egg Hunt	€ 500
Killoscully Midsummer Community Gathering	€ 500
150 Years of the Nenagh Show	€ 800
Lorrha & Dorrha Medieval Conference	€ 1,000
Run with Dunne	€ 1,000
Ballina-Killaloe St Patrick's Day Parade	€ 1,200
Ballingarry Summer Market	€ 600
The Nenagh Open	€ 1,000
The Tom Mulqueen Three-man team invitational	€ 1,000
Diving Ireland Show	€ 1,000
Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade	€ 2,500
Birdhill Tradfest	€ 1,000
Total	€81,492.88

Press Association of Ireland Exhibition

This is the third consecutive year that the exhibition has come to the Civic Offices in Nenagh. AIB Press Photographer of the Year 2025 James Crombie attended the launch on Wednesday 16th April, 2025. James provided a very informative talk on his work.

The exhibition covered a broad range including news, daily life and people, sports action, nature and the environment and arts and entertainment.



Collection of photographs from the AIB Press Photographer of the Year Awards 2025 on display in the Civic Offices, Nenagh



Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh, James Crombie, Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD Cllr. Fiona Bonfield and Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator

Public Consultations

Public consultation processes were undertaken in 2025 in respect of the following:

- Construction of a new single-storey Changing Places building incorporating accessible sanitary facilities, storage area and associated site works at Dromineer, Nenagh.
- Refurbishment, repurposing and extension of the former Courthouse and Bridewell as a multi-purpose community- focussed hub at Newport.

Economic Development /Capital Projects

Platforms for Growth - Dromineer Water Sports Facility

This project will receive an investment of €1.2million from Fáilte Ireland through its Platforms for Growth Scheme, which specifically targets ‘platforms’ or projects that have the greatest potential to grow tourism across Ireland and strategically enhance the Irish tourism offering to meet visitor needs. It will be developed in partnership with Tipperary County Council and aims to provide a best-in-class outdoor tourism amenity to enhance the visitor experience and serve as a central hub for outdoor activities in Dromineer.



Contract signing for Water Sports Facility at Dromineer

The new centre will replace the old public toilet building on the lakeshore. That building has been demolished and the new centre will be built in its place. The facility will provide hot showers, changing rooms and toilet facilities to the changing places standard along with secure storage, induction spaces, equipment washdown and orientation points. It will cater for the significant increase in people enjoying outdoor water-based activities such as kayaking, paddle-boarding and open water swimming.

On 9th April 2025 the contracts were signed to award the tender for the construction of the new Water Sports Facility at Dromineer, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary to PS Carmody Contractors Ltd.

A ceremony to mark the commencement of construction was held on 2th July 2025 on site in Dromineer.



Cllr. Fiona Bonfield; Donal Murphy; Paul Keane; Rosemary Joyce; Paul Crowe; Sinéad Carr; Dan Madden; Cllr. Phyll Bugler, Cathaoirleach Nenagh MD; Barry Murphy; Marie Healy, Regional Development Officer, Ireland's Hidden Heartlands; Cllr. J.P. O'Meara; Liam Brett

An assessment of the accessibility to and from the new facility was also undertaken. Additional funding to a maximum of €161,000 was approved in principal by Fáilte Ireland. The works will include induction loop in the Water Activity Centre, footpaths and associated works, bike stand, pedestrian crossings, street furniture/rest points.



Construction of Water Sports Facility at Dromineer



Construction of Water Sports Facility at Dromineer

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Schemes

Clare Glens River Walk Enhancement

In June 2025 Tipperary County Council lodged an application with An Coimisiún Pleanála seeking permission for the construction of a new entrance and access way for emergency staging area at Clare Glens Woodlands and Looped Walk. The proposal also included trail upgrades to include upgrade of existing bridge, enhancement to footpaths and ancillary site works.

Following a public consultation four submissions were received. An Coimisiún Pleanála have requested further information which must be submitted by March 2026.

Funding of €48,600 has been granted for the project under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) for planning and design.



Clare Glens River Walk Enhancement

Garrykennedy Inner Harbour Upgrade

Funding of €49,500 was provided to Tipperary County Council to undertake planning and design works for the upgrading of the Inner Harbour and provision of RV Facilities at Garrykennedy. DRA Consulting were appointed to prepare the planning application which was submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála in July 2025. Following a public consultation and consideration of four submissions, permission was granted for the project in December 2025. This concluded phase 1 of the project. Further funding will be sought to progress to the next stage.

The following projects funded under ORIS were completed in 2025:

- Castlough Amenity Area Funding amount €30,000
- Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area – Mota and Skehanagh Funding amount €30,000

The works included provision of BBQ areas, bicycle stands and bicycle repair station, disability friendly seating and benches, information and interpretation boards.



Bike Stand at Castlough Amenity Area



BBQ area at Castlough Amenity Area



Seating at Mota Amenity Area



BBQ Area and Seating at Skehanagh Amenity Area

Town Centre First Suite of Supports

Nenagh Town Centre First

Nenagh Town Team held a ‘Meet the Town Team’ event in Nenagh Tourist Office on Thursday 3rd April 2025. Consultants Nic de Jong Associates were commissioned to prepare a Town Centre First Plan (Integrated Urban Strategy). As part of the public consultation process a survey was undertaken which had a phenomenal 937 submissions.



Business & Tourism Table – David Spain & Brian O’Neill with Martin Grace

People were given the opportunity to talk to the Town Team members and have a say in Nenagh’s future. The event was well attended.



Community & Social Table – Brian Lawlor, Maedhbh Gordon & Avril Mounsey with Noreen Ryan

Grant funding of €80,000 has been allocated under Strand 1 of Thrive for the development of the Town Centre First Plan. This was approved by members at the June meeting of Nenagh Municipal District. Currently an action plan is being drafted to progress implementation of the plan.



Members of Nenagh Town Team

Ball Alley Site Newport

Following the allocation of funding of €45,000 in 2024 consultants were engaged to undertake the necessary preparatory studies and reports to bring the project to planning stage. The aim of the project is to link the historic Ball Alley site, ancillary public realm and amenity works with Newport Town Centre, through the provision of a footbridge. A planning application was lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála in October 2025.

Newport Town Centre First

Newport Town Centre First Plan was agreed by the Municipal District Elected Members at the May District Meeting in 2025. The plan is focused on regeneration and renewal with a view to strengthening the role, image, vibrancy, vitality and resilience of Newport Town Centre. An action plan is currently being drafted to progress implementation of the plan.



Newport Town Centre First Plan

Town & Village Renewal Schemes

Ballina Access Promenade and Viewing Area

The official opening of the Ballina Access Promenade & Viewing Area took place on Tuesday, 2nd September 2025. The facility was opened by Cllr. John Carroll, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council.



R to L: Official Opening of Ballina Access Promenade & Viewing Area - Sinéad Carr Chief Executive, Cllr. John Carroll, Deputy Alan Kelly T.D., Deputy Ryan O' Meara T.D., Cllr. Phyll Bugler, Cllr. Fiona Bonfield and Cllr. J.P. O' Meara

The facility provides enhanced accessibility and connectivity in Ballina, facilitating pedestrians moving between the Riverside Park and the cruise facilities and hospitality businesses on the other side of the river.



Ballina Access Promenade



Ballina Access Promenade

The design is sympathetic to the heritage status of the town and its historical features including the Washerwoman's Bridge, the 13-Arch Bridge and the railway links which are depicted through corten steel sculptures denoting the train and the various platforms from the Limerick & Castleconnell Railway to Killaloe.

It complements other projects in the area including the Brian Boru Bridge. This project was funded under the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht's Town & Village Renewal Scheme with matched funding provided by Tipperary County Council.

Newport Courthouse & Bridewell

Following on from the Feasibility Study completed by Scroope Design and the appointment of Robin Lee Architects as Integrated Design Team, Part 8 Planning Application went on public display in April 2025. After the completion of the public consultation process the planning was approved by the Elected Members at the June meeting of the Municipal District.



Newport Courthouse & Bridewell

Nenagh Governors House



Nenagh Governor's House

Works have been completed on the conservation of 16 windows at Nenagh's Governor's House. The project received €37,500 in funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, supplemented by €36,750 in own funds.



Window Conservation work completed at Nenagh Governor's House

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter

The Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary, announced funding of €500,000 in respect of the three-storey Nenagh Gaol Block in December 2025.



Nenagh Gaol

This will reopen a heritage asset closed since 1887, bringing it back into public use alongside the other features of the Historic & Cultural Quarter.



Project Ireland 2040

Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence

The Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence project is led by Tipperary County Council in partnership with the Tipperary Energy Agency, North Tipperary Development Company, the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS), Community Power and Siga-Hydro Limited.

The Centre of Excellence will be located on Martyr's Road and will be a carbon neutral and energy positive building, hosting a range of public agencies working together to provide training and development, research and social enterprises. The Integrated Design Team, led by Henry J Lyons Architects, were appointed for the project in May 2024.

Findings from engagement with the stakeholders is currently being reviewed by Tipperary County Council and the design team. Discussions are ongoing with the landowners. The aim is to submit planning under a Part 8 in 2026.

This project has secured funding under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) as part of Project Ireland 2040.

Tourism and Recreation

Gold for Nenagh Leisure Centre at Ireland Active Awards 2025

The Ireland Active Conference & National Quality Standard Awards 2025 took place on Friday, 24th October, marking a landmark celebration of excellence in Ireland's leisure, health, and fitness industry.

Nenagh Leisure Centre was awarded the prestigious Gold Standard—one of the highest recognitions in the National Quality Standard (NQS) Awards. This award celebrates outstanding achievement in Safety, Hygiene, Customer Engagement and Human Resources.

It reflects Nenagh Leisure Centre's continuous improvement and exceptional service delivery in the sector.



Lorenzo Chambo, Manager Nenagh Leisure Centre receiving Gold Standard Award at the National Quality Standard Awards

Nenagh Tourist Office & Visitors Centre

The Nenagh Tourist Office, located in the former Town Hall at Banba Square, operates all year round from Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Guide and Information Officer Victoria Lee continues to provide visitors with comprehensive guidance on local attractions, points of interest, and activities available throughout the area. Her ongoing commitment ensures that both tourists and residents receive high quality information to enhance their experience of Nenagh and its surroundings.



TV & Radio presenter and writer John Creedon visits Nenagh Tourist Office

Throughout 2025, the Tourist Office hosted an extensive programme of events, including live musical performances, poetry evenings, literary readings, and a variety of guided tours and informative presentations for both primary and secondary school students. These activities further enhanced the role of the Tourist Office as a vibrant cultural and educational hub within the community.

It also played host to several prestigious visitors, including musician, presenter and author Niall Breslin (Bresie); TV and radio presenter and writer John Creedon; Sky News journalist Stephen Murphy; and Irish country music singer Declan Nerney.

In March, a total of 207 primary and secondary school students participated in an engaging and highly informative Water Safety presentation delivered by the RNLI. The interactive session provided valuable guidance on safe practices in and around water, further supporting the ongoing commitment to promoting safety and awareness among young people in the community.

During Easter, the Tourist Office organised an Easter Egg Trail, in which 86 children took part. Participants followed a series of clues throughout the Cultural and Historic Quarter, incorporating Nenagh Heritage Centre, Nenagh Castle, and the Nenagh Arts Centre. The event provided a fun and engaging way for young people and their families to explore Nenagh's rich cultural and historical amenities.



Easter Bunny visits Nenagh Tourist Office

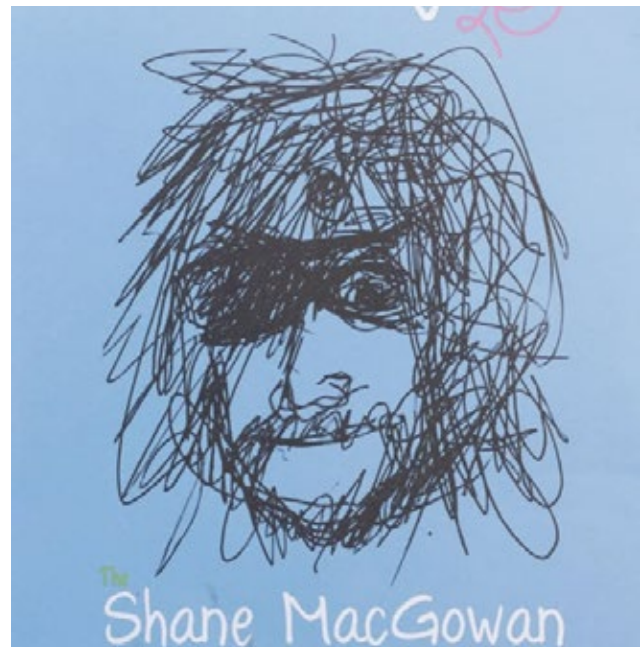
For National Heritage Week, a diverse programme of events was arranged and hosted, including guided tours, walking tours, talks, presentations, and storytelling sessions. The week commenced with a guided tour of the Governor's House and Gatehouse, followed by a walking tour that offered participants a wealth of engaging and insightful information on the history of Nenagh. Following a series of talks and a nostalgic, entertaining food themed presentation, the week concluded with a number of highly informative children's archaeology sessions delivered by the School of Irish Archaeology. These sessions provided young participants with an engaging introduction to Ireland's archaeological heritage. The celebrations were further enhanced by a selection of outstanding outdoor musical performances in the Castle Garden, bringing National Heritage Week to a vibrant and memorable close.

In October Nenagh Tourist Office hosted a number of Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival events. Workshops were offered covering a wide range of literary topics, from a poetry session led by Dublin-born poet and writer Geraldine Mitchell to a Plot, Voice & Craft interactive masterclass with award winning novelist and writing mentor Sarah Moore Fitzgerald.



Sky News crew with Siobhan MacGowan filming in Nenagh Tourist Office

Sky News aired a feature on the "Unravelling Shane MacGowan" tour in Nenagh on 22nd December 2025. Part of the feature was filmed in the Tourist Office highlighting Shane's cultural legacy and connection to the Lough Derg area, with coverage including his sister Siobhan MacGowan and the launch of related merchandise like a GAA jersey. The segment focused on places significant to the late Pogues frontman, integrating his lyrics with the landscape through guided bike tours. Earlier in the year a brochure was launched featuring all the local places the late singer frequented as a boy on holidays from England while staying with his mother's people in Carney and to where he constantly returned later in life as a world-renowned music star. The trail takes in the towns of Nenagh and Borrisokane, as well as villages beloved to the late singer such as Dromineer, Puckane, Carney, Kiltarron and Ballinderry.



Cover of "Unravelling Shane MacGowan" brochure

Striking new mural unveiled in Nenagh



Mural depicting Luska on the Broad Majestic Shannon

The latest mural at Emmet Place, Nenagh completed by Neil O'Dwyer of Irish Murals depicts Luska on the Broad Majestic Shannon, an area beloved by the late Shane MacGowan. It stands as a subtle yet powerful nod to the legendary songwriter and poet, whose connection to Tipperary continues to inspire both locals and visitors.

The reaction to the mural has been extraordinary from locals proud to see such a tribute in their town, to fans further afield who hailed it as a fitting homage.

St Patrick's Day Festivities

A Committee was established in Nenagh to re-introduce the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 17th March. The parade was led by Grand Marshal – award-winning author Donal Ryan. Local schools, clubs and organisations including sports clubs, Ormond Comhaltas, Nenagh Brass Band, Nenagh Kairali, Musical Theatre Academy and many more participated and contributed to the celebrations. There was a special welcome on the day for young Nenagh Ormond RFC representatives who were accompanied by the Munster Cup.

Following the parade there was a music festival, display of vintage tractors and other festivities in Banba Square/ Nenagh Courthouse/ Nenagh Tourist Office/ Nenagh Arts Centre. Events were co-ordinated by Spain AV/ Nenagh Live in conjunction with Nenagh Tourist Office.



Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh and Parade Grand Marshal Donal Ryan



Taylor Swift tribute act performing at Nenagh's St Patrick's Day celebrations

A large outdoor concert took place on the grounds of Nenagh Courthouse, while a lively trad session was held at Banba Square. Meanwhile, the Nenagh Tourist Office Stage showcased an exceptionally talented group of local musicians, each displaying their skills to enthusiastic audiences. This successful initiative also featured an artisan market with a host of local vendors and producers selling their wares. With over 10,000 people from near and far turning out to celebrate, the success of this year's parade stands as a testament to the incredible community spirit in Nenagh.

Successful St Patrick's Day Parades were also held in Newport and Ballina-Killaloe.



Nenagh Fire Service at Nenagh St. Patrick's Day Parade



Nenagh Kairali Indian Community & Nenagh Cricket Club at St Patrick's Day parade in Nenagh



Order of Malta – Nenagh branch at St Patrick's Day parade in Nenagh

Christmas Events

The streets of Nenagh were lit up on Sunday 30th November as the town launched its festive season with the ceremonial switching on of the Christmas lights. The day's festivities were many and varied. Beginning with the Light Up Nenagh 2025 event, the open-air concert showcased the town's musical diversity, featuring Mamma Mia, Misneach Choir, Robbie Glennon, Jack Spain, alongside JP's Gigantic Video Disco, Christmas karaoke, and appearances by Santa Claus, Mickey and Minnie Mouse. The amazing display of the town's Christmas lights was switched on by the Cathaoirleach of Nenagh Municipal District, Cllr Phyll Bugler and Cllr. John Carroll, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council in conjunction with Santa Claus and Trudi Lalor.



Switching on of the Christmas Lights in Nenagh with Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD Cllr Phyll Bugler, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council Cllr. John Carroll, Trudi Lalor & Santa

The Christmas at the Castle event transformed the grounds and gardens of Nenagh Castle from December 12th to 14th into a festive wonderland. A Christmas Market with over 20 stalls showcased local crafts and food producers.



Local Produce at Christmas Market



Mr. Sports Gift market stall at the Christmas at the Castle event



Light displays & projections at Christmas at the Castle event



Lighting display at Christmas at the Castle event

A spectacular lighting display took place at Nenagh Castle, the Castle Field and the Castle Garden. Visitors enjoyed live performances headlined by Declan Nerney, family entertainment, local food vendors, a Christmas funfair, and the unforgettable experience of meeting Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and their many friends.



Christmas at the Castle event with Santa, Country Singer Declan Nerney & Santa's helper

The three-day celebrations featured a magical “Santa Visit,” where children were warmly welcomed on the ground floor by Mrs. Claus before making their way to the first floor of the Castle to meet Santa and his helpful elf. A special sensory visit was held with groups from local schools and the A-Team Youth Club. The festivities also included a delightful Christmas breakfast with Santa.



Santa & his Elf at the Christmas at the Castle event

The event was co-ordinated by Spain AV/Nenagh Live in conjunction with Nenagh Tourist Office.



Mrs Claus & Frosty the Snowman at the Christmas at the Castle event

Twinning

The Ballina-Killaloe Twinning Committee maintains an active partnership with Basse Goulaine in north-west France. In recent years, the collaboration has included a variety of exchange activities, such as secondary school student visits in both countries, participation in a football tournament in Basse Goulaine, and cultural exchanges involving members of both communities.

The Committee held its Annual General Meeting at the Lakeside Hotel, Ballina, on 5th March 2025. The event provided an opportunity for members and supporters to come together and engage with the ongoing work of the twinning initiative.

At the end of March 2025, members of the Ballina-Killaloe Twinning Committee travelled to Basse Goulaine. The visit opened with an official meeting with Mayor Alain Vey, his team, and representatives from local sporting and cultural organisations.

In June 2025, a group of twenty U15 players and coaches from Lough Derg Football Club travelled to Basse Goulaine to compete in a football tournament. The Ballina-Killaloe Twinning Committee continues to receive valued support from both Tipperary County Council and Clare County Council.



Twinning Committee members trip to Basse Goulaine



Lough Derg Football Club U15 players and coaches

Welcomes and Farewells

- Gavin Byrne was appointed Civil Technician with Nenagh Municipal District
- Micheál Ryan was appointed Executive Engineer with Nenagh Municipal District
- Paul Keane, Executive Engineer with Nenagh Municipal District, transferred to the Housing Section where he is now serving as Acting Senior Executive Engineer

Thurles Municipal District

1. Cathaoirleach

The Annual Meeting of Thurles Municipal District was held on 16th June 2025. Councillor Peggy Ryan was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Eddie Moran was elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Thurles Municipal District Members 2025



The following members sit on Thurles Municipal District: Councillors • Kay Cahill Skehan, • William Kennedy, • Shane Lee, • Micheál Lowry, • Eddie Moran, • Jim Ryan, • Sean Ryan, • Michael Smith • Peggy Ryan.

2 Schedule of Municipal Works

On the 18th March 2025 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal Works for Thurles Municipal District.

Total expenditure of €12,533,773 was provided for and allocated to Roadworks, Housing Maintenance, Playground Maintenance, Amenities/Open Spaces, projects undertaken under the General Municipal Allocation, Drainage, Tourism Promotion and Maintenance of Public Conveniences.

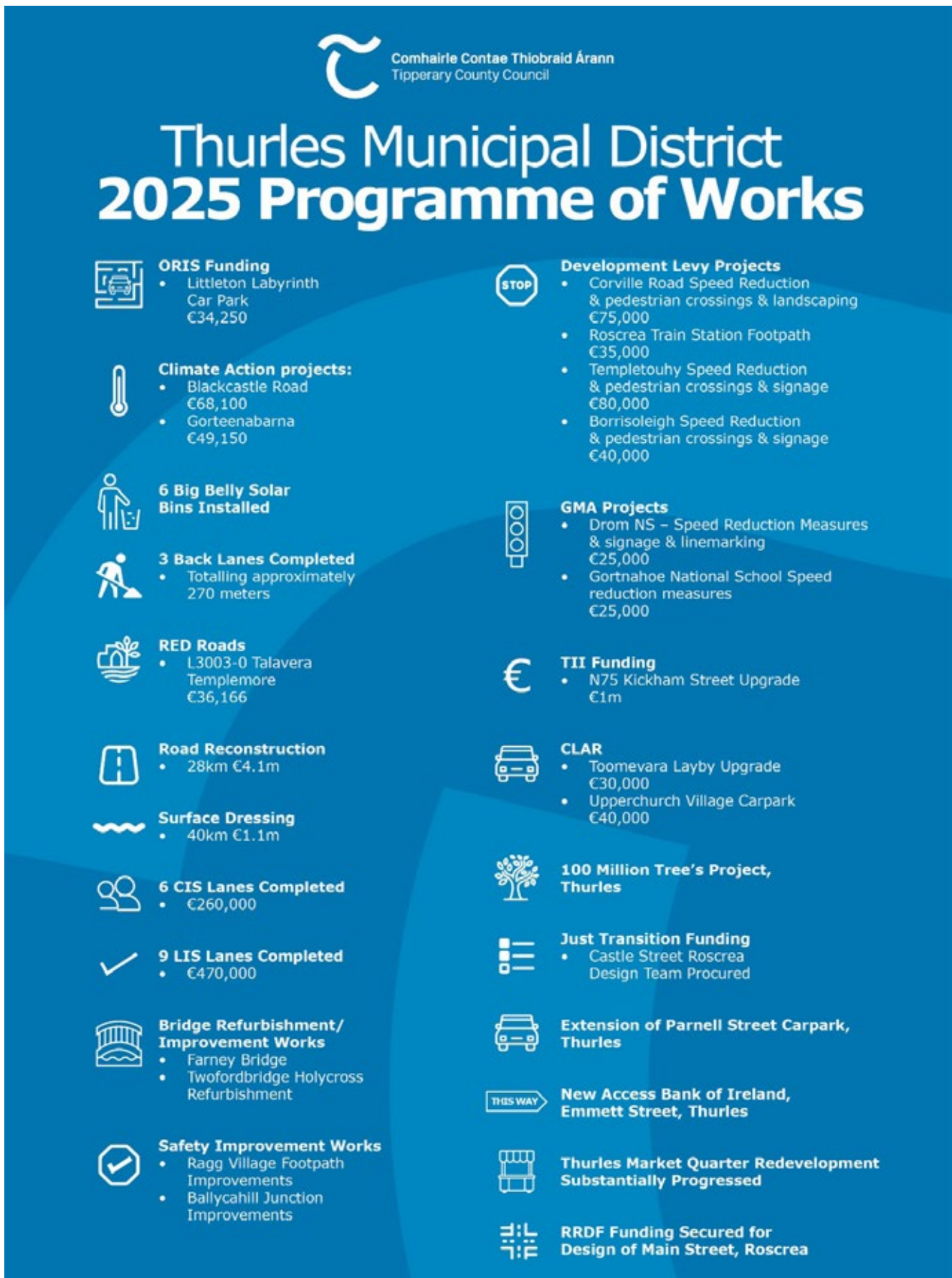


*Total expenditure of €12,533,773
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allocated to Roadworks*

Main programmes benefitting from funding include:

Housing Maintenance	€802,000
Roadworks	€9,338,346
Development Levy Projects	€374,257
Drainage	€52,512
Street Cleaning	€459,911
Burial Ground Maintenance	€198,021
Public Conveniences	€51,285
Amenity Area Maintenance	€738,095
General Municipal District Allocations	€302,345
Town & Village Development Fund	€80,000
Town Christmas Lighting	€80,000
Tourism Promotion	€57,000
	€12,533,773

The following infographic shows how this schedule of work was delivered at the end of the year.



3. General Municipal District Allocation

The General Municipal Allocation is discretionary funding allocated by the Elected Members and is essential in funding many projects including grant schemes, Christmas Lighting Contributions and Village Enhancement Works across the District.

In 2025 the GMA amounted to €302,345 and was used to fund the following projects -

Christmas Lighting Contribution	€15,500
Resident Association Grant Scheme	€15,000
Festivals & Events	€20,000
Village Enhancement Works – North Drom	€25,000
Village Enhancement Works – South Gortnahoe	€25,000
Contribution to Back Lanes	€40,000
Smart Bins	€10,000
Seed Fund Project Pipeline – North	€3,922
Seed Fund Project Pipeline – South	€3,923
Local Property Tax	€144,000
	€302,345

Town & Village Enhancement Scheme 2025

In 2025, the Elected Members agreed to allocate €98,000 to a Town & Village Enhancement Scheme. This funding was divided between two Local Electoral Areas: Thurles and Templemore–Roscrea.

Eligible groups under the scheme included:

- Recreational and sporting clubs (Thurles Only)
- Community centres
- Church premises and burial grounds
- Business premises

Funded works under the scheme included:

- Improvements to public-facing building façades
- Painting and repair works to enhance the visual appearance of premises
- Minor upgrading of community and recreational facilities
- Landscaping, planting, and environmental enhancement projects
- Provision or refurbishment of outdoor amenities and seating areas
- Minor works contributing to improved accessibility and community use

New Mural in Roscrea in conjunction with Roscrea Tidy Towns.



New Mural Roscrea - Before and After

Biodiversity Signage River Walk Thurles



100 Million Trees Project

Thurles Municipal District involvement in the 100 million trees project in Thurles Town. Over 5,000 trees were planted on a publicly owned site on the Mill Road, Thurles. Thanks to the local schools, residents, volunteers, tidy towns and businesses who took part in the planting.



100 Million Trees Project

4. Working with the Community

a) Tidy Towns Grants

Thurles Municipal District awarded grants to 24 Tidy Towns committees in 2025. All Tidy Towns Committees in the Thurles District delivered an impressive programme of works.

Roscrea Tidy Towns Committee	€10,500.00
Refresh Thurles Tidy Towns Committee	€1,100.00
Gortagarry Development Committee	€1,100.00
Drombane Tidy Village Committee	€500.00
Toomevara Tidy Village Committee	€1,200.00
Templetuohy Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Moyne Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Gortnahoe Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Ballycahill Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Rathmoy, Borrisoleigh Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Shevry Development Association	€650.00
Holycross Tidy Village Committee	€1,300.00
Killea Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Two Mile Borris Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Knock Tidy Village Committee	€1,300.00
Loughmore Tidy Village Committee	€1,200.00
Upperchurch Development Association	€1,100.00
Inch/Bouladuff Tidy Village Committee	€2,000.00
Ballysloe Tidy Village Committee	€1,300.00
Clonmore Development Committee	€1,100.00
Templemore Tidy Towns Committee	€1,550.00
Drom Tidy Village Committee	€1,300.00
Horse & Jockey Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Littleton Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00





“RefreshThurlesTidyTowns”helditsannual“BestPresented Shop Front Competition” during the summer of 2025. The competition aimed to acknowledge and encourage businesses throughout the town who were making a positive effort to enhance the external appearance of their premises. All businesses in Thurles were automatically included.

The competition was designed to emphasise the role of businesses in presenting the town at its best. 40 hanging baskets were displayed throughout Thurles in the summer, adding significant colour and vibrancy to the town. This project was a partnership between Thurles Tidy Towns and Thurles Municipal District.

The Municipal District provided funding for any business that wished to install a hanging basket at their shop front. The only requirement was that the business agreed to keep the basket watered throughout the summer, which they committed to before taking part. There was excellent engagement from local businesses.



Hanging Baskets

b) Burial Ground Grants 2025

Thurles Municipal District awarded grants to 61 burial grounds in 2025.

Rathnaveogue Burial Ground	€700.00	Upperchurch Old Burial Ground	€700.00
Upperchurch New Burial Ground	€700.00	Durlas Eile - St Marys Thurles	€700.00
Corbally Parish C.O.I.	€700.00	Killinan Burial Ground	€700.00
St Marys Church Littleton Burial Ground	€700.00	Kyleanna Burial Ground	€700.00
Drom Old Burial Ground	€700.00	Templetuohy Burial Ground	€700.00
Cooleeney Graveyard	€700.00	Killavinogue Graveyard	€700.00
Gortagarry Church Burial Ground	€700.00	Moyaliffe Graveyard	€700.00
Moycarkey Old Burial Ground	€700.00	Moyne Old Cemetery	€700.00
Galboola Littleton Burial Ground	€700.00	Timoney Graveyard	€700.00
Templeree Graveyard	€700.00	Ballycahill Burial Ground	€700.00
Ballymoreen Burial Ground	€700.00	Moyne New Cemetery	€700.00
Loughmore Old Cemetery	€700.00	Toomevara Church of Ireland	€700.00
St Burchins Burial Ground	€700.00	Latteragh Graveyard	€700.00
Aglish Graveyard	€700.00	Boulick Burial Ground	€700.00
Killea St James Burial Ground	€700.00	Knock Graveyard	€700.00
Killea St Aodhs New Burial Ground	€700.00	St Joseph's Templemore	€700.00
Annameadle Burial Ground	€700.00	Kilfithmone Graveyard	€700.00
Fennor Burial Ground	€700.00	St Cronans Graveyard	€700.00
Rahealty Burial Ground	€700.00	Camblin Burial Ground	€700.00
Moycarkey St Peters Burial Ground 2	€700.00	Kilcooley Union of Parishes	€700.00
Moycarkey St Peters Burial Ground 1	€700.00	Shyan Burial Ground	€700.00
Littleton St Kevins Burial Ground	€700.00	St Brigids Borrisoleigh Burial Ground	€700.00
Inch Old Graveyard	€700.00	Templebeg Graveyard	€700.00
St Michaels Bouladuff Burial Ground	€700.00	Temple Seacht Sean Borrisofarnye B G	€700.00
Quaker Burial Ground	€700.00	Toome Old Abbey Graveyard	€700.00
Courageneen Old Burial Ground	€700.00	Friends of St Marys, Knocka	€700.00
Courageneen New Burial Ground	€700.00	St Michael's Holycross	€700.00
Clonakenny Cemetery	€700.00	St Josephs Church Graveyard Toomevara	€700.00
Boggaun Graveyard	€700.00	Glenkeen Burial Ground	€700.00
Two Mile Borris Graveyard	€700.00		
St Cronans C.O.I.	€700.00		



c) Amenity Grants

Thurles MD awarded grants for maintenance and improvement works in housing estates to 37 Residents Associations in 2025

Marlstone Manor Residents Association	€650.00	Orchard Court Residents Association	€300.00
Kiltillane Court Residents Association	€250.00	Ard na Croise Residents Association	1250.00
Cluain Airne Residents Association (1 - 17)	€350.00	The Willows Residents Association	€800.00
Ashgrove Residents Association	€430.00	Church View Residents Association	€200.00
Carraig Duin Residents Association	€200.00	Cluain Airne Residents Assoc (2 Cul De Sac)	€350.00
Windsor Grove Residents Association	€400.00	Elmwood Residents Association	€625.00
Oakdale Park Residents Association	€300.00	Moyne Road Residents Association	€500.00
Ardleigh Residents Association	€250.00	Ikerrin Court Residents Association	€500.00
Ard Carraig Residents Association	€400.00	Parkmore Manor Residents Association	€300.00
Loughtagalla Residents Association	€500.00	Castlepark Residents Association	€300.00
Castlecourt Residents Association	€200.00	Ma Teine Residents Association	€250.00
Willowmere Drive Residents Association	€700.00	Cluain Glas Residents Association	€800.00
Sliabh Na Mban Meadows Residents Association	€250.00	Dun Muilleann Residents Association	€250.00
Sli na Suire Residents Association	€700.00	Croke St Residents Association	€300.00
Orchard Residents Association	€200.00	Rosemount Residents Association	€800.00
Hazelwood Residents Association	€700.00	Dun Lia Residents Association	€500.00
The Haven Residents Association	€250.00	Kennedy Park Residents Association, Roscrea	€400.00
Cluain Doire Residents Association	€300.00	The Glebe	€300.00





d) Sports Grants

Thurles MD awarded grants to 62 Sports Clubs in 2025

Moycarkey Coolcree AC	€350.00	Two Mile Borris St Kevins FC	€500.00
Gortahoola Racquetball Club	€350.00	Two Mile Borris St Kevins Ladies FC	€350.00
Thurles Rugby Club	€750.00	Thurles Gaels GAA & LGFA	€600.00
Holycross Ballycahill Camogie Club	€350.00	Drom Inch Juvenile GAA	€350.00
Knock GAA	€350.00	Moyne Athletic Club	€350.00
Tipperary Knights	€350.00	Grange Badminton Club	€350.00
Tipperary Warriors Multisports Club	€350.00	Sallypark St Odhrans FC	€350.00
Thurles Sarsfields Camogie Club	€650.00	Holycross F.C.	€450.00
Drom Inch GAA Club	€350.00	Lakeside Pitch & Putt	€600.00
Holycross Ballycahill LGFA	€350.00	Thurles Crokes Athletic Club	€750.00
Borroway Rovers F.C.	€350.00	Upperchurch Drombane Community Games	€350.00
Durlas Oge Juvenile GAA	€750.00	Thurles Badminton Club	€350.00
Moyne Templetuohy Camogie Club	€350.00	Thurles Sarsfield LGFA	€350.00
Moyne Templetuohy Ladies Football Club	€350.00	Gortnahoe Glengoole Juvenile GAA	€350.00
Templemore Ladies Football Club	€450.00	Mid Tipp Hillwalkers	€350.00
Loughmore Castleiney GAA	€350.00	Kingfisher Swim Club	€350.00
Moycarkey Borris Camogie Club	€350.00	Thurles Sarsfield GAA Club	€350.00
Moycarkey Borris Ladies Football Club	€350.00	Thurles Squash Club	€400.00
Roscrea Rugby Club Girls & Ladies	€350.00	Drom and Inch Community Games	€350.00
Clonakenny GAA	€350.00	Loughmore Castleiney LGFA	€350.00
Clonakenny GAA Juvenile Club	€350.00	Lorrha/Dorrha GAA Club	€350.00
Roscrea GAA, Camogie & LGFA	€700.00	Moycarkey Borris GAA Club	€350.00
Toomevara GAA, Hurling & Camogie Club	€500.00	Thurles Mens Shed	€350.00
Templemore Athletic Club	€750.00	Moycarkey Borris Littleton Mens Shed	€350.00
Killavilla United AFC	€350.00	Two Mile Borris St Kevins Juvenile Club	€350.00
Roscrea Rugby Club	€350.00	Knock Community Advancement CLG	€350.00
Upperchurch Drombane Juvenile GAA	€350.00	Blackcastle Archers	€350.00
Thurles Special Olympics Club	€350.00	Gortnahoe Glengoole LGFA	€350.00
Templemore Active Retirement	€350.00		
Slieve Felim Raparees Ladies Gaelic Football & Camogie Club	€350.00		
Moycarkey Borris Gaelic for Mother & Others	€350.00		
Templemore Golf Club	€350.00		
Borrisoleigh Camogie Club	€350.00		
Tipp Talons Basketball Club	€350.00		
Templemore Badminton Club	€350.00		



New mural in Thurles Town Park. The mural quotes the work of Thurles poet Denis O'Driscoll.

e) Painting and Enhancement Schemes 2025

The Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme. This scheme provided grant aid to properties in the main retail areas of Thurles, Templemore & Roscrea to improve the streetscape.

34 applications were approved under this scheme in 2025

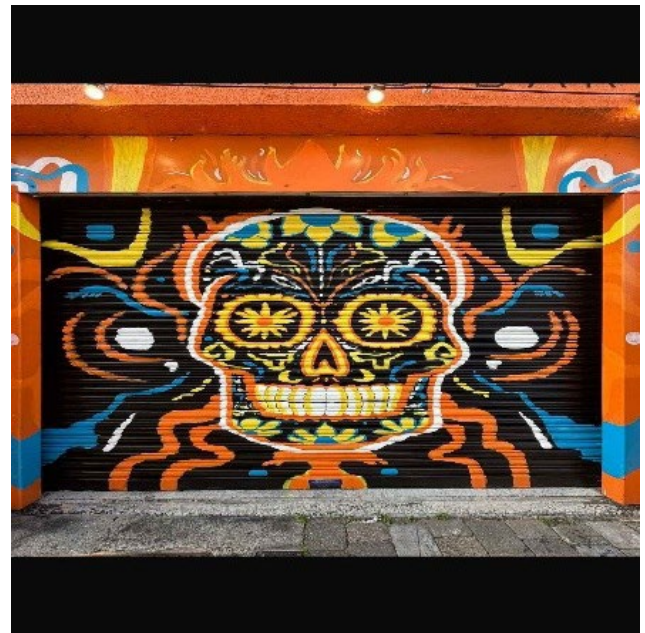
Kaye Walsh, Main St Templemore	€500.00
Templemore Medical Centre	€500.00
Eddie Joe's Derelict Public House	€500.00
Eamon O' Dea, Main St Templemore	€500.00
Conor Cadell, Richmond, Templemore	€500.00
Centra Templemore, (Fergal Dunne)	€500.00
She Boutique, Friar St, Thurles	€500.00
Studio 1, Hair & Beauty, Parnell St	€500.00
Baja Burrito, Thurles	€500.00
Murphy's Pharmacy, Main St, Templemore	€500.00
Michael Smith, Rosemary Sq, Roscrea	€325.00



Baja Burrito Before



Centra Templemore



Baja Burrito After



Eddie Joes Templemore (Before)



Eddie Joes Templemore (After)



She Boutique Thurles (Before)



She Boutique (After)

f) Upgrades to our Road Infrastructure in our Community



New carpark extension at Slievenamon Road carpark, which now allows access to Emmet Street.



Improvement works at Corville Road, Roscrea, which includes installation of pedestrian crossings, associated ramps, landscaping and new footpaths.



Pedestrian Safety Works at Borrisoleigh Primary Schools. Installation of 2-speed ramps, along with a Zebra pedestrian crossing, joining the two schools. The works also include pencil bollards, designated disabled parking bays and bus bays, and the refreshing of line markings surrounding the school.



Improvement works at Templetoohy Village, to include 3 raised pedestrian crossings with associated signage and line marking, widened footpath, new bollards, new barriers & signs.



Speed ramps and pedestrian crossing installed at Drom, N.S.



Refurbishment Works on Farney Bridge, Holycross.

5. Playgrounds & Amenities

The following playgrounds and outdoor exercise facilities fall under the remit of Thurles Municipal District:

	Playground	Gym	MUGA	Skatepark
Roscrea Area	Gleann Glas			
	The Glebe			
	Clonakenny			
Templemore Area	Templemore Town Park			
	Templetuohy			
	Borrisoleigh			
Thurles Area	Thurles Town Park			
	Monakeeba			
	Loughtagalla			
	Cabra Court			

These recreational facilities are inspected weekly by Thurles Municipal District staff, as well as annually by an independent specialist, to ensure the longterm safety of the site, equipment, and all ancillary items.

The maintenance budget allocated for these recreational facilities in 2025 amounted to €30,935.



Playgrounds not only encourage free play, spark imagination, and keep children active for longer periods, but they also provide parents and caregivers with a valuable opportunity to relax and enjoy quality time with their children.

The outdoor exercise equipment and playgrounds are well-used facilities within the community, contributing positively to physical activity, social interaction, and overall community wellbeing.

Christmas Events & Initiatives

Christmas Lights Grant

Thurles Municipal District awarded funding to 10 towns and villages toward the funding of Christmas Lights.



Roscrea	€9,000
Borrisoleigh	€1,000
Clonmore	€700
Moyne	€700
Holycross	€500
Gortnahoe	€500
Two Mile Borris	€500
Horse & Jockey	€300
Ballysloe	€300



Christmas Window Display Grant

Christmas in Thurles MD, supported Thurles Chamber to turn on the Christmas lights in Thurles town.

Santa's grotto was open every Saturday from 6th December, 2025 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Tourist Office, Slievenamon Rd, Thurles.

7. Economic Development/Capital Projects

Project Ireland 2040: Regeneration and Development Funds

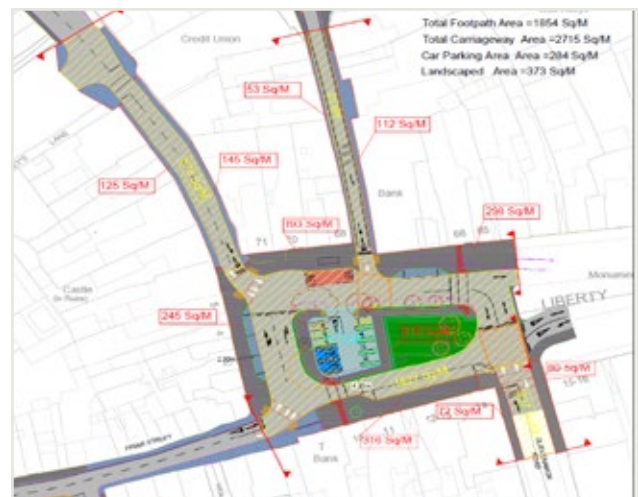
Project Ireland 2040 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework). These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) administered by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The Planning Department leads the preparation and development of the strategic projects for consideration by the Government Departments while the Municipal Districts with the assistance of the Planning Department coordinate their delivery.

The following projects have been successful in being awarded funding and are currently being delivered or have recently been delivered under these Schemes.

Phase 2 Liberty Square, Thurles :

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment/employment. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund to undertake works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square and to develop a new car park off Liberty Square. Additional funding was secured in March, 2021 to undertake enhancement works to the Western end of Liberty Square and the junctions of the approach roads. Overall project costs approved amount to €11,211,479. Total funding secured through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund amounts to €5,773,682. This project has been divided into two sub elements by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. Phase 1 works are completed on the new car park and the Eastern end of Liberty Square. Phase 2 works comprises of the Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach roads converging on the Square. Preliminary design and Part 8 is completed. Integrated design team appointed in December, 2025 to carry out detailed design. Consultations with statutory bodies and detailed design are ongoing.



Liberty Square Phase 2



Liberty Square Phase 2

Templemore Town Hall:



Templemore Library & Enterprise Centre

Enterprise and Cultural Centre with associated Civic Plaza - The project is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with the Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and Tipperary Energy Agency. Total approved project costs amounted to €4,014,746 and funding of €3,011,060 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Additional works which were approved by the Department were completed during the year.

Thurles Market Quarter:

Regeneration and support for Local Producers and event goers with a new external covered space.

The project will provide a designated multi-functional space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers and will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. The building will be utilised as a café. Total approved project costs amount to €3,825,700 and funding of €3,443,130 has been secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Works are near completion with estimated completion in Q1 2026.



Thurles Market Quarter

Gantly Street, Roscrea :



Gantly Street (Photomontage)

Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea-

This project will deliver a transformational change to the public space around Gantly Road and promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The project will be the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area.

The works will involve

- i. the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles;
- ii. the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths;
- iii. extensive bio-retention rain gardens and
- iv. the provision of water service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Street Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imaging of Gantly Road is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood Masterplan area into the future which will transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town. Total project costs amount to €6,174,648 and funding of €4,939,719 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Tender process for the engagement of an integrated design team completed and design team appointed in May, 2025. Survey's completed, Archaeologist and ground Investigations specialist appointed in December 2025 and detailed design is estimated to be completed in Q2 2026 and construction to commence in Q3 2026.

Roscrea Transformational Regeneration Town Centre First:

This proposal involves the preparation of Part 8 Planning and detailed design for the development of a proposed community centre and community creche close to the town centre, public realm enhancements on Main Street and reactivation of three pedestrian laneways off Main Street. The proposal seeks to deliver a key project contained in the Roscrea Town Centre First Plan. The three pillars represent a comprehensive approach to the physical and economic regeneration of Roscrea town centre in a way that is both respectful of the historic character of the town and ambitious in its future growth and economic development. The project will drive greater economic activity and footfall, create employment opportunities and address vacancy and dereliction. Total project costs amount to €1,214,005. RRDF grant approved is €971,200. Approval in Principle issued by the Department on 24th November, 2025. Verification documentation completed and returned to the Department on 17th. December, 2025.



8 Tourism & Recreation



Littleton Labyrinth:

The Littleton Labyrinth walkway and cycleway, runs through Littleton Bog. It is a 3m wide trail and 7.2Km long.

The trail was constructed on the old peat rail line, linking Lough Dhoire Bhile and Derrynaflan, with a new car park located beside the former Bord na Mona Factory.

The project was funded by the EU Just Transition Fund and Tipperary County Council

The trail provides a safe place for people to enjoy recreational activities while connecting with nature and heritage. The Project commenced in November 2023 where Bord na Mona carried out the construction works and was officially opened in June 2025.



Key features along the trail include :

- **Lough Dhoire Bhile:** An idyllic lake with picnic benches and a parking area. It's ideal for a gentle stroll, or to just sit back, relax and take in the wonderful natural surroundings.
- **Derrynaflan Monastic Site:** A short detour leads to this historic early Christian site, where the famous Derrynaflan Hoard was discovered in 1980.
- **Interpretative Signage:** Information panels along the route highlight the area's natural ecology, industrial history, and cultural significance.
- **Wildlife and habitats:** The trail passes through raised bog, woodland, and wetland areas that support diverse flora and fauna.

The route is part of a broader eco-tourism and community regeneration project, with plans for future development.



Official opening of Littleton Labyrinth in June 2025

Roscrea Capital Investment Works



Artists impression of Gantly Road Housing Development

Roscrea is undergoing a significant capital investment programme to revitalise the town centre and enhance its key assets. Central to this effort is the regeneration of Gantly Road, supported by the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. This project aims to transform the area into an urban street and establish an Age Friendly Neighbourhood, with improvements to public infrastructure, civic spaces, and connectivity to the town centre. A design team is currently progressing with detailed plans, and construction is expected to begin in early 2026, lasting approximately 12 months.

Alongside this, planning permission for a housing development on Gantly Road was granted in June 2025, with JFOC Architects preparing detailed drawings to facilitate contractor procurement, also targeting a 2026 start. Both design teams are working closely to ensure integration between the public realm and housing projects.



Illustration of Castle Street

Separately, Castle Street is set for redevelopment under the EU Just Transition Fund Regenerative Tourism and Place-making Scheme (2023-2026) administered by Failte Ireland, with LUC appointed as the architect-led design team. This project will enhance the visual approach to Roscrea Castle by decluttering the street and improving its presentation. Stakeholder and public consultations will be held in the coming months to guide the future development of Castle Street, with Thurles Municipal District committed to working collaboratively with local residents and businesses.



Impression of transformed Castle Street

Transformational Regeneration of Roscrea:

Thurles Municipal District is delighted to announce that the application for The Transformational Regeneration of Roscrea: A Town Centre First Approach has been awarded funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund by the Department of Rural & Community Development.

This exciting project is one of 30 landmark regeneration initiatives selected nationwide, with a total of €820 million in funding announced by Minister Dara Calleary TD on Friday, 10th October 2025.

Developed by Tipperary County Council in collaboration with North Tipperary Development Company (NTDC), Age Friendly Roscrea, and the Roscrea Town Team, the project was submitted and successful for funding under Category 2 (Design Projects) of the Fund.

Project Highlights:

- Upgraded Main Street with improved laneway linkages
- Redevelopment of a derelict building
- Key actions identified in the Roscrea Town Centre First Masterplan

Extensive public consultation with strong community, business, and elected member engagement.

Funding Breakdown:

- RRDF Grant: €971,204
- Tipperary County Council Match Funding: €242,801
- Total Project Funding: €1,214,005

This funding recognises the ongoing commitment to rejuvenating Roscrea as a vibrant, attractive town for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

CLÁR FUNDING 2024

(Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities and Amenities) - Enhancement works at Castleiney Village Car Park

Tipperary County Council successfully secured grant funding under Measure 1 of the CLÁR 2024 Scheme which is provided by The Department of Rural and Community Development.

Project details are as follows and were delivered in 2025:

1.	Toomevara Lay-By Renovation Works	€30,000	Development works at Toomevara lay-by have ensured that this rural village has, on its outskirts, a safe, beautiful, tranquil location for drivers and passers-by to pull in and enjoy a picnic or a well-deserved break.
2.	Upperchurch Village Car Park	€40,000	The upgrade works, and development of Upperchurch Village Car Park now ensures the safety of visitors accessing the local facilities/ services within the village, keeping the village alive and active.



Bug Motels -Toomevara Project



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2024/2025

Measure 1 - Littleton Labyrinth Car Park Development

Grant funding was secured under Measure 1 – Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2024/2025 from the Department of Rural & Community Development under Measure 1. This project involved developing the carpark at The Littleton Labyrinth. Upgrading the car park at this recreational facility has significantly enhanced the visitor experience while improving the safety and accessibility for everyone. Along with that, works have allowed for increased capacity and better traffic flow at the site ensuring streamline traffic patterns. Grant funding in the sum of €30,825 was secured and match funding was provided also by Tipperary County Council.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2024/2025

Measure 3 - Thurles River Suir Walkway (Phase 2)



Thurles MD applied for funding for Thurles River Suir Walkway (Phase 2) under Measure 3 of ORIS 2024/2025. The Minister announced the award of grant funding in the sum of €447,300 for this project on 03rd November 2025. This proposed project will extend the existing walking trail from Lady's Well back into Thurles Town Park via the Mill Road establishing a looped walk of 5km. This will be a wonderful inclusive amenity linking Thurles Town into the countryside allowing the local community and visitors alike to safely enjoy the great outdoors whilst meandering alongside the beautiful Suir and Drish Rivers. Thurles MD expects to deliver this project in 2026.

Town & Village Renewal – 2025 Main Scheme

Minister Calleary announced funding for over 100 projects nationwide under Town & Village Renewal 2025 Main Scheme on 22nd December 2025. Development works at Templemore Town Park was included in the list of successful projects.

This funding application for Templemore Town Park aims to enhance local biodiversity and improve the overall visitor experience while also contributing to the revitalisation of Templemore Town. The proposed project includes the development of the car park, resurfacing of pathways, planting of native hedgerows, and the introduction of a tranquil picnic area. These improvements will make the park more accessible and inviting, encouraging greater community use and supporting local economic and social renewal.

Grant funding in the sum of **€112,950** has been granted with match funding from Tipperary County Council also being committed to the project.

Project works expected to commence in the second quarter of 2026.

Community Recognition Fund 2024 (Window 3) – Thurles Town Skatepark

Unfortunately, in September 2023 it was noted that the fiberglass surfacing on the skatepark ramps had reached its end of life and it was necessary to close the skatepark due to health and safety concerns. The closure has been hugely disappointing for all and the loss of this amenity cannot be understated. Following extensive enquires and research we concede that the most economical long-term solution is to replace the existing fiberglass ramps with concrete ramps.

Part funding in the sum of €50,000 has been secured under Community Recognition Fund 2024 (Window 3), along with match funding from Tipperary County Council has been put in place, for the installation of these new ramps at the skatepark so it can be re-opened and again be a recreational outlet serving all the community.

The project is currently gone to tender and it is expected that a contractor will be appointed in the first quarter of 2026.

Civic Receptions:



The Cathaoirleach and members of Thurles Municipal District awarded a Civic Reception on Friday, 24th April, 2025 to the following recipients in recognition of their outstanding achievements in their various categories :

- **C.B.S. Harty Cup Team, Thurles** – Recognised for their outstanding achievement in winning the Croke Cup Final.
- **Pheasant Island Committee, Thurles** – Honoured for their dedicated service and ongoing contribution to the local community.
- **Joe Bourke, The Abbey, Templemore** – Acknowledged for his exceptional athletic achievements.
- **Siobhan Kinnane Butler & the late Niamh Kinnane, Upperchurch** – Commended for their significant involvement and commitment to community initiatives.
- **Coláiste Phobal Roscrea** – Celebrated for winning the AllIreland D Hurling Final.
- **Therese Maher, Dwan Dance Academy** – Recognised for the academy's continued success and notable achievements in dance.
- **Billy Hayes, Ballygurteen, Roscrea** – Honoured for his achievements and dedication in the sport of rugby.
- **Holycross Abbey Jubilee Committee** – Acknowledged for their work in commemorating the restoration of Holycross Abbey.
- **MoyneTempletuohy Ladies Gaelic Football Club** – Celebrated for their accomplishments and excellence in ladies Gaelic football.



CBS Harty Cup Team



Coláiste Phobal Roscrea



Holycross Abbey Jubilee Committee



Moyne Templeuohy Ladies Gaelic Football



Therese Maher Dwan Academy



On Behalf of Joe Bourke



Siobhan Kinnane Butler Upperchurch



Billy Hayes, Roscrea



Pheasant Island Committee



The Cathairleach and members of Thurles Municipal District awarded a Civic Reception on 30th October, 2025 to Fr. Tom Corbett, in recognition of his outstanding achievements.

9. Health & Safety

Thurles MD continues to uphold a high standard in occupational health and safety in line with the ISO 45001 Standard. In May 2025, the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) conducted a Surveillance Audit to evaluate the closure of findings from the previous audit, management review actions, complaint handling, organisational and management system changes, internal audits, continual improvement, legal compliance and operational control.

The assessment was carried out through a review of the Municipal District's documented systems, along with a sample of relevant records, activities and personnel.

Thurles MD was once again successful in achieving NSAI ISO:45001 accreditation.



Littleton Labyrinth

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District

CORPORATE

The Annual Meeting of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District was held on 23rd June, 2025, Councillor Roger Kennedy was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Marie Murphy was elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Election Of Cathaoirleach



From left: Cllr. Roger Kennedy & Cllr. Marie Murphy.

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Elected Members



Back Row from left; Cllr. John O Heney, Cllr. Andy Moloney, Cllr. Liam Browne, Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) & Cllr. Micheál Anglim.
Front Row from left; Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cllr. John Crosse, Cllr. Marie Murphy & Cllr. Màirín McGrath.

CATHAOIRLEACH'S AWARDS / RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Cathaoirleach's Award

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD honoured the contribution of local clubs and associations at the Cathaoirleach Awards 2025 in Cahir House Hotel on the 15th October at 6:30pm.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Roger Kennedy emphasised how these organisations transcended politics and institutions, and deliver real value to the lives of ordinary people in a very meaningful way. Tipperary County Council were proud to support the efforts of these local individuals and groups who enrich lives through their range of activities.

Paul Collins of Ballywire Media was the MC for the evening, presenting video interludes that showcased the achievements of each nominee.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Roger Kennedy and the Elected Members were delighted to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of the following groups:

- Ardmayle Heritage Society
- Ballingearry ICA
- Burncourt Community Council
- Emly Tidy Towns
- Fr. Mathew Players, New Inn
- Loughryan Engineering, Grange
- Monard Community Hall Committee
- Patsy Hennessy & Jonas Callanan, Emly
- Seamus J King, Cashel
- The 2 Johnnies, Cahir
- Tipperary Town Revitalisation Committee

Photos below of event



Ballingearry ICA, nominated by Cllr. Marie Murphy



Ardmayle Heritage Society, nominated by Cllr. Liam Browne



Burncourt Community Council, nominated by Cllr. Mairin McGrath



Emly Tidy Towns, nominated by Cllr. John O' Heney



Patsy Hennessy, Jonas Callanan & Friends, Emly, nominated by Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan.



Fr. Mathew Players, nominated by Cllr. Declan Burgess



Seamus J King, Cashel, nominated by Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Roger Kennedy.



Loughryan Engineering, Grange, nominated by Cllr. Micheál Anglim



The 2 Johnnies, Cahir, nominated by Cllr. Andy Moloney.



Monard Community Hall Committee, nominated by Cllr. Annmarie Ryan (Shiner)



Tipperary Town Revitalisation Committee, nominated by Cllr. John Crosse.



Group Photo

Cathaoirleach's Recognition Award.

On Thursday 13th November, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Roger Kennedy, was delighted to be in a position as Cathaoirleach of Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District presented a Cathaoirleach Recognition Award to Cashel Tidy Towns on receiving Gold Medal at the 2025 SuperValue Tidy Towns competition for its outstanding Tidy Towns efforts.



From Left, Michael Begley, Administrative Officer Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District, Damien Ginty, Director of Services, Cathaoirleach Roger Kennedy, Paddy Downey, Cashel Tidy Towns, Cllr. Declan Burges & Cliff Cope, Cashel Tidy Towns.

The European Charter of Rural Communities

Europe Day

An Event was held at the Plaza in Cashel on 9th May to mark Europe Day. The flag raising ceremony began at 11.00 a.m. and was hosted by Cashel Friends of Europe Association.

Cashel is Ireland's lead town in the EU Charter of Rural Communities which sees one town in each European country represent the nation. Unlike other twinning arrangements each town in the Charter of Rural Communities engages with all of the other towns. This year delegates from Cashel attended events in France, Hungary & England.

Photo Below to mark Europe Day



TWINNING

Twinned Town of Mautern, Austria

A group of 17 people from Tipperary town including Councillors Mary Hanna Hourigan and Roger Kennedy, the Cathaoirleach of Tipperary- Cahir-Cashel Municipal District and District Administrator, Anselm McGowan visited the Austrian town of Mautern on 4th September to 8th September, 2025.

The trip forms part of the ongoing twinning process between Mautern and Tipperary town. The twinning of Tipperary town and Mautern began in 2005 and there have been several visits over the years for occasions such as St Patrick's Day.

Mautern has a population of approximately 4,000 people including Clonmel man Desmond Doyle who brought a group of 35 Austrians to South Tipperary in 2023.

A delegation from Mautern including their Band intend to visit Tipperary Town in May 2027

Photos below



From Left:- Peter Holtz, Chairman of the Mautern Twinning Committee, Cathaoirleach Roger Kennedy, Anna Tuohy Halligan, Twinning Committee & The Mayor, Andreas Kuburger of Mautern.



The Elected Members of Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD proudly maintain European connectivity developed and nurtured over the years.



Group photo including members of the Town Twinning Committee, Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Cllr. Roger Kennedy & Anselm McGowan, District Administrator.

Schedule of Municipal District Works

In February 2025, the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works. This provided for a total expenditure in excess of €12 million in respect of housing maintenance; road improvements; street cleaning; maintenance of burial grounds and maintenance of amenity areas including playgrounds together with undertaking capital projects.

TIPPERARY CAHIR CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT 2025 Programme of Works



Christmas Lights

The District benefitted from Road Improvement Works of €12m

Tipperary Cahir Cashel Christmas Lights Investments €15,000



Road Works

Cahir Inch Field retained its Green Flag for 2025

Tipperary Town, Cahir Town, Cashel Town, Ardfinnan and Bansha Village Painting Enhancement Scheme



Green Flag

Tidy Towns Grants - €63,700 to 47 groups
Burial Ground Grants - €58,035 to 70 groups

Municipal Grants €42,000 to 6 groups
Community Grants €77,535 to 63 Groups



Tidy Town & Burial Grants

Work on the RRDF funded project - Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration is ongoing.

RRDF Funding Tipperary Town



Sod Turning Ceremony

The Cathaoirleach Awards were held on the 15th October and recognised 11 individuals / community groups

RRDF Funding Cahir Town

On 25th June the Cathaoirleach together with CE attended the turning of the sod for Phase One of Cashel Town Park



Cathaoirleach Awards

RRDF Funding Tipperary Town

The main projects and programmes which benefited from funding were:

- Significant road strengthening, surface dressing and drainage works across the District.
- Road safety Improvement works at Boherlahan, Clonmorewalk, R640 Cahir and Shronell National School.
- Bridge Rehabilitation works at Ballygriffin, Scartmountain, Greenfields Cappawhite, Rossadrehid, Camus, Ballycarron, Newcastle and Ardmayle.
- Climate Adaptation works at Tubrid, Gotinstown, Monabula and Kilmoyler.

Photos of works below

Road restructuring from Ardfinnan village to Ballybacon L-3505.



Before



After

Pencil bollards have been installed outside Ardfinnan National School. These bollards serve to highlight the visibility of the school environment to other road users, while also preventing vehicles from parking or driving on the footpath, ensuring that children remain safe and off the road.

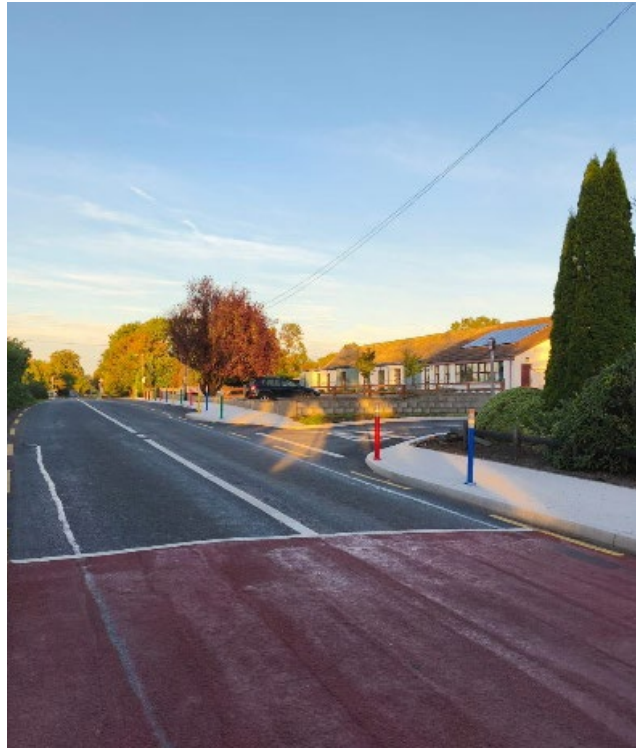


Surface dressing work was completed on the road from Ardfinnan to Goatenbridge.



Works have been successfully completed at Shronell National School. The pencil bollards are designed to enhance the visibility of the school to other road users. Additionally, they prevent vehicles from parking or driving on the footpath, ensuring that children stay safe.

Photo below of works done



Footpath improvements and works, completed with minimal disruption by the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Roads Section near Hollyford Community Hall, have made the building safer and more accessible for the community.

Photo below of work done



“
A high value is placed on our public realm enhancement of our Towns & Villages across the entire Tipperary Cahir Municipal District.
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WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO ENHANCE TOWNS & VILLAGES

Tidy Towns Grants 2025

The Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District Members awarded 47 grants as follows;

No.	Name	Allocation 2025	No.	Name	Allocation 2025
1	Aherlow Road Residents Association	€1,200	25	Golden Tidy Villages	€1,200
2	An Duiche Residents Association	€1,000	26	Grange Tidy Towns	€1,200
3	Ardfinnan Tidy Towns	€2,200	27	Highfield Residents Association, Cahir.	€800
4	Ardmayle Heritgae Group Tidy Towns	€1,200	28	Kilmananagh Residents Association, Clonoulty	€1,000
5	Ballylooby Community Council Cahir	€900	29	Kilross Tidy Towns	€1,200
6	Ballyporeen Community Council	€1,200	30	Lattin Tidy Town	€1,200
7	Bansha Tidy Towns	€1,200	31	Murgasty Residents Association	€1,000
8	Boherlahan Tidy Villages	€1,200	32	New Inn Tidy Towns	€1,200
9	Burncourt Community Council	€1,200	33	Newcastle Tidy Tows	€1,200
10	Cahir Tidy Towns	€5,000	34	Oliver Plunkett Park Residents Association	€1,000
11	Caiseal Na Ri, Cashel	€1,000	35	Rocksprings Residents Association, Kilross	€600
12	Cappawhite Tidy Towns	€1,200	36	Rockview Residents Association, Cashel	€1,000
13	Cashel Tidy Towns	€5,000	37	Rockwood Residents Association, Cashel	€1,000
14	Churchview Residents Association, Lattin	€1,000	38	Rosemount Residents Association, Cahir	€800
15	Clogheen Tidy Towns	€1,200	39	Rossmore Tidy Towns	€1,200
16	Clonoulty Tidy Towns	€1,200	40	Spafield Family Resource Centre	€1,000
17	Crescent Court Residents Association, Cappawhite	€1,200	41	Summercove Residents Association	€1,000
18	Cullen Tidy Towns	€1,000	42	The Rhododendron Walking Festival	€1,100
19	Donohill Tidy Towns	€1,200	43	The Steeples Residents Association	€1,000
20	Duhill Community Council	€1,200	44	Thomastown Tidy Towns	€1,200
21	Dun Chormaic Residents Association	€1,000	45	Tipperary Town Tidy Towns	€5,000
22	Dundrum Tidy Towns Association	€1,000	46	Woodlawn Residents Association, Cashel	€1,000
23	Emly Tidy Towns	€1,600	47	Rossadrehid Tidy Villages	€500
24	Goatenbridge Tidy Towns	€1,200		TOTAL	€63,700

Photos of Tidy Towns Works

Ardmayle Heritage Group



Before Works



After Works

Aherlow Road Residents Association



Before Photo



After Photo

Kilross Tidy Towns

Below photos of works done



Kilballyboy Looped Trails, Clogheen

On Saturday April 5th was the official launch of the Kilballyboy Looped Trails, Clogheen. This project was supported by Tipperary County Council & Coillte.

The Knockmealdowns and Vee Valley is a well-known destination with many National Waymarked Trails including Munster Way, St. Declan's Way and Tipperary Heritage Way.

The addition of these 7.9 Km and 13 km looped walks cater for walkers of different fitness levels who want to enjoy a shorter walk.



Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD has created a harvesting & filtration Rain Water Garden inspiring natural water in 2025 with the assistance of Tipperary Tidy Towns.



Before works



After Works

Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition

The national SuperValu Tidy Towns competition is an annual contest organised by the Department of Rural and Community Development and supported by other organisations including Tipperary County Council. SuperValu Tidy Towns awards ceremony held in Croke Park on Friday 24th October.

Cashel Tidy Towns received a Gold Medal, Tipperary Tidy Towns, Cahir Tidy Towns received a Bronze Medal and Emly Tidy Towns received County First & Gold Medal South East Regional Award.



Cashel Tidy Towns



Emly Tidy Towns Committee



Tipperary Tidy Towns PRO Caleb Barrett & Michael O' Halloran attending the SuperValu National Tidy Towns award ceremony.



Cahir Tidy Towns, Cllr Andy Moloney & Fiona Flynn, Cahir Tidy Towns



Special Projects 2025

Grants were allocated in the amount of €34,145.45 to the following groups.

- Grange Development Association & Tidy Towns Village developed the Ballyhickey Well/ 'Pilgrim's Rest' Project.
- Tipperary Town & Country Pétangue Club facilitated a venue for the Tipperary Town & County Pétangue Club at Canon Hayes Recreation Centre.
- Donohill Development Council enabled Donohill Community Centre fixtures.
- Tipperary Tidy Towns Special Project enhanced the town with large planters filled with pollinator friendly flowers at various locations about Tipperary Town.
- Cahir Tidy Towns Special Project continued to develop Inch Field with Enhancement Works.

Some photos below of projects.

Ballyhickey Well / 'Pilgrim's Rest' Project



Before Works

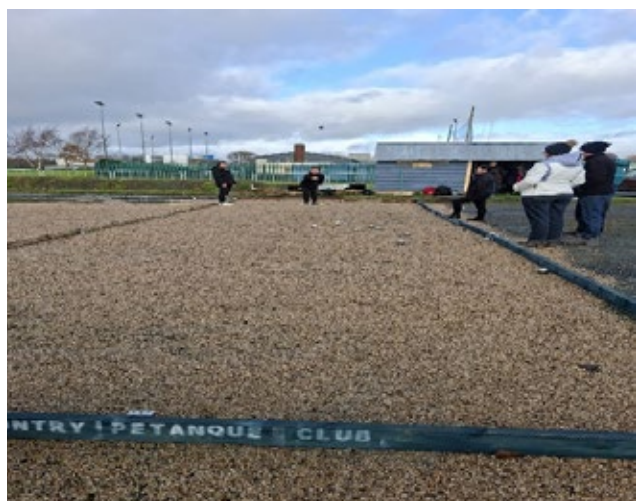


After Works

Tipperary Town & County Pétangue Club



Before Works



After Works

Burial Ground Grants 2025

Grants were allocated to 70 burial ground committees to assist with the maintenance of burial grounds in the District as follows:

Grant Recipient	Allocation 2025	Grant Recipient	Allocation 2025
1 Annacarty-Kilpatrick Burial Ground	€1,670	37 Lena Rice Graveyard Parish Committee	€200
2 Ardfinnan Burial Ground Committee	€935	38 Loughkent Burial Ground Committee	€735
3 Ardmayle Burial Ground	€935	39 Loughloher Burial Ground Mtce Committee	€735
4 Ballinacourty Burial Ground	€935	40 Monard Church of Ireland Burial Grounds	€665
5 Ballinatemple Burial Ground	€887	41 Mortlestown Burial Ground Committee	€665
6 Ballybacon Burial Ground Committee	€887	42 Mullough Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€665
7 Ballydrennan Burial Ground	€665	43 Neddans Graveyard Ardfinnan	€665
8 Ballysheehan Burial Ground	€735	44 New Inn Graveyard Parish Committee	€887
9 Bansha Old Burial Ground	€887	45 Newcastle New Burial Ground Committee	€665
10 Blessed Sacrament Golden	€735	46 Newcastle Old Burial Ground Committee	€887
11 Cahir Abbey Burial Ground	€735	47 Old Church Street Cahir	€887
12 Cahir New Burial Ground	€935	48 Old Donohill Burial Ground Committee	€735
13 Cahir Quaker Burial Ground Committee	€735	49 Outrath Burial Ground Committee	€887
14 Cappawhite Old & New Burial Ground	€1,822	50 Protestant Burial Ground, Ardfinnan	€665
15 Cashel Cathedral Burial Ground	€887	51 Rossmore Church Grounds, Rossmore	€665
16 Clonbeg Church St. Sednas Glen of Aherlow	€665	52 Shanrahan Burial Ground Maintenance	€1,552
17 Clonoulty Old & New & Clogher Burial Ground	€2,335	53 Shronnel Graveyar Committee	€665
18 Cullen Graveyard Committee	€735	54 Solohead Burial Gound Committee	€887
19 Dangan-Dargan Maintenance	€735	55 St John the Baptist Graveyard, Cashel	€665
20 Derrygrath Burial Ground Committee	€735	56 St Mark's Famine Graveyard, Cashel	€665
21 Duhill / Castlegrace Community Council, Clogheen	€665	57 St Mary's Church of Ireland Tipperary Town	€665
22 Duhill Burial Ground, Duhill, Cahir	€887	58 St Senan's Burial Ground Committee	€935
23 Emily Old/New Burial Ground Committee	€1,600	59 St. John the Baptist Graveyard, Clonoulty	€665
24 Garranlea Burial Ground Committee	€665	60 St. Johns Famile Graveyard, Tipperary	€665
25 Grange New Cemetery	€935	61 St. Mary's Church Dundrum	€665
26 Hollyford Burial Ground Committee	€935	62 St. Paul's Churchyard, Cahir	€735
27 Kiladriffe Burial Ground	€735	63 Templenoe Burial Ground Committee	€735
28 Kilcommon Cementery, Cahir	€665	64 The Reigh Famine Burial Ground	€887
29 Kilfeacle Burial Ground	€887	65 Toem Burial Ground, Cappawhite	€665
30 Kilshane Burial Ground	€735	66 Tubrid Burial Ground, Cahir	€735
31 Knockgraffon Burial Ground	€735	67 Tullaghmeelan Graveyard Committee	€735
32 Kyle Burial Ground Committee	€665	68 Tullameelan Churchyard, Newcastle	€665
33 Lady's Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€735	69 Whitechurch Ballylooby	€735
34 Lagganstown Burial Ground	€735	70 Mount Bruis Burial Ground Committee	€735
35 Lattin Cemetery Committee	€665		
36 Lattin New Burial Ground	€935	Total	€58,033

MAINTENANCE PHOTOS OF BURIAL GOUNDS

Ardfinnan, Cahir, Co. Tipperary



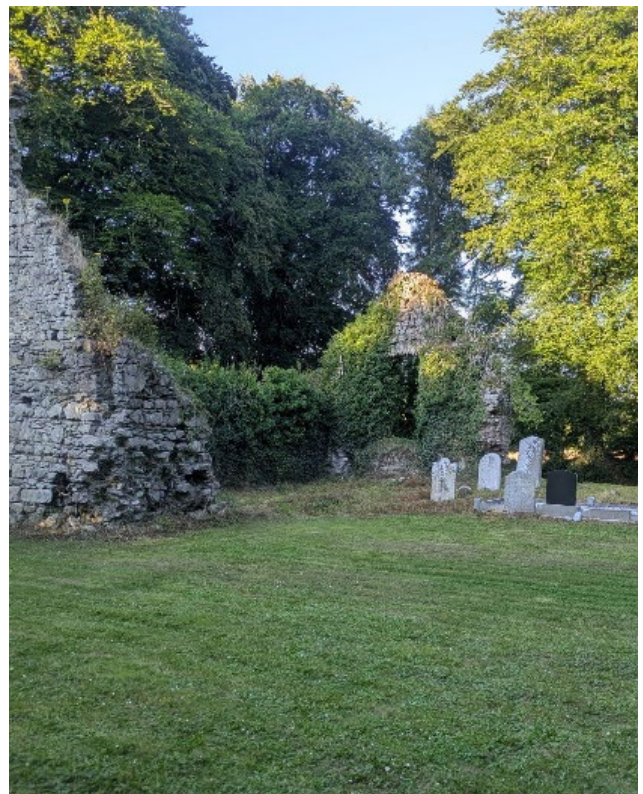
Garranlea Burial Ground, New Inn, Co. Tipperary



Clonbeg Church, St. Sednas, Glen of Aherlow, Co. Tipperary.



Outrath Burial Ground, Cahir, Co. Tipperary



Tipperary Festival & Events Grants Scheme 2025

Grants were allocated to 69 organisations and groups across the Municipal District in 2025 under the Scheme.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

No.	Festival / Event	Applicant	Proposed Grant
1	The Ramble 2025	Hillwalking Radio Club	€500
2	The Gathering 2025	Ardmayle Heritage Society	€1,000
3	St Declans Way Walking Event	Knockmealdown Active	€1,000
4	Tràthnòna Bealtaine	Annacarty/Donohill Active Retirement	€500
5	Seisiùn	Annacarty/Donohill Active Retirement	€500
6	A.D.A.R.A Christmas Party	Annacarty/Donohill Active Retirement	€500
7	Skeheenarinky Gala Day	Skeheenarinky Parents Association	€1,500
8	St Patricks Day Parade	Cahir Development Association CLG/Cahir Tidy Towns	€2,000
9	Donohill Soccer Day	Donohill & District Soccer Club	€1,000
10	International Yoga Day, Vinayaka Festival & Community Fare, Diwali Festival	Federation of Indian Communities in Ireland - Tipperary Branch	€2,000
11	Cahir Community Sunday Carnival	Cahir Development Association CLG/Cahir Tidy Towns	€1,500
12	Christmas Grotto	Cahir Development Association CLG/Cahir Tidy Towns	€1,500
13	Duhill Wellness Week	Duhill Community Council	€1,200
14	Duhill Crooners Charity Concert	Duhill Community Council	€750
15	The Glen Pattern Festival 2025	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society	€1,000
16	Cappawhite St Patricks Day Parade	Cappawhite Community Council	€1,000
17	Pilgrim Walk 2025	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society	€1,000
18	The Glen Summer Walking Festival 2025	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society	€1,000
19	Cappawhite ARA Social Evening	Cappawhite Active Retirement Association	€500
20	Cashel St Patricks Parade	Cashel St Patricks Parade Committee	€2,000
21	A Living Will	Suir Productions	€850
22	August Bank Holiday Festival	St Pauls Community Council	€1,500
23	Aherlow Kilross Community Christmas Market	Aherlow Kilross Community Council Clg	€500
24	Screamland Cashel	Le Chéile Cashel	€1,500
25	Culture at the Castle	Cahir Social and Historical Society	€1,200
26	Pumpkin Festival	Burncourt Community Council CLG	€1,500
27	Ballybacon Grange Sports4All	Ballybacon Grange Hurling & Camogie Club Sports for all	€1,000
28	Glen 5km & Healthy Family Fun Day	Aherlow Kilross Community Council Clg in conjunction with Glen of Aherlow Fáilte CLG	€1,000
29	Clonoulty Rossmore Vintage Club Annual Christmas Festival	Clonoulty Rossmore Vintage Club	€500
30	Clonoulty Rossmore Vintage Club 25th Anniversary Vintage Show	Clonoulty Rossmore Vintage Club	€1,000
31	Tipperary PPN Sustainable Food Plenary	Tipperary PPN	€500
32	Easter Treasure Trail 2025	Friends of the Playground Cahir	€1,000
33	Scare in Cahir 2025	Friends of the Playground Cahir	€1,500
34	Boherlahan Community Citizen Christmas Party	Boherlahan Community Association	€500

No.	Festival / Event	Applicant	Proposed Grant
35	Boherlahan Community Association Sports	Boherlahan Community Association	€500
36	The Gathering Tennis Tournament	Larkspur Tennis Club Cashel	€700
37	Duhill Drama Festival	Duhill Dramatic society	€850
38	New Inn Christmas Lights	New Inn Tidy Towns	€1,000
39	St Patricks Day Parade	Ballylooby Community Council	€550
40	Senior Citizens Christmas Party	Ballylooby Community Council	€500
41	Halloween Kids Party	Ballylooby Community Council	€300
42	Commemoration Event	Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee	€1,000
43	Multeen Players Drama Group	Multeen Players/Knockavilla Community Council	€850
44	Community Christmas	Knockavilla Community Council	€800
45	Rhododendron Walking Festival - Winter Solstice Walks	Rhododendron walking Festival	€800
46	Rhododendron Walking Festival - St Bridgets Bank Holiday Walk	Rhododendron Walking Festival	€800
47	New Inn Festival Spookfest /Mary Doyle Run	New Inn Festival	€1,500
48	Queen of the Suir Festival	Golden Kilfeacle Festival Committee	€1,500
49	Tipperary Festival	Tipperary Festival	€2,500
50	Triple CCC - Cahir, Craic & Ceol	Rockwell Orchestra	€1,200
51	Festival of Music & Dancehall Entertainment	Tipperary Excel Heritage Co. LTD	€2,500
52	St Patricks Day Parade	Tipperary St Patricks Day Committee	€2,000
53	Third Tipperary Old IRA Commemoration Committee Historical Presentation	Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee	€1,500
54	Canon Hayes Summer Open Day	Munintir na Tire	€2,000
55	Halloween Event	Tipperary Town Marketing Group / Business Alliance	€1,000
56	Easter Event	Tipperary Town Marketing Group / Business Alliance	€1,000
57	Christmas Market	Tipperary Town Marketing Group / Business Alliance	€2,500
58	Cahir Wellness	Cahir Wellness Network & the Heat Retreat	€500
59	Cahir Tradfest	Cahir Comhaltas Michael & Mary Harty	€2,000
60	Araglen Carnival	Liss, Araglen, Kilworth Co Cork	€1,500
61	Lagganstown Commemoration	Golden, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	€535
62	Cashel King Cormacs	Homecoming	€400
63	All Ireland Bunting	Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Towns & villages	€8,750
Total			€77,535

MUNICIPAL GRANTS

No.	Festival / Event	Applicant	Proposed Grant
1	Cashel Arts Festival	Cashel Arts Festival	€15,000
2	Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival	Ballyporeen Community Council CLG	€5,500
3	Queen of the Castle Festival	Queen of the Castle Festival	€7,000
4	Boherlahan-Bianconi 150 Summer School	Boherlahan Community Association - Friends of Bianconi	€3,000
5	Rhododendron Walking Festival	Rhododendron Walking Festival	€3,500
6	Tipperary Town Samhain Fest	Tipperary Town Fireworks Display	€8,000
Total			€42,000
Overall Total			€119,535

The Ramble 2025 – Hillwalking Radio Club

The 2025 Ramble organised by the Hillwalking Radio Club took place on Saturday 6th September, featuring two walks; a two-hour moderate walk to Darby's Bed and an easy pace walk along the new Jim Fahy Loop around Moore Abbey.

Photos of Participants at the Walk.



St. Patrick's Day – Tipperary Town.

The St Patrick's Day celebrations in Tipperary Town was very successful. The theme of this year's parade was "Bee the Change" and it was run in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Day Committee and the Tidy Towns group with assistance from the Tipperary Town Revitalisation group. The exciting event saw a large turnout, featuring an impressive line-up of talented musicians and imaginative floats. Dee Morrissey served as the MC, with Megan Heffernan taking on the role of Grand Marshall.

Photo below of event



Cathaoirleach of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD, Cllr John Crosse and District Administrator, Anselm McGowan.



Catherine Heffernan and Fabu-D

St. Patrick's Day- Cahir Town

The St Patrick's Day parade in Cahir celebrated the theme of 'Heritage, Culture and Diversity' and was a resounding success. Crowds lined the streets impressed by the vibrant colour and creativity of the floats as well as the participation of the various clubs, community groups and individuals. Cahir Comhaltas entertained crowds at the Tourist Office Plaza after the event.



The Tipperary "Elephant in the Room" was at the Cahir St. Patrick's Day parade. This initiative by Brent Pope promotes increased awareness and understanding of mental health.

St. Patrick's Day – Cashel Town

The St. Patrick's Day theme in Cashel was "Renewal and Revival" and was held on Sunday 16th of March. The town was vibrant with festivities featuring dancers, local musicians, clubs, organisations and clubs creating an entertaining day for all attending. Cashel native Cathal Minogue served as the MC, alongside Tom Wood, who was recently awarded Cashel Person of the Year, and served as Grand Marshall. Cashel Tidy Towns were invited as special guests to this year's parade.



The Clonbeg Pattern & Walking Festival

The Clonbeg Pattern & Walking Festival took place from July 18th to 19th in the tranquil setting of the Glen of Aherlow. On Sunday there was a blessing at St. Sedna's Well, which was followed by an exhibition and slideshow of past patterns and the magnificent floral displays. The focus this year was the celebration of the Holy Wells in the area and there were various walks over the weekend as part of a Summer Walking Festival which included the "Three Wells Tour".



The Gathering Tennis Tournament – Larkspur Tennis Club Cashel

The 11th Larkspur Park Gathering Tennis Tournament was held between the 28th & 30th of August 2025. It attracted over 210 entrants representing more than 12 clubs from across Tipperary and surrounding counties. They welcomed over 500 spectators over the course of the weekend's festivities.



From Left:- Mark Talbot & Sharon O'Brien Kilfeacle Tennis Club, Siobhan Murphy Chairperson Larkspur Tennis Club, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Laura Ryan and Barry Hickey Hillview Tennis Club.

Clonoulty Rossmore Vintage Club – Annual Christmas Festival

Clonoulty Rossmore Vintage Club held its annual Christmas Festival in Clonoulty village on Saturday 13th December. The festival had several elements which combined to make it a very successful family orientated community event.

Christmas Market – Over 30 local crafters, artists, food producers and traders attended our Christmas market. This was held in a marquee beside Simons Bar in Clonoulty village. The market was well attended with stall holders reporting good trade.

Truck and Tractor Christmas Light Run – Approximately 50 trucks and 75 tractors took part in a Christmas Light Run. The trucks took a route through local villages through Cashel and back to Clonoulty. The tractors took a shorter route around local villages.

Live Crib – A live crib formed the centrepiece of the festival. Volunteers recreated the nativity scene complete with live animals.

Santa's Grotto – Local children visited Santa in his grotto located in the Clonoulty Rossmore Clubhouse.



Tipperary All Ireland Final Bunting

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District supplied bunting to the community groups in the towns and villages of the District.

Photos of bunting around Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District & Best Dressed Window Display.



The best dressed window in Cahir Town was the Tipperary Ladies Football Charity Shop.



Patty's Flower Shop, Davis Street won the Best Tipperary window display in Tipperary Town.



Walsh Butchers in Cashel also won first prize for the best dressed window.

Cashel Arts Festival

The Cashel Arts Festival 2025 was a vibrant celebration of the town's artistic heritage, which took place from September 11th to 14th. The festival featured a diverse array of events, including music, dance, theatre, film, and family-friendly activities, all set against the backdrop of the historic Rock of Cashel.

- **Special Guest:** Comedian Tom O'Mahony was a special guest at the festival's opening ceremony.
- **Events:** The festival included a range of ticketed and free events, such as garden tours, music, film, comedy, panel discussions, lectures, outdoor parades, fire spectacles, street entertainment, circus performers, band recitals, and choral performances.
- **Venue:** Events took place in various venues around Cashel, including Bru Boru, Halla na Féile, St John the Baptist Church, The Chapter House, The Plaza, O'Brien's Lodge, St Dominic's Priory, Hoare Abbey, Cashel Day Care Centre, Cashel Library, and Oliver Plunkett Park.
- **Festival Bunting:** The festival bunting, created by local school children, decorated the Plaza and contribute to the festive atmosphere.

Photos of Street Spectacular by LUXE



Street Entertainment



Festive Bunting

Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival – Ballyporeen Community Council

The Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival was a vibrant event that brought together a diverse range of music artists to the village. The festival featured a mix of local and national acts, with a focus on outdoor performances in the sensory garden of the village. It was a great opportunity for attendees to enjoy live music and support local initiatives.

Photos below of event below at the newly renovated old schoolhouse



Boherlahan-Bianconi 150 Summer School – Boherlahan Community Association – Friends of Bianconi

On 19th to the 21st of September Boherlahan held its inaugural Bianconi Festival to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the death of the father of public transport in Ireland Charles Bianconi. Through a mixture of lectures, drama and pageantry the Bianconi 150 Summer School Festival was a wonderful event. Boherlahan Community were honoured to be joined by the Italian Ambassador His. Excellency Nicola Faganella who unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Photos below at the unveiling of a plaque, commemorating Charles Bianconi, King of the Irish Roads at the Bianconi 150 Festival in Boherlahan September 2025



From Left:- Deputy Seamus Healy T.D. , Mrs. Franziska Faganella, Cllr Pat English, H.E. Mr. Nicola Faganella Italian Ambassador to Ireland, Fr. Michael Mullaney P.P. Boherlahan, Mr. Liam O'Duibhir Chairman Friends of Bianconi, Hon Consul Dr Caponi, Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cllr Declan Burgess and Deputy Mattie Mc Grath TD.

Queen of the Castle Festival – Rathkeevin Macra Queen of the Castle.

The Queen of the Castle Festival took place in Cahir, Co. Tipperary, from Friday 1st to Monday the 4th of August 2025. This was the second year of the festival, building on the success of the inaugural 2024 festival, which was established as a celebration of Rathkeevin Macra's 65th Anniversary.

This year saw twenty-one queens take part in the festival who represented some of the thirty-one macra regions around Ireland, and also two international queens representing Canada and New Zealand.



Tipperary Town Samhain Fest

Tipperary town held a hugely successful Halloween event on 31st October that included a community event at the Abbey Street Car Park and a fireworks display over the Abbey School GAA Field that was viewed by spectators from the River Ara Walk. The event was organised by a broad working group including the Tipperary Town Business Alliance, Tipperary County Council (MD, Fire, Environment & Housing), Tipperary Town Revitalisation, An Garda Síochána and other local stakeholders. Councillor Annemarie Ryan Shiner was the event controller on the evening and Councillors John Crosse and John O'Heney acted as volunteer stewards.

The crowd was estimated to be at least 2,000.



Christmas Events & Initiatives

Contributions of €5,000 each were provided towards the provision of Christmas Lights in Tipperary, Cahir & Cashel towns. Also, a contribution of €2,500 each were provided to Cahir & Cashel Town towards Town Voucher Schemes.

Photos of the Towns at Christmas



In co-operation with Cashel Chamber of Commerce, Cahir Development Association & Tipperary Town Festival, Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District provided a package of measures to promote the Towns in the lead up to Christmas with the following supports;

- A marketing campaign to promote shopping local through radio, social media & print media.
- A Town Voucher Scheme which involved the Council co-funding vouchers to be given to customers as prizes in the lead up to Christmas as part of the marketing campaign.
- Tipperary Town - Free parking in all Public Car Parks from 10.00 a.m. for the month of December. 1 hour free parking on-street from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. in December.
- Cahir Town - Free parking in all Public Car Parks each Saturday in December. Free parking was available from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
- Cashel Town - Free parking in all Public Car Parks each Saturday in December. Free parking was available from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Economic Development

Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme 2025

The Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme provided grant aid to assist owners or occupiers of properties situated in the primary retail areas of Tipperary, Cahir, Cashel towns to improve the streetscapes through:

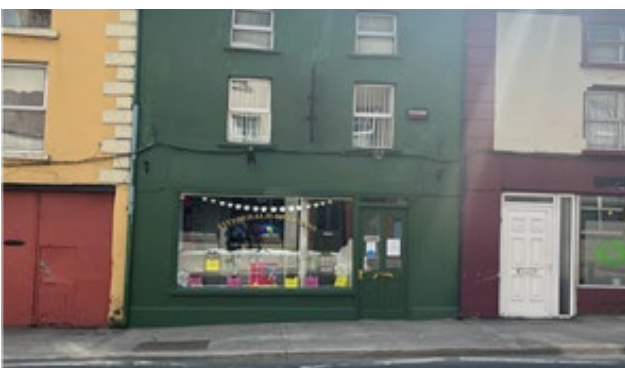
- Removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and replacement with shop fascia signage, with an emphasis on hand painted signage;
- Painting and general improvements to existing shop fronts;
- Erection of planters, floral hanging baskets and other environmental improvements.

A total of 33 properties were approved under the scheme during 2025. The grant approved was up to a maximum €500 or 50% of the approved cost of the works. A total of €15,733 was paid by the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District towards this scheme.

4 Church Street, Tipperary Town



Before



After

2 Bridge Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary



William Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary



Villages Enhancement & Painting Grant Scheme 2025

The Ardfinnan & Bansha Enhancement & Painting Grant Scheme improved the streetscape & public realm of the village. A total of 7 properties were approved under the Scheme during 2025. The grant approved was up to a maximum €500 or 50% of the approved cost of the works. A total of €2,328 was paid by the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District towards this scheme.

Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary



Before



After

Bansha, Co. Tipperary



Before



After

Playground & Amenities

Playgrounds

The following playgrounds and outdoor exercise facilities fall under the remit of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District.

- Tipperary 3 Drives, Tipperary Town
- River Ara Walkway, Tipperary Town
- Canon Hayes, Tipperary Town
- Cappawhite, Cappawhite Outdoor Gym
- Glenview, Tipperary Town
- Cashel Town, Cashel
- Cashel MUGA, Cashel
- Clonoulty, Cashel
- Donohill
- Ardfinnan, Cahir
- Ballyporeen, Cahir
- Clogheen, Cahir
- Newcastle, Cahir
- Cahir Duneske, Cahir

Cahir Swiss Walk Outdoor Gym, Cahir

These recreational facilities are inspected weekly by Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District staff along with annually by an expert independent specialist to ensure the long-term safety of the site equipment and ancillary items. The maintenance budget for 2025 for these recreational facilities amounted to €50,000.

Canon Hayes Playground, Tipperary Town



Ardfinnan Playground, Cahir, Co. Tipperary



Photo below of new swings installed in Clonoulty Playground, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

Green Flag Awarded to Cahir Inch Field

The Inch field in Cahir County Tipperary secured a Green Flag for Parks in 2022/2023/2024/2025 – 101 such awards were made in Ireland by An Taisce who administer the Green Flag Award for Parks. The Green Flag Award Scheme aims to encourage the provision of good quality public parks and green spaces that are managed in environmentally sustainable ways.

Cahir Inch Field was successful in its application to renew the Green Flag Award for 2024-2025. Cahir Inch Field proudly received its Green Flag on November 8th in the category of formal public Green Flag Park sites for the fourth year in a row. This award highlights the outstanding efforts and contributions made in Cahir, supported by the commitment of Cahir Tidy Towns volunteers, along with other local organisation and Tipperary County Council.

Seán Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool

The Seán Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool is a Council run facility in Tipperary town which adjoins the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre. The pool is open to the public from 10.00am to 8.45pm Monday to Friday and from 10.00 am to 2.30pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Service Provided

Offers

- Public Sessions
- Swimming lessons.
- School swimming classes to 23 schools within a 20 KM radius.
- Lifeguard & Swim Teacher Courses.

Facilitates a number of clubs/groups

- Tiger Sharks
- Marlin Swimming Club

Works with a number of special needs groups

- Scoil Aonghusa
- Tipperary Special Olympic Club
- Brothers of Charity
- Vision Sports Ireland
- Irish Wheelchair Association.

Photo of Pool



Scoil Aonghusa, Cashel, took part in a beginner kayaker course in the pool in December. These 3 sessions were a huge success and gave the boys and girls a great chance to try out a new sport.

Photo below



Casual Trading

The Casual Trading Byelaws in Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District were adopted in 2021. These Byelaws are for traders interested in obtaining casual trading licences to operate at designated locations throughout the District.

A total of 16 licences were issued in 2025 for the following areas

- Market Yard Canopy Area Tipperary – 3 Traders
- Market Yard Carpark Area Tipperary – 3 Traders
- Cahir Granary Carpark – 1 Trader
- Cahir Park – 4 Traders
- Castle Carpark – Farmers Market Saturday Morning
- Cashel Friar Street Car Park – 1 Trader
- Ardfinnan The Green – 1 Trader
- Carpark Overlooking The Vee – 1 Trader
- Christ The King Carpark Aherlow – 1 Trader



Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy - Signing Contracts for Phase 1b of Cahir Car park and Phase 3a for Cahir Market House Business Centre

In June 2025 Tipperary County Council was excited to announce that the contract for Phase 1b of the 'Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy', between Tipperary County Council and Rathcabin Tarmacadam.

This Phase 1b construction includes:

- A new car park and transport hub
- 86 car parking spaces
- 3 coach parking spaces
- 2 mini bus parking spaces
- Electric vehicle charging spaces
- Bicycle parking and bike lockers

On the same day, Tipperary County Council also signed a contract for Phase 3a – Market House Business Centre Enabling Works with Mulcahy Construction. This phase involves the demolition of a rear extension to 25 Old Church St, demolition of outbuildings, opening of pedestrian link to the new car park, construction of a new extension to the rear of 25 Old Church Street and all associated structural and ground works.

The Cahir Car Park contract is valued at €1,697,830.85 ex vat, while the Market House Business Centre Enabling Works Contract to €537,226.75 ex vat. Both phases are funded by the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and Tipperary County Council.

Subsequent phases of the "Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy" will be delivered on a staggered basis:

- **Phase 2:** Alteration and refurbishment of the historic Granary building, which will house the new and modern Cahir Library.
- **Phase 3b:** Upgrading and restoration the original façade of the Market House Building to create a cutting-edge Business Centre.
- **Phases 4, 5, and 6:** Enhancements to the public realm and landscaping at the Square, Castle Street, Church Street, Old Church Street, and St. Mary's Road, transforming the heart of Cahir Town.



Phase 1b Cahir Car Park Contract Signing with Rathcabin Tarmacadam



Back L to R Frank Cussen Project Manager Tipperary County Council, James Swords District Engineer Tipperary County Council, Damien Madigan, Tobin Consulting Engineers, Dave Carroll, District Director, Anselm McGowan District Administrator, Micheal Geraghty, Tobin Consulting Engineers.

Front L to R Keith Naylor, Rathcabin Tarmacadam, Cllr Declan Burgess (Tipperary-County-Council) Cathaoirleach and Sinead Carr Chief Executive Tipperary County Council

Market House Business Centre Phase 1 Contract Signing with Mulcahy Construction.



Back L to R Anselm McGowan District Administrator, James Swords District Engineer Tipperary County Council, Dave Carroll, A/District Director, Ian Nugent, Mulcahy Construction, Frank Cussen Project Manager Tipperary County Council

Front L to R Joe Mulcahy, Mulcahy Construction, David Mulcahy, Mulcahy Construction, Cllr Declan Burgess (Tipperary-County-Council) Cathaoirleach and Sinead Carr Chief Executive Tipperary County Council

Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy - Signing Contracts for Phase 2 - Cahir Library Construction Works

Tipperary County Council is excited to announce that the contract for Phase 2 of the 'Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy' was signed last Thursday, 9th October, between Tipperary County Council and Mulcahy Construction Ltd.

This Phase 2 construction will include alteration and refurbishment of the historic Granary building, which will house the new and modern Cahir Library including

- Adult Library
- Children's Library
- Exhibition Space
- Study Area
- Meeting Room
- Makers Space/Robotics/3D Printing
- Sensory Room
- Pod Casting Studio
- My Open Library Service

The Cahir Library contract is valued at €1,763,355.12 ex vat and is funded by the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and Tipperary County Council.

Subsequent phases of the "Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy" will begin on a staggered basis in the coming months, including:

- Phase 3b: Upgrading and restoration the original façade of the Market House Building to create a cutting-edge Business Centre.
- Phases 4, 5, and 6: Enhancements to the public realm and landscaping at the Square, Castle Street, Church Street, Old Church Street, and St. Mary's Road, transforming the heart of Cahir Town.



In the Photo

Back: Robin Lee, Director, Robin Lee Architecture, Anselm McGowan, District Administrator, James Swords, District Engineer, Cllr Andy Moloney, Kieran Laddan, SEE, Tipperary County Council, Frank Cussen, Project Engineer, Tipperary County Council.

Front: Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Damien Ginty, District Director, Sinead Carr, Chief Executive, Cllr Marie Murphy, Leas Chathaoirleach, Joe Mulcahy, Mulcahy Construction, David Mulcahy, Mulcahy Construction, Cllr John Crosse

Cahir Car Park Nature Based Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Tree Pit Installation

Installation of Nature Based Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems took place in the new Cahir Car Park.

The GreenBlue Urban ArborSystem is a nature-based solution designed to support sustainable urban drainage and tree planting in urban environments. This system integrates root management, structural soil cells, irrigation, aeration, percolation, and above-ground protection into a single package. This system facilitates healthy tree growth by mimicking natural soil conditions and water cycles, and also contributes to urban stormwater management by allowing water infiltration and storage within the tree pits.

This is the first of a number of new Nature Based Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems that will be installed in Cahir as part of the Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy which is funded by the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) and Tipperary County Council. Each system will reduce surface water flows directly into the River Suir, improving water quality and providing a level of flood mitigation. The tree pits and rain gardens that will be installed will provide enhanced biodiversity levels within Cahir town centre.

This system when complete, which will act as a tree pit for 4no semi mature trees and also as an infiltration tank for surface water run-off from the car park.



Cashel Town Park Phase 1 Launched

The sod turning for Cashel Town Park took place on the 25th of June 2025.

Phase 1 of this project will deliver the following elements of the Cashel Town Park: The access road to the Rock of Cashel will undergo resurfacing, featuring natural limestone paving for the existing footpaths to improve the approach to this historic site. Additionally, the street furniture will be upgraded to enhance the overall experience.

The Park and Meadow Landscape will include gravel walkways, a beautiful boardwalk, reinforced grass paths, landscaping, natural play elements, seating, signage, and appropriate fencing – all designed with care and respect for this unique landscape.

The project is being delivered through Town and Village funding of €495k by the Department supplemented with 50k match funding from Tipperary County Council. The tender process is almost complete, with the contractor to start works in September as the busy tourist season is winding down.

At the sod turning event the Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council Declan Burgess said that:

“This project is set in the green fields that connect the majestic Rock of Cashel to our vibrant town centre, incorporating the much-loved and historic Bishop’s Walk trail. This park will act as a vital bridge – both physically and symbolically – linking our heritage to the heart of our town. Cashel Town Park is a game changer for public space in our community. It will be an immersive, outdoor recreational area that offers not just a scenic experience, but a meaningful connection with nature, heritage, and community life.”

The Chief Executive of Tipperary County Council Sinead Carr echoed the comments of the Cathaoirleach and paid tribute to the significant body of work by staff members both past and current who brought us to this milestone in the overall development of the Cashel Town Park.



Left to Right: Ronan O'Brien (Bru Boru), Sergeant Carol O'Leary, Majella Brennan (OPW), Elaine Moriarty(OPW), Anselm McGowan, District Administrator, Sinead Carr, Chief Executive of Tipperary County Council, Tipperary County Council Cathaoirleach Declan Burgess, Dave Carroll, A/District Director, Jackie Meally - National President of Muintir na Tire, James Swords, District Engineer, Frank Cussen, Project Manager Tipperary County Council, John Canny, Cashel Town Foreman, Superintendent Niall O'Connell, An Garda Sióchána Brian Beck Director of Services, Tipperary County Council

Tipperary Town Market Yard Changing Places Facility & Public Toilets

Funding of €250,000 was allocated for the refurbishment and upgrading of the Public Toilets in the Market Yard in Tipperary Town under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Works commenced in October 2025.

The project involves a complete refit of the existing facility to include for new universal toilet and Changing Places Facility.

Changing Places facilities are specialised accessible toilets designed to provide adequate space and equipment for individuals with severe disabilities, ensuring comfort and dignity during personal care. The state-of-the-art changing places facility will include a room coverage ceiling hoist system, a height-adjustable adult sized changing bench, a powered height adjustable wash basin, centrally located toilet to allow for assistance or transfer on both sides and a privacy screen. The facility will be accessed with a RADAR Key Access control system.

Photo below



Retirements

- Sharon Kennedy, District Director, retired on 4th April, 2025
- James Ahearne, General Operative in Cahir North, retired 21st April 2025

Photo Below



From Left; Sharon Kennedy, District Director & Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Crosse.



From left:- James Swords, District Engineer, Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer, Cllr. John O Heney, Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cllr. Màirin McGrath, Sharon Kennedy, Director, Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Crosse, Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cllr. Liam Browne, Anselm McGowan, District Administrator, Michael Begley, Administrative Officer and Richard Power, Executive Engineer.



James Ahearne with John O' Meara (GSS), Darren Ryan (Deputy GSS), Cllr. Andy Moloney and all the staff in Cahir.

Extreme Weather Conditions & Storm Éowyn

January 1st 2025 saw extreme weather conditions with Tipperary blanketed with treacherous ice and snow, resulting in schools and some businesses closed for the whole week while many roads remained too dangerous to travel.

PHOTOS BELOW

Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and Father Matthew Street, Tipperary.



Winter Scene in Aherlow



Ger Kiely and Pat Noonan gritting the footpaths in Tipperary Town



Cahir Town



Red Warning Storm Éowyn

Storm Éowyn created havoc across Tipperary with thousands of householders and business premises losing their ESB and water services.

Photos below at N24 fallen tree removal.



Council Offices Turn Purple

To mark An Garda Síochána's domestic abuse awareness day – Go Purple Day – on Friday 30th May 2025, the civic offices of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District in Tipperary Town were lit up in support of this cause.



Financials

Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for the overall control and management of the Council's finances, both Revenue and Capital. It is responsible for the short, and long-term financing of the Council's operations.

Included among the wide range of services provided by the Finance Department are:

- Financial Control, Cash Flow and Treasury Management
- Preparation of the Draft Annual Budget
- Preparation of the Annual Financial Statement
- Collection of Commercial Rates
- Collection and management of Housing Loans
- Non-Principal Private Residence - NPPR charge (until 31st March 2025)
- Administration and maintenance of the Financial Management System – Agresso
- Administration of central gov grants (ICOB Re-Classification & Power Up) that assist businesses struggling with the increased cost of doing business
- All payments, including loan repayments and insurance premiums
- Monitoring the recoupment of government grants and subsidies
- Guidance in procurement to all sections
- Guidance in Green Public Procurement (GPP) to all sections
- Maintenance of financial records and the making of various reports and returns
- Internal Audit and checking section
- Motor Taxation

In the course of its work, the Finance Department liaises with all sections of the Local Authority.

Main Sections within Finance:

Financial and Management Accounting

Financial Accounting involves the preparation of the Annual Financial Statements (AFS), other statutory returns, reporting to external agencies and dealing with the Local Government Audit process.

Management Accounting involves the preparation of quarterly management reports to assist with budgetary control and the decision-making process within each directorate.

The Annual Budget process is managed in this section, in consultation with all the service divisions.

Treasury management, bank reconciliation, debtor management, monitoring of the Capital Account and ensuring draw down of grants are some of the other activities carried out by this section.

Income & Debt Management (Revenue Section)

In 2025, the Income & Debt Management Section (Revenue Section) mainly dealt with the collection of Commercial Rates, Housing Loans and the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge, as well as administering the Re-Classification Grant.

A total of €36,468,712 was collected in **Commercial Rates** during 2025.

The **Housing Loans** Team, based in the Revenue Section, Civic Offices Clonmel, continue to work closely with all local authority borrowers who are encouraged to engage with us at all times. In particular, where borrowers are in an arrears or in a pre-arrears situation, the team are available to discuss options to try to avoid an escalation of the problem. The team will meet with borrowers to review their financial situation in order to determine the best possible solution. All loan accounts are monitored on a monthly basis or as required. We endeavour to communicate with all borrowers in a fair and reasonable manner.

The **Non Principal Private Residence (NPPR)** charge ceased on 31/03/2025. A total of €23,920 was collected during 2025. 108 Certificates of Discharge/Exemption were issued in 2025. NPPR is now closed.

Revenue Collection

Debtor type	% Collected
Rents	95%
Housing Loans	101%
Rates*	94%

* As per Draft Annual Financial Statement (AFS), 2025 – Appendix 7, after allowing for specific doubtful arrears relating to:

- Vacancy applications pending or criteria not met, and
- Accounts in examinership / receivership / liquidation, and no communication regarding likely outcome.

Grant Payments

A total of €271,965 was paid out to 54 Customer submissions for the Reclassification Grant during 2025.

Accounts Payable

All invoices are certified for payment by the relevant sections of the Council and forwarded to the Finance Department. These include payments for goods and services provided to the Council for both revenue and capital purposes. The payments are then processed and paid by the Finance Department. Checks are carried out for Tax Clearance Certificate or Sub-Contractor's Certificates as appropriate. Withholding Tax is deducted at the prescribed rate from payments in respect of 'Professional Services' and paid over to the Revenue Commissioners.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 which came into effect on the 1st of January 1998, requiring local authorities to pay interest on payments which are not paid within the prescribed period.

Tipperary County Council has strong procedures in place to safeguard against possible invoice fraud.

Invoice Statistics

No of Invoices processed in 2025

Quarter	Quantity	Value
Quarter 1	12,298	€ 33,318,350.47
Quarter 2	11,492	€ 38,842,843.42
Quarter 3	13,496	€ 33,252,343.50
Quarter 4	14,422	€ 60,683,514.71
Totals	51,708	€ 166,097,052.10

Internal Audit

The role of internal audit is to provide independent assurance that the organisation's risk management, governance and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Internal Audit objectively examine, evaluate, and report on the adequacy of internal controls as a contribution to the proper, economic, effective and efficient use of resources.

During 2025, the Internal Audit section undertook a number of audits and the findings and recommendations from each audit were reported to management and the Audit Committee. Internal Audit continued to review the implementation of the recommendations from previous audits.



Procurement

The Procurement Section has a role in ensuring that Tipperary County Council has good purchasing practices in place. Procedures are designed to maximise value for money and to provide that all potential suppliers have a fair opportunity to tender. The general principles used in all elements of procurement are: equality of treatment, transparency, mutual recognition and proportionality. The procurement section works to provide high standards of openness, transparency and compliance with all relevant public procurement guidelines and legislation.

The Procurement section works with all sections to initiate Green Public Procurement (GPP), defined as: 'A process whereby public authorities seek to procure goods, services and works with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle when compared to goods, services and works with the same primary function that would otherwise be procured,' as required by government policy.

It is government policy that all contracts above €50,000 for Goods, Services and Works Related Services, and contracts over €200,000 for Works are formally advertised on eTenders. www.etenders.gov.ie is the key national website where potential suppliers and service providers need to be registered in order to be kept informed of upcoming tenders. There is a range of guides on the www.tipperary-coco.ie website to assist potential suppliers find where to register and maximise their opportunities to tender for public sector contracts.

Agresso Financial Management System

The Agresso Support Team maintains the Council's Financial Management System, Agresso, helping to ensure proper control over the Council's financial records (an essential feature in the Council's system of Internal Control). The Agresso system was implemented in 2001, was upgraded to Agresso Milestone 7 (MS7) in October 2022. A significant 3-year project upgrade commenced in 2025 which will see the system migrating to the Cloud.



Motor Taxation

Receipts - Civic Offices Clonmel & Nenagh	€	%
Private cars and motor cycles	3,781,863	55.63
Goods and other vehicles	2,416,632	35.55
Miscellaneous	599,168	8.82
Total Revenue 2025	6,797,663	100.00

Discs Issued - Civic Offices & Online	€	%
Number of tax discs issued by Clonmel & Nenagh Motor Tax Offices 2025	41,565	19.15
Number of tax discs issued On-Line	175,441	80.85
Total Number of Tax Discs Issued 2025	217,006	100.00

Postal Transactions	No.	%
Percentage of applications which are postal (Motor Taxation Transactions)	8,704	4.01%
Average number of postal applications and percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions) from receipt of application		
(a) on the same day	8,646	99.33%
(b) on the 2nd or 3rd day	33	0.38%
(c) on the 4th or 5th day	4	0.05%
(d) over 5 days	21	0.24%

M.1 Percentage of motor tax transactions which:	2022	2023	2024	2025
Are dealt with over the counter	14.59%	15.12%	14.9%	15.14%
Are dealt with by post	5.71%	5.04%	4.39%	4.01%
Are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online)	79.70%	79.84%	80.71%	80.85%

M.2 Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions issued) from receipt of application	2022	2023	2024	2025
(a) on the same day	11,354	10,280	9,294	8,646
(b) on the 2nd or 3rd day	88	41	47	33
(c) on the 4th or 5th day	9	9	5	4
(d) over 5 days	39	16	30	21

M.3 Public Opening Hours	2022	2023	2024	2025
Average number of opening hours per week	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00

Motor Tax On-line

Tipperary County Council is continuing its policy of promoting the online motor tax facility www.motortax.ie.

The total number of tax discs issued to the 31st December 2025 amounted to 217,006. In percentage terms, the number of discs issued online as of this date was 80.85% thereof. A percentage of 80.71% was reflected for the equivalent period in 2024.

In addition, the Council also has offices located in Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary and Thurles Municipal Districts and these outlets cater for people who do not have a Visa Debit/Visa Credit Card available to them but wish to renew their motor tax on-line. Payments are accepted in Cash or Postal/Money Order, and the on-line renewal transaction is carried out by a member of staff. A total number of 866 transactions have been carried out by the three Municipal Districts from the 1st of January to 31st December 2025, compared to 845 in 2024, 763 in 2023 and 683 in 2022.

Facilities are also available for use by members of the public wishing to tax on-line at Libraries in the County.

Main Reports Produced by Finance

The Annual Budget

The Finance Department prepares the overall Draft Revenue Budget in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Management Team.

The budget is presented to the Corporate Policy Group and to the Elected Members for adoption at the Annual Budget Meeting.

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

Each local authority is required to prepare an Annual Financial Statement (AFS) by the end of March of the following year and to publish it by the end of June.

The AFS is presented to members at a Council Meeting, and undergoes an independent audit by the Local Government Audit Service.

The AFS details the income and expenditure for the financial year for both revenue and capital. The Balance Sheet shows the assets and liabilities of the County Council at the end of the year.

Council & Management Reports

The management reports provide details of the income and expenditure for the various services provided by the Council, and is compared with the adopted Budgets for purposes of ensuring proper and ongoing budgetary control.

Management reports are provided to the Management Team on a monthly basis and to the Council on a bi-monthly basis.

Department Quarterly Reporting

All Local Authorities report financial performance on a quarterly basis to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). These reports consist of a quarterly Income and Expenditure Report, a General Government Balance (GGB) Report which essentially consists of an abbreviated Balance Sheet, a Capital Account report and a Debtors report.

In addition, various reports are produced for budget holders in Tipperary County Council relating to all aspects of the Council's activities.

Public Spending Code

All Irish public bodies are obliged to treat public funds with care, and to ensure that the best possible value-for-money is obtained whenever public money is being spent or invested. The Public Spending Code is the set of rules and procedures that apply to ensure that these standards are upheld across the Irish public service.

The Public Spending Code Quality Assurance Report for Tipperary County Council for 2024 was published, and submitted to the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) in May 2025.

Financial Statement

The **Revenue Account** (in effect our Profit & Loss account), details monies spent and received on day-to-day items such as payroll, insurance, loan repayments, the purchase of materials and the maintenance of roads, housing, landfill sites, burial grounds, and so on.

There are four principal sources of Revenue Income for local authorities:

- i. Commercial Rates;
- ii. The provision of Goods and Services, e.g. Planning Fees, Rents;
- iii. Local Property Tax and
- iv. Other Grants e.g. Road Grants.

The Council's **Capital Account**, on the other hand, relates to the Council's activities in terms of creating assets, and various Projects having a multi-year timeframe. These include the building of Council houses and road construction. When such schemes are completed, the day-to-day receipts and expenditure incurred in their maintenance is accounted for in the Revenue Account. The monies spent by Tipperary County Council on capital projects are recouped by means of State Grants. Occasionally, the Council borrows money for such projects. Housing Loan Redemptions and Planning Contributions are also credited to the Capital Account.

Draft Revenue Account 2025 (Income & Expenditure Account)

	Expenditure €	Income €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
Housing & Building	65,938,196	65,610,338	327,858
Roads Transportation & Safety	65,217,815	46,299,024	18,918,791
Water Services	12,222,492	11,992,439	230,053
Development Management	20,376,427	11,112,715	9,263,712
Environmental Services	48,783,626	29,717,020	19,066,606
Recreation & Amenity	16,222,959	3,077,041	13,145,918
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	1,243,358	460,210	783,148
Miscellaneous Services	12,716,432	21,644,394	(8,927,962)
Rates		39,331,204	(39,331,204)
Local Property Tax		29,139,885	(29,139,885)
Total Expenditure/Income	242,721,307	258,384,270	(15,662,964)
Transfers from/(to) Reserves			(15,657,075)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			5,889
General Reserve @ 1st January 2025			5,589,019
General Reserve @ 31st December 2025			5,594,908

Draft Capital Account 2025

Programme	Expenditure €	Income €
Housing & Building	47,658,153	46,239,356
Road Transportation & Safety	23,242,568	23,028,169
Water Services	5,585,452	6,204,713
Development Management	15,677,049	18,221,851
Environmental Services	1,970,370	2,868,179
Recreation & Amenity	3,190,638	3,508,921
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	447,276	459,427
Miscellaneous Services	2,496,422	9,537,904
Totals	100,267,928	110,068,520

Statement of Internal Financial Control (SIFC)

Introduction

I, Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive (CE) of Tipperary County Council am responsible for the Annual Financial Statement (AFS), prepared by the Head of Finance, in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

I certify that the financial statements of Tipperary County Council for the year ended 31 December 2025, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Minister of Housing Local Government and Heritage.

The AFS is subject to external audit, by an auditor of the Local Government Audit Service, whose purpose is to form an independent opinion of the accounts and state whether the annual financial statement presents *fairly the financial position* of the local authority and of its income and expenditure for the period in question, and whether the transactions of the audited body conform with the statutory or other authorisation under which they purport to have been carried out.

The AFS reports on the day-to-day activity of Tipperary County Council in the form of the Statement of Comprehensive Income & Expenditure, summarised by Division. The Statement of Financial Position outlines the Tipperary County Council overall financial position as of the 31st of December 2025.

The **Statement of Comprehensive Income** represents expenditure and income on the day-to-day running of Tipperary County Council.



The key sources of income for Tipperary County Council are as follows:

	Current Year 2025	Previous Year 2024
	€	€
Goods & Services	45,302,808	46,616,672
Grants & Subsidies	141,129,777	133,859,909
Rates	39,331,204	36,243,076
Local Property Tax	29,139,885	28,556,840

Both expenditure and income in 2025 have increased compared to 2024. This mainly arises due to additional activity in the Local Authority Waters Programme (approx. €7m).

	Current Year	Previous Year
	€	€
Income	258,384,270	248,126,619
Expenditure	(242,721,307)	(234,320,931)
Transfers to/from Capital	(15,657,075)	(13,801,472)
Surplus for the Year	5,889	4,216
Opening Revenue Reserve	5,589,019	5,584,803
Closing Revenue Reserve	5,594,908	5,589,019

Income for the current year exceeded expenditure and transfers to/from capital resulting in a small surplus of €5,889.

The **Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)** represents the total financial activity of the council for the year together with comparative year figures as appropriate.

The statement includes assets and liabilities as follows:

- Assets both recently constructed/purchased and historical assets
- Work in progress and preliminary schemes- mainly roads and housing
- Long Term Debtors – housing loans
- Current Assets- including Stock, Debtors, Cash at bank
- Current and long term liabilities- mortgage and non-mortgage loan borrowings
- Various Reserves/Balances

The Net Assets of Tipperary County Council at the end of 2025 total €4,097M and are as follows:

	Current Year	Previous Year
	€	€
Fixed Assets	3,985,050,285	3,957,863,345
Work in Progress	19,404,253	8,918,970
Long Term Debtors	110,649,156	102,958,903
Current Assets	121,128,960	109,822,952
Current Liabilities	(34,923,567)	(35,498,271)
Net Current Assets/ (Liabilities)	86,205,392	74,324,681
Creditors (Amounts greater than 1 year)	(104,453,646)	(96,382,817)
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	4,096,855,441	4,047,683,082

A **Statement of Funds Flow** was introduced as part of AFS 2011. While the guidance of International Accounting Standard 7 Statement of Cash Flows has been followed, the business of local authorities is substantially different to most private sector organisations and therefore some minor changes to the format have been agreed to ensure the data displayed is meaningful and useful within the local government sector.

System of Internal Financial Controls

As Chief Executive of Tipperary County Council, I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by the Council. This responsibility is exercised in the context of the resources available to Tipperary County Council. Also, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely manner. Maintaining the system of internal financial controls is a continuous process and the system and its effectiveness are kept under ongoing review.

Financial Control Environment

As Chief Executive of Tipperary County Council, I confirm that a financial control environment containing the following elements is in place:

- Financial responsibilities have been assigned at management level with corresponding accountability.
- Reporting arrangements have been established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned.
- Formal procedures have been established for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action.
- There is an Audit Committee which as part of its work programme regularly review the internal financial control system.
- Procedures for all key business processes have been documented.
- There are systems in place to safeguard the assets.

Administrative Controls and Management Reporting

As Chief Executive of Tipperary County Council, I confirm that a framework of administrative procedures and regular management reporting is in place including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability and, in particular, that:

- procedures for key business processes have been documented
- there are systems aimed at ensuring the security of the ICT systems
- there are systems in place to safeguard the assets of the local authority and
- there are appropriate capital investment control guidelines and formal project management disciplines in operation.

Procurement Compliance

Tipperary County Council ensures that there is an appropriate and ongoing focus on good practice in tendering and purchasing and that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with all relevant procurement guidelines.

Internal Audit and Audit Committee

As Chief Executive, I can confirm that Tipperary County Council has an Internal Audit function with appropriately trained personnel, which operates in accordance with a written charter. Its work is informed by analysis of the financial risks to which Tipperary County Council is exposed and its annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. I am satisfied that there are procedures in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up.

I can confirm that Tipperary County Council has an effective Audit Committee which carries out an annual effectiveness review of their activities. I can also confirm that an Audit Committee is in place in accordance with the requirements of Section 122 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The statutory functions of Audit Committees as set out in section 59 and 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 are as follows:

- to review financial and budgetary reporting practices and procedures within the local authority that has established it;
- to foster the development of best practice in the performance by the local authority of its internal audit function;
- to review any audited financial statement, auditor's report or auditor's special report in relation to the local authority and assess any actions taken within that authority by its chief executive in response to such a statement or report and to report to that authority on its findings;
- to assess and promote efficiency and value for money with respect to the local authority's performance of its functions; and
- to review systems that are operated by the local authority for the management of risks.

I recognise that the Audit Committee plays a crucial role in the governance framework of local authorities, particularly in the context of increased public sector accountability. They have an independent role in advising the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters as part of the systematic review of the control environment and governance procedures of the local authority.

I acknowledge the Audit Committee's role in the risk management process and in the continuing review of the control environment and governance procedures in Tipperary County Council.

Risk and Control Framework

Tipperary County Council has implemented a risk management system which identifies and reports key risks and the management actions being taken to address and, to the extent possible, mitigate those risks.

A Corporate Risk Register is in place which identifies the key risks and evaluates and grades them according to their significance. The register is reviewed and updated by the Management Team on a regular basis. There is also a risk register in place for each service division and these are also reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources to ensure risks are managed to an acceptable level. The risk register details the controls and actions needed to mitigate risks and responsibilities for the operation of controls are assigned to specific staff.

As Chief Executive, I confirm that key risks and related controls have been identified and processes have been put in place to monitor the operation of those key controls and report any identified deficiencies.

Sinéad Carr

Chief Executive
24th April 2026

Governance Statement

Purpose

The purpose of this governance statement is to provide relevant information on the governance structures and governance arrangements within the local authority including on council, committees, senior management and related areas. It demonstrates our commitment to effective governance, recognises key legislative and good governance requirements and affirms the Council's compliance with the Local Government Code of Governance obligations.

Good Governance

Fundamentally, good governance in the local government sector and wider public sector is about delivering priorities, achieving objectives, behaving with integrity and acting in the public interest, in ways that are consistent with legal, regulatory and government policy obligations. Governance refers to the framework of rules, relationships, systems and processes by which the local authority is directed, controlled and held to account and whereby authority within an organisation is exercised and maintained. It encompasses authority, accountability, stewardship and leadership, direction and control.

Good Governance Principles

CORE PRINCIPLE 1 -

Good governance means focusing on the purpose of the authority, on outcomes that deliver sustainable economic, community and wider societal benefits and on implementing a vision for the local authority.

CORE PRINCIPLE 2 -

Good governance means promoting and demonstrating public service values through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour.

CORE PRINCIPLE 3 -

Good governance means members and officials working together to achieve a common purpose within a framework of clearly defined functions and roles.

CORE PRINCIPLE 4 -

Good governance means developing the organisational capacity and the leadership capability and competencies of members and officials to operate effectively and fulfil the purpose of the organization.

CORE PRINCIPLE 5 -

Good governance means taking well-informed and transparent decisions and managing risks and performance.

CORE PRINCIPLE 6 -

Good governance means engaging openly and comprehensively with local people, citizens and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability.

CORE PRINCIPLE 7 -

Good governance means actively contributing to the furtherance and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by delivering on the priorities and actions within the Climate Action Plan and the provisions of the Climate Act.

Our Commitment to Good Governance

As the Cathaoirleach/Mayor and Chief Executive of the council, and on behalf of the elected members, management and staff we confirm that;

1. We have adopted the governance principles as the fundamental bedrock and philosophy on how we operate as a governing body and as an executive.
2. The Local Government Code of Governance has been adopted and the extent to which the Council is in compliance with the Code has been reviewed and assessed.
3. The Statement of Internal Financial Control is submitted by the Chief Executive to the Elected Members and to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee reviews the SIFC and provides an assurance on an annual basis to the Elected Members. Mechanisms are available to the Audit Committee to notify the Elected Members of any issues that arise outside of the normal annual reporting.
4. Compliance with legal and regulatory obligations are acknowledged and adhered to.
5. There is clarity of roles and responsibilities based on the reserved and executive functions and based on committee terms of reference.
6. Codes of Conduct and ethics declarations for members and employees are in place.
7. Procedures are in place for the making of protected disclosures in accordance with section 21(1) of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 and confirmation that the annual report required under section 22(1) of the Act has been published.
8. The Council and Committees review their own performance on a periodic basis.
9. We have instituted appropriate governance oversight arrangements in respect of subsidiary, associated and related companies.
10. As part of our commitment to effective oversight and accountability, we have developed and continue to enhance our overall assurance framework utilising external and internal assurance sources to ensure good performance as part of our governance culture.

John Carroll
Cathaoirleach/ Mayor

Date: **31 December 2025**

Sinéad Carr
Chief Executive

Date: **31 December 2025**

Appendices

Members - Tipperary County Council

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Staff Structure

Directorate: Finance & Information Technology & Thurles Municipal District

Mark Connolly, Director

Finance General

Section Head

- Claire Ryan, Financial Accountant
- Sarah O'Callaghan, Management Accountant

Section Head – Other Grade

- Breda Moloney, Administrative Officer - Finance
- Peter Cleary, Administrative Officer - Revenue
- Geraldine Manning, Administrative Officer – Motor Tax
- Conor Bates, Administrative Officer – Procurement
- Janice Gardiner - Internal Auditor

Information Systems

Section Head

Gerard Lynch, Head of IS

IS Project Leaders

- Yvonne Byrne
- Dermot Tobin (MS365 Project Manager)
- Ruth Maher
- John Bergin (acting)
- Michael Pollard

Directorate: Roads and Transportation, Active Travel, Health & Safety and Nenagh Municipal District

Liam Brett, Director

Roads

Section Head

- Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer
- John Nolan, Senior Engineer (Capital)
- James Murray, Senior Engineer

Section Head - Other Grade

- Michelle Maher, Administrative Officer

Health & Safety

Section Head

Liam Quinn, Health & Safety Advisor

Directorate: Director of Services for Planning and Development (including Town Centre First, Active Travel and Residential Zoned Land Tax, UNECO, Just Transition); Emergency Services and Emergency Planning & Carrick On Suir Municipal District

Brian Beck, Director

Planning

Section Head

- Ann Marie Devaney - Senior Planner
- Paddy Crowley, A/Senior Engineer (Active Travel)
- Shane Grogan - Town Regeneration Officer

Section Head - Other Grade

- Teresa Kiely, Administrative Officer

Civil Defence

Section Head

- Dolores Fahey - Civil Defence Officer

Section Head - Other Grade

Fire Services

Section Head

- Eddie Ryan - Chief Fire Officer (Acting)

Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officers

- Ray O'Leary – Clonmel
- John Shinnors - Nenagh
- Gareth McLoughlin – Clonmel
- Carol Kennedy (Acting)

Directorate: Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO)**Anthony Coleman, Director****LAWPRO Senior Management Team**

- Margaret Keegan, Regional Coordinator, Midlands & East and Head Office Operations Manager
- Fran Igoe, Regional Coordinator, South East & South West Regions
- Bernadette White, Regional Coordinator, Border & Western Regions
- Jimmy McVeigh, Regional Coordinator, Border Region
- Mairead Whitty, Project Lead, Farming for Water EIP
- Barry Deane, Regional Coordinator South West Region

Catchment Managers

- Ailbhe Douglas - Western Region
- Niamh Rogan - South West region
- Anthony Mannix - Midlands and East Region
- Gary O'Connell - Border Region
- Ruth Hennessy - South East

Specialist Support Staff

- Sadhbh O'Neill, Communications & Engagement Lead
- Joe McNamara, Finance Lead
- Lynn Ellingworth, IS Project Lead
- David McLoughlin, GIS & Data Manager
- Basil Mannion, Funding Lead

Directorate: Housing Services and Clonmel Borough District**Jonathan Cooney, Acting Director****Human Resources****Section Head**

- Shane O'Dwyer, Senior Executive Officer
- Robert Johnston, A/Senior Engineer

Environment & Climate Action**Section Head – Other Grade**

- Deirdre Flannery, Administrative Officer
- Breda Ryan, Administrative Officer
- Helen Butler, Administrative Officer
- Gillian Scully, Administrative Officer

Directorate: Environment and Climate Action, Human Resources, Corporate Services and Silvermines Rehabilitation Project, Roscrea Regional Training Centre and LASNTG**Eamon Lonergan, Director****Human Resources****Section Head**

- Paul Murray - Senior Executive Officer

Environment & Climate Action**Section Head**

- Michael Moroney - Senior Executive Officer
- Denis Holland - Senior Engineer

Section Head – Other Grade

- Ciara Byron, Administrative Officer

Section Head - Other Grade

- Fergal Condon, Administrative Officer
- Ruairi Boland - Senior Executive Engineer
- Nicola Keating - Senior Executive Engineer
- Colette Moloney - Senior Executive Scientist

Corporate Services**Section Head**

- Ger Walsh, Senior Executive Officer

Section Head - Other Grade

- David Coleman, Administrative Officer
- Martin Dooley - Manager Regional Training Centre

Local Authority Services National Training Group**Section Head**

- Aine McCarthy, Senior Executive Officer

Section Head - Other Grade

- Martin Dooley - Manager Regional Training Centre

Directorate: Economic, Community and Rural Development, LEO, Library/Cultural Services, Bio Diversity and Community Response Forum, & Tipperary, Cahir, Cashel Municipal District

Damien Ginty, Director

Economic	Community
Section Head	Section Head
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony Fitzgerald - Head of Enterprise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cora Morrissey, Senior Executive Officer
Section Head - Other Grade	Section Head - Other Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Ryan, Senior Economic Development Officer • Ita Horan, Administrative Officer - Local Enterprise Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona Crotty, Administrative Officer • Liz McGrath, Administrative Officer • Valerie Coleville, Administrative Officer • Elaine Cullinan, Administrative Officer • Aine Roche – Administrative Officer (Community Safety) • Lyndsey Cleary – Integration Support Coordinator
Libraries	Culture/Arts
Section Head	Section Head
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damien Dullaghan - County Librarian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Scott - Arts Officer • Roisin O'Grady - Heritage Officer
Section Head -Other Grade	Section Head -Other Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Bracken - Senior Executive Librarian • Ann Marie Brophy - Senior Executive Librarian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie McMahon - Museum Curator

Districts

District	District Director	District Administrator	District Engineer
Nenagh	Liam Brett	Rosemary Joyce SEO	Barry Murphy SEE
Thurles	Mark Connolly	Sharon Scully SEO	Thomas Duffy SEE
Clonmel Borough	Jonathon Cooney	Carol Creighton AO	Gillian Flynn SEE
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	Damien Ginty	Anselm McGowan SEO	James Swords SEE
Carrick-on-Suir	Brian Beck	Marie Cox AO	Michael Scully SEE

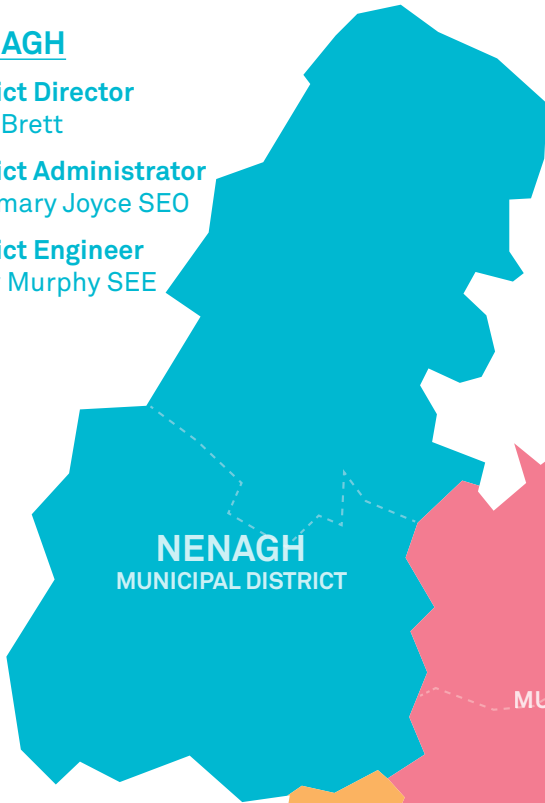
Municipal District Structure & Map

NENAGH

District Director
Liam Brett

District Administrator
Rosemary Joyce SEO

District Engineer
Barry Murphy SEE



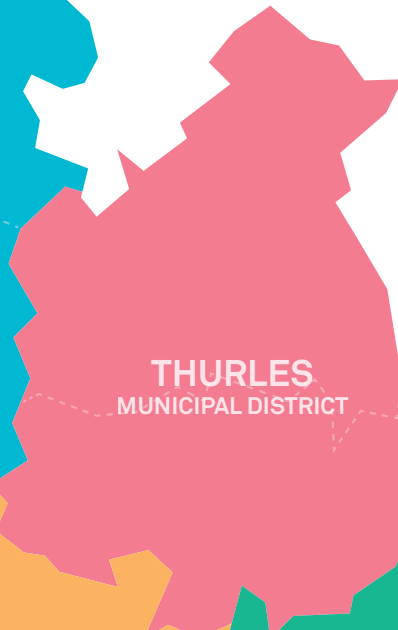
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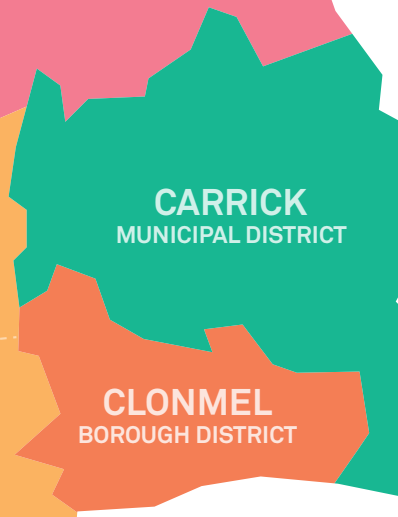
THURLES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

CARRICK

District Director
Brian Beck

District Administrator
Marie Cox, AO

District Engineer
Denis Power A/SEE
(17/03/2023-02/06/2025)
Michael Scully, SEE
(02/06/2025-To date)



CARRICK
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

TIPPERARY-CAHIR-CASHEL

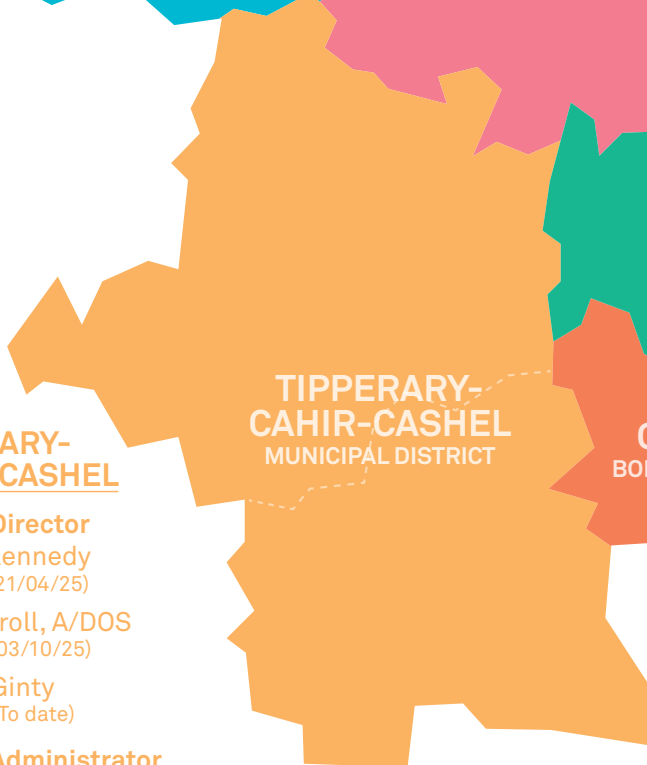
District Director
Sharon Kennedy
(04/12/23-21/04/25)

Dave Carroll, A/DOS
(22/04/25-03/10/25)

Damien Ginty
(03/10/25 -To date)

District Administrator
Anselm McGowan SEO

District Engineer
James Swords SEE



TIPPERARY-CAHIR-CASHEL
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

CLONMEL

CLONMEL

District Director
Johnathan Cooney

District Administrator
Carol Creighton AO

District Engineer
Gillian Flynn SEE





Councillors Meeting Attendance

1st January to 31st December 2025

Councillor Name	Total Number of Meetings	Total % Rate of Attendance
Acheson, Tom (FG)	31	90%
Ambrose, Siobhán (FF)	33	100%
Anglim, Micheál (FF)	36	86%
Bonfield, Fiona (LAB)	43	98%
Bourke, Kieran (FF)	28	82%
Brennan, Michael (LAB)	35	86%
Browne, Liam (NP)	31	97%
Bugler, Dr Phyll (FG)	40	90%
Burgess, Declan (FG)	39	92%
Cahill Skehan, Kay (FF)	33	94%
Carroll, John (FF)	54	93%
Crosse, John (FG)	37	75%
Dennehy, Niall (NP)	29	93%
Dunne, David (SF)	36	83%
English, Pat (WUA)	41	80%
FitGerald, John (FG)	37	70%
Fitzgerald, Mark (FG)	33	85%
Goldsboro, Amy (FF)	26	92%
Goldsboro, Imelda (FF)	4	100%
Hannigan, Joe (NP)	29	90%
Hourigan, Mary Hanna (FG)	41	80%
Kennedy, Roger (FF)	46	87%
Kennedy, William (FG)	37	92%
Lee, Shane (NP)	36	83%
Lowry, Micheál (NP)	29	83%
McGrath, Máirín (NP)	33	91%
Molloy, Richie (NP)	29	86%
Moloney, Andy (NP)	39	100%
Moran, Eddie (NP)	33	75%
Morris, Seamus (NP)	32	80%
Murphy, Marie (FG)	52	87%
O'Heney, John (NP)	32	88%
O'Meara Quirke, Pamela (NP)	32	81%
O'Meara, JP (FF)	27	93%
O'Meara, Michael (NP)	29	97%
Ryan, Jim (NP)	42	88%
Ryan(Shiner), Ann Marie (NP)	47	94%
Ryan, Peggy (FG)	33	100%
Ryan, Sean (FF)	39	100%
Smith, Michael (FF)	43	80%
Walsh Morgan, Louise (LAB)	33	85%

Conference / Training Attended 2025

Date	Conference Details	Location	Councillors in attendance
10th - 12th January 2025	Celtic Conferences - The Finance Act 2024	McKevitts Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth	5
7th - 9th February 2025	Celtic Conferences - Corporate Governance	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	1
7th - 9th March 2025	Celtic Conferences - Health Service Entitlements	The Four Season Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth	1
10th - 12th October 2025	Celtic Conferences - Apractical Guide to Budget 2026	The Four Season Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth	6
7th - 9th November 2025	Celtic Conferences - AI In Public Relations	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	3
5th - 7th December 2025	Celtic Conferences - Irish Health Services Entitlements	The Four Season Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth	3
Date	Training Details	Location	Councillors in attendance
30th - 31st January 2025	LAMA - Spring Seminar	Kilford Arms, Kilkenny	10
5th - 6th February 2025	AIR Training Seminar	The Radisson Blu, Athlone	8
20th February 2025	Irish Rail - Discussion on the future of rail transport	The Strand Hotel, Limerick	2
22nd February 2025	AILG - An overview of wind energy	Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny	6
26th February 2025	SEAI - Windsense: Developing wind turbine noise	SEAI Office, Dublin	4
7th March 2025	International Women's Day	Cashel Palace, Tipperary	5
25th March 2025	AILG - Embracing Equality	Ennistymon, Clare	4
22nd March 2025	AILG - Embracing Equality	Clayton Hotel, Galway	9
2nd - 3rd April 2025	AILG - Local Government for the Next Generation	The Strand Hotel, Limerick	15
10th April 2025	IPI - Annual Planning Conference 2025	Salthill Hotel, Galway	3
13th May 2025	Alone - Transforming Care for Older People	Chartered Accountants House, Dublin	5
22nd May 2025	AILG - Emergency Response	The Radisson Blu, Sligo	2
24th May 2025	AILG - Emergency Response	The Rose Hotel, Tralee, Kerry	12
29th May 2025	AILG - Elected member induction training	Athlone Springs Hotel	2
4th - 6th June 2025	International social Housing Festival	Convention Centre Dublin	13
19th June 2025	AILG - Planning 2025	The Radisson Blu, Cork	5
21st June 2025	AILG - Planning 2025	Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan	8
17th - 19th July 2025	MacGill Summer School	Glenties, Donegal	10
29th - 30th August 2025	The Daniel O' Connell Summer School	The Ring of Kerry	4
2nd September 2025	AILG Training for SPC Chairs and Senior Officials	Midlands Hotel, Portlaoise	1
3rd September 2025	AILG Training for SPC Chairs and Senior Officials	Hotel Kilkenny, Kilkenny	2
17th -18th September 2025	AILG - Autumn Seminar	Westport Woods Hotel, Mayo	17
19th September 2025	La Touche Legacy 10th Festival of History	Greystones Golf Club, Wicklow	3
2nd October 2025	IPI - Autumn Planning Conference	Gibson Hotel, Dublin	1
8th - 9th October 2025	RIAI Conference 2025	RDS, Dublin	1
9th October 2025	AILG - Local Authority Finance & Budget Process	Arklow Bay Hotel, Wicklow	1
11th October 2025	AILG - Local Authority Finance & Budget Process	Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Tipperary	2
13th October 2025	Smart Towns & Villages Conference	Lough Rynn Castle, Leitrim	1
15th -16th October 2025	ICSH - Biennial National Housing Conference 2025	The Slieve Russell Hotel, Cavan	3
16th - 17th October 2025	LAMA - Autumn Seminar	Amber Springs Hotel, Wexford	18
13th November 2025	AILG - Updating Planning Legislation	Ravensport Resort, Wexford	4
15th November 2025	AILG - Updating Planning Legislation	Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone	6

Training & Development Programme

Summary findings

- **Overall participation:** 33 of 40 councillors (≈83%) attended at least one training or development event in 2025.
- **Total training attendances recorded:** 213
- **Average per participating councillor:** 6.5 events.
- **Dominant programme types** (share of all attendances):
 - LAMA / AILG core seminars & conferences: 59%
 - Planning (incl. legislation): 13%
 - Equality / Governance / Finance: 12%
 - Community / Smart Towns / Healthy Ireland: 11%
 - Climate / Energy (SEAI / Wind): 8%
 - Housing / Social Housing: 7%.

Municipal District snapshot

Municipal District	Councillors who participated / total	Participation rate	Events logged	Share of all events	Top 3 themes in the District
Tipp-Cahir-Cashel	11 / 11	100%	69	32%	LAMA/AILG; Community/Smart Towns; Equality/Governance/Finance
Nenagh	8 / 9	89%	60	28%	LAMA/AILG; Climate/Energy; Other
Clonmel	5 / 6	83%	38	18%	LAMA/AILG; Community/Smart Towns; Other
Thurles	5 / 9	56%	30	14%	LAMA/AILG; Climate/Energy; Planning/Legislation
Carrick-on-Suir	4 / 5	80%	16	8%	LAMA/AILG; Planning/Legislation; Other

Thematic insights

- LAMA/AILG dominate: Nearly 6 in 10 attendances are through sector standard AILG/LAMA offerings (spring/autumn seminars, annual conference, modules), which reflects strong take-up of core governance and role-related continuous professional development.
- Planning & legislation are a significant secondary focus (13%).
- Equality/Governance/Finance (incl. SPC Chair training and budget/finance sessions) account for 12%, supporting pre-budget and leadership development needs.
- Climate/Energy uptake (8%) is driven by SEAI/Windsense and AILG wind energy sessions.
- Housing/Social Housing (ICSH/International Social Housing) registers at 7% overall.

Strategic Policy Committee Framework Configuration

SPC Framework Configuration as at the 31st December 2025

No. SPC	LA Members	Agriculture & Farming	Business, Commercial & Tourism	Development Construction	Trade Union	PPN	Other TUS TTCU	Total
1 Economic Development & Enterprise	12	1	2	1		3	1	20
	Chair Cllr Marie Murphy	Pat Carroll	Michelle Aylward	Sean Reidy		Thomas Cooke (Community & Voluntary)	Seamus Hoyne (TUS)	
			Adrien Barlett			Mary Spillane (Social Inclusion)		
						Sean O'Farrell (Environmental)		
2 Housing	10		1	1	1	4		17
	Chair Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan		John O'Shaughnessy	Tom Gallahue	Joe Sherlock (Forsa)	Sarah Bourke (Community & Voluntary)		
						Kate Somerville (Community & Voluntary)		
						To be Nominated (Social Inclusion)		
					To be Nominated (Environmental)			
3 Infrastructure (to include Roads, Transportation)	10	1	1	1	1	3	1	18
	Chair Cllr Jim Ryan	Baden Powell	Dan Egan	Barry Ryan	Michael Crowe (Forsa)	Con Murphy (Community & Voluntary)	Anthony Moroney	
						Lily Tyrode (Social Inclusion)		
						Patti O'Neill (Environmental)		
4 Planning & Emergency Services	10	1	1	1		3		16
	Chair Cllr Roger Kennedy	Michael J. Tobin	Brid Harrington	John O'Shaughnessy		Gillian Moore (Community & Voluntary)		
						Charles Lamb (Environmental)		
						To be nominated (Social Inclusion)		

No. SPC	LA Members	Agriculture & Farming	Business, Commercial & Tourism	Development Construction	Trade Union	PPN	Other TUS TTCU	Total
5	Environment & Climate Action	10	1	1		4		16
	Chair Cllr Sean Ryan	Darragh Scott	Sarah Fogarty			Davie Philip (Environment & Climate Action)		
						Charles Stanley-Smith (Social Inclusion)		
						Mary McMahon (Environmental)		
						Brian Pope (Environmental)		
6	Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development	10	1	1		4		16
	Chair Cllr Michael Smith	Joe O'Dwyer	Michael O'Donoghue			Sangeeta Molloy (Community & Voluntary)		
						David Dwyer (Social Inclusion)		
						Kuldeep Joshi (Social Inclusion)		
						Eoin Wolohan (Environmental)		
7	Library, Culture & Biodiversity	10	1	1		4		16
	Chair Cllr Andy Moloney	Sean O'Farrell	Aislinn O'Keefe			Martin Quinn (Social Inclusion)		
						Theresa Gushchlbauer (Environmental)		
						John Conors (Community & Voluntary)		
						Brendan Keogh (Community & Voluntary)		
Total	72	6	8	4	2	25	2	119

Associated Companies Register for Tipperary County Council

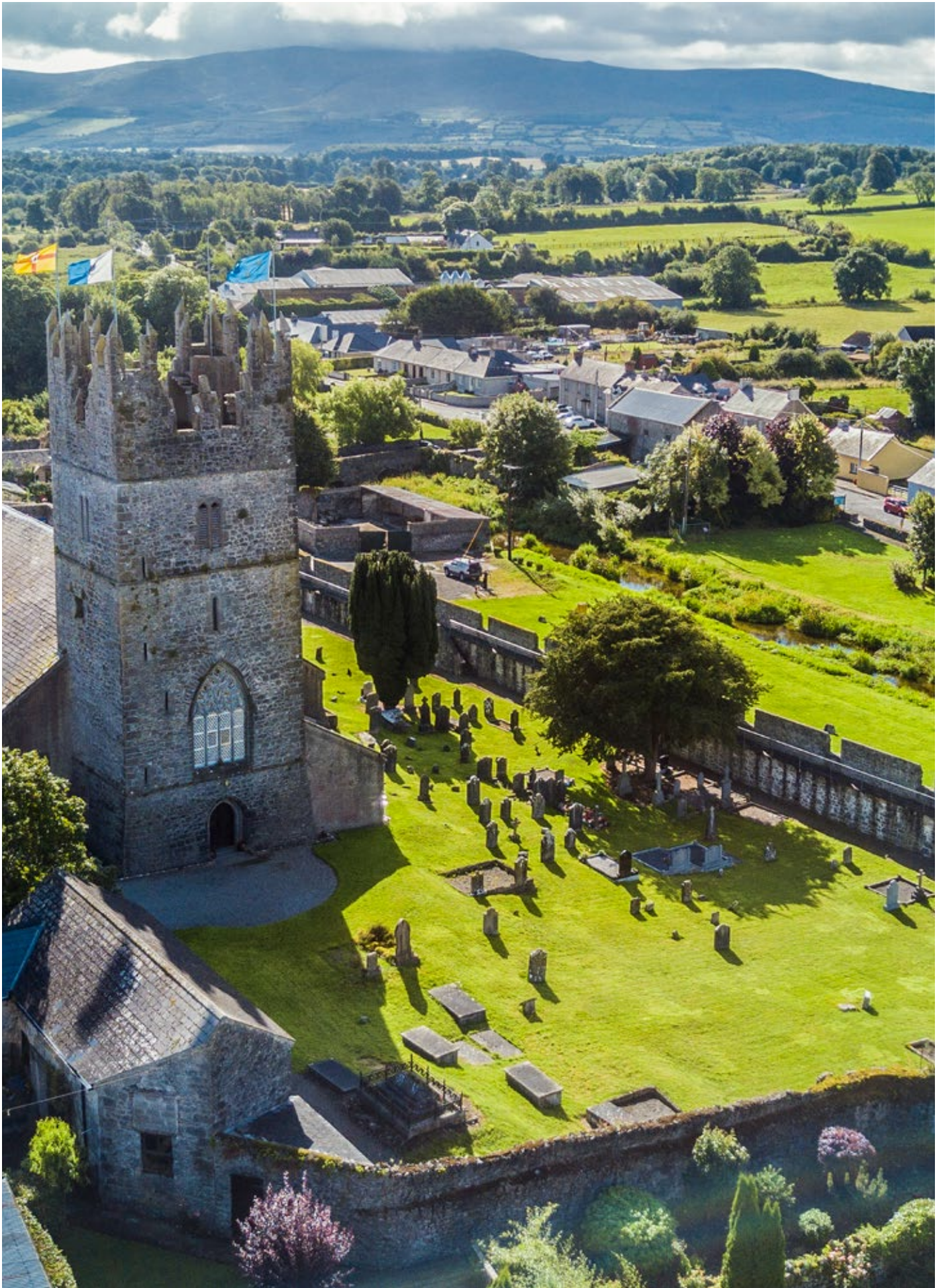
Associated Company Name	Company Secretary	Date_Sec_Appointment	Company_Directors	Category
Clonmel Business Dev Park	Anthony Fitzgerald	Wednesday, February 01, 2023	Anthony Fitzgerald	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Carol Creighton	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Ger Walsh	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Jonathan Cooney	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Michelle Awlward	Community/Other_Nominee
			Paul Blanche	Community/Other_Nominee
			Walter Heneghan	Community/Other_Nominee
Clonmel Community Resource Centre	Ita Horan	Tuesday, May 15, 2018	Ann Deady	Community/Other_Nominee
			Cora Gentles	Community/Other_Nominee
			Eileen Graham	Community/Other_Nominee
			Ita Horan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Kay Quirke Bowe	Community/Other_Nominee
			Mark Hanratty	Community/Other_Nominee
Irish Bioeconomy Foundation	Liam Browne	Thursday, November 21, 2019	Anthony Fitzgerald	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			John Morrissey	Community/Other_Nominee
			Kevin O'Connor	Community/Other_Nominee
			Liam Brown	Community/Other_Nominee
			Michelle Collins	Community/Other_Nominee
			Ramesh Babu Padamati	Community/Other_Nominee
Munster Vales	Mary Barry-Guerin	Wednesday, February 24, 2021	Aoife Nic Giolla Coda	Community/Other_Nominee
			Aoife Potter Coogan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Brian Beck	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Grainne Moynihan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Jurate Andrijauskiene	Community/Other_Nominee
			Margaret Atalla	Community/Other_Nominee
			Mary Barry-Guerin	Community/Other_Nominee
			Mary Catherine (Myra) Ryall	Community/Other_Nominee
			Niall Walshe	Community/Other_Nominee
			Paul Deegan	Community/Other_Nominee

Associated Company Name	Company Secretary	Date_Sec_Appointment	Company_Directors	Category
Nenagh Arts Centre	John Tooher	Saturday, April 09, 2022	John O'Meara	TCC_Councillor
			John Tooher	Community/Other_Nominee
			Liam Brett	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Louise Morgan Walsh	TCC_Councillor
			Melanie Scott	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Michael Molamphy	Community/Other_Nominee
			Pamela Quirke O'Meara	TCC_Councillor
			Rosemary Joyce	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Sean Crowley	Community/Other_Nominee
			Suzannah O'Reilly	Community/Other_Nominee
			Tom Moylan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Virgina O'Dowd	Community/Other_Nominee
North Tipperary Food Enterprise Centre (Rearcross)	Thomas Seaver	Tuesday, January 17, 2012	Eamonn O'Toole	Community/Other_Nominee
			Fiona Bonfield	TCC_Councillor
			Matt Ryan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Phyll Bugler	TCC_Councillor
			Thomas Seaver	Community/Other_Nominee
			Todd McNamara	Community/Other_Nominee
North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Services	Rosemary Joyce	Tuesday, February 24, 2015	Damien Dullaghan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Fiona Bonfield	TCC_Councillor
			Joe Hannigan	TCC_Councillor
			Liam Brett	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Roisin O'Grady	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Rosemary Joyce	TCC_Staff_Nominee
Roscrea Swimming Pool	Elaine Cullinan	Thursday, May 23, 2024	Claire Ryan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Deirdre O'Shea	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Eileen Doherty	Community/Other_Nominee
			Elaine Cullinan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Liam McCarthy	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Shane Lee	TCC_Councillor
			Thomas Duffy	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			William Kennedy	TCC_Councillor

Associated Company Name	Company Secretary	Date_Sec_Appointment	Company_Directors	Category
Shannon Broadband	Jennifer Kearns	Friday, December 07, 2012	Gerard Lynch	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Jennifer Kearns	Community/Other_Nominee
			Ray Bell	Community/Other_Nominee
			Ray O'Driscoll	Community/Other_Nominee
			Urban McMahon	Community/Other_Nominee
Thurles Regional Arts Centre	Sharon Scully	Thursday, June 22, 2023	Aisling Fitzgerald	Community/Other_Nominee
			Damien Dullaghan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Eamon Lonergan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Jim Ryan	TCC_Councillor
			Kay Cahill Skehan	TCC_Councillor
			Mark Connolly	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Melanie Scott	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Michael Ryan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Peter Stocksborough	Community/Other_Nominee
			Sharon Scully	TCC_Staff_Nominee
William Kennedy	TCC_Councillor			
Thurles Swimming Pool	Sharon Scully	Wednesday, June 14, 2023	Deirdre O'Shea	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Denis Holland	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Michael Ryan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Peggy Ryan	TCC_Councillor
			Sean Ryan	TCC_Councillor
			Sharon Scully	TCC_Staff_Nominee
Tipperary Energy Agency	Lisa Vaughan	Tuesday, April 26, 2022	Bernard Lennon	Community/Other_Nominee
			Isabel Cambie	Community/Other_Nominee
			John Carroll	TCC_Councillor
			Lisa Vaughan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Michael Brennan	TCC_Councillor
			Michael Cantwell	Community/Other_Nominee
			Michael Murray	Community/Other_Nominee
			Seamus Hoyne	Community/Other_Nominee
			Michael Moroney	TCC_Staff_Nominee

Associated Company Name	Company Secretary	Date_Sec_Appointment	Company_Directors	Category
Tipperary Technology Park	Paul Murray	Friday, December 16, 2016	Anselm McGowan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Paul Murray	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Anne Halligan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Jacqui Finnan	Community/Other_Nominee
			John Crosse	TCC_Councillor
			Ken Conway	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Michael Maguire	Community/Other_Nominee
Tipperary Tourism	Sara Bourke	Tuesday, February 23, 2021	John Egan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Sinead Delaney Cash	Community/Other_Nominee
			John O'Dwyer	Community/Other_Nominee
			Andrew Hogan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Sara Bourke	Community/Other_Nominee
			Mary Fogarty	Community/Other_Nominee
			Inez Wilson Heenan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Michael Murray	Community/Other_Nominee
			Josephine Devitt	Community/Other_Nominee
			Caroline Egan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Helen King	Community/Other_Nominee
			Laura Jones	Community/Other_Nominee
			Aoife McGillicuddy	Community/Other_Nominee
			Caragh Walsh	Community/Other_Nominee
Sinead Carr	TCC_Staff_Nominee			
Fethard Regional Community Sport and Recreational Campus Company	Anthony Fitzgerald	Friday, February 08, 2019	Anthony Fitzgerald	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Maurice Moloney	Community/Other_Nominee
			Billy Walsh	Community/Other_Nominee
Mid-West Green Digital	Vincent Murray	Friday, November 26, 2021	Vincent Murray	Community/Other_Nominee
			Eamon Murphy	Community/Other_Nominee
			Brian Beck	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Dr Carmel Kirby	Community/Other_Nominee
			Gordon Daly	Community/Other_Nominee
Pratum Bst Company	Shane Creamer	Thursday, December 22, 2022	Anthony Fitzgerald	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Brian Beck	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Shane Creamer	TCC_Staff_Nominee

Associated Company Name	Company Secretary	Date_Sec_Appointment	Company_Directors	Category
Roscrea Enterprise and Community Hub	Seamus Browne	Wednesday, March 13, 2024	Gerard Lynch	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Michael Murray	Community/Other_Nominee
			Seamus Hoyne	Community/Other_Nominee
			Mary Ryan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Brendan F Hyland	Community/Other_Nominee
			Liam Shanahan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Seamus Browne	Community/Other_Nominee
			Olivia Kennedy Murphy	Community/Other_Nominee
			James Finn	Community/Other_Nominee
			Majella Ford	Community/Other_Nominee
Thoroughbred Country Company	Laura Magee	Thursday, February 16, 2023	Brian Beck	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Maurice Moloney	Community/Other_Nominee
			Karen Fleming	Community/Other_Nominee
			Maureen Bergin	Community/Other_Nominee
			Cathal Beale	Community/Other_Nominee
			Aileen Goatley	Community/Other_Nominee
			Alan Dunney	Community/Other_Nominee
Tipperary Innovative Engine Company	Michael B Begley	Friday, August 30, 2019	Michael B Begley	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Kathleen Prendergast	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Ken Conway	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Paul Murray	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Morgan Mooney	Community/Other_Nominee
			Anne Halligan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Jacqueline Finnan	Community/Other_Nominee
			Anselm McGowan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Sharon Kennedy	TCC_Staff_Nominee
Tipperary Town Revitalisation Company	Anselm McGowan	Monday, July 17, 2023	Anselm McGowan	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Isabel Cambie	TCC_Staff_Nominee
			Johanna Carmel Fox	Community/Other_Nominee



Payments to Councillors 2025

Councillor Name	Representational Payment	Annual Allowance	Local Representational Allowance *	Cathaoirteach's / Leas Cathaoirteach Allowance	Borough/MD Chair Allowance	SPC Chair Allowance	Conference Expenses	Training Expenses	Security Allowance	Cathaoirteach Invitations Expenses	Gratuity	Total Amount Paid to Councillors 2024
Amy Goldsboro	€25,115.30	€5,415.28	€2,613.84	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€541.06	€551.17	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€34,236.65
Andy Moloney MCC	€30,932.08	€6,518.57	€2,279.25	€0.00	€0.00	€6,000.02	€699.86	€3,425.11	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€49,854.89
Anne Marie Ryan MCC	€30,932.08	€6,950.67	€3,403.39	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€573.08	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€41,859.22
David Dunne MCC	€30,932.08	€7,285.01	€2,480.15	€0.00	€3,000.01	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€43,697.25
Declan Burgess MCC	€30,932.08	€5,834.78	€3,527.24	€13,846.20	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€2,996.59	€0.00	€2,739.21	€0.00	€59,876.10
Eddie Moran MCC	€30,932.08	€6,335.34	€1,850.13	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€586.34	€830.99	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€40,534.88
Fiona Bonfield MCC	€30,932.08	€6,955.19	€2,666.83	€0.00	€2,769.24	€0.00	€0.00	€130.37	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€43,453.71
Imelda Goldsboro MCC	€3,481.20	€708.74	€80.00	€692.31	€0.00	€692.31	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€48,596.18	€54,250.74
Jim Ryan MCC	€30,932.08	€6,179.58	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€6,000.02	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€48,271.68
John Carroll MCC	€30,932.08	€6,958.48	€1,381.57	€15,000.05	€0.00	€0.00	€699.86	€4,606.54	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€59,578.58
John Crosse MCC	€30,932.08	€6,453.75	€1,526.46	€0.00	€2,769.24	€0.00	€700.15	€573.65	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€42,955.33
John Fitzgerald MCC	€30,932.08	€6,412.21	€4,960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€700.08	€5,254.71	€2,777.75	€0.00	€0.00	€51,036.83
John O Heney	€30,932.08	€7,178.93	€3,520.94	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€1,737.63	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€43,369.58
Joseph Hannigan MCC	€30,932.08	€7,313.71	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€39,205.79
Jp O Meara	€31,744.36	€7,163.78	€4,086.59	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€42,994.73
Kay Cahill Skehan	€30,932.08	€6,127.70	€2,850.93	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€72.04	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€39,982.75
Kieran Bourke MCC	€30,932.08	€7,304.81	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€1,093.99	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€44,490.88
Liam Browne	€30,932.08	€6,072.82	€4,507.90	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€657.38	€4,769.14	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€46,939.32
Louise Morgan Walsh	€30,932.08	€6,972.19	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€155.53	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€39,019.80
Máirín Mcgrath MCC	€30,932.08	€7,039.67	€4,719.62	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€5,602.31	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€48,293.68
Marie Murphy MCC	€30,932.08	€7,232.82	€3,433.31	€0.00	€0.00	€6,000.02	€598.98	€4,193.34	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€52,390.55
Mark Fitzgerald MCC	€30,932.08	€6,432.98	€2,916.31	€3,000.01	€2,769.24	€0.00	€700.15	€2,865.18	€0.00	€1,358.63	€0.00	€50,974.58
Mary Hanna Hourigan MCC	€30,932.08	€6,549.31	€3,454.33	€0.00	€0.00	€6,000.02	€700.85	€4,368.02	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€52,004.61

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Michael Brennan	€30,932.08	€6,204.47	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€1,569.73	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€43,866.28
Michael Lowry MCC	€30,932.08	€5,851.40	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€37,743.48
Michael Murphy	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€74,822.35	€74,822.35
Michael O Meara MCC	€30,932.08	€7,714.58	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€699.50	€4,997.09	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€45,303.25
Michael Smith MCC	€30,932.08	€7,081.86	€960.00	€0.00	€2,769.24	€6,000.02	€0.00	€4,476.73	€6,632.00	€0.00	€0.00	€58,851.93
Micheál Anglim MCC	€30,932.08	€6,988.39	€3,409.82	€1,615.39	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€2,658.60	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€45,604.28
Niall Dennehy MCC	€30,932.08	€6,942.95	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€700.11	€4,258.32	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€47,993.46
Pamela Quirke O Meara	€30,932.08	€6,366.89	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€286.81	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€38,545.78
Pat English MCC	€30,932.08	€6,725.79	€960.00	€0.00	€10,984.66	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€49,602.53
Peggy Ryan	€30,932.08	€6,221.08	€960.00	€0.00	€3,000.01	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€41,113.17
Phyll Bugler MCC	€30,932.08	€7,169.91	€4,442.87	€0.00	€3,000.01	€0.00	€700.85	€4,840.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€51,085.72
Richie Molloy MCC	€30,932.08	€6,781.93	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€699.32	€4,921.85	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€48,495.18
Roger Kennedy MCC	€30,932.08	€6,088.17	€2,093.88	€0.00	€3,000.01	€4,846.17	€0.00	€1,822.38	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€48,782.69
Seamus Morris MCC	€30,932.08	€6,873.23	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€565.44	€3,290.01	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€46,820.76
Sean Ryan MCC	€30,932.08	€6,127.70	€3,618.23	€0.00	€0.00	€6,000.02	€700.77	€2,823.86	€2,750.00	€0.00	€0.00	€52,952.66
Shane Lee MCC	€30,932.08	€7,164.55	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€699.50	€527.01	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€40,283.14
Siobhan Ambrose MCC	€30,932.08	€6,873.23	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€700.46	€2,314.84	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€41,780.61
Tom Acheson MCC	€31,744.36	€6,957.38	€2,132.91	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€619.95	€499.62	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€41,954.22
Willie Kennedy	€30,932.08	€6,990.19	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€38,882.27
Totals	€1,236,572.18	€268,520.02	€113,476.50	€34,153.96	€34,061.66	€41,538.60	€12,670.61	€83,086.24	€12,159.75	€4,097.84	€123,418.53	€1,963,755.89

* All claims for 2025 may not yet be submitted

Councillor Membership of other Bodies

As of the 31st December 2025

Committee	Councillor
AILG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Joe Hannigan • Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan • Cllr. Phyll Bugler
Southern Regional Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Máirín McGrath • Cllr. Peggy Ryan • Cllr. Michael Smith
IPBMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. John FitzGerald
LAMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Micheál Anglim
ETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Pat English • Cllr. Máirín McGrath • Cllr. Niall Dennehy • Cllr. John O’Heney • Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh • Cllr. Michael Brennan • Cllr. William Kennedy • Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan • Cllr. Sean Ryan • Cllr. Mary Hanna-Hourigan • Cllr. Roger Kennedy • Cllr. Peggy Ryan (replaced Cllr. Phyll Bugler Dec 2025)
Local Traveller Consultative Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. John Crosse • Cllr. Micheál Anglim • Cllr. David Dunne • Cllr. Shane Lee • Cllr. Fiona Bonfield
Audit Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. William Kennedy • Cllr. Roger Kennedy
South Tipperary Arts Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose • Cllr. John FitzGerald
Thurles Regional Arts Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan • Cllr. Jim Ryan • Cllr. William Kennedy

Committee	Councillor
North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Peggy Ryan • Cllr. Joe Hannigan • Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan • Cllr. Fiona Bonfield
Rural Water Monitoring Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Seamus Morris • Cllr. John Carroll • Cllr. John O’Heney • Cllr. Phyll Bugler • Cllr. Michael Brennan
Regional Health Forum South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Marie Murphy • Cllr. David Dunne • Cllr. Roger Kennedy • Cllr. Michael Smith
Regional Health Forum West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Seamus Morris • Cllr. Phyll Bugler • Cllr. J.P. O’Meara
Local Community Development Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinead Carr (Chief Executive) TCC • Damien Ginty (Chief Officer) (replaced Brian Beck) • John Carroll (Chair) TCC • Ann Marie Ryan (Shiner) TCC • Marie Murphy, TCC • Anthony Fitzgerald, TCC. • Elaine Cullinan, TCC • Katie Frazer, Teagasc • Stephanie O’Callaghan, CYPSC • Colin Cummins, TETB • Michael Murray, North Tipp DC • Michael Geary, PPN • Isabel Cambie, South Tipp DC • Derry O’Donnell PPN • Mike Edwards PPN • Pat Carroll, Agriculture • John O’Shaughnessy, Business Pillar • Elaine Baker, PPN • Meadhby Gordon, PPN • Morne Gouws, PPN • Sarah Fogarty, County Chamber • Derval Howley HSE

Committee	Councillor
Local Community Safety Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Andy Moloney • Cllr. Richie Molloy • Cllr. Shane Lee • Cllr. Michael Brennan • Cllr. Peggy Ryan • Cllr. Declan Burgess • Cllr. Amy Goldsboro
Comhairle na nÓg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Declan Burgess • Cllr. Máirín McGrath • Cllr. Amy Goldsboro
Tipperary Energy Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. John Carroll • Cllr. Michael Brennan
Tipperary Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh • Cllr. Micheál Anglim
Tipperary Heritage Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Roger Kennedy • Cllr. Marie Murphy
Tipperary Transport Co-ordination Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Liam Browne • Cllr. Joe Hannigan • Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose • Cllr. Michael Brennan • Cllr. Peggy Ryan
Privilege and Procedure Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Willie Kennedy • Cllr. Michael Smith • Cllr. Pat English • Cllr. Micheál Lowry • Cllr. David Dunne • Cllr. Fiona Bonfield • Cllr. John Carroll
HSE Dublin & South-East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Marie Murphy • Cllr. David Dunne • Cllr. Roger Kennedy • Cllr. Michael Smith

Committee	Councillor
HSE Mid-West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Seamus Morris • Cllr. JP O'Meara • Cllr. Phyll Bugler
North Tipperary Food Enterprise Centre (Rearcross) Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. John Carroll • Cllr. Fiona Bonfield • Cllr. Phyll Bugler
South-East Regional Drug and Alcohol Tact Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose
Mid-West Regional Drugs & Alcohol Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan
Biodiversity Forum Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. John Carroll • Cllr. Phyll Bugler
Midlands Regional Transition Team (MRTT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. John Carroll (Cathaoirleach)

Baseline Performance Indicators

Tipperary County Council will use the national service indicators established by the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) for the local government sector. These apply across all key service areas. The Council will use the 2024 data as the baseline for monitoring progress in achieving its objectives in the 2024-2029 period.

The Council will complement the NOAC indicators with other data, such as that required under the Rebuilding Ireland Programme for housing. The intention is to use indicators for all service areas, where available, and these will be incorporated and expanded on in the Annual Service Delivery Plans and Progress Reports.

Topic	Indicator	2025
Housing		
H1: Social Housing Stock	A. No. of dwellings in the ownership of LA at start of year	5590
	B. No. of dwellings added to the LA-owned stock (whether constructed or acquired)	78
	C. No. of LA dwellings sold	20
	D. No. of LA-owned dwellings demolished	0
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at year end	5648
	F. No. of LA-owned dwellings planned for demolition under a D/HPLG approved scheme	0
H2: Housing Vacancies	A. The percentage of the total number of LA-owned dwellings that were vacant at year end	1.98%
	No. of dwellings within overall LA stock, that were not tenanted on 31/12/2025	112
H3: Average Re-letting Time and cost	A. Average time taken from date of vacation of dwelling to date when a new tenancy had commenced	35.91 wk
	B. Average cost expended on getting the units re-tenanted ready for re-letting	€31,059.89
	No. of dwellings re-tenanted on any date in 2025 (excl. those that had been vacant due to estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	136
	No. of weeks from date of vacation to date of re-tenanting	4884 wk
	Total expenditure on works to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€4,224,145.37
H4: Housing Maintenance Direct Costs	A. Expenditure during the year on the maintenance of LA housing, divided by the number of dwellings in the LA stock at year end	€1106.34
	Expenditure during the year on maintenance of LA stock, including maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants	€6,248,596.16
	PI 2024:: H1E. No. of Dwellings in Ownership at 31/12/2024	5590
H5: Private Rented Sector Inspections	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of year	7024
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected during the year	1023
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings during the year not compliant with the Standards Regulations	97.01%
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant (including those originally deemed non-compliant) during the year	95
	E. Number of inspections (including re-inspections) undertaken by LA in 2025	1121
H6 Long-term Homeless Adults	A. No. of adults in emergency accommodation long-term as a % of the total number of homeless adults	41.60%
	No. of adults classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on night of the 31/12	125
	No. of those individuals who, on 31/12/2025, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or cumulatively, within previous 12 months	52
H7 Social Housing Retrofit	A.1. Total No. of houses retrofitted in 2025 under Social Housing Retrofit Programme	64
	A.2. No. of houses that achieved a BER rating of B2 or above in 2025 under Social Housing Retrofit Programme	64
	A.3. No. of heat pumps installed in those houses in 2025 under Social Housing Retrofit Programme	64
	B. Total annual energy savings in MWh from houses retrofitted in 2025 under Social Housing Retrofit Programme	945.9 MWh
	C. Total carbon emission reduction CO2 from houses retrofitted in 2025 under Social Housing Retrofit Programme	282.4

Roads		
R1: (A) Road KM that have ever received a Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) rating	A(a) % Regional road that received a PSCI rating in 24-month period to 31/12/2025	99.5%
	A(b) % Local Primary road that received a PSCI rating in the 24-month period to 31/12/2025	99.43%
	A(c) % Local Secondary road that received a PSCI Rating in the 24-month period to 31/12/2025	97.89%
	A(d) % Local Tertiary road that received a PSCI rating in the 60-month period to 31/12/2025	83.73%
R1: (B) Ratings in Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) - Regional Roads	B(a1) % Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 -/Severe Structural Distress	8.54%
	B(a2) % Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 /Surface defects, localised distress	11.22%
	B(a3) % Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 /Surface defects	39.73%
	B(a4) % Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 /No defects or less than 10% defective	40.05%
R1: Ratings in pavement surface condition index (PSCI) - Local Primary Roads	B(b1)% Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	6.57%
	B(b2) % Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	13.60%
	B(b3) % Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	40.73%
	B(b4) % Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	38.53%
R1: Ratings in pavement surface condition index (PSCI) - Local Secondary Roads	B(c1) % Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	10.26%
	B(c2) % Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	13.47%
	B(c3) % Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	38.13%
	B(c4) % Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	36.03%
R1: Ratings in pavement surface condition index (PSCI) - Local Tertiary Roads	B(d1) % Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	26.12%
	B(d2) % Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	9.95%
	B(d3) % Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	33.47%
	B(d4) % Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	14.18%
R2: Regional Road Grants Work	A1. Kilometres of regional roads strengthened during 2024	23.1km
	A2. Amount expended on Regional Roads (Strengthening)	€6,460,472.06
	A3. Average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€39.14
R2: Regional Road Grants Work	B1. Regional roads resealed during 2025	25.1km
	B2. Amount expended on Regional Road (resealing)	€1,395,882.56
	B3. Average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	€8.57
R2: Local Road Grants Works	C1. Local roads strengthened during 2025	103.6km
	C2. Amount expended on Local Roads (strengthening)	€14,760,296.76
	C3. Average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€31.59
R2: Local Road Grants Works	D1. Local roads resealed during 2025	141.7km
	D2. Amount expended on Local Roads (resealing)	€4,708,105.52
	D3. Average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	€7.18
R3: Motor Tax	% of motor tax transactions online	84.27%
R4: Road Opening Licensing and Inspections	A. Total No. of T2, T2 ¹ , T3, T4s issued by local authority in 2024	1251
	B. Total No. of T5 notifications received from licence holders in 2025	1532
	C. Percentage of licences that have been reviewed by the local authority prior to entering the Guarantee Period	73.00%
	D. Percentage of licences that have been subject of an inspection prior to entering the Guarantee Period	15.00%

Water		
Water: W1	% of Private Drinking Water Schemes in compliance with statutory requirements	*
Water: W2	A. The No. of local authority schemes in compliance with statutory requirements	98.25%
	B. How many local authority registered schemes were monitored in 2025	112
	Total No. of registered schemes	114
Waste/Environment		
Waste E1	A. No. households in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2025, (External Database)	47768
	B. % households availing of a 3 Bin Service (External Database)	76.98%
Environment E2: Environmental Pollution	A. The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2024	9
	B. Total number of pollution complaint cases in respect of which a complaint was made	1151
	C. Number of pollution cases closed during year	1114
	D. Total number of cases on hand at 31/12/2025	46
E3: Litter Pollution	Percentage of area unpolluted by litter	*
	Percentage of area slightly polluted by litter	*
	Percentage of area moderately polluted by litter	*
	Percentage of area significantly polluted by litter	*
	Percentage of area grossly polluted by litter	*
E4: Green Flag Status	A. The % of schools that have been awarded green flag status	45.70%
	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2025 (External Database)	1
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2025 (External Database)	39
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2024 and don't require renewal until 2026 (External Database)	45
E5: Energy Efficiency	Cumulative % of energy savings achieved by end 31/12/2025 relative to baseline year (2009)	*
E6: Public Lighting	A. Total annual consumption of the public lighting system	4652.60MWh
	B. Average wattage of each public light	70.64 W
	C. Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent	69.11%
	No. of LED lights in the public lighting system	12918
	No. of non-LED lights in the public lighting system	5775
E7: Climate Change	1a. Does the local authority have a designated (FTE) Climate Coordinator	Yes
	1b. Does the local authority have a designated (FTE) Climate Action Officer	Yes
	2. Does the local authority have a climate action team	Yes

Planning		
P1: New Buildings Inspected	Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	16.98%
	Total Number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e buildings where a valid commencement notice was served in the period 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 by a builder or developer on the local authority	265
	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2025 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2025 undertaken by the local authority	45
P2: Planning Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	A. Number of planning decisions subject of appeal to An Bord Pleanála determined by board	63
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (with or without variations) the decision made by the LA	79.37%
	Number of determinations confirming the local authority's decision	50
P3: Enforcement Cases closed	A. Number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the LA during year that were investigated	253
	B. Number of cases that were closed during year	243
	C. % cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or closed because statute barred or exempted development	77.37%
	D. % of cases at B that were resolved to the LA's sanctification through negotiations	0%
	E. % Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	22.63%
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12	351
	No. of cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	188
	No. of cases at B that were resolved to the local authority's satisfaction through negotiations	0
	No. of cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	55
P4: Cost of Planning Service	Cost per capita of Planning service	€32.85
	AFS Programme Data (Forward Planning, Development Mgt, Enforcement) for 2025	€5,515,224.03
P5: Fire Safety Certificates	A.% of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2025 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	44.36%
	B.% of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2025 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	39.10%
	Total no. of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2025 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	133
	No. of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2025 that were decided within two months of receipt	59
	No. of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2025 that were decided within an agreed time period	52

Fire Service		
F1: Cost of Fire Service	Cost per Capita of the Fire Service (based on census 2022)	€68.99
	Expenditure for operation of Fire Service and Fire Prevention	€11,582,846.83
F2: Service Mobilisation	A. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of Fire	n/a
	B. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations in respect of Fire	5.6 min
	C. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of non emergency fire emergency incidents	n/a
	D. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in part-Time Stations in respect of non emergency fire emergency incidents	5.3 min
F3: Attendance Times	A. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 mins	67.82%
	B. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	28.72%
	C. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is after 20 mins	3.46%
	D. % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is within 10 mins	64.87%
	E. % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	28.80%
	F. % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is after 20 mins	6.33%
	Total no. of call outs in respect of fires in 2025	289
	No. of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	196
	No. of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	83
	No. of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	10
	Total no. of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents in 2025	316
	No. of these non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	205
	No. of these non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	91
	No. of these non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	20
Library Service		
L1: Visits, Issues, Registered Members	A. Number of library visits per head of population (based on 2022 Census)	2.49
	B. Number of items issued to borrowers during the year	608,086
	C. Library active members per head of population (External Database)	0.18
	D. Number of registered library members in the year	30,113
	Number of visits to its libraries during 2025 per automatic counters, is used	418,072
L2: Cost of Library Service	A. Cost per capita for library Service (based on census 2022)	€33.89
	B. Annual per capita expenditure on collections in 2025	€1.53
	A. Operation of Library and Archival Service for 2025	€5,689,921.77
	B. Annual expenditure on new stock acquired by library in 2025	€257,407.97

Youth & Community		
Y1: Comhairle na nÓg	Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	80.65%
	Total number of second level schools in local authority area at year end	31
	Number of second level schools from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM in 2025	25
Y2: PPN	No. organisations in the County Register and proportion who opted in to the Social Inclusion College within in the PPN	14.04
	Total number of organizations included in the County Register at year end	1788
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2025	106
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College when they registered for the PPN	251
Corporate/HR		
C1: WTEs	Wholetime equivalent staffing number as year end	1,050.84
C2: Days lost to sickness	Percentage of working days lost due to sickness absence through medically certified leave	3.93%
	Percentage of working days lost due to sickness absence through self- certified leave	0.24%
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within total self-certified sick leave days in 2025	0 days
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within total medically certified sick leave days in 2025	198 days
	Staff that have been on long-term sick leave (continuous period of more than 4 weeks)	99 employees
Corporate		
C3: Website & Social Media usage	A. Per capita total page views of the LA website in 2025	13.85
	B. Per capita total number of followers at year end	1.30
	Cumulative total page views of all websites in 2025 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service	2324714
	Total number of social media users at 31/12/2025 following the LA on social media sites	219,030
C4: Cost of ICT Provision	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	68
	A. All ICT expenditure in 2025, divided by WTE number supplied under C1 figure	€4,467.79
	Total ICT expenditure in 2025	€4,694,935
C5:	A. All expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	1.93
	Total Revenue expenditure in 2024 before transfers to or from transfers	€242721307

Finance		
M1: Five-year summary of Revenue A/C	Revenue	
	A. Revenue Account Balance 2021	€5,573,356
	B. Revenue Account Balance 2022	€5,577,401
	C. Revenue Account Balance 2023	€5,584,803
	D. Revenue Account Balance 2024	€5,589,019
	E. Revenue Account Balance 2025	€5,594,908
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2025 as a percentage of Total Income from the AFS statement	2.17%
	G. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2025	€1,445.67
	The 2025 Total Income Figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€258384270
	The Total Expenditure figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€242721307
M2: Collection Levels		
	Commercial Rates	
	A Commercial Rates 2021 % collected	83.0%
	B Commercial Rates 2022 % collected	88%
	C Commercial Rates 2023 % collected	90%
	D Commercial Rates 2024 % collected	94%
	E Commercial Rates 2025 % collected	94%
	Rent & Annuities	
	A Rent & Annuities 2021 % collected	97%
	B Rent & Annuities 2022 % collected	90%
	C Rent & Annuities 2023 % collected	92.0%
	D Rent & Annuities 2024 % collected	94.0%
	E Rent & Annuities 2025 % collected	95%
	Housing Loans	
	A Housing Loans % Collected for 2021	99.0%
	B Housing Loans % Collected for 2022	97%
	C Housing Loans % Collected for 2023	99.0%
	D Housing Loans % Collected for 2024	101.0%
	E Housing Loans % collected for 2025	101%
M3: Public Liability Claims	A. Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2025	€18.43
	IPB: No. of notified claims for 2025 (External Database)	130
	IPB: No. of settled claims for 2025 (External Database)	120
	IPB: Total cost of settled claims for 2025 (External Database)	€3,094,895.58
	Total cost of claims settled under excess for 2025	€0
M4: Overheads	A. Overall central management charge as % of total expenditure on revenue account	13.42%
	B. Total payroll costs as a % of revenue expenditure	35.53%
	Overall central management charge from local authority FMS and defined in Annual Budget	€32,573,970
	Total payroll costs	€86,246,582

Economic Development		
J1: No. of Jobs created	A. No. of jobs created with assistance from the LEO during 2025 per 100,000 of population	49.44
	The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the year	83.0
J2: Trading online vouchers	A. The no. of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in the year per 100,000 of population	1.79
	B. The no. of those trading vouchers that were drawn down in 2025 per 100,000 of population	0.60
	The no of trading online voucher applications approved by the LEO in 2025	3
	The no. of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in the year	1
J3: Mentoring Recipients	A. No of participants who received mentoring from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 per 100,000 of population	472.32
	No of participants who received mentoring from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025	793
J4: Tourism	A. Does the Local Authority have a current tourism strategy	Yes
	B. Does the Local Authority have a designated Tourism Officer	Yes
J5: Economic Development Spend	The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2025 per head of population	€147.22
	The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2025	€24,717,704





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