

October 2023

Management Report to Council







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| <u>23</u> 11:00 Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Mtg | <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>26</u> 14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Mtg | <u>27</u> 11:00 TCC Plenary Mtg |
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Community and Economic Development Directorate
(Community/LCDC, SPORTS, FAI, SPU Teams)

| <u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u> | | | |
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| Policy Changes/Updates | | Progress in Previous Month | Next Stage |
| LEADER 2023-2027 | | The Local Development Strategy was accepted by the Department of Rural & Community Development and the LAG has been approved to deliver the 2023-2027 LEADER programme for County Tipperary. A funding agreement will be issued and implementation can commence. | |
| Local Economic and Community Plan | | The LECP 2024-2029 plan is at development stage. All consultation are complete. High level goals and priorities have been identified. The draft plan will be presented to MDs and the Regional Assembly in Q4 2023. | |

Local Community Development Committee

The LCDC is maintaining strategic oversight of the various programme areas, Rural Development programme, SICAP, healthy Ireland, Slainte Care and Age Friendly as well as the multitude of funding lines for community groups. Final projects funded through the RDP 2014-2021 were approved at the September meeting while the LCDC members welcomed the commencement of the new RDP and SICAP programmes.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme. (SICAP)



The 2018-2023 SICAP programme is being finalised while the procurement of the new SICAP programme is underway. Tenders have been received and the evaluation committee have met. New contracts are to be signed by year-end with the SICAP programme commencing across both Tipperary Lots (North and South Tipperary) on 01/01/2024

Local Economic and Community Plan

Consultations have been finalised for the LECF plan. These include

- Initial consultations in conjunction with the Local Development Strategy
- Online Portal
- Focus/Target groups
- Consultation of Draft High-Level Goals
- (September 13th 2023 at Clonmel and Borrisokane)

All information relating to the Strategy/Policy of partner organisation has been sent to the consultants Exodea.

The Draft LECO will be brought to the NDs in October and the Regional Assembly in

November ahead of the finalisation by year-end.

Tipperary LEADER programme

The previous LEADER programme is being closed out with claims continuing until June 2024. An additional call for Leader Food Initiative Projects generated over €400,000 in project requests and a response from DRCD is awaited.

The Local Development Strategy 2023-2027 was accepted by the Department of Rural & Community Development and the LAG has been approved to deliver the 2023-2027 LEADER programme for County Tipperary. A funding agreement will be issued and implementation can commence.

Community Enhancement Programme

Administration of this fund as the Community Support Fund continues, with an extension to 31.10.23 for expenditure. 178 projects have benefitted from this fund in terms of operating expenses & capital expenditure.

Community Recognition Fund

Projects are making good progress and many have completed procurement and are underway. The fund is delivered over 2 years with 60% of expenditure expected in 2023.

CYPSC

Tipperary Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC)

Following the retirement of Ruairí Ó'Caisleáin as Tipperary CYPSC Coordinator, Stephanie O'Callaghan took up the post in late May 2023.



Healthy Ireland funding of €45,903 was awarded to Tipperary CYPSC for 2023. Guidelines required Tipperary CYPSC to select a maximum of two Outcome Areas under which it was then required to select a maximum of two Outputs for utilising funding. The two outcome areas selected were 1. Risky Health Behaviours, and 2. Wellbeing Factor Outcomes.

The CYPSC agreed on funding for the Risky Health Behaviours outcome area of €21,903, towards a 5-year Planet Youth county initiative. This initiative will be co-funded and implemented in partnership with a number of relevant agencies within the county. Planet Youth is an Icelandic model of substance misuse prevention. It is a youth participatory process of data collection and then a collective community implementation of initiatives in response to data collected, which takes place in a 2-year cycle over 5 years.

The CYPSC agreed on funding for the Wellbeing Factor Outcomes area of €24,000, towards Parenting Under Pressure (PuP) programme. This programme is delivered in Ireland through Coolmine. It is an Integrated Theoretical Framework which considers attachments across the domains of life for parents supporting them to be the leader for change within their own parenting. The CYPSC Outcome Subgroup 3, Safety and Security/PPFS Steering Group will implement the initiative, which will see various professionals who work directly with 7parent's train to deliver the programme and have the capacity to deliver this programme to parents through the services in which they work. There will be training held in North Tipperary and South Tipperary. A total of 28 professionals will be trained, 14 in South Tipperary and 14 in North Tipperary.

Tipperary CYPSC is currently taking applications for initiatives for children and

young people to its BOBF - Department of Children funding. Tipperary CYPSC has an allocation of €28,000 for 2023. Applications close for this funding on 20.09.23 at 5 p.m.

Tipperary CYPSC was successful in receiving funding of €5,000 through a pilot initiative which saw 10 CYPSCs nationally selected as pilots for developing responses for parent support. Tipperary will now develop a county Parent Hub online. Tipperary CYPSC and the Prevention, Partnership and Family Support (PPFS) teams in South Tipperary and North Tipperary will work to develop a county website as one point of contact for information on parent support in the county.

[Department of Rural and Community Development Funding Update](#)

Town and Village Renewal 2023 – Building Acquisition Measure

Three projects have been submitted for the Building Acquisition Measure 2023 with the closing date for sale agreements being 9th October 2023.

Expressions of Interest for the Town and Village Renewal Scheme have been submitted. Shortlisting will apply and the deadline for submissions to the Department is 10th November 2023.

Clár Funding 2023

15 Clár Measure 1 Developing Community Facilities and Amenities were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development in June. The Council is awaiting a decision from the DRCD on these applications.

ORIS (Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme) 2023

The Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme is offering 4 levels of funding – measures 1, 2, 3 and the Project Development Measure (PDM). Under the PDM 2 applications have been submitted to DRCD and 7 applications under Measure 2. Decisions on the applications are awaited from DRCD. The closing date for Measure 2 and Measure 3 submissions to DRCD is 27th October 2023.

Tipperary Age-Friendly



Tipperary Older Peoples Council AGM

The AGM of the Tipperary Older Peoples Council (OPC) took place at the Anner Hotel in Thurles on Tuesday, 12th September last.

Interim Chairperson, Mary McMahon, welcomed the large crowds to the event, including members of the Tipperary OPC Executive, Bridget O’Dea, Alice Teehan and Leo D’Arcy, who explained the structure of the Tipperary OPC and the Executive and their personal involvement, and all about and the advantages of being a member and the many age friendly activities that take place throughout the year for all involved.

Tipperary Age Friendly Business Ambassador, John Lonergan, also addressed the meeting, outlining the importance of keeping the mind and body active in order to live a longer and healthier life.

The meeting addressed many concerns that currently face older people in Tipperary and these were taken on board by Fiona Crotty, Age Friendly Co-Ordinator, Tipperary County Council and Karen Fennessy and Tracey

Thompson from the National Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme.



On 17th October Tipperary Older Peoples Council will meet to review the 2024-2025 Action Plan across the 8 thematic areas, this will be reviewed by the Age Friendly Alliance at the November meeting. The actions agreed will be reflected in the Local Economic Community



Plan.

Age Friendly EXPO June 2023

On Thursday 22nd June 2023, Tipperary County Council hosted the Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO in association with the Tipperary Older Peoples Council. The event took place at the TUS College Campus in Thurles and it showcased services and supports available in County Tipperary to contribute to positive ageing with hundreds in attendance.

The Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO was free to attend and Tipperary Age Friendly provided a small grant to older adult community groups to support transport for the event. The EXPO provided an opportunity to connect and engage with other groups across the county, to hear about topics of interest, particularly around topics of lifelong learning, volunteering, safety and security, supporting you to live independently in your own home and a range of technologies to support you living in your own home.



Tipperary Age Friendly hosted a Regional Climate Action Workshop in Cabragh Wetlands Centre on 25th September. This workshop was facilitated by the Regional Climate Action Offices.



Positive Ageing Week 2023 1st to 7th October 2023

The theme for Positive Ageing Week 2023 which is an Age Action initiative is to promote the agency of older people and to celebrate the contribution they make to our families, workplaces, communities and societies as a whole. Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Age Friendly provided a small grant

scheme to support older adult groups support events during Positive Ageing Week 2023.

Tipperary Age Friendly also provided workshops Putting Your House in Order which featured the Irish Hospice Foundation and Lynch Solicitors. This event showcased making a will, power of attorney and practical advice on planning for our future recording our wishes and preferences. The workshops took place in Clonmel on 3rd of October and in Nenagh and Thurles on the 4th October.

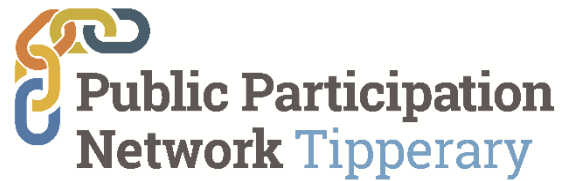
Tipperary Understand Together



Tipperary Age Friendly continue our partnership and supporting dementia awareness campaigns. Dementia cafe continue in Roscrea, Thurles, Tipperary Town and Glengoole. The virtual cafe in in Nenagh and Ballina will transition to an in-person meeting in the new Family Resource Centre in Ballina/Killaloe and support the Alzheimer Society monthly meeting in Nenagh library. The network of cafe will be supported by Tipperary Age Friendly in promotion and sourcing speakers. Tipperary Age Friendly and Healthy Ireland have also supported mindfulness programmes for families with dementia in Nenagh and Roscrea which has concluded and Thurles and Glengoole to commence.

Dementia Awareness training will continue to be promoted, discussions are ongoing with Tipperary GAA for all stadium volunteers to participate in training and the network will work on a guide for universal design and signposting for services

Tipperary Public Participation Network (PPN)



Tipperary PPN collaborated in the launch of the Tipperary Migrant Strategy. This event was chosen by Tipperary PPN to launch a new logo, due to the national change of logos for all PPNs. The launch promoted re-designed material, which due to funding from Tipperary County Council, is now available in Hindi, Arabic, Ukrainian, Polish, Romanian, Irish and Russian.

Tipperary PPN has a number of current rep vacancies'

<https://www.ppntipperary.ie/current-rep-vacancies/>.

Tipperary PPN published an Age Friendly Themed newsletter in September in advance of Positive Ageing Week and they will hold grant workshops for community groups in October.

Migrant Integration

The Diverse Tipperary Migrant Integration Strategy was launched in Bru Boru in September 19th by Minister of State Joe O'Brien.





Actions' from the strategy are being implemented. These include the provision of POPN information in different languages and the progression of the Roma Accommodation working group which is a cross sectoral committee.



Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel



Working with Residents Groups

The LDO is currently working with two resident groups in Oldbridge and Marlfield. Funding allocated in 2022 is still available to the Oldbridge residents to develop a community space on a derelict site. The LDO is linked with Active Travel and the Clonmel District Borough Administrator on progressing this development project for the community of Oldbridge. The Housing Section will be in a position to offer the building to the local committee by licence subject to the local group accessing funds to do up the building and subject to the group being responsible for the repair and maintenance of the facility.

The residents of Marlfield would like to develop a local community space where they can hold activities, and meet up as a community without the need to travel to Clonmel town for such activities. If they can materialise their plans to a point where funding can be allocated the LDO will support the community with their project. Funding being allocated is dependent on such a plan being practical for funding to be spent in 2023.

Cancer Care Project

The launch of positive reflection cards for Cancer Survivors took place in Clonmel Aftercare Relaxation and Education (CARE) on Thursday 20th July and Circle of Friends Tipperary on the 18th July. This beautiful deck of 32 cards is designed especially for survivors and their families – each card with a piece of wisdom, a quote from someone who has been there to help them in their recovery. Some of them speak of the importance of relationships – *I think positively and surround myself with positive people.* Others highlight the importance of living in the moment – *I walk the mountain and appreciate*

the trees, now I even bug them. You can pick a card as a thought for the day or the week. The cards are the creative output of an 8-month project funded by Sláintecare Healthy Communities programme. The project was led by Dr Marie Walsh - a lecturer and researcher from the Digital Arts & Media Department who is based on the Clonmel Campus of the Technological University of the Shannon.

Inclusive Social Network

The network continues to meet and progress in how social activities are delivered out of school and out of education in the community for children and young people with disabilities. There are plans for social activity opportunities to be piloted in October 2023. The LDO is currently collaborating with HSE Development Officer from the Goldstar programme, Tipperary Volunteer Centre, Healthy Ireland Coordinator and Age Friendly Tipperary to develop a train the trainer and training programme for Inclusive Access and Disability Awareness training. The intention is to develop a panel of trainers who have disabilities in each MD area that will be drawn from to deliver training across the county, to businesses, schools etc. Cafes in Clonmel have shown interest in taking this training and becoming inclusive cafes. This was an aspect identified through the network in 2022.

Quality of Life/Substance MisUse Alliance Clonmel

Substance Misuse Sub Group for Clonmel held its second meeting on 16th of June with an agreed action plan. We are currently planning for Community Conversations about Substance Use in Clonmel engaging with the following cohorts:

- Vintners, Hospitality & local businesses – 18th October 2023
- Groups, Clubs & organisations 25th October 2023

- Lived Experience – TBC
- Parents, Schools – 15th November 2023

This allows us to invite people together to support this initiative through their group cohort and to identify what part/what realistic actions you could add to the action plan, and make it a community plan not just a plan that is delivered by those working in Clonmel but also those living in the town.

An EOI for a Drugs Rehabilitation CE Scheme has been sent out and operationalisation of this scheme is dependent on an implementing partner to host the scheme

Planet Youth Project considered with other partners including Tipperary ETB, CYPSC, SHCP.



Healthy Ireland Strand 4 2023-2025

Funding was officially awarded from Pobal on 03/05/2023 for the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025.

SLA was signed in June between Pobal and Tipperary County Council.

Actions are currently underway from implementing partners such as Tipperary Sports partnership in Cahir area and SilverArch in Nenagh and also Vee Valley daycare centre Clogheen and St Paul's Community Centre Clogheen. Progress on actions for the overarching actions has started such as health talks, and information sessions. There will be actions taken place by various partners throughout the next few months in the Nenagh area, Clogheen, Littleton, and Cahir areas.

Period & Hygiene Poverty

Period Poverty Scheme Tipperary County Council were awarded €10,000 for the year 2023, after feedback from reviews done on last year's pilot programme funding will be awarded to Family resource centres and youth services to purchase their own products. Tipperary County Council submitted EOI to achieve funding to support Hygiene Poverty with the FRC and CRC network in the County, Tipperary County Council were successful and the Department of health awarded a further €10,000 in funding to go towards Hygiene poverty products. Applications have been sent to relevant partners to apply to Tipperary County Council for this funding in order to purchase these products for their services.

Changing Places launch

Minister Anne Rabbitte launches two of Tipperary's very first Changing Places Facilities. On Monday 18th September. Minister Anne Rabbitte proudly inaugurated two of Tipperary's very first Changing Places facilities. These two facilities were officially launched at FBD Semples Stadium Thurles. These facilities represent a significant step forward in enhancing accessibility and inclusivity for all members of our community. Tipperary County Council secured funding from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration, and Youth through the Disability Participation Awareness Fund. This funding was secured to install two changing Places in the County of Tipperary and to identify two suitable partners and locations to award the funding to. The two locations and partners that the funding was awarded to were FBD Semples Stadium Thurles and Boher Community Hall Ballina. Changing Places facilities are specially designed, fully accessible spaces that cater to the needs of individuals with disabilities who require additional support when using public Toilets. These facilities

provide essential amenities such as height-adjustable changing benches, hoists, and adequate space for both users and caregivers. Minister Anne Rabbitte expressed her enthusiasm about this initiative stating, "I am proud to be part of this significant milestone in Tipperary's journey towards a more inclusive and accessible community. These Changing Places facilities represent our commitment to ensuring that everyone, regardless of their abilities, can fully participate in our vibrant community life."





Make Way day 2023

Make Way Day 2023 took place on Friday September 22nd. “Make Way Day” is a campaign that brings the disability and wider community together to consider the needs of people with disabilities in the public spaces we all share.

It is led by the disability Federation of Ireland and is a unique collaboration across Ireland and the voluntary and local government sectors. But most of all it is about people with disabilities.

The top 3 obstacles that stop people with disabilities is cars parked on footpaths, bicycles illegally parked, and bins left on footpaths. In the week leading up to the campaign access officer with Tipperary County Council Áine Roche did a “walk about” in some towns in the County and asked local disability groups to do a “walk about within their own location and report back on what blocked their way during their walkabout. The Irish Wheelchair Association Tipperary Town branch was one group that sent back some of their findings which were posted up on all healthy Tipperary Social media Channels on Make Way Day. Below is the feedback that the service users sent in.

there was bins on the footpath so I had to reverse my wheelchair to get off the footpath.

there was a big sign for a menu in the restaurant that was placed on the middle of the footpath so I wasn't able to pass it and had to turn around.

'Audrey'

loads of people park on footpaths, it makes it very hard to get around.
- Jude

People parking in disabled parking spaces without permit or badge
- Kevin.

Uneven footpaths in every town
- Tony.

Footpaths are too narrow
- Patrick.

Wheelie bins on paths, blocking the way.
- Dermot, Panny

Signs, menus * flowers outside shops.
- Kathleen.

The Launch of Tipperary Mental Health Week 2023.

Tipperary Mental Health Week 2023 will run from Mon. 9th October – Sat 14th October 2023. On Friday 22nd Sept. Tipperary Mental Health Week committee came together in TUS Thurles campus to officially launch the week. This was an all-county event to launch and promote a range of actions that will take place during Mental Health Week.

The theme for the week is *Make mental health & wellbeing for all a global priority?*

The committee is made up of community and statutory agencies, who recognise and value the importance of people minding their mental health. Cathaoirleach Ger Darcy officially launched the week and spoke of the value in highlighting the services and supports that are available in the county for mental health and wellbeing. Dr Sean O Connell head of student counselling in TUS Midwest gave a talk about the services available to the students on campus and also about the importance of everyone

minding their own mental health and taking the time to invest in their own health and wellbeing. Neil Dennehy from Health Matters a 15-20-minute session on mindfulness for people attending the launch which was very enjoyable. There may be local events and initiatives running during Mental Health Week organised by a variety of local community and voluntary organisations. information on the week and to see what resources are available please follow the following pages on social media: Twitter: @Tipperarymhw; Instagram: Tipperarymentalhealthweek; Facebook: Tipperary Mental Healthweek. If you would like to get involved in some small way during Mental Week – please consider acting on the Mental Health Ireland five ways to well-being – Connect (with family/friends), Take Notice (of your surroundings), Be Active (Walk/jog/swim), Keep Learning (try a new hobby), Give (of your time to others).



Tipperary JPC

There have been 3 meetings held in 2023 in person/zoom. Chief Superintendent Colm O’Sullivan gave presentations on the Tipperary Division Crime and Safety Statistics and also discussed the changes in the Clare/Tipperary Division Operating Model at the last meeting.

The Southern Regional Networking Event for Joint Policing Committees was held in Clonmel on 12th September. There are three Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSPs) being piloted over a two-year period in Dublin, Longford and Waterford and are subject to independent monitoring and evaluation. Evaluation of the pilot schemes is almost complete and will form best practices for the eventual national rollout of the LCSP structure.

The following update was provided in relation to Community CCTV applications:

- Burgess, Birdhill and Cooleens schemes are currently operating and all data is currently under the control of Tipperary County Council.
- Borrisokane and Littleton all minor adjustments have been made and they have been resubmitted to the Garda Commissioner for his consideration.
- Nenagh, Clonmel and Fethard: All GPS Coordinates have been confirmed with J&N Consultants and all applications have been resubmitted to the Garda Commissioner for his consideration.

JPC is funding property marking training and Property Marking Ireland are working with the Community Gardai in each MD to target groups/provide information and seek interest in training. Five training sessions are proposed by the year end with one in each MD. Each training session will comprise 5 community groups with 3 people from each group plus Gardai. Training sessions took place in Thurles and Knockavilla on 16th September and were scheduled for Nenagh on 7th October.

There are two property marking machines available through the Local Authority to lend to Gardai and community groups holding community safety events.

Pride of Place

There were 3 Tipperary entries in the 21st Annual Pride of Place Awards 2023, with judging in August 2023 and the GFORISala Awards Ceremony will be held in November 2023. This year's entries were as follows:
Fethard Town Park -Community Wellbeing Initiative category
'We ❤️Nenagh' - Population over 4000 categories
Tipperary PPN - Climate Action & Biodiversity category.

Tipperary Together

'*Tipperary Together*', is a broad community-focused newsletter which showcases supports and content of interest to community-based groups and individuals.

The '*Together Tipperary*' newsletter is issued online on the last Friday of every month and is shared on partner websites and social media.

We would also request that community groups who would like to provide content for the newsletter e-mail tipperarytogether@tipperarycoco.ie or contact a member of the community team at 0818 06 5000.

Comhairle na n-Óg

- **Tipp/Cahir/Cashel:** Alternative Fashion Show held in Cahir around Body Image including online body shaming etc. Linked with *Bodywhys* which was a great event. Also designed stickers for positive body image which will be given out at AGM.
- **Thurles/Templemore:** Physical Health – how it aids your mental health to “be active” – planned a colour run –

which was cancelled due to back weather and safety concerns on the day but will hopefully be rescheduled for Spring. Group will also link with Tipperary Mental Health Week in October as will make World Mental Health Day on 10th October for youth.

- **Nenagh/Borrisokane:** Sexual Health – healthy relationships idea to focus on consent. Event held in Arts Centre where they launched a supportive poster in Nenagh on 8th Sept. Also, the group have been nominated for Garda Youth Awards following the event.
- **Clonmel/Carrick:** Safe social spaces for youth – due to lack of members and availability the group didn't manage to achieve their plan but the focus for them is now new members so they can have a working subgroup going forward. The members of this group had some issues and Comhairle supported them through this time.

AGM23

Will take place in Thurles on 20th Oct and all packs have been sent to schools and youth groups across Tipperary, we hope to have 120 young people on the day. There will be elections to fill the 14 vacant seats on Comhairle this year. The Theme for 2024 will be decided at AGM.

Linkage with Decision makers: The link with decision makers and relevant groups in Tipperary is very strong with members having a voice in lots of agencies.

CYPSC: Patrick attends, Healthy Tipperary – Pauline links for CNN.

ETB – Jack Ryan sits on Youth Committee; National office Exec Jack's role continues until Spring 2024. Made a presentation to Tipperary PNN plenary with a view to stronger links going forward.

TCC: They had annual input from Joe MacGrath at their February meeting.

Cllr Burgess met with a group in Tipperary to discuss input to the County Development plans.

The group would hope to address the elected members before the end of 2023.



Pauline Strappe and Comhairle member Caleb attend the launch of Mental Health Week in Thurles.

National Youth Assembly nominations –

Caleb has finished his term in Dublin and out of 7 applications – Abigail was selected by the committee in Dublin and has now taken over – she has a zoom meeting on Sat 23rd and in person in October in Dublin Castle

It has been a good year overall since the first live AGM since Covid last year, the membership is very diverse and those that need additional support get it. Regular meetings take place between Comhairle Coordinator Pauline Strappe and TCC Liaison Officer, Angela Sheehan, with updates by email and phone between meetings.

Venues for meetings is an issue to look at, we use youth services bases mostly but this is becoming limited due to service provision on Saturdays. We used Cabragh Wetlands which was more spacious and better for breaks but can't afford to pay for the building so we need to look at free or very low-cost venues for Saturdays in 2024. Costs in relation to transporting members to meetings is also an issue to watch in 2024.



Sports Partnership

Tipperary Sports Partnership is currently implementing its 2023 Operational Plan and successfully secured over €556,825 for sports and physical activities in the County to date in 2023.

Tipperary Sports Partnership allocated over €37,190 to 45 sports club under their 2023 Coaching, Development Fund & €81,422 under Return to Sport Funding Scheme. These schemes are currently being administered along with Energy Support Scheme.

Phase 2 of the 'Innovation Project – Suir V' in partnership with TUS, Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoe Club is being further developed and enhanced to deliver outreach programmes.

Currently, two new 8-week Community Walking programmes are being delivered in Nenagh & Cahir.



A Couch 2 Peak programme was delivered over 10 weeks with 18 participants attending twice weekly with the goal of walking up to Galteemore. This was achieved by 16 participants on the 29th July.



In March in Nenagh, TSP worked with Silver Arch and the HSE and another 'Let's Get Moving Green Exercise' programme was completed with 19 participants engaged over 12 weeks.

During the Spring, a 'Swim for a Mile' programme was facilitated in 4 pools in Carrick, Clonmel, Nenagh & Roscrea. 57 participants took part in the SFAM Event on completion of their respective programmes.

2 Aqua Fit programmes are currently being delivered for older adults in Nenagh and Carrick on Suir.

Bikeweek 2023 took place from the 13th to 21st of May with 621 participants taking part in 25 activities organised by local cycling clubs across Tipperary. TSP ran 3 online initiatives through social media to encourage engagement – Cycle Quiz, Schools Challenge & Community Cycle Together Challenge.



In the Community Sports Hub in Clonmel 3 Secondary Schools (CBS Clonmel, Raheen College and Loreto) completed their 'Paddles Up Programme' 144 students taking part along with an Integrated Paddles Up with Colaiste Dun Iascaigh with 56 participants. 5 Leaving cert students from Colaiste Dun Iascaigh achieved their Leaving Cert PE with kayaking as their sport, with 1 student achieving a H1 and 4 receiving H3s.

In June, 25 students from the Sisters of Charity received kayaking taster sessions.

An Inclusive Paddling programme was completed with 10 young people from Scoil

Cormac and 16 adults from the National Learning Network.

In June & July, 4 Summer Camps were delivered in Clonmel, with 35 participants which was supported by Clonmel Canoe Club. In August, 3 'For the Love of It' Canoeing Camps were delivered with Canoeing Ireland with 19 participants.



TSP supported 'You can Move' wellness event on the Suir Blueway in Clonmel as part of National Cancer Survivors Day on the 4th June. 60 Participants from all over Ireland took part in kayaking, yoga and walking activities. In July, Freestyle Clinics were also supported for 12 paddlers.

The Community Sport Hub in Tipperary Town continues to progress. Over the Summer, Circuit training for older adults was completed with 47 participants engaged over 14 weeks. The Hub linked with Tipperary Town

Revitalisation group and hosted Soccer & Basketball activities on the MUGA at St. Michaels Avenue, 42 young people participated.

Currently, a new iCoach Girls Play Centre is being piloted in the Hub based in the Canon Hayes Centre. This is a pilot project working with Coaching Ireland target participation of inactive girls in Tipperary, training 10 Assistant Female Coaches and 2 Head Coaches to deliver a 10 week play centre.



The Wobbly Wobbly Balance Bike Programme has been delivered to a further 18 Preschool settings to date with 534 toddlers receiving their Driving Licence to date. It is currently being delivered to another 4 services.

48 Primary Schools are currently being supported to deliver Schools Cycle Right programme for 1,221 children across Tipperary with support from Roads Dept.

Sports Hall Athletics Programme facilitated in 8 Schools in North Tipperary.

TSP linked with Rowing Ireland and Clonmel Rowing Club to deliver 9 'Get Going Get Rowing' programmes with High School, Clonmel; Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel; Gael Cholaiste Cheitinn; Cashel Community School; Clerihan N.S; Sisters of Charity; Powerstown N.S; Gael Scoil Primary and Borrisokane Community College delivered by Rowing Ireland. In total, 347 participants

have engaged to date with further programmes planned for the Autumn.

2 TY rowing programmes ‘TrY Rowing’ were completed in the St. Ailbes in Tipperary Town and Newport College, 41 students too part in the programme.

A programme of activity for marginalised groups with YWIT was supported to complete multisport summer programme to include roller skating, soccer, martial arts, and tennis.

TSP linked with Community Training Centres across Tipperary to support their Youth Olympic Event which took place 27th April, with 190 young people taking part in multi activities.

A Club support group has been established (WhatsApp) with 6 clubs currently providing inclusive activities. - “Inclusion Spotlight” social media campaign has started to highlight clubs and volunteers providing inclusive activities.

Boccia commenced in Borrisoleigh & Cannon Hayes, Tipperary Town on 16th May for 4 weeks. A Regional final took place on the 20th of June.

As part of the TSP Adapted Schools programme, St.Annes(Roscrea), Scoil Aonghusa(Cashel) and Scoil Chormaic(Cashel) completed 6-week activity programme.

TSP held its first Sports Ability Day on the 18th August in the Presentation School in Tipperary, 72 people with disabilities attended on the day and enjoyed a range of activities including: golf, soccer, athletics, gaa, cycling, rugby and hockey.



Movement 4 All Exercise to Music commenced on 4th July with 7 Disability Services.

Sports Inclusion Disability Awareness was delivered with Tipperary GAA for 20 coaches delivering their Inclusive GAA Cul Camp in June. Currently supporting Roscrea RFC to establish inclusive rugby and supported Peake Villa FC to establish Football4All programme in Thurles and Moycarkey Borris GAA to expand on their inclusive offerings and Nenagh Hockey Club to establish Inclusive Hockey. Also supported Toomevara GAA to hosting GAA4All Taster Event.



The Autism in Sport Workshop was delivered on the 14th of September.

A Swimmin Women programme is currently been facilitated in 6 swimming pools in Carrick, Clonmel, Nenagh, Roscrea, Tipperary Town and Thurles. On the 14th of June at Ballina

Outdoor Pool, a Midlife Aqua Programme was delivered with 22 women.



In August, as part of Her Outdoor Week, a 4-week Women on Water programme was delivered with 10 females. An Aqua Aerobics session was held in the Ballina Outdoor Pool with 19 females. Outdoor circuits were delivered in the Canon Hayes with 16 females. A Mountain Bike Taster session was delivered to 8 females by Clonmel Mountain Bike Club and a Dragon Boat Taster session was held in Clonmel Rowing Club with 16 women enjoying the experience.



In Newport a Secondary School 'Girls Active' 6-week Gym programme was completed with 30 TY girls.

A new 'HerMoves' pilot programme for Tipperary Town is currently underway with 20 inactive girls taking part, to date a consultation has taken place which was followed by taster

sessions in Badminton, Tag Rugby, Table Tennis, Pilates, Netball, Yoga, Capoeira and Zumba. Following the tasters, the girls have chosen to take on a further 6 weeks of Badminton, Basketball, Pilates and Zumba which currently running.



Support was provided to WSTCYS for a teenage girls' Summer Cycling Programme on the Suir Blueway.

On the 8th of May, the Annual Older Adult Festival took place in the Anner Hotel in Thurles with 43 participants from 17 groups across Tipperary. On the 15th of June a 6-week Walking Football programme with Cashel Mens Shed concluded with 10 participants. On the 30th May, an Introduction to Activator Walking was held in Fethard Town Park.



Sports Clubs were supported with Child Protection training with 8 Safeguarding 1 workshops delivered with 122 sports volunteers

receiving training to date, One Safeguarding 2 workshops with 13 participants and One Safeguarding 3 with 14 participants Further courses are planned for the Autumn.

TSP along with Limerick & Clare Sports Partnerships are currently working with TUS to deliver the Sports Admin Level 6 Special Purpose Award Course 'Running Sport'. 37 participants registered for the course across the 3 LSPs, with 10 participants from Tipperary Clubs. This programme will run

A new Research project *'Can Virtual Reality be used to coach canoeing skills to new canoeists and, if so, how effective is it compared to traditional canoeing coaching methods?'* is continuing with TUS, 14 volunteers are engaging in the testing phase, the participants are divided into 3 groups, 1 group learning skills on the water, 1 group learning skill through Virtual Reality and 1 group no upskilling.

Phase 2 of the 'Innovation Project – Suir V' in partnership with TUS, Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoe Cub is continuing with an outreach programme taking place during September. The project was showcased by Sport Ireland at the National Ploughing Championships and in Dublin at the BeActive Day on the 24th of September.

TSP along with the IT department are supporting the development of Sport Ireland's National Digital Database of Sport & Recreation Amenities which will be a public hub to make it easy to find a place to go / recreational opportunities. It will also assist planning, asset management and tourism.



This report is an update on football initiatives and development within Tipperary between June and October 2023. Following on from Q1 & Q2 of 2023 several new programmes have been implemented helping grow participation as can be seen in the following portfolio of initiatives.

Club Development

The 'FAI Club Mark' is an award based on best practice in the governance, management, and administration of a football club. In embarking upon this process, a simple application is made to register to proceed with an application. Clubs then proceed upon their journey by applying to for an 'Entry Level' status and can thereafter progress onto becoming a 1-star club. In order to achieve such a status, each award level challenges the club to implement policies and procedures in line with best practice in football governance, management, and administration.

1-STAR AWARD:

Lough Derg FC have led the way in progressing from the entry level award and have become the first within Tipperary to achieve the FAI Club One Star Award. Moneygall FC have achieved the FAI one star award also in May of 2023.

ENTRY-LEVEL AWARD:

Most recently Birdhill FC achieved the entry level award in March 2023 placing them alongside Ballymackey FC, Lough Derg FC, Cahir Park, Two Mile Borris/St Kevin's FC, Holycross FC, Moneygall FC, Killavilla FC, Killenaule Moyglass FC and Carrick United FC who have all received the FAI Club Mark entry level award.

CLUB PROJECT

Club project is a new initiative to further support clubs who have completed the club

mark award or have applied for the club mark. Development officers will run a series of programmes throughout the year to support clubs with their development. This includes workshops, practical sessions, assistance with governance, volunteer training and committee support.

Club project workshops to date:

- 1x intro to football – Academy development workshop (19 participants)
- 1x injury reduction workshop (24 participants)
- Coaches workshop BT Harps FC – (35 participants)
- Coaches workshop Newport Town AFC (15 participants)
- Coaches workshop Ballymackey FC (40 participants)



APPLIED:

Most recently Ardcroney FC, Suirside FC, Slievenamon Celtic/Kilsheelan United FC, Ballingarry Albion FC and Killenaule / Moyglass FC have applied for club mark registration joining Club DC, Nenagh Celtic, Nenagh AFC, Rearcross FC Newport Town AFC, Peake Villa FC, Arra Rovers FC, Knigh

United FC, Cloughjordan FC, BT Harp FC, Birdhill FC, Borrisokane FC, Tipperary Town FC, in being supported towards fulfilling the criteria to make an application for an entry level award.

Meetings are ongoing with Cashel Town FC, Silvermines FC, Clerihan FC and Clonmel Celtic FC to give information around the advantages of the FAI Club Mark and outline the steps in the process and to help move toward an application. Throughout the process at all stages of the process we as Development Officers are in constant communication with clubs via meetings, calls and emails to support clubs on their journey toward achieving the FAI Club Mark Award.

SPORTS CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT GRANT 2023

An information evening was held online for clubs in Tipperary giving them an insight on the process and supplying important information to assist clubs in their application. Ongoing support was provided to clubs and leagues with the application process.

FAI FOOTBALL CAMPS

The INTERSPORT Elverys FAI Football Camps programme will enter its 27th year in 2023. Over the years, the camps have grown to become the largest programme in the Grassroots Department of the Football Association of Ireland.

The camps aim to provide children between the ages of 6 and 14 the opportunity to attend a week-long football summer camp over the holiday period. Every year boys and girls of all abilities turn out to enjoy five days of fun and football. It doesn't matter if you're just a beginner or if you have your sights set on Seamus Coleman's number 2 shirt, or Katie McCabe's number 10 shirt, you will have fun and learn a lot at our football camps.

Planning took place with clubs across Tipperary to run the FAI Football camps 2023 which commenced in July. Development Officers liaised with clubs to facilitate the camps, recruiting summer soccer schools' coaches and assisting those coaches with Garda Vetting, Safeguarding and Coach Education. Local camp coach training also took place in the lead up to the camps. Development officers and club Venue coordinators also took part in training.

In total twenty FAI Summer Camps will take place over July and August in (Peake Villa FC, Moneygall FC, Arra Rovers FC, Shinrone LFC, Borrisokane FC, Arra Rovers FC, Rearcross, Newport Town AFC, Clodiagh Rangers FC, Killavilla FC, BT Harps FC, Birdhill FC, Slievenamon Celtic FC, Galbally FC, Clonmel Town FC, St Michael's FC, Two Mile Borris St Kevin's FC, Clonmel Town FC, Cashel Town FC and Cahir Park AFC.



WOMEN'S AND GIRLS FOOTBALL

North Tipperary's U19 Women's Team competed in this year's inter-league tournament

reaching the Final providing a pathway to allow players to transition from schoolgirls to senior women's football.



Both North Tipperary and South Tipperary schoolgirls seen below competed at club, inter-league and Gaynor Cup level also with considerable success demonstrating the strength of the 25 clubs and their members ability at both a local and national level.



NTSFL

- U13 girls Munster shield champions
- U19s women reach all Ireland Final
- U14 girls win Gaynor bowl 2023
- Grace Ehinger and Lilly Anne O'Meara selected for FAI munster schools squad to play in the Inter provisinals which munster won. The pair also represented Ireland at U15s for the Bob Doherty cup.
- Katlyn Delahunty, Grace Ehinger selected to represent Ireland at U16s level in the UEFA Development Tournament.
- Clodagh Daly selected to represent Ireland at U17's level.
- Katlyn Delahunty, Molly Kirwan, Lexi Wynne selected for FAI Schools U15 Munster squad.

AVIVA FUTURE STARS

The Aviva Future Stars programme will be the second point of engagement for girls into the sport. The key central theme to this programme will be to further develop the agility, balance, and coordination of each participant. This will be aligned with the fundamentals of the game in the form of fun, dynamic coaching sessions across 8 weeks. The Aviva Future Stars programmes is aimed at the 9-12 age group. A

programme for clubs to grow participation or to retain current players. The programme can be run in a school or a club, to help build relationships within the community and attract new players.

An eight week 'Aviva Future Stars' program for girls aged 9-12 was held in Newport Town AFC and Borrisokane FC, and is currently underway in Tipperary Town FC and Slievenamon Celtic / Kilsheelan United FC to support participation in football for girls aged 9-12 years.



AVIVA GIRLS IN GREEN

The Aviva Girls in Green programme is the next phase on the pathway and an increasingly important one. The methodology and support are the same as the Future Stars programme but aimed a higher age group. We have seen a significant drop off in the number of registered players in this age group (13-16years) and this programme will look at addressing that problem with an age-appropriate coaching syllabus.



An eight week 'Aviva Girls in Green' program was held in Birdhill FC for girls aged between 13 – 16 years and is being held in Cahir Park AFC. The programme is also due to start in Borrisoleigh and Nenagh Celtic in September and October.

UEFA DISNEY PLAYMAKERS

UEFA Disney Playmakers is a new programme that the FAI are running alongside UEFA and Disney in clubs and schools across Ireland. This programme is for girls aged 5-8 years who are not currently playing football and it invites them to step into the magical world of Disney as they take their first steps on their football journey.



The sessions are based around some of Disney's most famous films. The programme will be broken down into two blocks with 10 sessions, where girls will play out their favourite films and take on the roles of some of the best-loved characters of all time. Focusing on developing fundamental movement, life, and football skills. This is a club and school led programme, ran by coaches who prioritize girl's needs; resulting in girls that are healthy and multitalented – and choose football as an activity for life.

Training took place with the Disney Playmakers club & school coaches prior to the programmes launching in March in Nenagh AFC 21 new playmakers delivers trained up. The clubs are preparing to recommence block 2 of the programme in August and September in the following clubs and schools:

Nenagh Celtic, Nenagh AFC, BT Harps, Moneygall FC, Birdhill FC, Cloughjordan FC, St Marys Convent Primary School Nenagh, Peake Villa FC, Lough Derg FC, Killenaule

Moyglass Ladies FC, Cahir Park AFC Galbally United FC and Slievenamon Celtic FC.

FAI CADBURY KICKFIT PROGRAMME

The Kickfit programme which is a 8-week football fitness programme for women over the age of 18 gives women the opportunity to keep fit by playing football.



Moneygall FC and BT Harps FC have continued their KickFit group with the members who want to play recreationally, both

groups have since arranged local games. Clonmel Town FC and Two Mile Borris St Kevins FC are successfully taking part in their Kick Fit programmes at present. The programme will also continue to be club led. This adds to the other 2023 new Kickfit programmes have taken place at Cloughjordan FC, Borriskane FC, BT Harps FC, the Tipperary Community Sports Hub in the Canon Hayes and Killenaule Moyglass FC.

FIFA WOMENS WORLD CUP EVENTS

As part of a preparation event to support the FAI women's national a blitz was held in Moneygall FC with the playmakers from Moneygall FC, BT Harps FC, Lough Derg FC and Cloughjordan FC.



In addition, a women's 5v5 tournament was held in Ballymackey FC with 8 teams in attendance including Moneygall's Kick Fit team.



A number of watch parties took place across Tipperary during the women's world cup. World cup watch packs were provided to the host venues for the events.



FOOTBALL FOR ALL

Football For All sessions continue weekly in Clonmel Town FC with Rehab Care Clonmel, Bridgewater Clonmel & Journeyman Program from Carrick on Suir. Football For All sessions

also continue to take place within Cahir Park AFC Football For All.

Ballymackey FC's Football For all Cub programme continues to run weekly at and participation numbers encouragingly continues to rise steadily. Two of the participants in the older group have also been selected for the Munster Senior FFA development squad.

Significantly, Peake Villa FC launched the FFA Club programme in April, Support has been provided to the club from the FAI Football For All Department including delivery of a Disability Awareness Workshop with new club FFA coaches at Peake Villa. The club had their official opening day in September to officially launch the programme. Ongoing support will be provided to the club. In addition, discussions are being held with Clonmel Town FC to assess the viability of setting up a FFA sections within this club.

A meeting was held with Moneygall FC in September to discuss setting up a new FFA section within the club. Plans are in place to provide the club with the relevant training for new club coaches. The new programme aimed for Adults will launch in Q1 of 2024.

Ongoing supports will also be provided to clubs who currently have FFA Club sections and to those setting up FFA Club sections.



KICKSTART TO RECOVERY PROGRAMME

The kickstart to recovery is ran throughout mental health services across Ireland. At present there is over 20 programmes in existence. The group is co-facilitated by FAI coaches and HSE occupational therapists. The group is carried out in a local setting to ensure the groups roots are based within the community.

A six-week programme ran in St Cronans in Roscrea in August and September. (22 participants)



A four week program also ran with The Brothers of Charity in June at the Tipperary Sports Hub.



SOCIAL INCLUSION

MUGA Programme

Situated in St Michaels Avenue Tipperary Town, a MUGA (Multi Use Game Area) was utilised in a program by Tipperary Sports Partnership to provide football sessions to two groups 6-9 and 10-12 year olds with approximately 30 children successfully participating weekly. This was carried out in co-operation with stakeholders such as Three Drive Family Resource Centre, Knockanrawley Resource Centre, Tipperary Town

Revitalization and supported by An Garda Siochana.



Youth

Cashel Neighbourhood Youth and Family Project successfully completed a summer program supported by Tipperary Sports partnership with 20 active participants weekly aged 12-16.



WALKING FOOTBALL

Walking Football with Cashel Men's Shed / Spafield Family Resource Centre continued through June with continued engagement from all participants and the obligatory men's shed versus resource centre game to conclude this programme.



FUTSAL IN THE YARD

FAI Futsal in the Yard is a programme that targets football participation for primary school children within 1st – 4th class. The programme promotes physical activity in the primary school setting, using the game of Futsal to encourage pupils to stay active and to develop their fundamental movement skills. The following schools have taken part in the programme to date: Drom NS, Gurtagarry NS and Moyglass NS.

The programme will continue throughout September to November with more programmes planned across the region.



FAI MRS BROWNS BOYS HEARTCARE PROGRAMME

The Mrs Brown’s Boys Heartcare programme is an FAI initiative for Grassroots football, funded by the Government, to provide subsidised defibrillators for Grassroots clubs in phase three of the Mrs. Brown’s Boys FAI Heart Care programme.

Clodiagh Rangers FC, Moneygall FC, Nenagh AFC, Holycross FC, Cloughjordan FC, Birdhill FC, signed up to the FAI led Grassroots scheme that will see the clubs offered a state-of-the-art LIFEPAK CR2 (cellular version) defibrillator along with an eight-year mobile phone data plan and training for 10 people in Basic Life Support and use of an Automatic External Defibrillator.



FAI COACH EDUCATION

Coach education is being delivered across Tipperary in-line with the 2021-2025 Coach Education Pathway. This pathway provides coaches at all levels a clear direction for their development as a coach. To date in 2023 the following courses have been delivered:

COACH EDUCATION SUMMARY Q3 TIPPERARY

- 2 x Safeguarding 1 workshops (60 participants)
- National D Licence (female coach education programme)
- PDP 1 (female coach education programme)
- PDP 2 (female coach education programme)
- 7v7 workshop (female coach education programme)
- 9v9 (female coach education programme)
- Football Fitness intro (female coach education programme)
- 1 referee beginner course (12 participants)
- 1 PDP x 2 (46 participants)





FEMALE COACH EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The female-only coach education programme supported by the FAI Coach Education department and the TSP commenced also in June, 13 female coaches from Tipperary have completed all modules leading up to the National D licence, which was completed in August. (PDP 1, PDP 2, 7v7, 9v9, Football fitness intro, National D licence)



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

EMERGING TALENT PROGRAMME AND CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Player Development (Boys and Girls) The Emerging Talent programme continues to promote the development of the elite underage male and female players in the county with centres of excellence in both the South and North of the county respectively. These centres provide additional coaching and contact time with over 550 elite underage players from the ages of U10 - U16 taking part.



At ETP level there was considerable success with both boys' and girls' squads reaching the later stages of provincial competitions. In particular, the NTSFL U13 Girls collected the Munster Shied and TSS&DL U16 Boys were crowned Munster Champions also.

In addition, players from across Tipperary are playing in FAI Regional Centre of Excellence programs at boys' and girls' levels, which has further supported numerous players moving on to receive international recognition at schools and international levels, demonstrating the strength of grassroots football across the county.

TOURISM

Tipperary AGE Friendly Event, TUS, June

Tipperary Tourism and Lough Derg both hosted stands at this event. There were plenty of giveaways, which were very popular. Good footfall and interest in tourism activities across all of Tipperary, in particular walking.



Tipperary Tourism Members Summer Networking Event – Derrynaflan Walk



The feedback from many in the tourism trade was that since the COVID-19 Pandemic, many local tourism businesses had not had an opportunity to get together face-to-face. Collaboration and working together are proven to make a destination stronger. Representatives at this event attended from all parts of

Tipperary – from Fuchsia Lane and Ballyartella Mills in the North in the Lough Derg area, to Blueway Bike Hire in Carrick-on-Suir in the south corner in the Munster Vales area, and lots of others in between.

Meeting in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, approx. 22 tourism businesses and community group representatives enjoyed refreshments while exchanging brochures, maps and contact details with each other. This was followed by a visit to the nearby Derrynaflan Walk led by John G. O'Dwyer. There was some nice local press coverage of the event.

The screenshot shows a news article on the website 'tipperarylive'. The headline is 'Tipperary Tourism enjoys networking event and walk'. Below the headline is a photograph of a group of people standing on a path outdoors. The article text includes: 'Tipperary Tourism members at the start of the Derrynaflan Walk, for a recent networking evening'. It also features a 'By Reporter' section with the date '16 Jul 2023 7:45 PM' and an email address 'news@tipperarylive.ie'. A 'FREE NEWSLETTER Sign Up Today' button is visible. The article body text reads: 'Although the beautiful weather we experienced in Tipperary a few weeks ago seems a distant memory, it was during this sunny spell that the Board of Tipperary Tourism conceived a plan to organise an evening for members to gather together informally outdoors and get to know each other better. The feedback from many in the tourism trade was that since the COVID-19 Pandemic, many local tourism businesses had not had an opportunity to get together face-to-face.'

Press Coverage - National

A nice article was published by Irish Farmers Journal journalist Amii McKeever, who visited in July, in both printed and digital editions.

The screenshot shows an article from 'IRISH FARMERS JOURNAL'. The headline is 'Talented Tipperary'. The sub-headline reads: 'North Tipperary has lots to offer families from good food and heritage to local businesses trying to support each other. Amii McKeever travelled up to experience it.' Below the headline is a profile picture of Amii McKeever and the text 'Amii McKeever LIFE + FEATURES 19 July 2023'. To the right is a photograph of two people on horseback in a field. Below this is another photograph of an art installation featuring a large sculpture of a bird and a smaller one. The article text includes: 'For the last 20 years, Clare Leach has been leading horseback tours around Rushmore, sharing her knowledge of the archaeology, history and biodiversity of the area. Walking from the front room of the Nenagh tourism office to the exhibition space, tourist officer, Viktoria Lee explains the "why" behind the related pieces of art, culture and history. Basically, the exhibition showcases Nenagh people that have achieved something and it turns out that there are many. "Nenagh used to be a market town so if you look at the wallpaper, it is specially designed with pictures of people selling cattle and sheep. Our "I love Nenagh" sign came from a piece that the writer Donal Ryan wrote and we have his 2015 European Literature Award too." The building used to be the town hall but was recommissioned to a tourist office in December 2021. All the pieces on display were donated by their owners who range from artists and sportspeople to writers and singer-songwriters. Brendan Graham, for example, wrote 'Rock and Roll Kids' and 'The Voice' (from Eurovision fame), but he also wrote 'You Raise Me Up', which has been sung by 4,500 different artists across the world.'

<https://www.farmersjournal.ie/talented-tipperary-767968>

September Networking Event

Tipperary Tourism was lucky to enjoy a warm September evening in the Glen of Aherlow meeting in the Aherlow House Hotel, with breathtaking views of the Galtee mountains. After refreshments and networking, the majority of the group set off along what was once part of the original Bianconi road system, with local guide, Jimmy Barry, as far as Christ the King. The event was a great success in connecting people from within Tipperary Tourism's membership. Those attending the walk included people from the hotel sector,

Self-catering, Community tourism, Activities, Tour operators, and Chauffeur drive, from various corners of the county. The format ensured everyone had the opportunity to speak at length with each other and with the swapping of many business cards, brochures and contact details.



Media - Tracks and Trails Programme

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with OPW and Coillte are funding an episode in the Series 11 of Tracks and Trails on RTE.

As part of the licencing agreement with RTE, the series is aired 5 times over 3 years. The initial, and usually second, showing will always be primetime and is likely to be in Spring 2024. The show is on RTE 1, RTE Player, RTE+1

and also on Irish Eyes AVOD platform in the USA. As part of the package, we will also receive a social media package including mini 90-second video edits for Instagram, Facebook, X.

In their last season, the most popular episode they featured was the one of Lough Derg with presenter Darren Frehill, with an audience peak of 28% which is very impressive.

It is a very effective way of reaching the domestic market, with the show watched primarily by people 40 years and older. The presenter for the show promoting walking in Tipperary is confirmed as Tommie Gorman. Tracks and Trails as a stand-alone platform has 69K followers on Instagram.

A recce took place in September, and filming will take place in October. Generally, the autumn light, is well recognised as an excellent time of the year for filming in Ireland.



Training - Skillnet Steering Group

The Tourism Marketing and Development Officer is now sitting on the Tipperary Chamber Skillnets Steering Group, with a view to ensuring the training needs of the tourism organisations in the county are considered.

Training - Audit of Training Needs

An Audit of Training Needs Online Survey is currently underway amongst Tipperary Tourism members. The feedback will help determine the Training Programme 2023/2024.



Littleton Labyrinth – Brand Development

Tipperary Tourism is working with Tipperary County Council and Bord na Móna and a wider steering group including South Tipperary Development Company, Coillte, Fáilte Ireland and the Bioeconomy Forum, to develop the 'Littleton network of Labyrinth' recreational 'peatway' trails as a new tourism and recreational product. Partly funded by Leader and Tipperary County Council.

Over the past few months, Tipperary Tourism brought together a working group of stakeholders, who met several times with the DesignWorks branding company and were commissioned to develop a Brand Strategy for the proposed trail development. DesignWorks is near completion of this contract focusing on the final Brand Kit development.



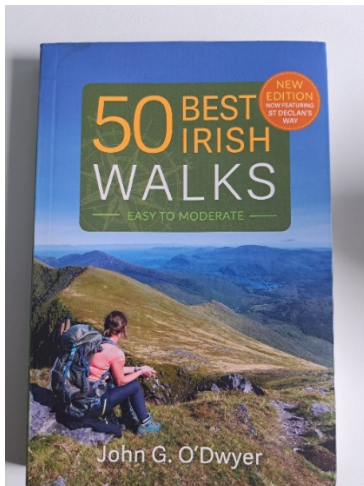
International Press Feature

St. Declan's Way was featured in the summer in the National Geographic Traveller magazine:



Printed Media

Written by Tipperary Tourism Chairperson, John G. O'Dwyer, 50 Best Irish Walks features many popular walks in County Tipperary, distributed widely.



Research

The Tipperary “State of Season” Survey 2023 will focus on seeing how tourism businesses, specifically in Tipperary, are doing generally. The feedback is currently being aggregated, and the findings can be shared thereafter. There was a good response to the survey.

Promotional Event – Gifted

Time for Tipperary stand will feature at the Gifted event in December. Opportunity to reach a very important demographic, to promote Tipperary as a destination.



Tipperary Attending Gifted in RDS Dublin



Tipperary Food Producers covering 50% of costs. Good Interest. Rosters being confirmed. Promotional collateral being developed.

Social Media

Continually very active across all social media platforms: Instagram VisitTipperary 8,869 followers; Facebook TipperaryTourism 23,000 followers; X @VisitTipp 5,145 followers.

Facebook has particularly high engagement. Some examples below:

Tipperary Tourism
Published by Donough Leahy · August 30 at 10:25 AM

The picturesque village of Ardfinnan is located between Cahir and Clonmel along the River Suir. A large village green by the riverbank provides ample space for people to meet or play sport and is an access point for the Suir Blueway.

Across the river is Ardfinnan Castle, elevated on a large rocky incline. Built circa 1185, it is the sister castle of Lismore Castle. It was positioned to guard the river crossing below, which is spanned by an impressive thirteen-arch road brid... See more

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Tipperary Tourism
Published by Cliona O'Donnell · June 29 · 🌐

Killoscully, Co. Tipperary

Located between Nenagh and Newport, the picturesque village of Killoscully is best appreciated on foot.

Enjoy stunning views of the Silvermines and soak up some local history & heritage on the old Mass Path or the Heritage Trail. Or if you fancy a bigger challenge, hike to the summit of Keeper Hill, the highest point in the Shannon region... See more

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Just Transition Fund

To facilitate a just transition towards a low-carbon economy in the Midlands, the EU and Government of Ireland, have established a €169million Just Transition Fund for the period 2023-2026. As part of this fund, the EU has awarded Fáilte Ireland €68million for a Regenerative Tourism Scheme to invest in the sustainable development of tourism in the Midlands with the aim of creating jobs and sustaining communities. The fund will support the transition of an identified area in Tipperary, including Carrick-on-Suir and Thurles Municipal Districts, within Ireland's Ancient East to a carbon-neutral destination through funding of sustainable tourism projects that are designed to have significant regenerative impacts on local communities and peatlands. The fund will be used to create more reasons for tourists to visit the Midlands and to ensure they have memorable experiences when they are here.

Tipperary County Council is in the process of recruiting a Tourism Animator to work on the JTF. In the meantime, the Tourism Marketing and Development Officer has been promoting the availability of the fund to tourism organisations, and advising and assisting anyone interested, how to go about expressing interest.

Tipperary Tourism Product Development

Ongoing communication with Fáilte Ireland to drive the development of the Tipperary Destination and Experience Development Plan, with a view to ensuring that Tipperary County Council's Tipperary Transforming Plan is reflected within it.

Cashel Public Realm & Signage / Cashel Destination Town Plan

The Tourism Marketing and Development Officer continues to support the MD in the delivery of this project.

The proposed development of a new Visitor Centre is being appraised under three headings: Iconic Heritage; World Class Visitor Experience; Sustainable Tourism

Carrick-on-Suir

The Tourism Marketing and Development Officer continues to work with the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism & Economic Development Committee/ Town Centre First Year/Vision 2050.

County Tipperary Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

The Tourism section contributed to this plan.

Equine Tourism / Thoroughbred Country

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Tourism are working in partnership with Fáilte Ireland, Kildare County Council and Kildare Fáilte on the development of equine tourism experiences across the county connected nationally under the Thoroughbred Country Experience brand, to jointly deliver the Thoroughbred Country Visitor Experience Development Plan.

Fethard Horse Country Experience (FHCE)

The Tourism Marketing and Development Officer continues to support the marketing consultant appointed to promote Fethard and the FHCE. The aim is to increase visitor numbers and build awareness of Fethard within the context of the Thoroughbred Country Experience, developing itineraries and packages accordingly.

Tipperary Tourism Policy documents

Tipperary Tourism continues to adhere to the following Policy documents:

- Policy Development – Tourism Marketing, Experience and Destination Development Plan for Tipperary 2016 – 2021
- Tipperary Transforming, Tourism Product Development Plan 2020-2030.

Lough Derg

The Lough Derg Legendary Food Trail"



Agri-Food Tourism Grant Destination Lough Derg was awarded an Agri-Food Tourism Grant valued at €21,094.50 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. This grant was instrumental in funding a mentoring and awareness campaign, which launched on the 25th of September, centring around the unique food products in the Lough Derg region.

"The Lough Derg Legendary Food Trail" is an exciting agri-tourism initiative that aims to showcase and promote our region's agricultural and culinary offerings.

Marketing assets include:

- a. A brand developed to align with the Destination Lough Derg overarching brand
- b. A hero video and three reels for social media

- c. A webpage
- d. Adverts and editorials in local media
- e. PR influencer and journalist visits and associated write-ups and promotions to follow
- f. A visitor-focused brochure

Festivals and Events

Destination Lough Derg's "Festivals" pilot project received funding from Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. The project launched on 6th September at the Resonance Festival in Ballina/Killaloe. The project in 2023 will promote 5 significant events in the region:

- Resonance Festival in Killaloe & Ballina on 6-7th September
- Quest Lough Derg in Killaloe & Ballina on 9th September
- Shoreline Arts Festival in Portumna on 14th–17th September
- Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival in Dromineer and Nenagh on 5th-8th October
- Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival in Nenagh on 27th-31st October.



A bank of marketing assets was created to promote Lough Derg as a fantastic venue which includes

1. A branded tool kit specifically for festivals following the new Lough Derg Brand
2. A webpage [link](#)
3. A Motion graphic video [link](#)
4. A "Lightwalker" display with a projection onto St. Flannan's Cathedral [link](#)
5. Social media coverage achieved to date 112,000 impressions, and continues to make an impact.
6. A pull-up banner which will travel to all future events.

The project will progress in 2024 and include listings for all projects around the lake on www.discoverloughderg.ie

Quest Lough Derg 2023: took place on 9th September. The event was sold out. 1000's of images were circulated on social media creating great awareness of Lough Derg. The 2024 event is scheduled for September 7th.

Resonance: A new micro-festival which promotes innovation, creativity and sharing ideas took place in Ballina/Killaloe on September 5th and 6th, this sold-out event will return in April 2024 with an expanded programme.

Gaelforce Great Lake Swim: This open-water swim had nearly 600 participants in July, the event is scheduled to return in July 2024.

Information Sharing

Destination Lough Derg promoted the region via a tourism information desk at the Quest Lough Derg registration on September 8th.

An information desk was provided at Gurteen College on Thursday the 20th of July for the

"Energy & Farm Diversification Show 2023" at Ireland's leading event for rural entrepreneurs to diversify into energy, food and agritourism to advise on tourism opportunities in the region.

Marketing and Content Creation

30 Instagram Reels were created and published on Destination Lough Derg's social media platforms, creating almost 100,000 positive impressions.

Destination Lough Derg created an additional 500+ images and 150 video clips to promote the "Festivals" and "Lough Derg Legendary Food Trails" projects, along with filling content gaps in the online libraries.

www.discoverloughderg.ie received 70,000 + visits thus far in 2023.

Destination Lough Derg's social media has made significant progress in 2023, the digital audience of Destination Lough Derg is currently 26,000+. reflecting the increasing interest in Lough Derg as a tourism destination. Throughout 2023, we successfully published 819 items across our four social media platforms, generating a remarkable reach of 4.3 million people. This extensive reach allowed us to engage with a broad audience and promote the unique offerings of Lough Derg. The Destination is on track to meet our annual Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Dromineer Designated Bathing Area

An application is in progress and will be submitted in March 2024 to designate Dromineer as a designated bathing area.

Lough Derg Blueway Industry Event

Fáilte Ireland and Destination Lough Derg hosted a Lough Derg Blueway Industry Event on 4th July in the Abbey Court Nenagh from 6 pm to 9 pm. Speakers included Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland, and Destination Lough Derg, with the networking facilitated by Bane

Mullarkey. The event was attended by representatives from the Local Development Company and Local Enterprise Office. The event was attended by 30 businesses and feedback was very positive with many requests for future events.

Funding Applications

A number of applications were prepared in collaboration with Nenagh MD for ORIS funding for projects relating to western quays and harbours on the eastern shores of Lough Derg.

International Reach

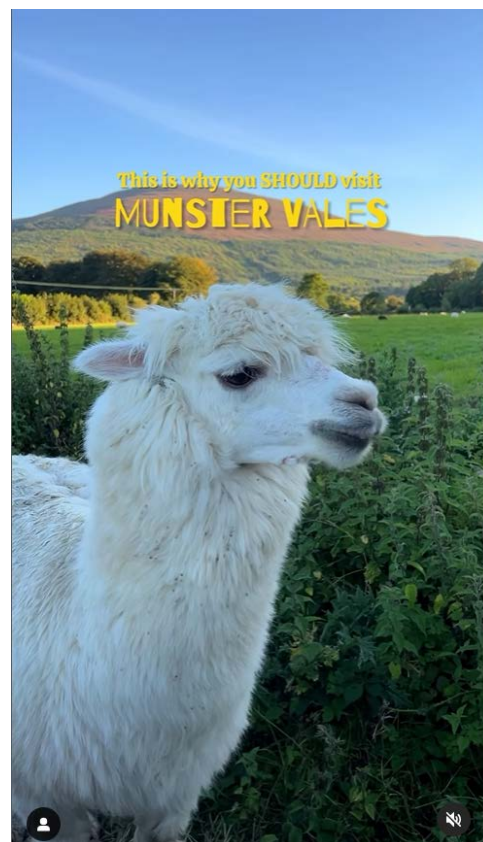
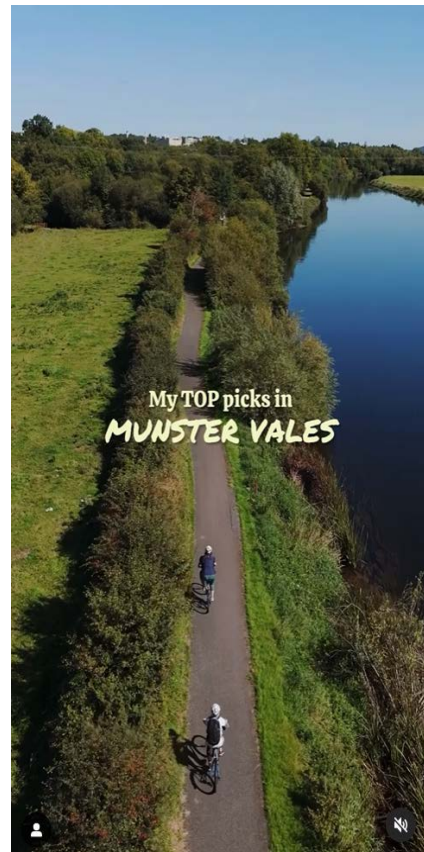
Assistance was given to Symbio Studio in the US for a production titled "Made in Ireland with Love" Filming took place at Brookfield Farm and Inch House Black Pudding, and the show has aired for the first time on Public Service TV in the US. Significant positive feedback has been received on the impact of the show.

MUNSTER VALES



Marketing & Public Relations

Munster Vales has collaborated with several travel content creators in recent months to increase awareness and engagement with our target markets online. This has been very successful as we have reached almost 1 million people with the reels that have been published. The businesses that were featured have reported an increase in leads and in visitor numbers following these collaborations.





Munster Vales welcomed Gemma Fullam, a journalist with the Sunday Independent to the region. Gemma published a three-page spread featuring 17 different businesses. This newspaper has a readership of 700,000 people.



Ben Haugh editor of the Business Post magazine visited the region in September. This article will be published shortly to an audience of 31,000.

Munster Vales invited two well-known UK-based motorcyclists to visit and tour around the region. Tony Walters aka [Man Cave Moto](#) on Youtube has over 52,000 subscribers and his audience are always keen to discover new destinations suitable for motorcycling holidays. Tony will produce a series of videos encouraging his international audience to visit Munster Vales.



This will bring the total number of press trips that Munster Vales has organised to 70, featuring over 160 businesses to date. This equates to a media coverage value of over €13 million.

Funding Applications

Munster Vales has recently applied for ORIS Measure 1 funding for various marketing elements.

Munster Vales has three projects prepared for LEADER funding. All of the Local Authorities and Local Development Companies are in support of said projects:

1. Munster Vales Way Scope
2. Feasibility Study for motorcycle tourism destination
3. Interterritorial funding for Marketing



Events & Training

Munster Vales is holding its annual networking event on October 25th in Clonmel Talbot Hotel. The event will include presentations from the IAAT on insurance issues that tourism businesses are facing, Failte Ireland will present on the Employer Excellence Program, the LEO and STDC will provide information on all of the available supports that are available. The new visitor information kiosk will also be launched on the day.

A training needs analysis will be completed on the day, this will determine the training schedule for the coming months for the tourism businesses in the region.

CORPORATE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

Directorate Priorities

| Policy/Strategic Issues | Status |
|--|-------------|
| Audit Committee Work Prog | Completed |
| SPC Scheme | Completed |
| Corporate Plan 2020-2024 | Completed |
| Service Delivery Plan 2023 | Completed |
| Annual Report 2022 | Completed |
| Social Media Policy & Protocol | Completed |
| Communication Strategy Implementation | In Progress |
| Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document | In Progress |

Circular Letters

Maternity/Family Supports for Elected Members

Circular letter LG 04/2023 dated 22nd August 2023 provides an entitlement of maternity leave to local authority elected members and for the possibility of the appointment by co-option of an individual as a temporary substitute for a councillor that takes maternity leave under the Maternity Protection Act 1994 (as amended), or is absent due to illness or in good faith for another reason under Section 18 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The Regulations and accompanying directions provide for an allowance for maternity-related administrative support for female councillors eligible to take maternity leave. The allowance is to cover expenses incurred by members in engaging an individual to maintain basic office duties and provide other secretarial or administrative duties, for a period of up to 42 consecutive weeks (except in the case of a premature birth where additional weeks are applicable).

Security Allowance for Elected Members

Circular letter LG 05/2023 dated 15th September 2023 provides for a security allowance scheme for local authority elected members following the recent introduction of a similar scheme for Oireachtas members, and notification of a number of security and safety incidents involving local authority members. The Regulations provide for a security allowance for local authority elected members to be paid, on a once-off basis, a sum not exceeding €2,500 or 50% of their total costs, whichever is the lesser, in final settlement of expenses incurred by the member in improvements made to their personal physical security.



Elected Members Annual Remuneration

Circular letter LG 06-2023 dated 26th September 2023 provided for the application of adjustments to the annual remuneration of elected members in accordance with adjustments to the pay of local authority employees under the Public Service Agreement “*Building Momentum – A New Public Service Agreement 2021-2023*”. The annual amount of remuneration for elected members increased to €28,724 per annum, with effect from 1 October 2023.

Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims

Period 25th September 2023:

Pothole - 122

Public Liability – 32

Audit Committee

Total Claims – 154

Coroner Service - Statistics

Period to 26th September 2023

No of deaths reported: 558

No. of Post mortems/Inquests: 81

No. of Undertaker Removals: 48



Electoral Reform Update

The Electoral Reform Act 2002 (Commencement) Order 2022 has resulted in a number of changes to the Register of Electors. Since October 2022, the annual register cycle no longer applies and a rolling register process is now in place. The new Electoral Rolling Register was rolled out in November, 2022. All electors are now being asked to visit www.checktheregister.ie to confirm or update their entry by adding their PPSN, Date of Birth and Eircode or register for the first time using a newly upgraded online form. This will help to ensure that entries are accurate and up to date as well as enabling the identification of entries on the register that require follow up. Checking, updating or registering has never been easier.

The following communications campaigns have been carried out since the last meeting:

- An Post leaflet distribution to all households in Tipperary – 4th September 2023
- Tipperary County Council Meta Advertising Facebook Campaign – 26th September 2023
- Display Stand at Ploughing Championships
- Email Campaign to Tipperary County Council Staff

A further local media campaign is planned for the months of November and December 2023 along with a National Media Campaign due to commence on 6th November 2023.

As a result of these campaigns Tipperary County Council received 1806 applications via www.checktheregister.ie with 467 processed and reflected in the stats below.

The total number on the Register as of 12th October 2023 is 128558 with the following details populated:

| <u>Tipperary</u> | <u>Stats –</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---|------------------|------------|
| | <u>Sept 2023</u> | |
| <u>Total Electorate</u> | <u>128,558</u> | |
| <u>DOB populated</u> | <u>95,200</u> | <u>74%</u> |
| <u>Eircode populated</u> | <u>53,002</u> | <u>41%</u> |
| <u>Email populated</u> | <u>3,219</u> | <u>3%</u> |
| <u>Contact no populated</u> | <u>2,686</u> | <u>2%</u> |
| <u>Both DOB & Eircode populated</u> | <u>41,562</u> | <u>32%</u> |
| <u>PPSN</u> | <u>3,637</u> | <u>3%</u> |

Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee was held on the 5th September the following was considered:

- Draft Minutes of Meeting of Audit Committee held on 9th May 2023.
- Update from Chief Executive.
- Update from Environment Section.
- Update from Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District.
- Update on Internal Audit Plan & Recommendations.
- Tipperary County Council Public Spending Code 2022.
- Audit Committee Forum.

Audit Committee Forum

Tipperary County Council hosted an Audit Committee Forum on Friday 29th September in the Brú Ború Centre in Cashel. The Forum was the first Forum to be held since before Covid-19 and was attended by Local Authority Audit Committee Members and staff in the Southern Network. The Southern Network comprises members from Tipperary, Cork City

and County, Limerick, Clare, Kerry, Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford.

There was a very good attendance on the day and there were a number of very informative presentations in the morning and attendees availed of a tour of the Rock of Cashel in the afternoon.

The Council's tourism staff also attended on the day, taking the opportunity to promote all that Tipperary has to offer.



Communications Update

The Communications team communicates and promotes Council activities and services and raises public awareness of matters of local and national interest

Press releases issued 1 January – 30 September include: -

| Date | Subject |
|------------|--|
| 06/01/2023 | Damage to ring buoys River Ara Tipperary |
| 11/01/2023 | LEO Tipperary 2022 Jobs results |
| 24/01/2023 | Press Release- N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction update |
| 10/02/2023 | Local Enterprise week |
| 17/02/2023 | Official opening of Glenconnor Close, Clonmel |
| 20/02/2023 | Official opening of housing schemes around Tipperary |
| 20/02/2023 | Official opening of Kickham Barracks Clonmel |
| 23/02/2023 | County Student Enterprise awards |
| 01/03/2023 | Town Centre First Roscrea |
| 06/03/2023 | Student enterprise |
| 27/03/2023 | LEO Showcase post exhibition |
| 14/04/2023 | C-Pens - Library Service |
| 20/04/2023 | National Enterprise awards |
| 27/04/2023 | Social Stories - Library Service |
| 09/05/2023 | Student Enterprise winners |
| 10/05/2023 | Citizen Science Kit - Library Service |
| 16/05/2023 | Garda Station - Kickham Barracks |
| 17/05/2023 | Roscrea Town Centre First Masterplan |
| 18/05/2023 | Women in politics |
| 19/05/2023 | EU debate post event |
| 19/05/2023 | Student Enterprise awards All Ireland |
| 27/05/2023 | Carving Limb of view - Thurles library |

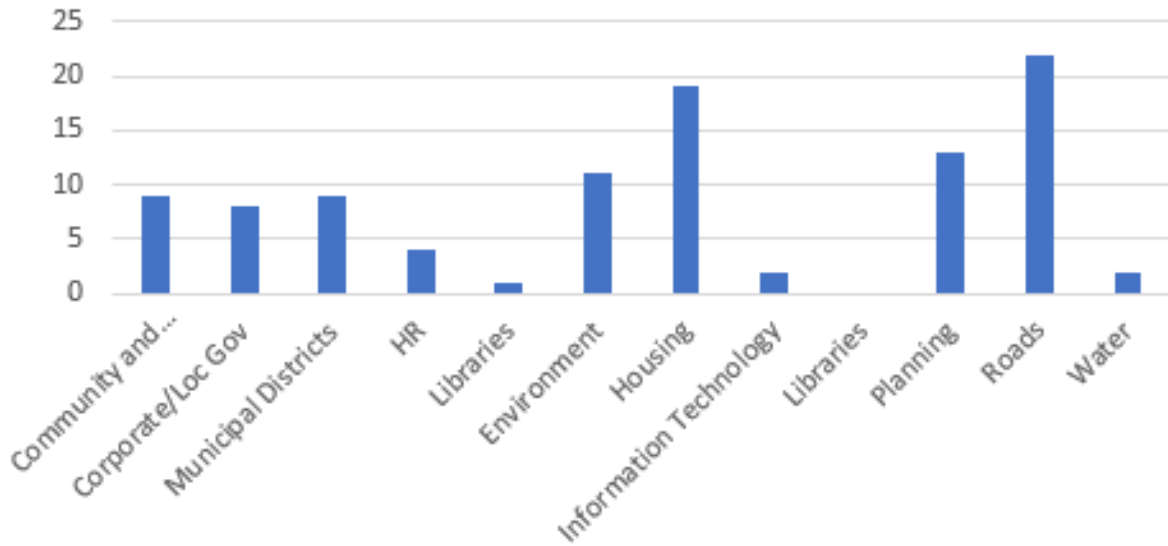


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|------------|--|
| 06/06/2023 | Press Release - Industrial Action Fire Services |
| 30/06/2023 | Press Release - Tipperary Students recognised as Future STEM Leaders at Microsoft Ireland's Inaugural Microsoft Dream Space Showcase (BCP Broadband Connection Points) |
| 04/07/2023 | Press Release - Summer Book Bus |
| 17/07/2023 | Press release Basse-Goulaine Twinning |
| 28/07/2023 | Press release retained firefighters |
| 28/07/2023 | Press release Unite industrial action |
| 02/08/2023 | Press release litter campaign |
| 18/08/2023 | Press release Storm Betty |
| 22/08/2023 | Press release Algal Bloom Lough Derg |
| 25/08/2023 | Press release Nenagh's pride of place |
| 05/09/2023 | Press release enterprise exhibition ploughing |
| 06/09/2023 | Press release Heritage Week Nenagh Cult Quarter |
| 08/09/2023 | Press release Glen of Aherlow - tourism |
| 27/09/2023 | Press Release Storm Agnes |

Media queries received 1 January to 30 Sept

| Section | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Community and Enterprise | 9 |
| Corporate/Loc Gov | 8 |
| Municipal Districts | 9 |
| HR | 4 |
| Libraries | 1 |
| Environment | 11 |
| Housing | 19 |
| Information Technology | 2 |
| Libraries | 0 |
| Planning | 13 |
| Roads | 22 |
| Water | 2 |
| | <u>100</u> |

Medial Queries 1 January - 30 September



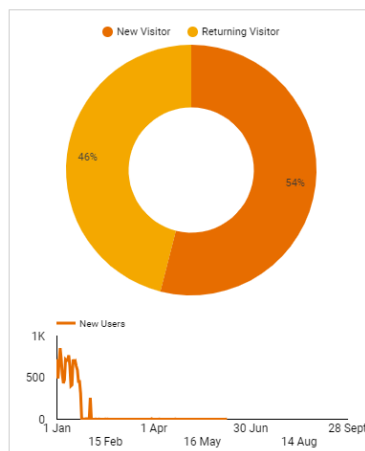
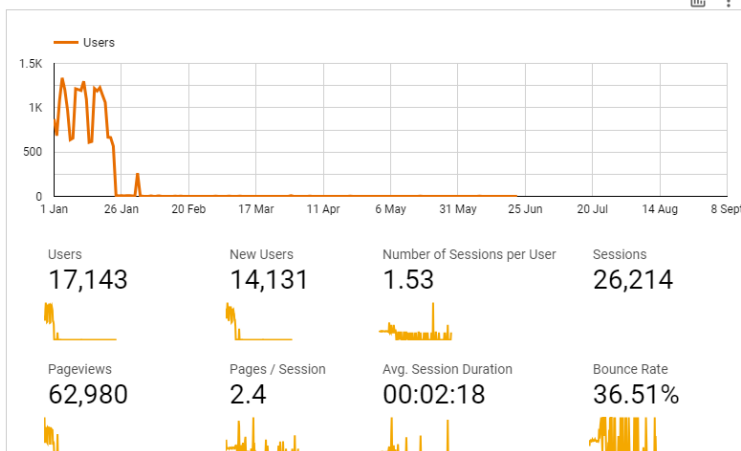
Digital and Social Media

The communications team monitors and updates social medial channels with creative content to enhance engagement with the public and maintain awareness of the work of the Council.

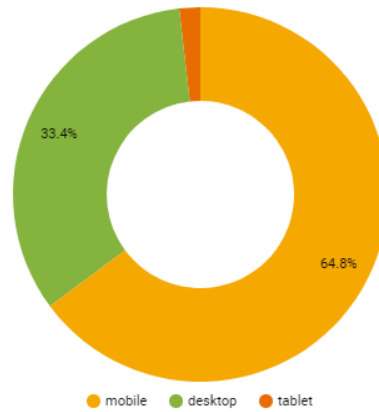


Website audience overview January - September 2023

Your audience at a glance



What device are people using?



| Device | Users | New Users |
|------------|--------|-----------|
| 1. mobile | 11,114 | 9,778 |
| 2. desktop | 5,723 | 4,099 |
| 3. tablet | 309 | 267 |

FACEBOOK



January – September 2023

Top-performing organic posts

Here are posts that have performed well over the last 90 days. Understanding what's working can help you decide what to create and share next, so you can keep up the great work.

Highest reach on a post ⓘ



Facebook post
Temporary Traffic Management on the R-678...
Aug 30, 2023, 2:00 AM

Highest reactions on a post ⓘ



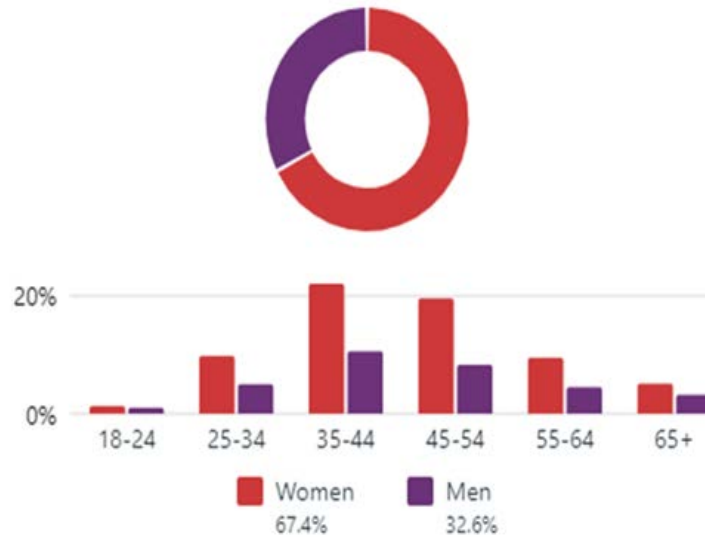
Facebook post
How can we promote Clonmel, Thurles further as attractive tou
Sep 4, 2023, 12:49 AM

Highest comments on a post ⓘ



Facebook post
How can we promote Clonmel, Thurles further as attractive tou
Sep 4, 2023, 12:49 AM

Age & gender ⓘ



Turnkey housing developments - Expr...

Tipperary County Council



FIREFIGHTER VACANCIES Applications...

Tipperary County Council



Tipperary County Council would very ...

tipperarycoco



Tipperary County Council would very ...

Tipperary County Council



FREE Household Hazardous Waste Co...

Tipperary County Council



January – September 2023

Jan 2023 - 31 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 1,741 impressions
Our new look website to help you find the service you are looking for, that is provided by a Tipperary County Council
pic.twitter.com/1oX56XK1lc



View Tweet activity

Top Follower followed by 11 UK people



Emma D'Arcy
@emmadarcy
"I am a Queue Marketing Agency Emma D Marketing + Entrepreneur + founder Marketing Success Summit + Consultant + speaker + author in marketing
View profile

Top mention earned 144 engagements

Noel Buckley
@noelbuckley Jan 31

A road three miles outside Clonmel littered with material thrown from car windows. How do we stop this? How do we change this behaviour? @TippFM @TipperaryCoCo @TipperaryLive @Tippmidwest @PattennyNT @NewstalkFM
pic.twitter.com/3rpf1VZCC



View Tweet

Top media Tweet earned 344 impressions

Design Update No. 1 for the N24 Caher to Limerick Junction Project is available on the project website n24caherlimerick.ie. For further information visit n24caherlimerick.ie or contact the project team by email at caherlimerick@midwestroads.ie or by calling 061 901000. pic.twitter.com/n2dU1wq3P



Jan 2023 Subtotal

Total impressions: 13K

Total Retweets: 25

Feb 2023 - 28 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 2,933 impressions

A busy day for Minister Darragh O'Brien around the county of #Tipperary, opening of Kichham Barracks, visiting the Regional Sports Hub followed by opening of housing developments at Glencorner Clonmel. Next stop Ned Hayes Park, Two Mile Borris and Long Orchard Park. Templetuohy.
pic.twitter.com/3ge6ZJymKj



View Tweet activity

Top Follower followed by 127K people



We Don't Have Time
@wedonthavetime 170K followers
Welcome to the social media for climate solutions. Join us and we'll plant a tree. #WeCanDuit
View profile

Top mention earned 325 engagements

Olivia O'Sullivan
@olivianna Feb 26

I struggle to understand how a public representative of @TipperaryCoCo brought it ok to bring Moyross into the issue without a thought for the community this affects. It undermines all the good work going on in Moyross. This councillor should apologise and withdraw the comment
twitter.com/tipperarylive/...

View Tweet

Top media Tweet earned 603 impressions

Lovely to confer a civic welcome from Cathairleach Roger Kennedy to Polish Ambassador I.E. Anna Sochanska
@sochanska in #Nenagh today
@PLineland @SMarysNenagh @Bohateronward
pic.twitter.com/S8BLR7B422



View Tweet activity

View all Tweet activity

March

Top tweet and mention

Tipperary County Council
@TipperaryCoCo

Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

Bin it... Don't Fling it!

Shame on you, if you are responsible for this.....

Dispose of your litter & Waste properly or face a FINE of €150 or up to €3,000 in COURT

Keep Tipp Tidy
www.tipperarycoco.ie

Apr 2023 - 30 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 838 impressions

pic.twitter.com/1IdFvDKwWQ



View Tweet activity

Top Follower followed by 4,976 people



Irish Thrones
@IrishThrones
-Ríchathaireacha Éireannach- Irish history +Irish media locations & their history | @Native_Vikings_Vishala | @HBO.Game of Thrones | @Disney-Star Wars
View profile

Top mention earned 245 engagements

Rebecca Loughry
@rebecca_loughry Apr 19

On our way home from sunny Clonmel. Great opportunity to use the @corkcitycouncil E-Carl Huge thanks to @TipperaryCoCo and all at the @lamaawards2023.
pic.twitter.com/RsZiOELt2q



View Tweet

Top media Tweet earned 522 impressions

pic.twitter.com/WUTz01YtK



May 2023 - 31 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 751 impressions

pic.twitter.com/5MBSf96CU1



View Tweet activity

View all Tweet activity

Top mention earned 340 engagements

Martin Quinn @marlinquinn May 4

Visiting the Glen of Aherlow. One of Ireland's hidden gems. @Tsihanouskaya @franakviacorka @Dz_Kuchynski @AherlowF @AherlowHouse @TipperaryCoCo @VisitTipp @Faitte_Ireland @TippTRevitalise @FaitteintMedia @DiscoverIreland @GoToIreland @poloconghaile @DeptCultureIRL @adriancummins pic.twitter.com/imNrxMkX5k



View Tweet

Top media Tweet earned 560 impressions

pic.twitter.com/gxwB8E6zH6



View Tweet

Jun 2023 - 30 days so far

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 794 impressions

Electrical and Plumbing Services : It is anticipated that Tipperary County Council will be tendering Emergency and... tipperarycoco.ie/housing/housin... Mon, 12/06/2023 - 12:00 #Tipperary

View Tweet activity

View all Tweet activity

Top mention earned 201 engagements

Fethard Town Park @fethardtowntipperary Jul 18

Wonderful day here at our Official Opening. Unbelievable atmosphere @JoanneOR_Ox class act @Jane_mangan brilliant & where @rachaellblackmor proved to be fairly handy @ the football. Terrific Day @IHumphreysFC @Munsterrugby @TipperaryCoCo @TippLadiesFB @TipperaryGAA @TippFMSport pic.twitter.com/2yRiYsInC



View Tweet

Top media Tweet earned 703 impressions

#yourcouncilday remembering Minister Darragh O'Brien 20 February who visited 5 new schemes throughout #tipperary - 98 new social homes @dephousinggirl #housingforall pic.twitter.com/9cz2cZllQ



July

Top tweet and mention



Tipperary County Council @TipperaryCoCo

Shannon Estuary economic and environmental transformation for Ireland & Europe was emphatically endorsed @LeoVaradkar @simoncoveney @EamonRyan @NormaFoleyTD1 at the estuary taskforce report launch. #SEETF #ShannonEstuary #RenewableEnergy https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/publications/publication-files/shannon-estuary-economic-taskforce-report.pdf ... pic.twitter.com/hzmjfluFWE



Tipperary County Council @TipperaryCoCo

Free recycling for Mattresses at 5 Civic Amenity Sites will run from Tuesday 25-Thursday 27 July.

Note: A maximum of 3 mattresses per household will apply
pic.twitter.com/GIX4aoTfmI

August

| Tweets | Top Tweets | Tweets and replies | Promoted | Impressions |
|--------|---|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| | <p> Tipperary County Council @TipperaryCoCo · Aug 30 L-5313 Ballinree,Cashel, Co.Tipperary is closed until futher notice : L-5313 Ballinree,Cashel, Co.Tipperary is closed until futher notice due to a... tipperarycoco.ie/roads-and-tran... Wed, 30/08/2023 - 12:00 #Tipperary</p> <p>View Tweet activity</p> | 1,049 | | |
| | <p> Tipperary County Council @TipperaryCoCo · Aug 30 Temporary Traffic Management on the R-678 Mountain Road,Clonmel,Co.Tipperary: Temporary Traffic Management on the R-678 Mountain Road,Clonmel,Co.Tipperary... tipperarycoco.ie/roads-and-tran... Wed, 30/08/2023 - 12:00 #Tipperary</p> <p>View Tweet activity</p> | 863 | | |
| | <p> Tipperary County Council @TipperaryCoCo · Aug 30 Fethard Town Park nominated for Pride of Place Awards 2023: Fethard Town Park nomination for Pride of Place Awards 2023 Fethard Town Park... tipperarycoco.ie/community/comm... Wed, 30/08/2023 - 12:00 #Tipperary</p> <p>View Tweet activity</p> | 450 | | |

September



| Tweets | Top Tweets | Tweets and replies | Promoted | Impressions |
|--------|--|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| | Tipperary County Council @TipperaryCoCo · Sep 26 | | | 1,381 |
| | We would very much welcome your input in the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) 2024 – 2029 consultation process. Full details on the process, to view the Draft LACAP and associated documents and how you can make a submission link; consultations.tipperarycoco.ie pic.twitter.com/Ed2x5YEdZC | | | |
| | View Tweet activity | | | |
| | Tipperary County Council @TipperaryCoCo · Sep 26 | | | 713 |
| | FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day today in Roscrea Recycling Centre, Old Dublin Road, Roscrea from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 pm pic.twitter.com/ZWSt8nwWe0 | | | |
| | View Tweet activity | | | |
| | Tipperary County Council @TipperaryCoCo · Sep 26 | | | 499 |
| | FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day today in Clonmel Recycling Centre, Carrigeen Business Park, Clonmel on Thursday 28thSeptember from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. pic.twitter.com/piH8km5M95 | | | |
| | View Tweet activity | | | |
| | Tipperary County Council @TipperaryCoCo · Sep 26 | | | 454 |
| | Uisce Éireann has a text alert service designed to provide important updates about water supply to business customers #Tipperary. Go online to Uisce Éireann website and fill in the text alert form water.ie/business-updat... You will need mobile phone number and account details. | | | |
| | View Tweet activity | | | |

Achievements July - September 2023

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| <h3>Road Safety</h3> <p>ROAD SAFETY—Ash dieback disease</p> <p>A concern of this disease is the risk of accidents occurring due to trees falling or branches dropping onto public roads and footpaths. Landowners please check if you have ash trees in your hedgerows that are displaying signs of this disease, especially on hedgerows situated close to a public road as there may be a risk of these trees falling onto the road.</p> <p>If a tree or branch falls onto a road or on to adjoining land as a consequence causes injury or damage to an individual or property, the general rule is that the landowner on whose land the tree is located will be liable.</p> | <h3>Planning/LEO</h3> <p>ENERGY & FARM DIVERSIFICATION SHOW 2023</p> <p>Sponsored by AYA</p> <p>Curteen College, Co. Tipperary Thursday, 20th July 2023</p> | <h3>Tipperary Libraries</h3> <p>Barnardos Wellbeing Project Presents</p> <p>Free Family Wellbeing Workshop</p> <p>This is a free workshop for parent(s)/guardian(s) and their children to attend together.</p> <p>Taking place in Clonmel Library on Wednesday 27th August from 11-12. Use of the sensory room will also be available.</p> <p>Story Telling Rhythmic Activities Breath & Movement Arts & Crafts</p> <p>The workshop supports regulation, releases stress and tension, increases feelings of calm and cultivates a sense of connection through fun activities.</p> <p>To register please contact Bernia via WhatsApp messenger on 0861036152</p> <p>Barnardos</p> |
| <h3>Planning</h3> <h4>Draft LAPs for Clonmel Thurles and Nenagh</h4> | <h3>LEO</h3> <p><i>Save the date!</i></p> <p>National Women's Enterprise Day</p> <p>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th 2023</p> | <h3>Heritage week</h3> <p>National Heritage Week</p> <p>12th - 20th August 2023</p> <p>NENAGH HISTORIC & CULTURAL QUARTER NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK</p> <p>Free Events</p> <p>Tuesday 15th August Outdoor Tour Nenagh Courthouse Nenagh Courthouse 1800-1850 This is a public tour of the historic Courthouse, built in 1800 and built from local limestone. It is a fine example of Georgian architecture.</p> <p>Wednesday 16th August Interactive Guided Tour of the Old Mill House Nenagh Mill House 1800-1850 This is a public tour of the historic Mill House, built in 1800 and built from local limestone. It is a fine example of Georgian architecture.</p> <p>Thursday 17th August Prize for very young children with Arts-Region Nenagh Heritage Centre 1800-1850 This is a public tour of the historic Heritage Centre, built in 1800 and built from local limestone. It is a fine example of Georgian architecture.</p> <p>How to know your Neagh Tipperary identity for Neagh O'Meara, M.A. Donnell Nenagh Tourist Office 1800-1850 This is a public tour of the historic Tourist Office, built in 1800 and built from local limestone. It is a fine example of Georgian architecture.</p> <p>Free Events Booking Essential, contact Nenagh Tourist Office 087 997 9122 nenaghtouristoffice@tipperary.ie</p> |
| <h3>Sports Partnership</h3> <p>Sports Ability Day</p> <p>Sports Ability Day Price: Free but booking is essential Date & Time: Friday 18th August 11AM-1PM Venue: Presentation Sports Complex, Thurles Booking: www.tipperarysports.ie</p> <p>Inclusive Opportunities: Golf Rugby Soccer GAA Athletics Basketball Dance Hockey Boccia And more</p> | <h3>Arts</h3> <p>CULTURE NIGHT</p> <p>22 SEP AT 6-9 PM</p> <p>SIOLTA CIRCUS</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>SHOW</p> | <h3>Corporate</h3> <p>Graduate.ie engage, inform, inspire</p> <p>WEEK 1 WINNER</p> <p>SARAH CAHILL</p> <p>Borrisokane Community College, Borrisokane, Co Tipperary</p> <p>Prize Sponsors: Tipperary Co Council & Dept of Environment, Climate & Communications</p> <p>Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Tipperary County Council</p> <p>As a State Contributor, An tAire agus a Comairle, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications</p> |

Communications focus

**Summary of some items
PLANNED for promotion
October - December 2023**

| Month | Title | Description |
|----------|---------------------------------------|--|
| October | Positive Ageing Week | 1-7 th October 2023 The theme of PAW 2023 will carry on the theme of Challenging Ageism- Reframing How We Think, Feel and Act towards aging and older persons. |
| October | National Fire Safety Week | 9th – 17th October 2023 Theme: “Safer Together”. fire safety activities during the week - information and advice |
| October | Re-use month | waste management tips. Profile/interview of waste awareness officer. Highlight aspects of LA waste management plan |
| October | Children's Book Festival | events planned during the week |
| October | Halloween | highlight local events planned and messages re fire safety and illegal bonfire/fireworks |
| October | Road Safety Week | 2-9 October Winter ready advice for road safety. Highlight road improvement works. |
| October | World Food Day | tips to cut down on food waste. Highlight agri-food policies/actions. |
| October | National Women’s Enterprise Day | 19 October |
| November | Science Week | 13-20 November Highlight examples of science or tech in action in the local authority |
| November | Carbon Monoxide Awareness week | 23 November fire safety activities during the week - information and advice |
| November | Pride of place awards | celebrate winners and local authority involvement |
| December | Christmas Fire Safety Advice campaign | fire safety messaging and advice |

Customer Service Activity

CSD staff also utilise the following systems for logging and looking up customer queries: -

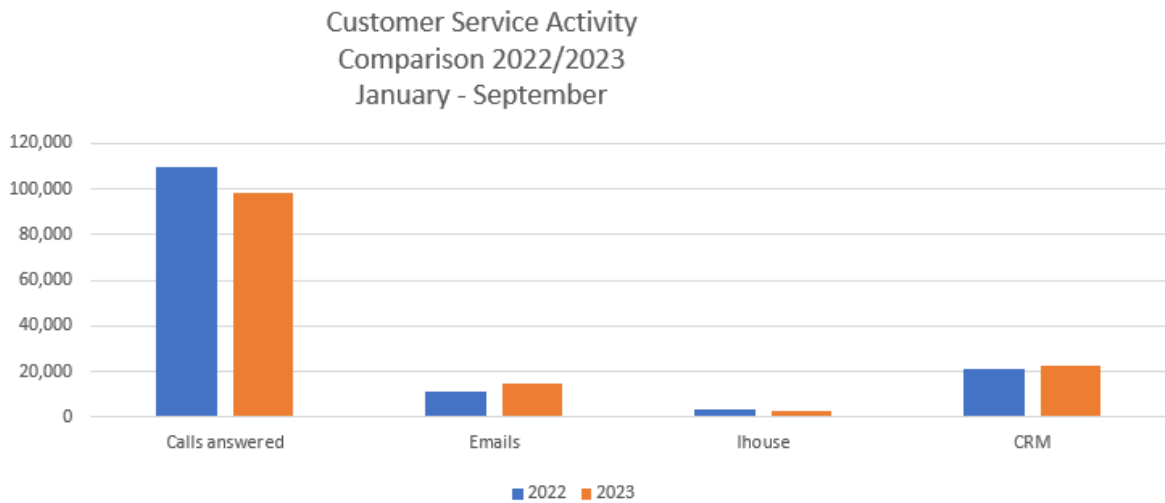
- CRM – customer relationship management
- Anti-Social Behaviour Log
- Environmental complaints register
- Fix your street
- NVDF system (motor tax)
- Ihouse

Customer Service activity – CSD staff

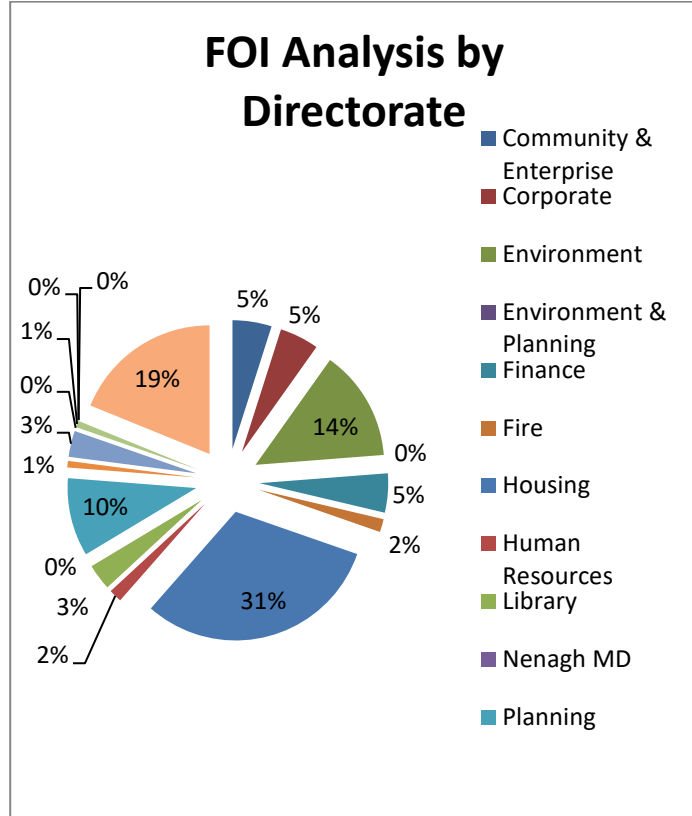
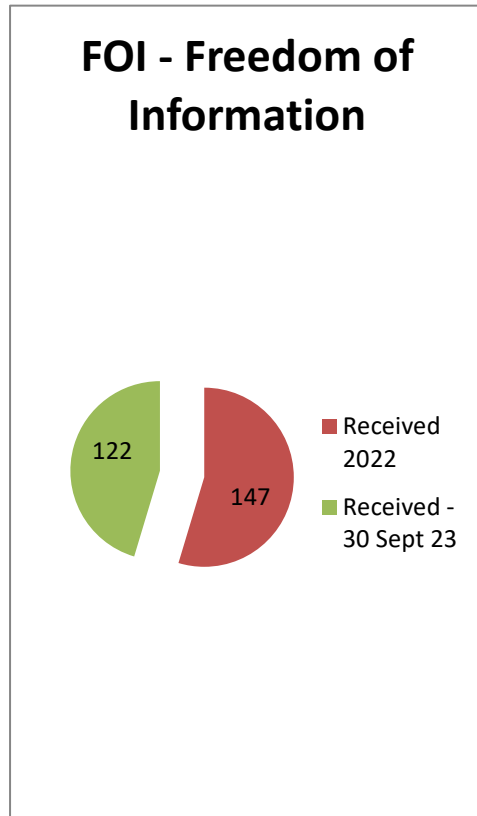
Comparison 2022/2023

1 January – 30 September

| | Calls answered | Emails | Ihouse | CRM |
|------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2022 | 109,846 | 11,135 | 3,176 | 21,532 |
| 2023 | 98,233 | 15,088 | 2,676 | 22,781 |

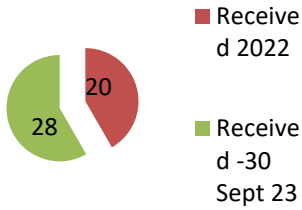


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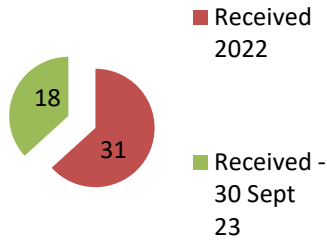




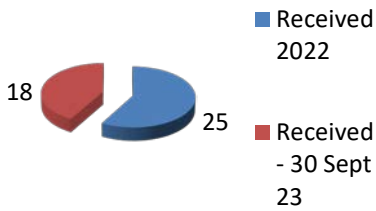
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Ombudsman

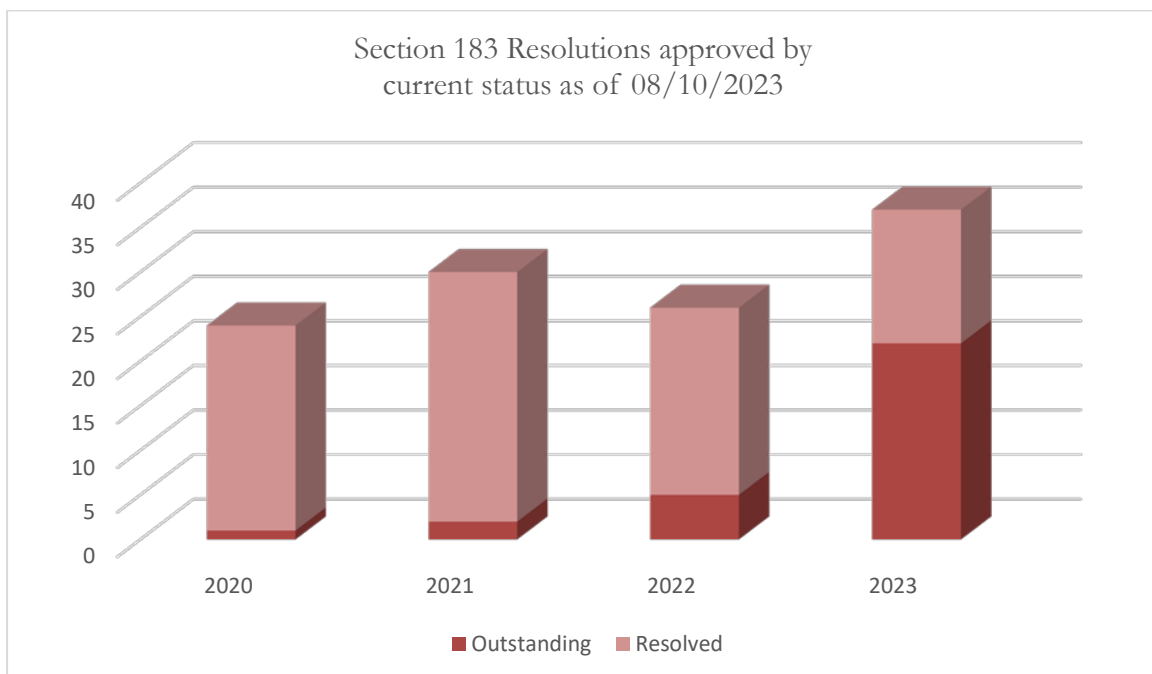
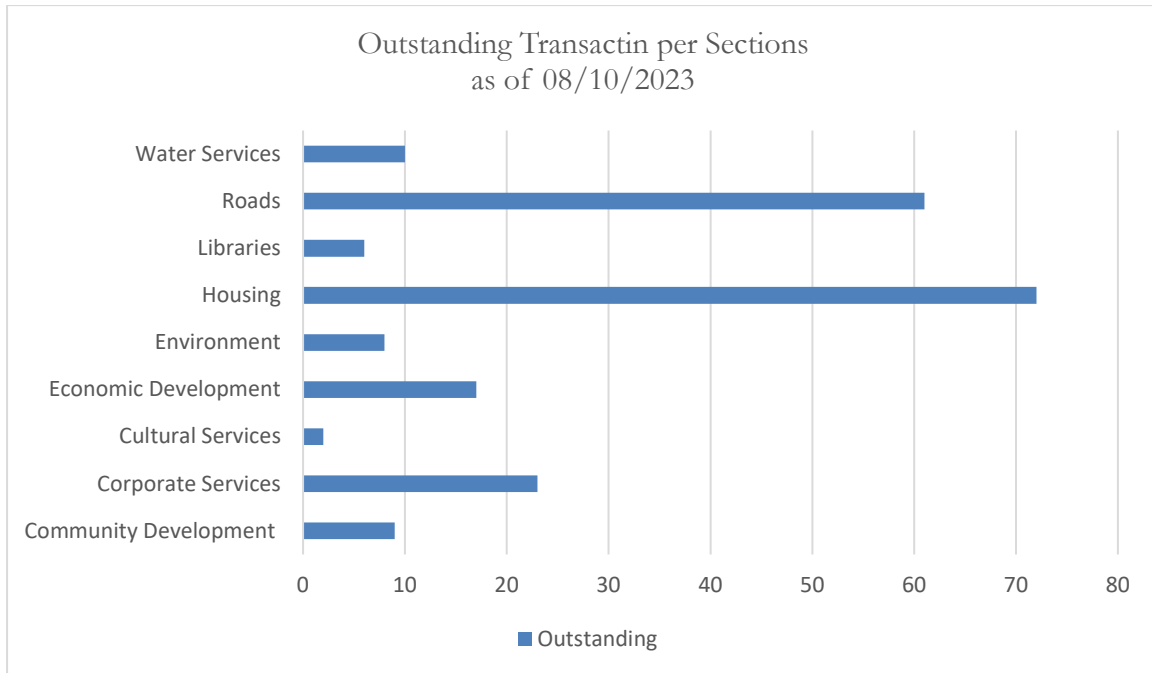


AIE - Access to Information on Environment



Property Management

Central Property Unit has opened 152 new Transactions and closed/resolved 142 Transactions within the current year, i.e. 2023. There is 208 active Transaction in relation to requests relating to letting, acquisition or disposals of Council's Lands or Buildings, i.e.





Schedule of Outstanding Section 183 Resolutions by location

- The Mall, Templemore
- Burgagery Land East, Clonmel
- Old Motor Tax Offices, Banba Square, Nenagh
- Templemore Demesne, Templemore
- Upper Green Street, Fethard
- Yewstons, Nenagh
- No. 12 Heywood Terrace, Burgagery Lands West, Clonmel
- Main Street, Templemore
- Nenagh Road Borrisokane
- Greenane Drive, Tipperary Town
- Wilderness, Clonmel
- Old Bridge, Clonmel
- Currang, Portroe
- Nenagh Road, Borrisoleigh
- Lisbunny Business Park, Nenagh
- Lisbunny Business Park, Nenagh
- Killadangan, Puckane, Nenagh
- Kilballygorman, Ardfinnan
- Commons, Ardfinnan
- Gortnahoe (Boulick)
- Erasmus Smith House, Cahir
- Foilaclug, Kilnamanagh Upper
- Longfordpass South, Gortnahoe
- Gort Na Chlochair, Borrisokane
- Abbeyside, Holycross, Co. Tipperary
- Mondreen, Clongowan, Thurles
- No. 1 Fontenoy Terrace, Stradavoher, Thurles
- Roscrea Business and Technology Park
- Cormack Drive, Nenagh,
- Slieve Locha, Garrykennedy, Portroe

Environment & Climate Action Directorate

Climate & Energy



Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029

Tipperary County Council has an important role in mitigating and adapting to Climate Change. It will do this through the following ways:

- **Directly** - by Achieving a 51% reduction (over 2018) levels in Green Houses Gas emissions across its own internal operations and,
- **Indirectly** - by influencing, facilitating and advocating for other sectors and communities in their achievement of their own emissions reductions obligations.

A key mechanism to support this process is the preparation of a Local Authority Climate Action Plan for the period 2024 – 2029 (LACAP). The Draft LACAP was published on 21st September and the Council is now inviting further community and stakeholder input.

The Draft LACAP sets out how the Council can (through the delivery of 100 ambitious climate actions) incorporate and promote a range of mitigation, adaptation and other climate action measures in the delivery of its services, to support the Government's overall national climate objective to achieve a transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.



The draft LACAP is set out in seven sections:

1. Introduction
2. Stakeholders
3. Profile of the county and of the County Council
4. Evidence based climate action
5. Framework of climate actions
6. Mid-Tipperary decarbonising zone
7. Funding, implementation and reporting.

There are five supplementary reports providing baseline data:

1. Climate Change Risk Assessment for Tipperary (Tipperary County Council, 2023).
2. Baseline Emissions Inventory for Tipperary (Tipperary County Council, 2023).
3. Socio-Economic Profile and Baseline Emissions Inventory for the Mid-Tipperary Decarbonisation Zone (Tipperary County Council, 2023).
4. Environmental Report in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435 of 2004 as amended by S.I. 200 of 2011) for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).
5. Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report pursuant to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

Full details of the Draft LACAP and associated documents and how to make a submission are available to view online at <https://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie> from the 21st September 2023 to the 6th of November 2023. The website also includes a list of various locations around the county that the Draft LACAP will be available to view and where public information events will be held during October.

Submissions received as part of the consultation process will be considered in a 'Report on Submissions' and where appropriate amendments may be proposed to the Draft LACAP, before the final LACAP is adopted in February 2024.

Community Climate Action Fund

€700,000 has been allocated to Tipperary County Council for the first tranche of funding, which will run over an 18-month period. This funding is being provided for community climate action projects and initiatives to build capacity within local communities.

Projects will address the following five themes:

1. Home/energy
2. Travel
3. Food and waste
4. Shopping and recycling
5. Local climate and environmental action.

Once a launch date has been agreed by the Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications, the rollout of the Community Climate Action fund will commence. It is envisaged this will happen in Quarter 4, 2023 and communities will be invited to submit project applications for this funding. Marie O'Donnell is the Community Climate Action Officer and will administer this fund.

Policy

The Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee meeting met on the 30th August 2023 in Thurles. Presentations were given and discussions were held on the following topics;

- Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.
- Correspondence with the EPA regarding 'Ireland's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Projections 2022 -2040' report.

Public Awareness Initiatives

Gum Litter Awareness – “Bin your gum when you're done”

The Gum Litter task force visited Nenagh on 15th August as part of its interactive roadshow. The Roadshow works with local authorities and communities across the country to carry out fun and engaging education and awareness initiatives that demonstrate the correct means of gum disposal and raise awareness of the environmental and fiscal impacts of gum litter. Research published recently to coincide with the National Launch of the 2023 GLT Campaign, revealed that 87% of people now reported proper gum disposal versus 49% when the campaign began in 2007.



Cllr. Ger Darcy, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council with Environment & Climate Action Staff Fiona Flynn, Deirdre Molamphy and Lorraine Kelly and members of Gum Litter Task Force

Food Waste Separation Roadshow

To promote the National Food Waste Recycling Campaign, the awareness team attended events including the Age Friendly Expo in Thurles, the Clonmel Show, the Bansha Show and Cahir Heritage Day and distributed over 1000 food waste caddy packs at these events.

This year's campaign focus was on proper food waste segregation, in particular separating food waste from all plastic packaging and other containers, to prevent contamination at compost and anaerobic digestion facilities.



Food waste roadshow display at Cahir Heritage Day



Cllr. Ger Darcy Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council, Fiona Flynn, Denise Kearney, Environment & Climate Action Section and Cllr. Marie Murphy at the Clonmel Show

Anti-Roadside Litter Campaign – “Think before you Throw”

As part of our anti-roadside litter campaign “Think before you Throw”, a clean-up week was launched on 8th August. This campaign ran from 21st to 27th August and proved very successful with 47 groups, with an estimated 680 volunteers, registering to take throughout the county. Clean up packs were provided to groups who signed up and the waste collected was disposed of at the Council's Civic Amenity Sites. 8 Groups who took part in the clean-up, each won a prize of €250 to fund a sustainable community project in their area.

The campaign's focus was to urge everyone to take personal responsibility for disposing of their waste and litter correctly to “Keep Tipperary's Roads Litter Free” and protect our environment for now and for future generations. A radio campaign was launched on Tipp FM and BEAT FM in early October and targeted social media messaging was also used to highlight this issue to motorists and passing pedestrians.



At the launch of Tipperary Clean up Week. Joe Mac Grath CEO Tipperary County Council, Cllr. Ger Darcy Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council, Pat Walsh and Orla Kelly Environment & Climate Action Section and Members of Marlfield Village Committee.



Emly Tidy Town participants in Clean up Week



Toomevara GAA Club participants in Clean up Week

Sustainable Development Goals Week



Sustainable Development Goals Week (SDG) week, which ran from the 18th September to 8th October, forms part of the wider European Development week. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are a collection of 17 global goals that are an urgent call to action for all countries, aimed at improving the planet and quality of human life around the world by 2030.

To celebrate SDG week, events were held in Carrick-on Suir and Clonmel libraries on food waste prevention and a climate action course was held in the Cabragh Wetlands on 7th October facilitated by Aoife Munn. This was a very informative and interactive day and covered topics such as planting for climate change, flood prevention with planting and food waste reduction in the community, all in keeping with supporting several of the SDG goals.



Participants at the Climate Action Course – Cabragh Wetlands 7th October

Burial Ground Maintenance & Tidy Town Grants 2023

The closing date for receipt of 2023 Burial Ground Maintenance Grants and Tidy Town Grants was the 10th March, 2023. All completed applications are now with the relevant Municipal District for approval and payment.

| Municipal District | Number of Tidy Town Grants Received | Number approved – Total amount approved | Number of BG Maintenance Grants received | Number approved – Total amount approved |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Clonmel BD | 7 | €12,000 – to be paid in Oct | 21 | €14,700 - Paid |
| Tipp-Cahir-Cashel MD | 40 | €56,000 – to be paid in Oct | 70 | €58,498- to be paid in Oct |
| Carrick on Suir MD | 16 | €12,000 – paid | 49 | €32,600 - paid |
| Nenagh MD | 30 | €56,700 – 7 Grants paid - €19,500 Awaiting submission of receipts for remainder | 66 | €44,773 - Paid |
| Thurles MD | 28 | €43,324 – 17 grants paid to date. Awaiting submission of receipts for remainder | 57 | €39,900 - Paid |



Derelict Sites

There are currently 61 properties on the Derelict Site Register. The Environment & Climate Action Section is currently engaging with a further 54 property owners in relation to remediating their properties, prior to formal Section Notices being issued.

Up to the end of September 2023, 43 Section 8(2) Notices (intention to place on Derelict Sites Register) and 24 Section 8(7) Notices (placing on the Derelict Sites Register) have issued this year.

| Municipal/Borough District | Number of properties engaged with in 2023 (pre-Section Notice being issued) |
|----------------------------|---|
| Tipp /Cahir/Cashel | 18 |
| Nenagh | 15 |
| Clonmel | 7 |
| Carrick-on-Suir | 6 |
| Thurles | 8 |
| Total | 54 |

In 2023, 24 properties were added to the Derelict Sites Register and 8 properties removed.

Draft Litter Management Plan

Following noting at the July Council meeting, the Draft Litter Management Plan 2024-2026 was put out for public consultation, as set out under Section 12 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended), for the period 24th July to 28th August 2023.

All submissions received by the closing date have been considered and a number of minor amendments to the Draft Plan are proposed.

The revised Draft Plan being presented at the October Council meeting is being recommended to the Members for formal adoption as the Litter Management Plan 2024-2026, to take effect from the 1st January 2024.

The revised Draft Plan has been circulated to all Members of Tipperary County Council in advance of the October Council meeting to allow for consideration.

Veterinary Services

Horses

27 horse queries were reported to the Environment & Climate Action Section, which resulted in 33 horse pickups to date in 2023.

Dogs

A total of 203 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens up to October 2023. To date, 18 dogs were re-homed, 138 dogs sent to Rescues and 16 dogs were reclaimed, 30 were put to sleep. The number of dog licenses purchased to date is 5,428. The section continues to work with the animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs.

Abattoirs

| Bovine | Ovine | Caprine | Porcine | Deer | Turkey | Abattoir Visits |
|--------|-------|---------|---------|------|--------|-----------------|
| 948 | 2594 | 6 | 58 | 852 | 2303 | 375 |

Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites

A total of 88,878 customers used the services to date in 2023.

| Customers visits to the CAS | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Waller's-Lot | 21,252 |
| Carrigeen Clonmel | 16,038 |
| Nenagh | 21,792 |
| Roscrea | 18,981 |
| Donohill | 10,815 |
| Total to date in 2023: | 88,878 |

Burial Grounds

Burial Ground Development/Upgrade Works

| Burial Ground | Progress update |
|------------------------|---|
| Ballina (Boher) | Civil Works commenced on construction of Boher Burial Ground in Quarter 3, 2023. |
| Fethard | Civil Works to commence on construction of Fethard Burial Ground in Quarter 3/4, 2023. Works are ongoing. |
| Cahir | The Environment & Climate Action Section has commenced with Part 8 drawings for a new burial ground in Cahir. A Hydro-geological Assessment is completed and Environmental Assessment commenced, which is to be completed in Quarter 4. |
| Carrick on Suir | Land acquisition is to commence on completion of social housing scheme by the land owner on the adjoining site. |
| Shanrahan | All outstanding ancillary boundary works were completed in Quarter 3, 2023. |
| Kilmore | Works are substantially completed and are to be finalised in Quarter 4, 2023. |
| Holycross | New access road and modifications to existing access roads are completed. Additional works are to be completed in Quarter 4 2023. |



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| Cloughprior | The National Monuments Service was consulted in relation to the development of the burial ground extension during the Part 8 process. A geophysical survey, as requested by National Monuments Services, deemed the site and adjacent site unsuitable. A constraints study was completed to assist in identifying alternative suitable sites within the parish. The Environment & Climate Action Section is actively exploring alternative suitable sites within the parish. |
| Kilnarath BG Newport | Community Monument Fund (CMF) Grant of €100,000 granted for 2024 for structural works including the rear gable of the church ruin. This is in addition to the 2023 Grant funding allocated of €80,000. Works have been tendered out and are substantially completed. |
| Clonmel (St Patricks) | The Borough District has completed the provision of a new section in St. Patricks Graveyard. |
| Solohead/Monard | A potentially suitable site was identified and a hydrologist was engaged by the Environment & Climate Action Section. Preliminary site suitability trial holes have been completed on site and the consultant's report has indicated that the site maybe suitable, subject to further site assessment. Further negotiations with the landowner have commenced. |
| New-Inn Kildangan | Potential suitable sites were identified for possible development of a Burial Ground. TCC is actively engaging with landowners exploring sites for land acquisition |
| Borrisloeigh | Potential Sites were identified for possible land acquisition and development of a Burial Ground. |
| Kilsheelan/Kilcash | A preliminary hydrogeological assessment study has commenced to identify potential suitable lands for a Burial Grounds. |

Waste Management and Enforcement

| Notices issued | Update | Details |
|---|---|---|
| Section 14 Directions (to remediate a site) Fixed Payment Notice issued under Section 34 of the Waste Management Act under Section (breach of waste collection holder) | To date, 18 Notices have been issued consisting of: 1 Notice was served for non-compliance with Waste Collection Permit | 14 Notices were complied with; 4 Notices are still ongoing for compliance; |

Fixed Payment Notices (FPNs) Issued

| Total Fixed Payment Notices Issued | Clonmel | Thurles | Nenagh | Carrick | Tipperary | Totals |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Total Issued | 16 | 43 | 35 | 4 | 86 | 184 |
| Total Paid | 7 | 10 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 42 |
| Total Cancelled | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Total Outstanding | 9 | 32 | 13 | 0 | 80 | 134 |

As per table above, a total of 184 Fixed Payment Notices issued up to mid-October 2023, which includes 107 Litter fines, 9 Fixed Payment Notices issued to Waste Collectors and 68 Fixed Payment Notices that issued to private individuals for giving their vehicle to an un-authorized collector.

Legal Proceedings

- 18 court cases to date, with successful convictions for breaches under the Litter and Waste Management Acts.

Household Waste Inspections

The number of Households surveyed was 354, with 305 of said households being compliant which gives a percentage of 86% compliance while the national average is approximately 75%.

2023 Anti-Dumping Initiative

Tipperary County Council was awarded approx. €96,000 for projects under the 2023 Anti-Dumping Initiative.

Details below in relation to approved projects:

| Project # | Project Name | Cost awarded (€) | Note | Project Status |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|
| 1 | Household Haz Waste | 20,000 | Countywide | Completed |
| 2 | Tipp Mattress Amnesty | 26,000 | Countywide | Completed |
| 3 | Carrigeen Illegal dumping | 10,000 | Clonmel MD | Completed |
| 4 | St. Patricks The Commons | 5,000 | Carrick MD | Completed |
| 5 | Derrynaflan Drive | 2,000 | Thurles MD | Completed |
| 6 | Knockanroe Silvermines | 3,000 | Nenagh MD | Completed |
| 7 | Roadside Illegal Dumping | 30,000 | Countywide | Completed |

2023 Annual Farm Plastics Collection Days

The Irish Farm Film Producers Group (IFFPG) successfully completed their annual collection day/s over 13 authorised bring centres in June to July of this year. A number of bring centres were inspected by Tipperary County Council staff, all inspected sites were fully compliant. Bring-centres represent the most cost-effective and convenient means by which farmers can recycle farm plastics.



Thurles Farm Plastics Collection Day at Thurles Co-Op, 20th July 2023.

Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

2491.88 tonnes of glass and 79.34 tonnes of cans were collected up to the end of September 2023, these figures represent a 6% decrease in glass and an 5% decrease in cans collected for the same time period in 2022. 325.04 tonnes of textiles were collected up to the end of September 2023. For the same period in the previous year 327.72 tonnes were collected, this represents decrease of 1%.

Waste Recovery Levy

The Waste Management (Landfill Levy)(Amendment) Regulations 2023 and the Circular Economy (Waste Recovery Levy) Regulations 2023 came into effect on 1st September 2023. The purpose of these regulations is to introduce a Waste Recovery Levy of €10 per tonne on “black” bin waste. The Recovery Levy will encourage higher value waste management practices by moving material management up the waste hierarchy, away from waste disposal and recovery and towards more recycling and reuse and to encourage greater efforts to segregate waste at source. To ensure that the introduction of the Waste Recovery Levy does not run counter to the waste hierarchy, the existing Landfill Levy was also increased by the same amount as the Recovery Levy.

Circular Economy Bill re CCTV usage to amend Waste Management Act and Litter Pollution Act legislation

In accordance with the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, the LGMA are tasked with developing Codes of Practice for;

1. The use of CCTV under the WMA, 1996.
2. The use of Mobile Recording Devices under the WMA, 1996.
3. The use of CCTV under the LPA, 1997.

The three draft Codes were prepared and submitted to the statutory consultees for comment. The Local Government Sector Working Group is now considering feedback from the statutory consultees, but it is likely to be the end of Quarter 4 before these Codes will be received Ministerial approval and be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas.

Landfills & Waste Removal from Rathcabbin



Ballaghveny landfill-Cell 10b being filled with waste, 05th September 2023

Ballaghveny landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. The filling of Cell 10b with waste, commenced on 23rd March 2023 and is currently being filled with contaminated soil, stone and wood ash, which is being mixed with stabilized waste from the former Shannon Vermi-composting facility in Rathcabbin. Up to the end of September 2023, the landfill has accepted in total 44,278t of waste, this is 90.3% of its licensed annual intake limit of 49,000t/a.

The amount of leachate removed from Ballaghveny landfill, up to the end of September this year, following our wet summer, is ca. 28% above the same period in the previous year (2022).

The value of the Community Gain Fund arising from the waste accepted during 2022 is €62,085 and offers have been made available to distribute these funds in 2023.

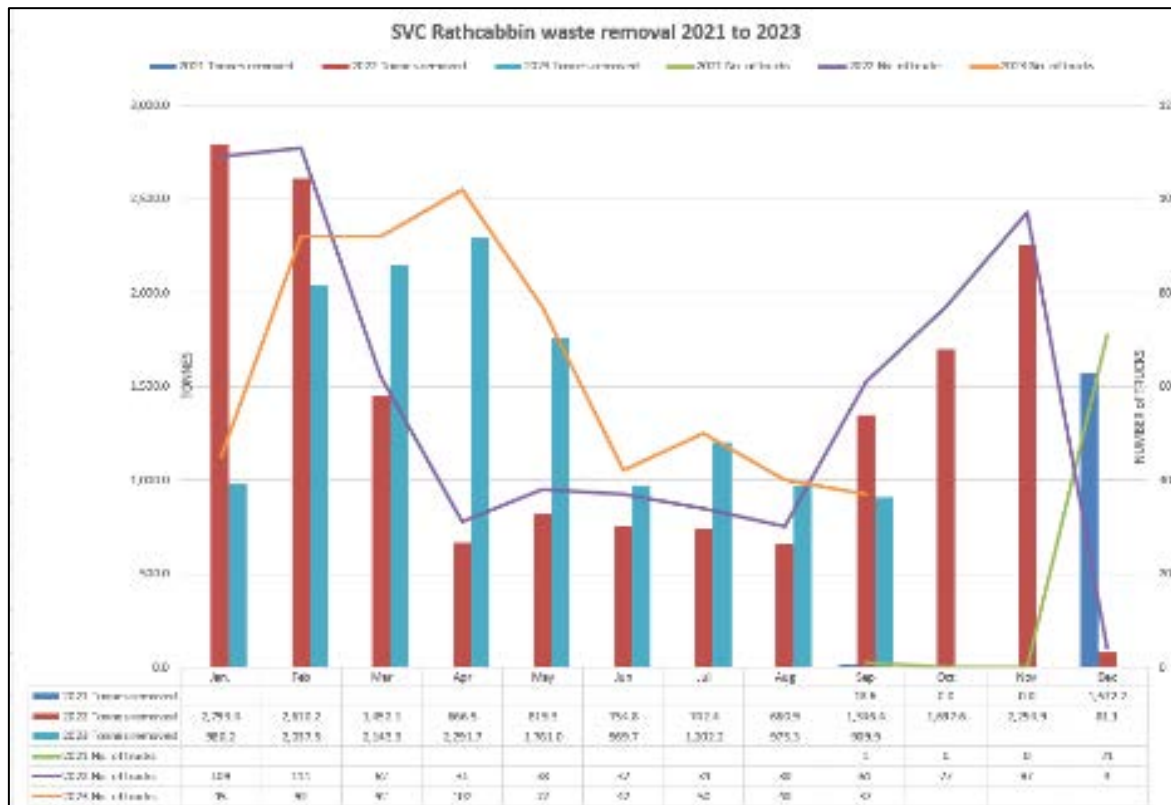
Donohill landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste license conditions is ongoing. The leachate volumes removed from Donohill landfill are ca. 33.7% higher than the same period last year, i.e. during the first 9-months of 2022, again reflecting the wet summer.

Rathcabbin Waste Removal

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermi-Composting (SVC) facility in Rathcabbin commenced on 2nd December 2021. From the beginning of January up to 30th September 2023, Ballaghveny landfill accepted 13,270.82t of waste from SVC Rathcabbin.

The total amount of waste removed from SVC Rathcabbin, up to 30th September 2023, is 30,741.23t. The SVC waste removal is estimated to be ca.88% complete, based upon a total of 35,000t.



Monthly distribution of waste removed from SVC Rathcabbin from 2021 to 2023

| Historic Landfills | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir | Tipperary Town - Landfill remediation documentation is complete and applications were submitted in May 2023 to An Bord Pleanála for development consent. |
| Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir | Applications for Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) have been submitted to the EPA for the Dundrum and Knocklofty historic landfills. Environmental monitoring of the historic landfills is ongoing. Contracts were completed on 22 nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfills at: Killeigh, Cahir; Caherabbey, Cahir, and Deansgrove, Cashel. |
| Thurles – Templemore | Applications for Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) were submitted to the EPA for the Brittas Road and Monanearla historic landfills. Environmental monitoring of these historic landfills is ongoing. Contracts were completed on 22 nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessment of the closed landfill at: Kiltillane, Templemore. |
| Carrick-On-Suir | Connawarries, Carrickbeg – A consultant was appointed to carry out the landfill remediation design and ecological surveys are complete in preparation of a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for submission to the EPA and An Bord Pleanála. |
| Nenagh | Contracts were completed on 22 nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfill at: Shesherahscanlon, Borrisokane. |

Environment Protection

Water Pollution / Agriculture

- 630 samples were taken as part of Water Framework Directive (WFD) sampling programme.
- 52 Section 4 monitoring samples have been taken.
- 20 Farm inspections were performed.
- 10 Source Protection investigations were undertaken (Glengar crypto, slurry spreading at Hollyford, Tullaheady (decommissioned supply), Ironmills & Monroe, Forestry impacts at Turraheen, Goatensbridge, Pesticide exceedances at Lingaun, Turaheen & Fethard).
- 21 Nutrient Management Plans have been submitted for assessment.



- 351 Drinking Water samples were taken as part of the Rural Water Programme, 27 of which were investigative follow up samples.
- 15 on site Drinking Water Audits were performed (Small Private Supplies).

Planning Referrals

44 Planning applications have been assessed and reported to the Planning Section to ensure potential environment impacts of proposed developments are identified and mitigated at planning stage.

AIR

Air Inspections

Solid Fuel Inspections

- 21 onsite inspections were carried out under the new Solid Fuel Regulations for 2023.
- Solvent regulations: 5 certificates were issued; 6 inspections were carried out and 4 annual reports were received.
- Deco paints: 2 certificates were issued and 2 onsite inspections were carried out.
- Petroleum Vapours: 9 petroleum vapours inspection were carried out and 15 certificates were issued.

Air Monitors

- The current status of air quality in all towns monitored is rated as good and is compliant with The CAFE directive.
- Live Information on Air Quality in Clonmel and Tipperary Town can be retrieved at airquality.ie

Rural Water Programme

Annual Maintenance Subsidy

- 72 Schemes received an invitation to apply for an Annual Maintenance Subsidy in January 2023. The closing date for applications was the 30th June 2023.
- 70 applications have been received.
- Annual Maintenance Subsidies to the value of €488,105 were paid at as the 4th October 2023.



Current Capital Projects:

There are 7 Group Water Schemes (GWSs) currently engaged in capital projects assisted by the rural water team. Up to the end of September €50,398 has been invested.

Private Well Grants:

As at the 4th October, 61 new applications were received, 43 grants were awarded, 5 were refused (alternative source in proximity) and none were withdrawn. A total of €266,979, has been invested with 54 applicants paid.

Septic Tank Grants:

As at the 4th October, 1 application was received and €5,000 was paid.

Environmental Complaints

| Complaint Category | Carrick on Suir MD | | Nenagh MD | | Thurles MD | | Tipperary, Cahir, Cashel MD | | Clonmel BD | |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Open | Closed | Open | Closed | Open | Closed | Open | Closed | Open | Closed |
| Air | 1 | 6 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 2 |
| Animal | 1 | 41 | 5 | 80 | 4 | 67 | 2 | 121 | 8 | 77 |
| Infrastructure | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Litter | 4 | 57 | 4 | 109 | 12 | 170 | 16 | 91 | 15 | 97 |
| Noise | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 5 |
| Waste | 5 | 28 | 8 | 95 | 7 | 32 | 10 | 48 | 11 | 47 |
| Water | 2 | 5 | 2 | 20 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 5 |
| Totals | Open | Closed | Open | Closed | Open | Closed | Open | Closed | Open | Closed |
| | 19 | 142 | 26 | 324 | 33 | 291 | 45 | 297 | 41 | 235 |
| Totals | 161 | | 350 | | 324 | | 342 | | 276 | |

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All figures relate to the period 01 January 2023 – 31 August 2023

New Policy/Strategic Issues

| Policy Changes/Updates | Current Position/Progress made | Next Stage |
|--|---|--|
| Affordable Housing | Serviced sites identified Draft scheme of priority in place Application submitted to the Department for funding | Advertise serviced sites once approval received |
| Review of the Housing Allocation Scheme & associated policies | Review of issues pertaining to 1 bed applicants and succession has been discussed by the SPC and one further meeting is required prior to presentation at plenary | Allocation Scheme review is for further consideration at the SPC |
| Disability strategy | Meeting with relevant stakeholders to identify support pathways for disabled persons to enable them to live independently, with more choice and control over with who and where | Finalise three year capital plan based on disability. |

they live and included in their community.

Housing Delivery

The current status of the projects is as follows:

2022 – 2026 Construction Programme

| <i>Address</i> | <i>No of Units</i> | <i>Current Status</i> | <i>Next Stage</i> |
|---|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Gort an Oir, Fethard Belmont Park Housing Association | 7 | Stage 1 Approved Capital Assistance Scheme | Stage 2 submission October |
| Gortlandroe, Nenagh | 27 | Stage 1 Approved | Design Team to be appointed |
| Puckane | 21 | Stage 1 Approved | Stage 2 submission Q4 2023 |
| Coolnamuck Road, Carrick on Suir | 30 | Decision required on third river crossing - | Stage 1 submission |
| William Street, Clonmel | 4 | Stage 2 Approved | On Hold |
| Clogheen | 12 | Stage 2 Approved | OGP for integrated design team |
| Ballingarry (South) | 10 | Stage 1 Approved | Stage 2 Submission |
| Gantley Road, Roscea | 16 | Stage 1 Approved and Design Team Appointed | Stage 2 Submission |



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|---|----|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Rialto site, Nenagh | 12 | Design team appointed | Stage 2 submission |
| CuChulainn Road, Thurles | 6 | Stage 1 Approved | Under review with Thurles MD |
| Mountain Road, Cahir | 43 | Section 179A Q4 | Tender Scheme |
| Templemore AHB, Main Street, Templemore | 23 | Planning Approved | Stage 3 Submission |
| Ashbury, Roscrea | 10 | Integrated Design Team Appointed | Stage 3 submission |
| Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town | 4 | Stage 2 Approved | Design Team being Appointed |
| Glencarrick, Roscrea | 46 | Section 179A Q4 | Tender Scheme |
| Church Street, Templemore | 2 | Contractor Appointed | Scheme completion 2024 |
| Glenconnor Road, Clonmel | 6 | Contractor on Site | Scheme completion 2024 |
| Grove Street, Roscrea | 9 | Stage 3 Submitted | Tender Scheme |
| William Street, Nenagh | 7 | Design Team Appointed | Stage 3 Submission |
| Borrisoleigh | 12 | Stage 2 approved | Design Team Appointment |
| Boherclough Street, Cashel | 9 | Contractor on Site | Completion 2023 |
| Woodview Close, Nenagh | 10 | Contractor Onsite | Completion 2023 |
| Moyne | 9 | Substantially Complete | Completion 2023 |
| Portroe, Nenagh | 14 | Uisce Eireann on site | Completion 2023 |



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|-----------------------------|----|-----------------------------|---|
| Bansha | 14 | Substantially Complete | Completion 2023 |
| Ardfinnan | 14 | Turnkey | Completion 2023 |
| Ballyclerihan | 14 | Contractor on Site | Completion 2023 |
| Donohill | 8 | Contractor on Site | Completion 2023 |
| Carrickbeg, Carrick on Suir | 22 | Turnkey Contractor on site. | Phased Delivery (9 by Q4 2023 other 13 Q2 2024) |
| Cullen | 8 | Turnkey | Awaiting Contracts |
| Ard Na Sidhe , Clonmel | 9 | Turnkey Contractor on site | Completion 2023 |
| Tyone Road, Nenagh | 67 | Respond AHB | Waiting on CALF application |
| Irish House, Tipperary Town | 6 | Focus | Finalising Contracts, completion 2023 |
| Coopers Lot, Cashel | 44 | Respond AHB | CALF application submitted to Dept |
| SeanLine, Fethard | 16 | Turnkey | Finalising Contracts, completion 2023 |
| Farranahassery, Cahir | 48 | Respond AHB | CALF application submitted to Dept |
| Dun Lia, Thurles | 61 | Cluid AHB | CALF application submitted to Dept |
| Wallers Lot, Cashel | 40 | Tuath AHB | Contractor on Site |
| Glencarrick, Roscrea | 50 | Cluid AHB | CALF application submitted to Dept |
| Springfort Meadows, Nenagh | 19 | Turnkey | Contracts being finalised |
| Wheatfields, Clonmel | 38 | Turnkey Contractor on | Phased Delivery in 2024 |



| | | site | |
|------------------------------|----|----------------------------|--|
| Stradavoher Road, Thurles | 32 | Turnkey | Contracts being finalised |
| Glencree, Newport | 8 | Turnkey | Completion 2023 |
| Thomas Street, Clonmel | 61 | Turnkey | Contracts being finalised |
| Abbey Street, Cahir | 10 | | Completed |
| Ma Chaoin, Templemore | 13 | Turnkey | Phased Delivery |
| Ardcronev | 4 | | Completed |
| Prior Park Grove, Clonmel | 41 | Turnkey Project on Site | Phased Delivery, 2023/2024 (6 delivered in 2022) |

RAS Voluntary

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| New properties | 63 |
| Total tenancies | 324 |

RAS Private

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| New properties | 9 |
| Total tenancies | 619 |
| Rent Reviews carried out | 119 |

Long term lease

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Total tenancies | 279 |
| Rent Reviews carried out | 84 |

Mortgage to rent



| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| New properties | 10 |
| Total tenancies | 98 |
| Rent Reviews carried out | 8 |

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| HAP tenancies set up | 160 ¹ |
| Total tenancies | 1640 |
| Average weekly HAP set up | 4 |

Inspections

| | 1 st inspection | 2 nd inspection |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| RAS | 20 | 42 |
| Private rented | 402 | 47 |
| Long term lease | 6 | 1 |
| HAP | 203 | 293 |
| Mortgage to rent | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 646 | 400 |

¹ 34 of these are HAP Placefinder tenancies

Energy Efficiency Works

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP)

Under the previous schemes, 119 houses have been retrofitted to a BER of B2 or better during previous years. A target of 99 houses to be completed under the Energy Retrofit Program was set by the department for the current year.

101 units are currently in various stages of works due to be completed by the end of the year. Construction works have been completed on half of the units, with snagging and post works energy surveys underway.

This years programme includes units in Cloughjordan, Ballina, Roscrea, Borrisoleigh, Templemore, Thurles, Clonmel Town, Carrick-on-Suir Town, Tipperary Town and Cahir Town.

A further list of units is currently being assessed in accordance with the Departments guidelines under criteria to be eligible under the scheme. This list has been generated from units 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 by the scheme.

Housing Grants

The Council has received confirmation that we will receive a total of €3,408,125 in private grant funding for 2023. The allocation we have received for LA DPG's is €2,110,262 for this period which is the highest allocation in the country.

The scheme has now opened up to P1, P2 & P3 applications for 2023 for both private and local authority grants.



| | Budget | Allocated | No. of Paid Applications |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD) | €2,000,000 | €1,861,011.55 | 209 |
| Mobility Aids Grant (MAG) | €108,125 | €63,905 | 18 |
| Housing Aid for Older People (HOP) | €1,300,000 | €1,124,892 | 265 |
| TOTAL | €3,408,125 | €3,010,456 | 492 |
| Local Authority DPG Grants | €2,110,262 | €2,110,262 | 23 |

Voids

The number completed is 107.

- Tipp/Cashel/Cahir - 29
- Nenagh - 18
- Templemore/Thurles/Roscrea – 28
- Carrick - 15
- Clonmel – 17

Vacant Houses²

| District | Approved Applicants | Vacant Houses | % Vacant Houses ³ |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Carrick | 363 | 12 | 0.26% |
| Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel | 811 | 26 | 0.47% |
| Clonmel | 616 | 16 | 0.29% |
| Nenagh | 747 | 24 | 0.44% |
| Templemore/Thurles | 861 | 32 | 0.59% |
| Total | 3,370 | 114 | 2.02% |

Offers of Tenancy

| | Offers Accepted | Pending | Refused | Nomination to AHBs |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Carrick | 35 | 27 | 4 | 4 |
| Tipperary-Cahir- Cashel | 96 | 84 | 10 | 3 |
| Clonmel | 67 | 57 | 9 | 3 |
| Nenagh | 40 | 25 | 14 | 6 |
| Templemore Thurles | 118 | 78 | 33 | 26 |
| Total | 356 | 271 | 70 | 42 |

² Includes available for letting and houses where works are being carried out

³ Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock

Number of Housing Applications received

There were 1441 housing applications received of which:

- 1080 were found to be valid
- 361 were found to be invalid

Number of Housing Assessments carried out

| Month | Number of Assessments |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| January | 65 |
| February | 118 |
| March | 107 |
| April | 74 |
| May | 132 |
| June | 92 |
| July | 71 |
| August | 108 |
| Total | 767 |

Choice Based Lettings

- 161 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- 144 offers have been accepted.
- 11 awaiting decision
- There have been 6 refusals (3.7% refusal rate)

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Carrick-on-Suir District | 26 |
| Clonmel Borough District | 33 |
| Nenagh District | 13 |
| Thurles District | 27 |
| Tipperary District | 45 |
| Accepted offers | 144 |

Community Support

The Council's five Community Liaison Officers have an integral role to play in the active and positive management of both the council's housing stock and its' tenants. They work closely with resident groups and other agencies (An Garda Síochaná, the HSE, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, Túsla; Local Community and Family Resource Centres etc) to facilitate, support and implement plans for their respective areas in order to improve the quality of life for all.

A key function also involves liaising with and dealing with tenants in respect of tenancy breaches. Where such engagement and supports cease to be effective and the tenant refuses to engage in a positive manner to address the issues at hand, the council has been active in progressing these cases through the courts.

The following table sets out details of legal cases (41) initiated over the past two years

| Type of Case | Number Cases Taken | Status |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Succession | 4 | 4 Possession orders granted. |
| Illegal occupation (house swap) | 2 | Agreement in Court to return to houses |
| Alteration to Property | 1 | 1 Agreement Reached in Court |

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|------------------------------------|----|--|
| Rent Arrears | 18 | 1 Possession Order granted 8 Agreement Reached in Court 9 in court over the next few weeks |
| ASB – Tenancy Breach | 5 | 3 Repossession Orders granted and houses repossessed 1 Repossession Order granted and appeal to be heard on 20/10/23 1 New Awaiting Court Date |
| Injunctions for Animals/Structures | 10 | 5 Orders Received – structures removed 1 Order Received – Appealed to High Court (heard 3/10/23 awaiting verdict) 2 Orders Received – Awaiting Compliance 2 New Awaiting court date |
| Injunction Removal of Mobile Home | 1 | 1 Order Granted mobile removed |

Homelessness

The Homeless Team consists of four full-time staff members:

- Avril Halligan, Homeless Coordinator
- Patricia Whelan, Homeless Prevention Officer
- Mary Walsh, Homeless Prevention Officer
- Aisling Byrne, HAP Placefinder

There are also two members of staff seconded to TCC providing additional support to the Homeless Team:

- Noreen Tierney, Provides support for NTQs
- Deirdre Healy, Homeless Prevention

The Homeless Team operate a number of clinics across the county:

- Civic Offices in Clonmel & Nenagh
- Community Clinics in Novas, Croke St, Thurles and Substance Misuse Service, Clonmel

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
- in exceptional cases provide B&B emergency accommodation

Tipperary County Council Homeless Service operates a Care and Case Management model to managing homeless presentations. Inter-Agency work underpins this model and TCC has forged strong links to a range of services including Social Inclusion, HSE Mental Health and Disability Services, Gardai, Probation Services, Substance Misuse Service and a variety of NGO's & community-based projects.

These inter-agency links provide a holistic approach to managing complex homeless presentations and ensures that individuals are provided with wrap-around supports.

TCC in collaboration with the HSE Mental Health Services and an AHB are currently in the process of introducing a new pilot project aimed at providing Own Front Door Accommodation to individuals that are ready for discharge from the psychiatric services. This project aims to equip individuals with the skills to manage a long-term tenancy through a shared-care model of support whilst preventing discharges from acute hospital settings into homelessness.

The focus of homeless services in 2023 continues to be the prevention of clients entering emergency accommodation and thus the homeless cycle.

Homeless Presentations as at 30th September

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Single | 202 |
| Couples | 20 |
| Couples with children | 29 |
| Singles with Children | 148 |
| Total | 399 |

Emergency B&B Accommodation:

There are currently 36 singles and 14 families in emergency accommodation with the breakdown as follows

| Month | OFD | B&B | Transitional Units | Total |
|----------|-----|-----|--------------------|-------|
| Singles | 6 | 16 | 14 | 36 |
| Families | 5 | 9 | | 14 |

All of the clients in EA are currently in B&B 6 months or less (with the exception of 4 individuals who have vulnerabilities and complex needs and for whom we have identified a long-term plan.). The homeless are actively engaging with these clients to sourced permanent accommodation.

The council continues to work with private B&B and AHBs to identify additional emergency accommodation when required.

Notice to Quits (NTQ) for RAS & HAP properties

NTQ applicants are the sector who have been given a notice to quit as a result of landlords moving out of the private rental market.

Our HAP Place-finders are working with all NTQ recipients to assist them in finding alternative accommodation. The Housing section has prepared an information sheet which is available on our website at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/housing/housing/housing-latest-news/2023/protocol-support-households-notice-termination-april-2023>

It is important that recipients of NTQs make contact immediately with the council on receipt of an NTQ.

Tipperary County Council has been notified of 292 NTQ's to date broken down as follows:

| Type | Number |
|--------------|------------|
| RAS | 115 |
| HAP | 177 |
| Total | 292 |

| Status | Number |
|---------------------|------------|
| Purchased | 78 |
| Under Offer | 4 |
| Under Consideration | 13 |
| Not Purchased | 197 |
| Total | 292 |

| Not Purchased | Number |
|---|------------|
| Sourced Alternative Accommodation/Re-housed by the council | 159 |
| No Engagement | 14 |
| NTQ revoked | 3 |
| Rent Arrears | 3 |
| Surrendered Tenancy | 4 |
| Working with HPF to sourced alternative accommodation (council not in a position to purchase) | 14 |
| Total | 197 |



The following table sets out details of the number of valid HAP NTQ that the council has received and that will come into effect in the next six months. The Hap Place Finder is working with these individuals in relation to their options.

| Month | Number |
|--------------|---------------|
| November | 8 |
| December | 6 |
| January | 7 |
| February | 1 |
| March | 3 |
| April | 2 |
| Total | 26 |

There is also a pathway for those who do not qualify for social housing and who have received an NTQ. To date the Council has referred 10 queries to the Housing agency.

Buy and Renew

The Buy and Renew scheme is designed to support local authorities (and approved housing bodies) to purchase and renew vacant housing units in need of remediation and make them available for social housing. There is continued engagement with landlords to bring more properties back into use through the purchase of both disused and older vacant homes. Buy and Renew will also assist in the improvement of derelict and disused areas within our villages and towns. We have a target in 2023 to deliver 5 Buy & Renew properties. 3 of which have been delivered with a further 2 in the pipeline.

Repair and Lease

The level of financial support under the Repair and Lease Scheme, a companion strategy of the Buy and Renew scheme, has increased to €80,000. This was extended to allow developers to participate in the scheme in order to further enhance the delivery of long term social housing supports. The Department has set a target of 19 units to be delivered under this scheme in 2023. 3 Units have been delivered, and we currently working on delivery and finalising the remainder of units. We have a number of interested parties in discussions to deliver in 2024 across the County. These units tend to be apartments as opposed to dwellings and are typically located in the towns.

Local Authority Home Loans⁴

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of Applications Received | 62 |
| Number of Valid Applications Received | 27 |
| Number of Loan Applications Approved | 14 |
| Number of Loans Issued | 12 |
| Total Value of Loans Issued | €1,241,300 |

⁴ Please note any application received which is deemed to be invalid i.e. missing information will be returned to the applicant for updating. Therefore, not all applications received will be moved on to "Valid"

Tenant Purchase Scheme

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Formal applications to purchase received | 67 |
| Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued) | 45 |
| Sales completed | 10 |
| Total proceeds of sales received | €643,050 |

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Tipperary County Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme, following consultation with traveller agency groups outlines the accommodation requirements of the Travelling Community from 2019 to 2024. The projected housing units need over the five-year period is 90 of which 123 have been delivered to-date. A target of 25 accommodation units for traveller families was set out for 2023 of which 24 have been delivered with a further 2 nearing delivery.

The Council has also prepared a 3 Year Capital Programme and the current Programme covers the period 2022 to 2024. This Programme provides for upgrade works, new build, site remedial works, etc. so as to improve the living conditions of the travelling community.

The following table sets out current position in relation to each project.

3 Year Capital Traveller Accommodation Plan 2022 - 2024

| Development Location | Description of Project | Start Date | Expected Completion Date | STATUS October 2023 |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Freighduff, Cashel | Purchase and refurbishment of dwelling | 2022 | Q2 2023 | Tenancy accepted. House completed. ground works ongoing. |
| Ballyknock Halting Site, Cashel | Refurbishment and reinstatement of 4 no. existing tigin's and provision of new mobile units | Q3 2022 – to tender end Aug 22 | End Q4 2023 | In Progress |
| Nos. 2 and 3 Waller's Lot Group Housing Estate, Cashel | Refurbish and extend two detached groups houses | Q3 2022 – at tender | August 2023 | Houses nearing completion. External works to commence |
| No. 1 Waller's Lot Group Housing, Cashel | Pre-Letting works | Q1 2024 | | |
| Cahir Road Roundabout Halting Site, Clonmel | Connection of halting site to main sewer | Q2 2022 | Q3 2023 | Contractor Appointed |
| No. 1 Shanballyduff, Garraun, Cashel | Extend and refurbish existing dwelling | Part 8 to commence Q2 2022 | Q2 2024 | Part 8 Approved. At tender |
| Waller's Lot Group Housing, Cashel | Construction of new bay and provision of mobile home | Q2 2023 | Q3 2023 | Completed |
| Knocksaintlour Group Housing Scheme, Cashel | Refurbishment of existing dwelling & removal of caravans | July 2023 | Q4 2023 | Work commenced |



| | | | | |
|--|--|---|---------|--|
| No. 3 Railway Cottages | Extension and refurbishment of dwelling | Q3 2022 | | On hold |
| Railway Cottages Group Housing Estate, Powerstown, Clonmel | Refurbishment of Nos. 1 and 2 including site works (subject to injunction being granted) | Commence following completion of legal proceedings 2023 | | On hold. Legal proceedings under appeal |
| Lake Road Halting Site, Tipperary Town | Refurbishment of halting site Group Housing | Commence 2024 | | |
| Condon's Cross, Clonmel | Refurbish existing dwelling & provide new demountable | | | Options for site being considered |
| Rathordan, Cashel | Extend and refurbish existing dwelling | Q3 2023 | Q2 2024 | Tenders Received |
| Mocklers Hill, Cashel | Extend & refurbish existing LA dwelling | Q4 2022 | Q4 2023 | In progress |
| Lissava, Mitchelstown Road, Cahir | Purchase and refurbish dwelling | Q3 2023 | Q2 2024 | Work due to commence in coming week |
| Parkmore Halting Site, Roscrea | Add bedrooms to 4 no tígíns and change classroom to tígín | Commenced | Q4 2023 | Under construction. Unit 1 and 5 -Complete and allocated. Units 3 and 4 complete. Unit 5 to be completed with tenant in place. |
| Ballybeg, Littleton | Extension to existing dwelling | Completed | Q4 2022 | Completed. Tenant in place |
| Lisnaviddogue, Templemore | Demolish existing dwelling and construct new dwelling | TBC | | On hold |



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|---|---|---|--------------------|---|
| Ballyvillane Halting Site, Nenagh | Refurbish existing halting site and tigíns. | Q4 2023 | Q3 2025 | Options being considered |
| Dwelling at Rockforest, Knock, Roscrea | Extension to existing house | Q3 2023 | Q2 2024 | Construction ongoing |
| 14 Clohessy Place, Bouladuff, Thurles | Extend and refurbish existing dwelling | Part 8 to commence Q3 2023 subject to funding | 2024 | Request to Department for Funding |
| Dwelling at 1 Coolcroo, Two-Mile-Borris | Demolish and rebuild existing house | Part 8 ready for publication Q3 2023 | Q4 2024 | Part 8 being advertised in October |
| Dwelling at 7 Brittas, Thurles | 3-bedroom extension | Part 8 Q3 2023 | Completion Q2 2024 | Request to Department for Funding |
| Bay 2 Ashbury Halting Site, Roscrea | Provide additional bedroom to Bay 2 | Tender Q4 2023 | Completion Q4 2024 | Part of overall refurbishment of halting site |
| Ashbury Classroom | Refurbish to accommodation unit | | | At design stage |
| Ashbury Halting Site | Extend existing bay by addition of two bedrooms | | | At design stage |

Ukrainian Refugees

The war in Ukraine is ongoing, resulting in the continuing displacement of Ukrainians. Tipperary County Council through the Housing, Civil Defence, C&E sections and Local Development Companies in addition to support from key community groups have provided the following services in assisting with this humanitarian crisis:

- 2 x temporary rest facilities (one of which is supported by THLT). 1589 arrivals in 72 number intakes. This is equivalent to 32,612 bed nights
- IRC Pledged Properties - 231 Ukrainians have been housed in both vacant and shared units.
- Offer a Home Pledged Property fully managed by the Council has facilitated the provision of 444 Ukrainians with housing in 130 properties.
- Commercial Operators: - there are some 20 commercial operators in the county and housing staff actively support the residents in these facilities to integrate into the broader community.
- Refurbished Properties: The Council is also actively engaging with and supporting the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integrity and Youth to identify appropriate properties which can be refurbished to accommodate additional BOTPs on an interim basis and a number of such properties are currently under consideration.

Modular Homes: The OPW has provided 62 such homes on their own site at Gortataggart, Thurles which are now fully tenanted. A number of other sites are under consideration for modular homes with the OPW owned site in Newport being actively pursued.

Community Car Initiative- to assist those Ukrainians living in locations not on a transport route to access services. However, not currently operational pending solution to issue with driver regulation.

Community Integration

The Council works closely with other agencies such as the H.S.E., Department of Social Protection, AGS, Education, Local Development Companies etc in assisting the families housed and Ukrainians generally

to integrate with the local communities and to access the necessary health, educational, income and other supports. To this end, the C.E.O. convenes a high level Community Forum Group which meets monthly and includes all the relevant agencies, to track and ensure the provision of support and integration services for the Ukrainians. This model is replicated at service level to implement the policies formulated at the Community Forum Group.

Vacant Property

Croí Cónaithe fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

This scheme has been expanded to include houses in rural areas and an applicant can now apply for one grant for their primary residence and one additional property which they will rent. This additional property must be registered with a tenancy with the RTB.

The same criteria apply for both types of grant application:

- Building must be empty for at least 2 years.
- Built before 31 December 2007.
- Up to €50,000 available as a grant. An additional €20,000 is 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.
- 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.

| Scheme | Scheme Total | Croí Cónaithe | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | 2022 | 2023 (to date) |
| Applications | 269 | 49 | 220 |
| Withdrawn | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| Rejected | 19 | 11 | 8 |
| Under Review (LA) | 20 | 1 | 19 |
| FI Requested | 64 | 3 | 61 |
| On Hold (Applicant) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Approved in Principal | 141 | 29 | 112 |
| In Drawdown Process | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Paid Out | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Affordable Housing

Tipperary County Council will offer affordable properties for sale to those applicants who qualify for this scheme, subject to access to the Affordable Housing Fund. A call has been made to seek expressions of interest from those developers who have an interest in providing affordable homes in the key towns who already have planning permission.

Depending on this outcome, an application will then be made to the Department to access the AHF fund in a given area.

The Council has also identified a pilot site for 4 self-build affordable homes in Boherlahan and has recently received approval from the Department to progress with this project. It is planned to advertise these sites for sale in the coming weeks.