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Introduction



Cathaoirleach's Foreword

It is my great privilege as Cathaoirleach of the County of Tipperary to present this Annual Report for 2024. This report serves as an opportunity to reflect on the extensive work undertaken by Tipperary County Council, highlighting our achievements and the invaluable services we provide across the county to support communities, businesses, and the local environment.

Serving as the youngest Cathaoirleach of Tipperary since my election on June 20, 2024, has been an extraordinary honour. As the county's first citizen, I take immense pride in representing the people of Tipperary. Our Council — the 6th largest by area and the 12th largest by population — continues to lead progressive change, enhancing the county's economic, social, cultural, and physical infrastructure. We are committed to delivering high-quality services in housing, roads, planning, environment, recreation, amenity, fire and emergency services, and much more, ensuring a thriving and dynamic county for all.

2024: A Year of Progress and Transformation

This past year has brought remarkable change, with significant strides made across all Council directorates. One of the most notable milestones was the 2024 local elections, which welcomed a new cohort of Councillors, bringing diverse experiences, expertise, and perspectives that will shape the future of governance in Tipperary.

Recognising our growth and ambitions, we have approved a €249 million budget for 2025, complemented by an ambitious three-year Capital Programme worth over €639.5 million related to infrastructural projects and other capital projects where applications have and will be made under the various Project Ireland 2040 streams. These transformative projects will elevate Tipperary's status as a place to live, work, and invest.

Engaging with Communities Across Tipperary

One of the greatest privileges of my tenure has been the opportunity to travel across the county, meeting and engaging with local communities. The warmth, hospitality, and unwavering commitment of our towns and villages continue to inspire me.

Collaboration is at the heart of Tipperary's success, and our future growth depends on the collective efforts of those who live, work, and contribute to our communities. I extend my deepest gratitude to the many community groups and voluntary organisations whose dedication makes a meaningful difference in every corner of our county.

The continued investment in our county was evident with a number of contract signings and other significant project developments, including some within my own Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District, such as:

- Official launch of the River Ara Walk in Tipperary Town
- Official launch of the Tipperary Gift Card, in collaboration with Tipperary Chamber
- Official launch of the Templemore Library & Enterprise Centre
- Signing the Mayors for Peace agreement calling for an end to nuclear weapons at a special event at Leinster House

**Councillor
Declan Burgess**
Cathaoirleach

Celebrating Achievements & Recognising Excellence

Reflecting on 2024, there were many moments of pride, but a few stand out:

- **Honouring excellence in sports** – The Civic Reception at Bru Boru, Cashel, in December, celebrated the remarkable achievements of the Tipperary Minor Hurling Team, the Minor & Junior Camogie Teams, and their victories in the All-Ireland Championships.
- **Supporting local infrastructure** – The opening of community facilities across Tipperary, enhancing quality of life and fostering connections.
- **Encouraging volunteerism & local pride** – The ongoing commitment of Tidy Towns groups and individual volunteers in maintaining and beautifying their local areas. Their efforts continue to shape Tipperary into a cleaner, greener, and more inviting county.
- **Honour of speaking as Cathaoirleach at the Annual Youth Conference of Tipperary Comhairle na nÓg in TUS Thurles** – promoting youth participation

Acknowledgements & Looking Ahead

I wish to extend sincere thanks to our former Chief Executive, Joe MacGrath, whose leadership, vision, and dedication have guided the county forward over the past decade. I also warmly welcome our current Chief Executive, Sinead Carr, and wish her every success in her tenure.

I wish to acknowledge the work of the local media who attend our meetings and are a vital conduit for the general public in terms of keeping them informed of what is happening in the county.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors in Tipperary County Council for their invaluable support during my term as Cathaoirleach. A special word of thanks to my Leas-Cathaoirleach, Imelda Goldsboro, and Councillor Ger Darcy who presided as the previous Cathaoirleach.

Above all, I want to acknowledge the 1,200 dedicated staff of Tipperary County Council. Their tireless efforts, professionalism, and passion for public service have driven countless successful initiatives in 2024, laying a strong foundation for an even brighter future.

As we close the chapter on 2024 and embrace the opportunities of 2025, I remain committed to supporting the people of Tipperary, championing progress, and ensuring that the county continues to flourish. Together, we will make Tipperary an even greater place to call home.

Declan Burgess

Cathaoirleach Cllr Declan Burgess
Tipperary County Council





Chief Executive Foreword

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2024, which captures the impactful work of Tipperary County Council in delivering a wide array of public services and major projects throughout the year. Our continued efforts have positioned Tipperary at the forefront of local government, enhancing housing, public realm schemes, and infrastructure to ensure that our County remains an attractive, inclusive, and thriving place to live, work, invest, and visit.

Throughout the year, our dedicated staff remained committed to delivering high-quality services while maintaining the full suite of Council functions. Significant advancements were made in housing provision, business support, and community engagement, alongside key infrastructure projects that continue to shape the future of Tipperary.

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Sinéad Carr
Chief Executive

Highlights of 2024

Our Economy

- Over €50 million invested in National, Regional, and Local Roads, including finalising land acquisition for the Thurles Inner Relief Road.
- Over 262 businesses supported, leading to 149 net new jobs created across Tipperary.
- Sale of 6 Business Park sites, resulting in the creation of up to 370 jobs
- Successful securing of Just Transition Funding, totalling over €6.3 million for key projects
 - € 5 million through the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine for the BioScaleUp Bioeconomy project on the National Bioeconomy Campus, Lisheen, Thurles
 - € 1 million awarded through POBAL for the masterplan development of a 10-acre site, and Part 8 planning for core building on TCC-owned lands on the National Bioeconomy Campus
 - €377,000 awarded through POBAL for the development of a masterplan, incorporating junction design and Part 8 planning for TCC-owned lands at Templemore
- 5,574 Business supports grants paid under Power-Up (€7,324,000) & Increased Cost Of Business (€7,373,648) schemes totalling €14.698 million
- Redevelopment of Templemore Town Hall as a Library, Culture and Enterprise Centre
- Adoption of Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh, and Thurles.
- Approval of 205 Croí Cónaithe grants totalling €11.8 million
- Completion of key traffic management initiatives, including The Ragg Junction Realignment and a new one-way system in Nenagh.
- Audit of Angling and Accessible Outdoor Recreational Facilities produced. 'All the Small Things' Report, identifying 5 signature sites across Tipperary with the potential to be developed as tourism facilities with universal accessibility.
- Investment in content creation: Three short walking themed videos: Graves of the Leinstermen to Tountinna, Goatenbridge to the Liam Lynch Monument, Coronation Walk: Cahir to Swiss Cottage. Used in Tipperary Tourism social media, with excellent engagement.
- Launch of 'Time for Tipperary' marketing plan 2024/2025

Our Community

- Delivery of 180 new housing units in addition to 143 units brought on stream through our void programme.
- TCC facilitated exits from homelessness for 60 singles and 47 families.
- Approval of 714 Housing Adaptation Grants for private housing, amounting to €4.4 million.
- Adoption of the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and Housing Allocation Scheme.
- A vibrant Culture Night saw over 3,000 attendees across 38 events in 12 towns and villages.
- Funding of over €840,000 to all groups involved in Festivals, Events, Tidy Towns, and Burial Ground groups enabling and supporting our communities to enrich their lives and their sense of place
- Completion of community enhancement projects, including the Littleton Labyrinth Walking Trail, Newport Town Park, and the commencement of works on the formal gardens in Suir Island Clonmel and the Abbey performance Space in Clonmel.
- Unveiling of a mural dedicated to Shane MacGowan in Nenagh.
- Launch of a pioneering 5-year Tree Strategy, the first in the county, by Clonmel Borough District.
- Over 2km of widening works completed along the Suir Blueway.

Our Environment

- Adoption of Tipperary County Council's first Climate Action Plan in February 2024.
- €750,000 awarded to local community groups under the Tipperary Community Climate Action Fund.
- Near-completion of waste removal at Shannon Vermicomposting, with over 46,000 tonnes cleared.
- Expansion of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) usage across Council operations.
- Green Flag Award presented to Cahir Inch Field.
- Funding secured for the restoration of five historic sites under the Community Monuments Fund.
 - Loughloher Castle
 - Kilsheelan Church and Graveyard
 - Loughmoe Castle
 - Boolabaun Castle
 - Knockelly Castle

Our People

- A newly elected Council took up office in June, representing the voices of the people of Tipperary for the next five years.
- Civic honours awarded to Tipperary Hospice and to outstanding County Teams including Tipperary Minor Hurling Team and Tipperary Ladies Camogie Minor and Junior Teams.
- A grand celebration in Clonmel welcoming Olympic medalists Daire Lynch and Philip Doyle and a Clonmel Borough District Civic Reception for Donnacha Keeley, honouring his achievement at the World Rowing Championships.
- Recognition of individuals & community groups at the Annual Cathaoirleach's Awards Night across the 5 Districts.

The 2024 Local Elections saw a new Council elected in June for a five-year term. The local elections give the residents of Tipperary a voice through their local councillors in the running of the Council and administration of the county -

I want to pay tribute to those who did not return to the Council Chamber after the local elections for their service, and I welcome our new councillors. Councillors are leaders within our communities and have a very important role acting as the bridge between the residents and the Council to deliver what is best for their respective communities.

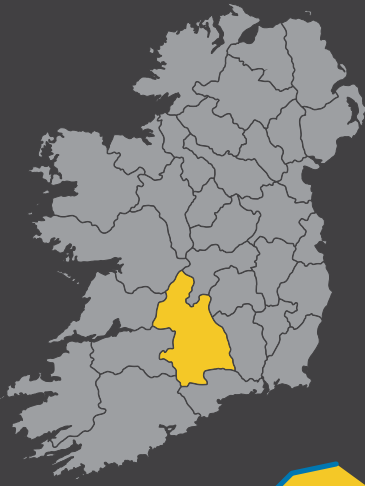
As we reflect on 2024, I extend my deepest gratitude to the Members of the Council, the Corporate Policy Group, the Strategic Policy Committees, our Borough/Municipal Districts and all of the other committees for their dedication and continued contribution to the delivery of services to the public in 2024.

I am particularly grateful to our Cathaoirleach, Councillor Declan Burgess, and his predecessor, Councillor Ger Darcy, for their exemplary leadership. Appreciation also goes to Leas-Cathaoirligh, Councillors Seamus Hanafin and Imelda Goldsboro, as well as the Municipal District Cathaoirligh and their ongoing contributions.

Our 1,200 staff remain the backbone of this Council, delivering high-quality, people-centred services that drive growth, champion climate action, and honour our rich cultural heritage. Their commitment and enthusiasm have been vital to our success, and I look forward to another year of collaboration and progress in 2025.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of my predecessor, Joe MacGrath, and reaffirm my commitment to working alongside staff, management, public representatives, and stakeholders to realise the full potential of County Tipperary

Sinéad Carr
Chief Executive



Of the 32 counties Tipperary County is

6th

largest by
area

12th

largest by
population

4,282km²

167,895
(preliminary figure 2022)

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

LOUGH DERG

Arra Hills

M7

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

Silvermine Mountains

KEY ARTERIAL ROUTES

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

Train lines:
Dublin & Waterford

M8

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

THE GOLDEN VALE

A rich pastoral stretch of land in the Suir basin which extends into counties Limerick and Cork.
No part of the county touches the coast.

N24

Galtees Mountains

KEY ARTERIAL ROUTES

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

Train lines:
Cork & Limerick

Knockmealdown Mountains

Vision Statement

Tipperary – A vibrant place where people can live, visit and work in a competitive and resilient economy, a sustainable environment and an inclusive and active community



Tipperary County Council Members

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



FIONA BONFIELD
LABOUR PARTY



PHYLL BUGLER
FINE GAEIL



JP O'MEARA
FIANNA FAIL



RYAN O'MEARA
FIANNA FAIL

Ryan O'Meara, elected to Dail Éireann following the General Elections held on 29/11/24

Cllr JP O'Meara, co-opted to the Council on 19/12/24 following election of Cllr Ryan O'Meara.



JOHN CARROLL
FIANNA FAIL



LOUISE MORGAN WALSH
LABOUR



JOE HANNIGAN
NON-PARTY



PAMELA QUIRKE O'MEARA
NON-PARTY



SEAMUS MORRIS
NON-PARTY



MICHAEL O'MEARA
NON-PARTY



MICHEÁL ANGLIM
FIANNA FAIL



LIAM BROWNE
NON-PARTY



DECLAN BURGESS
FINE GAEIL



JOHN CROSSE
FINE GAEIL



JOHN O'HENEV
NON-PARTY



MARY HANNA HOURIGAN
FINE GAEIL



ROGER KENNEDY
FIANNA FAIL



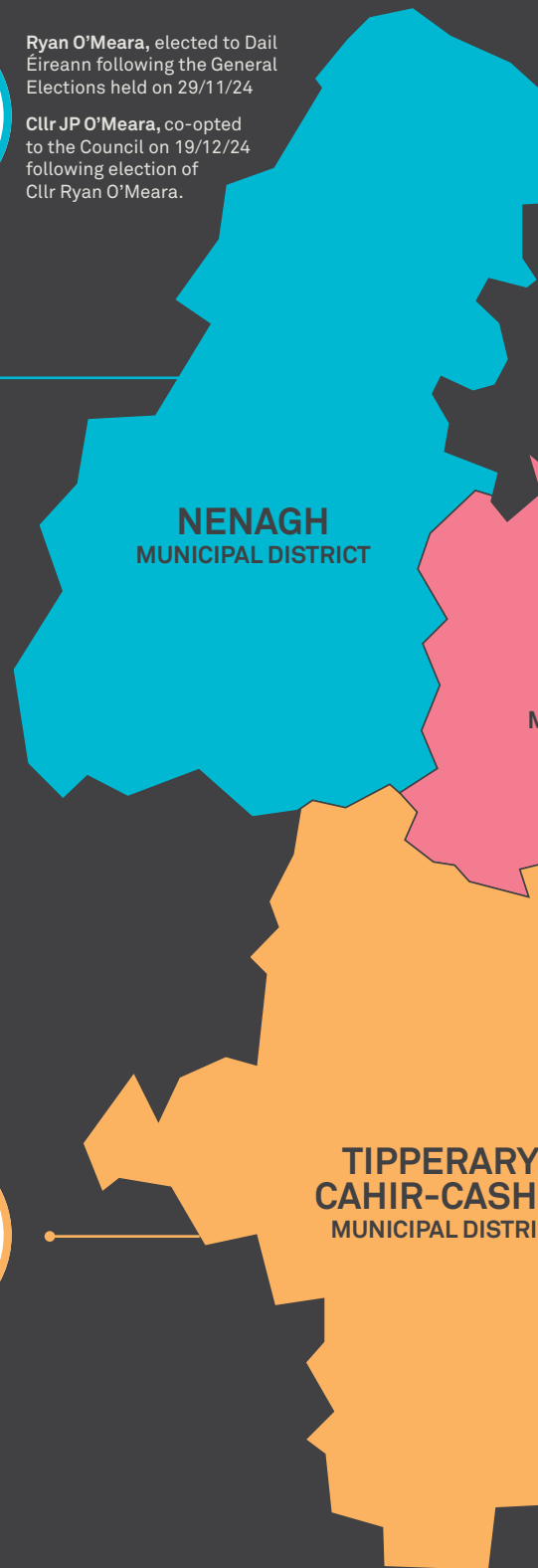
MÁIRÍN MCGRATH
NON-PARTY



ANDY MOLONEY
NON-PARTY



MARIE MURPHY
FINE GAEIL





KAY CAHILL SKEHAN
FIANNA FAIL



WILLIE KENNEDY
FINE GAEIL



SHANE LEE
NON-PARTY



MICHEÁL LOWRY
NON-PARTY



EDDIE MORAN
NON-PARTY



JIM RYAN
NON-PARTY



PEGGY RYAN
FINE GAEIL



SEAN RYAN
FIANNA FAIL



MICHAEL SMITH
FIANNA FAIL



KIERAN BOURKE
FIANNA FAIL



MICHAEL BRENNAN
LABOUR



DAVID DUNNE
SINN FÉIN



MARK FITZGERALD
FINE GAEIL



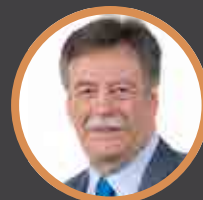
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SIOBHÁN AMBROSE
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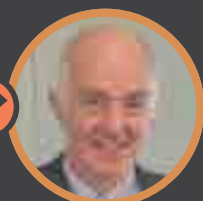
NIALL DENNEHY
NON-PARTY



PAT ENGLISH
WUAG



MICHAEL MURPHY
FINE GAEIL



TOM ACHESON
FINE GAEIL



JOHN FITZGERALD
FINE GAEIL



RICHIE MOLLOY
NON-PARTY

THURLES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

CARRICK-ON-SUIR
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

CLONMEL
BOROUGH DISTRICT

Michael Murphy, elected to Dail Éireann following the General Elections held on 29/11/24

Cllr Tom Acheson, Co-opted to the Council on 19/12/24 following election of Cllr Michael Murphy.

Senior Management Team

JAN
MAY



JOE MacGRATH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

RETIRED
31 MAY 2024

JUN
DEC



MS. SINÉAD CARR
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



EAMON LONERGAN
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

- Directorate Functions
- Environment & Climate Action
 - Human Resources
 - Corporate Services
 - Silvermines Rehabilitation Project

Directorate
Clonmel



LIAM BRETT
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

- Directorate Functions:
- Roads
 - Transportation
 - Health & Safety

Delegated Municipal District
Nenagh

Directorate
Nenagh



ANTHONY COLEMAN
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

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

Delegated Municipal District

Directorate
Clonmel



JONATHAN COONEY
ACTING DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

- Directorate Functions:
- Housing Services

Delegated Municipal District
Clonmel

Directorate
Clonmel



BRIAN BECK

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions

- Economic, Community & Rural Development
- LEO
- Library/Cultural Services
- Bio Diversity
- Just Transition
- Ukrainian Refugee Accommodation Response

Delegated Municipal District
Carrick-on-Suir

Directorate
Clonmel



MARK CONNOLLY

HEAD OF FINANCE

Directorate Functions

- Finance
- Motor Taxation
- Procurement
- Information Technology

Delegated Municipal District
Thurles

Directorate
Nenagh



SHARON KENNEDY

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions

- Planning and Development (including Town Centre First, Active Travel & Residential Zoned Land Tax)
- Emergency Services & Emergency Planning
- Roscrea Regional Training Centre
- LASNTG

Delegated Municipal District
Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel

Directorate
Nenagh



ROSEMARY JOYCE

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Nenagh Municipal District



GER WALSH

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Corporate Services



MARCUS O'CONNOR

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

RETIRED

Final Meeting of Tipperary County Council

The final Council Meeting of Tipperary County Council was held in Nenagh Golf Club at 10:00am on Monday, 13th May 2024.



Outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Ger Darcy



Outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Ger Darcy and Chief Executive, Joe MacGrath



Tipperary County Council Members 2019-2024 together with Chief Executive, Joe MacGrath, and Meetings Administrator, Ger Walsh.

Annual Meeting of Tipperary County Council

The Annual Meeting of the newly elected Tipperary County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Clonmel at 10:00am on Friday, 21st June 2024



Cathaoirleach Cllr. Declan Burgess

On the day Cllr. Declan Burgess was elected Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council for the year 2024-2025 and Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro was elected Leas Cathaoirleach for the term.



Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Declan Burgess, Chief Executive Sinéad Carr



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

Delegated Functions Framework

As at 31 December 2024

Name	Delegated Countywide Functions	Municipal District
Ms. Sinéad Carr	Chief Executive Tipperary County Council	
Mr. Jonathan Cooney	A/Director of Services, Housing Services and Ukrainian Refugee Accommodation Response	District Director, Clonmel Borough
Mr. Brian Beck	A/ Director of Services, Economic and Community and Rural Development, LEO, Library/Cultural Services, Bio Diversity and Just Transition	District Director, Carrick on Suir
Ms. Sharon Kennedy	Director of Services for Planning and Development (including Town Centre First, Active Travel and Residential Zoned Land Tax), Emergency Services and Emergency Planning; Roscrea Regional Training Centre and LASNTG	District Director Tipperary- Cahir-Cashel
Mr. Mark Connolly	Finance, Motor Tax, Procurement and Information Technology	District Director, Thurles
Mr. Liam Brett	Director of Services, Roads, Transportation, and Health & Safety	District Director, Nenagh
Mr. Eamon Lonergan	Director of Services, Environment and Climate Action, Human Resources, Corporate Services and Silvermines Rehabilitation Project,	
Mr. Anthony Coleman	Director of Services, Shared National Local Authority Service: Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO)	

Retired/Outgoing Councillors

A presentation to retired/outgoing Councillors took place on the 27th September 2024 in Mikey Ryan's Restaurant in Cashel, to recognise their work and commitment to Tipperary County Council.



Retirement Presentation at Mikey Ryan's Restaurant, Cashel



Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Hughie McGrath, Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive



Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive



Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Ger Darcy, Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive



Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Noel Coonan, Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive



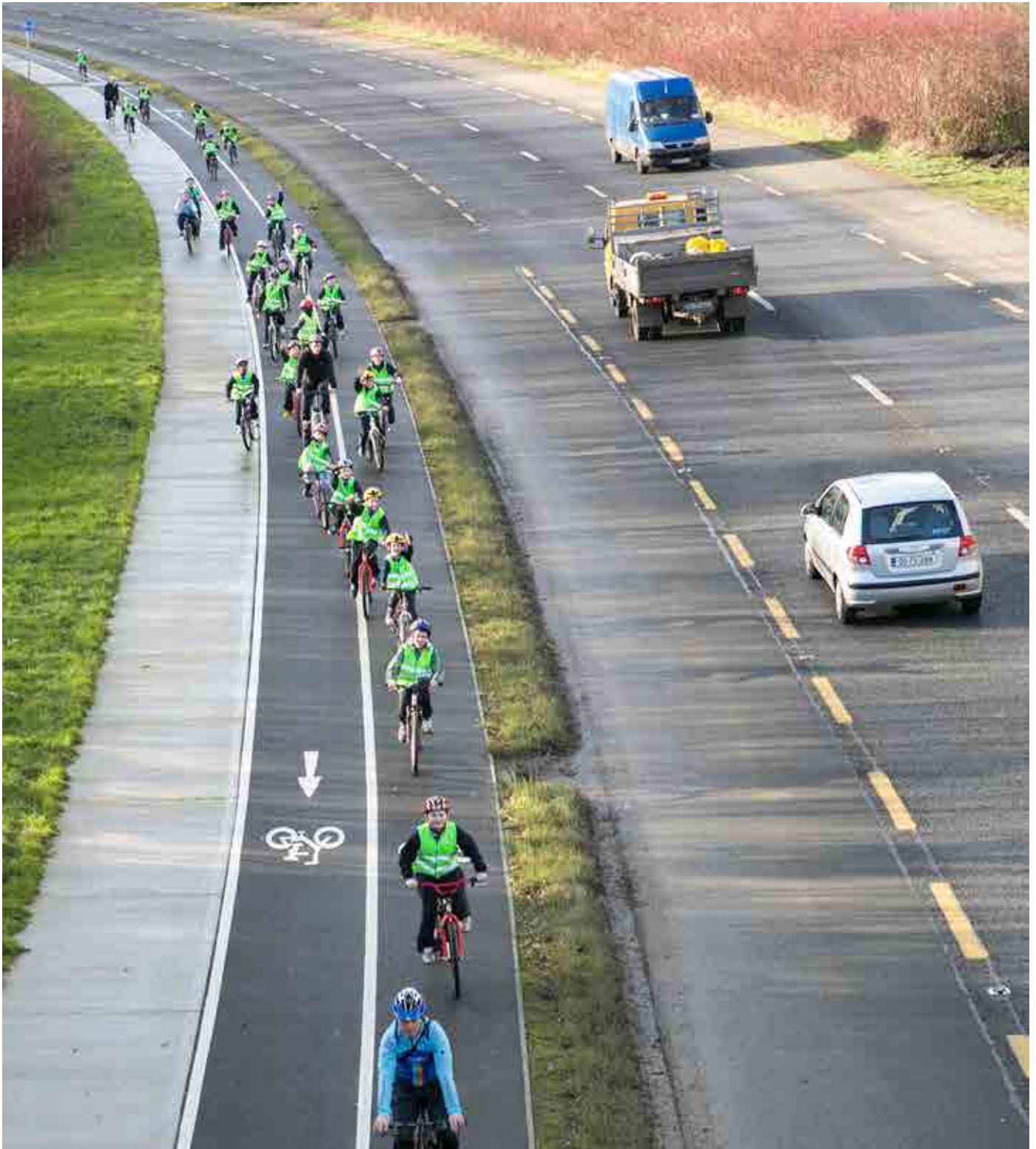
Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath, Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive



Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Seamus Hanafin, Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive

Our Economy





Roads & Transportation

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

Infrastructure

Strategic

Policy

Committee

(to include Roads, Transportation and Water Services)

The Infrastructure SPC (Roads, Transportation and Water Services) was established following the Local Elections 2019 and held two meetings between January and June 2024. A new SPC was established following the Local Elections 2024 and held its first meeting in December 2024.

CURRENT SPC MEMBERSHIP: 2024-2029

COUNCILLORS

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

SECTORAL/PILLARS

Public Participation Network Representatives:

- Ms. Patti O'Neill,
- Mr. Con Murphy,
- one other to be nominated.

Agriculture & Farming:

- Mr. Baden Powell

Business, Commercial and Tourism:

- Mr. Dan Egan

Development Construction:

- Mr. Barry Ryan

Trade Union

- Mr. Michael Crowe

Tipperary Transport Co-Ordination Unit

- Mr. Anthony Moroney

Policy and discussion items in 2024 included:

- 2024 Allocations for National, Regional and Local roads
- 2024 Allocations for Active Travel Schemes and Greenways
- Tipperary Road Safety Strategy - Vision Zero and Safe Systems approach
- N24 Project updates
- EV Charging Infrastructure
- HVO Alternative Fuel Trial
- Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Programme (PLEEP)
- Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023: E-scooters, E-bikes, E-mopeds
- Review of Policy on Local Improvement Schemes
- Age Friendly Ireland Parking Space Guide
- Traffic Management: Vertical Deflections Policy Principles
- Speed Limit Review
- Parking charges



County Tipperary Road Classification

Lengths in Municipal Areas (per km)

National

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

Regional, Local & Tertiary

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

Totals

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



Summary of Road Grants 2024

National Roads 2024 Allocations (initial):

Improvement	€ 8,360,000
Maintenance	€ 783,443
Construction of Major Roads (NDP N24 - Cahir to Limerick Junction)	€ 650,000
Greenways	€ 790,000
Total	€ 10,583,443

Non-National Roads 2024 Allocations:

This category refers to Regional and Local Roads. The maintenance and improvement of these roads in 2024 was funded by the Department of Transport, in addition to the Council's own resources.

The Council received grants for non-national roads amounting to €36,764,648 in 2024, as follows:

Discretionary Maintenance	€4,787,000
Restoration Maintenance (incl. Supplementary RM)	€4,548,000
Restoration Improvement	€19,815,466
Bridge Rehabilitation	€1,159,149
Safety Improvement Works	€896,452
Drainage Works	€1,073,000
Cycle signs	€3,300
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€1,370,019
Specific Improvement Scheme	€377,774
PSCI Survey Support	€44,000
Climate Change Adaptation Projects	€933,000
Training Grant	€128,868
Former National Roads	€690,000
Community Involvement Schemes	€789,709
Speed Limits (Housing Estate Signage)	€23,411
Speed Limits (Rural Speed Limit Signage)	€29,500
Speed Limit Review Signs	€96,000
Total Regional & Local Road Grants received in 2024	€36,764,648
Own Resources Allocation 2024:	€8,581,549

The Discretionary Grant of €4,787,000 was used to supplement the Council's own resources for ordinary maintenance of Regional and Local roads. The Council's own resources allocation for 2024 was €8,581,549.

Major Capital Schemes

Project Ireland 2040 - Our Plan (National Planning Framework and National Development Plan) sets out the investment programme for National Road infrastructure. Outlined below is the current position in relation to major projects:

Major Road Improvement Scheme - N24 Waterford to Limerick:

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

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

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

N24 Waterford to Cahir:

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

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

Phase 2: Options selection commenced in 2021 and options were announced on 3 May 2022. Phase 2 was due to be completed in Q1 2024. The Proposed Transport Solution was announced on 19th January 2024. A non-statutory public display of the Preferred Transport Solution was held from 23 January to 9 February 2024. Four in-person public displays were held in Carrick, Clonmel, Cahir and Mooncoin. No allocation was provided for this project in 2024 and TII has indicated that it will not provide an allocation for 2025, therefore this project is currently shelved. TII funding commitment is required for the project to progress to Phase 3.

N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction:

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

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

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

Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation Process commenced in 2023 and is programmed for completion in Q4 2025. This will define the land-take required for the preferred option. Design Update No. 1 took place on 23 January 2023. Design Update No. 2 took place on 25th October 2024 and announced a divided road. Phase 4 involves an application to An Bord Pleanála and is expected to be supported with TII funding in 2025.



National Primary and National Secondary Routes

Works were planned and carried out on National Primary and National Secondary routes during 2024 as follows:

National Primary Road Improvements

- **N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Scheme:** This scheme involves the rehabilitation of a total of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 national route in county Tipperary. The Scheme was tendered in May 2022 with the Contract awarded to GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd. in July 2022, and Works commenced in September 2022. This Contract is substantially completed, however, there are some rectifications required during the maintenance period up to March 2025.
- **N24 Knockagh Roundabout:** This project involves pavement rehabilitation and improvement to geometry over a 1km section directly to the east of Knockagh Roundabout. The scheme includes a shared footpath and cycle facility. It will also address two (2) High Collision Locations on the N24. The project was tendered in 2024 and awarded to Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd. Work will commence in February 2025 for a period of approximately 12 months.

National Secondary Road Improvement

- **N62 Thurles Outer Bypass:** the route for this scheme was selected in 2011 and a reserved corridor put in place. TCC will continue to promote the inclusion of a Thurles Bypass on the National Development Plan.
- **N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel Thurles:** This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the gateway beyond the Anner Hotel. The scheme is at tender assessment stage and it is anticipated that construction will commence in Q1 2025, subject to the availability of funding.
- **N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge:** This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work commenced on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. Preliminary design will continue when TII funding becomes available. No funding allocation was provided by TII in 2024.
- **N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvement Scheme:** This scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves road pavement improvement works and addresses road safety issues; renewal, widening and extension of footpaths in the village; public lighting and public realm improvements. The Preliminary design stage has been completed. Part 8 planning procedures commenced in June 2024 and approval was received in October 2024. Advance works (drainage pond) will commence in Q1 2025 subject to availability of funding.



- N62 Slievenamon Road, Thurles - Phase 2:** This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles and also involves changes to the road layout, replacement and widening of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs, surface water drainage improvements, undergrounding of overhead power lines and public realm improvements. The preliminary design and Part 8 planning process have been completed. Consultants for the detailed design were appointed in April 2024 and this has commenced. It is anticipated that construction will commence in late 2025 subject to the availability of funding.
- N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town:** This is a road pavement rehabilitation scheme which also incorporates safety improvement measures. The scheme is approximately 1,250m in length and extends along the N74 through Fr. Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. It commences at the Bansha roundabout, including a short section of the N24, and terminates in the vicinity of the 60kph Speed Limit at the eastern side of the town. Contractor GLAS Civil Engineering has been appointed to carry out the works, which commenced on April 29th 2024. Construction work will take approximately 18 months and it is anticipated that the scheme will be completed by Q3 2025.



N74 Fr. Mathew Street, Tipperary Town

Road Improvement Scheme – Work in Progress

Strategic Non-National Road Projects

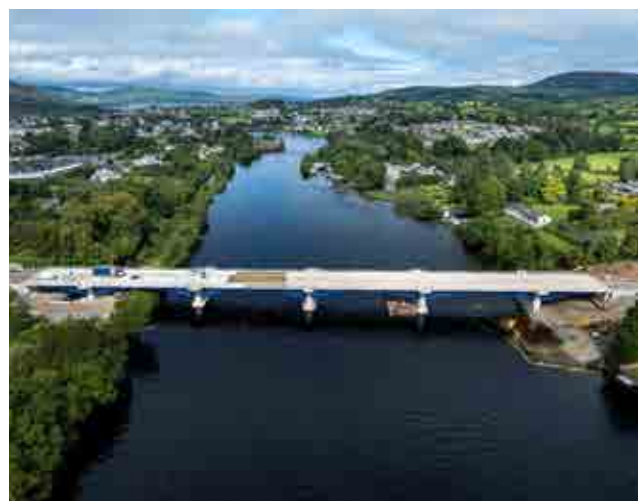
- Thurles Inner Relief Road:** this is a proposed local link between the N62 and Mill Road, Thurles. This scheme is in the National Development Plan and Department of Transport approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Land acquisition has been finalised and Module 4 documents of the Transport Appraisal Framework are being prepared for submission to the Department. On acceptance of these documents by the Department, and subject to funding availability, the scheme will proceed to detailed design.
- R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends:** this project involves a Compulsory Purchase Order. RPS consultants were appointed in November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme. Advance works were completed in Q1 2024. Archaeological investigations and excavations are underway. It is anticipated that the tender for the Main Works contract will be advertised in Q1 2025 and works will commence in Q2 2025.
- Ballina/Killaloe By-Pass, Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme:** Clare County Council is the lead authority. John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. are appointed as the main contractor. Works commenced on site in August 2022 and the scheme is expected to be completed in Q2 2025.



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



R498 Road Re-Alignment at Latteragh Bends –
Archaeological Excavations



Ballina/Killaloe Shannon Bridge Crossing - Works in progress 2024

Active Travel Investment Programme

In 2024, Tipperary County Council received an allocation of €4m to improve cycling and walking infrastructure throughout the county.

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



Cashel Road, Clonmel:

Improved cycling infrastructure with extension of existing cycling facilities; improved pedestrian footpath; controlled and uncontrolled pedestrian and cyclist road crossings.



Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel:

Improved cycle infrastructure as part of the Safe Routes to School initiative; upgrading and widening of existing footpaths.



St Brigid's N.S Donaskeagh:

This project provided improved infrastructure outside of, and on the route to the school.



Carrick Beg Footpath Improvements:

This project included the widening of footpaths, provision of new footpaths, installation of new and improvements to existing pedestrian crossings.



Lisbunny Nenagh:

The works consisted of the construction of a 3m wide shared pedestrian and cycle surface, on both sides of the R445. The works also included the provision of and upgrade to the existing public lighting, junction tightening, landscaping, raising and lowering of manholes and gullies.

Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads

A sum of €896,452 was spent on Safety Improvement Works at a number of locations on Regional and Local Roads throughout the county during 2024.

Works took place at the following locations:

- R505-Dundrum, Cappawhite Rd
- R639-17 Cashel, Main St
- R665-Clogheen Ardfinnan approach road
- R498-213 Tyone, Nenagh
- R491-103 Gortavalla, Cloughjordan
- R689-4 Green St. Upper Fethard
- R690-7 Carrick St. Mullinahone
- R691-2 Dualla NS Safety Scheme
- R660-Abbey Road Thurles
- R498-40 Junction L4131-0 The Ragg
- R494-Roolagh Junction to Ballina Town Park.

Community Involvement Schemes

The Community Involvement Scheme refers to the upgrading and improvement of local public roads where residents contribute 10% of the cost of the works. A total of 11 schemes were completed in 2024 across the Municipal and Borough Districts. Grant funding in the sum of €789,709 was received from the Department of Transport in 2024 under this scheme.

Local Improvement Schemes

In accordance with the Local Improvement Scheme Memorandum of February 2002, improvement works can be carried out on private/non- public roads. There must be more than one landowner on the LIS road and the road must be open to the public. A local contribution is an integral part of the LIS scheme and it varies from 10% to 15% depending on the number of residences on the road. A total of 33 schemes were completed in 2024 across all Districts. Grant funding in the sum of €1,489,621 was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Bridge Rehabilitation Works

Grant funding of €1,159,149 was received from the Department of Transport in 2024 for rehabilitation works to 11 bridges throughout the county.



Machinery Yard

The Machinery Yard, which has bases in Clonmel and Nenagh, provides a support service to engineering based activities for all of Tipperary County Council. The core service objective is to provide machinery (i.e. vehicles, plant and equipment) at a reasonable cost to assist District based staff to carry out their functions. The machinery yard has approximately 206 council owned vehicles and 20 leased vehicles under its control, with a replacement value of circa €4.2 million. In addition, it maintains approximately 20 District vehicles which would have an additional replacement value of circa €1.2 million.

The activities of the Machinery Yard include:

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

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

The Machinery Yard provides technical guidance and experience to the Districts for their Road Works Programme as well as the latest machinery. The programmes work out of bases in Nenagh and Clonmel and completed approximately 1,400,000m² of surface dressing throughout the county in 2024, managed by Senior Executive Technicians based in both locations.

The Council added to the fleet of tipper trucks in 2024, with the arrival of 2 new Mercedes-Benz Arocs 6x4 and a new Phoenix Gritter to the Nenagh Yard to improve efficiency in the Road Works Programme.

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

As part of our Climate Action Plan, Tipperary County Council trialled the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) in a number of vehicles ranging from vans to tipper trucks, instead of conventional diesel. The use of this product continues and as part of our commitment to a greener fleet it was extended to our velocity patching units in 2024. The patchers are used by the Districts for pothole filling and patching of roads. The velocity patcher is a one-man operated machine that delivers a computer calibrated mixture of aggregate and binder directly into the pothole or road defect under high velocity ensuring a cost effective, reliable solution to problematic road maintenance issues.

As part of our Capital replacement programme, two new 26Tonne tipper trucks were procured with delivery expected in Q1 2025.

In September, the Machinery Yard hired a mechanical paver and paved 2 No. LIS projects in the Clonmel area with council staff operating all the machines, as part of a trial. The roads were successfully completed and the Machinery Yard is currently planning to complete similar work in 2025 on a larger scale should suitable sites be identified.

Nenagh Machinery Yard and Civic Amenity Site

The proposed upgrade of the Machinery Yard and the attached Civic Amenity Site in Nenagh completed Part 8 Planning in 2021. The geotechnical site investigation was procured in Q4 2022 and was completed in Q3 of 2023. A tree survey was also completed in Q4 2023. The project moved to detailed design stage in 2024, is expected to go to tender in Q1 of 2025 and construction in Q3 of 2025.

Winter Maintenance

The Winter Maintenance Service consists of four distinct phases namely:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

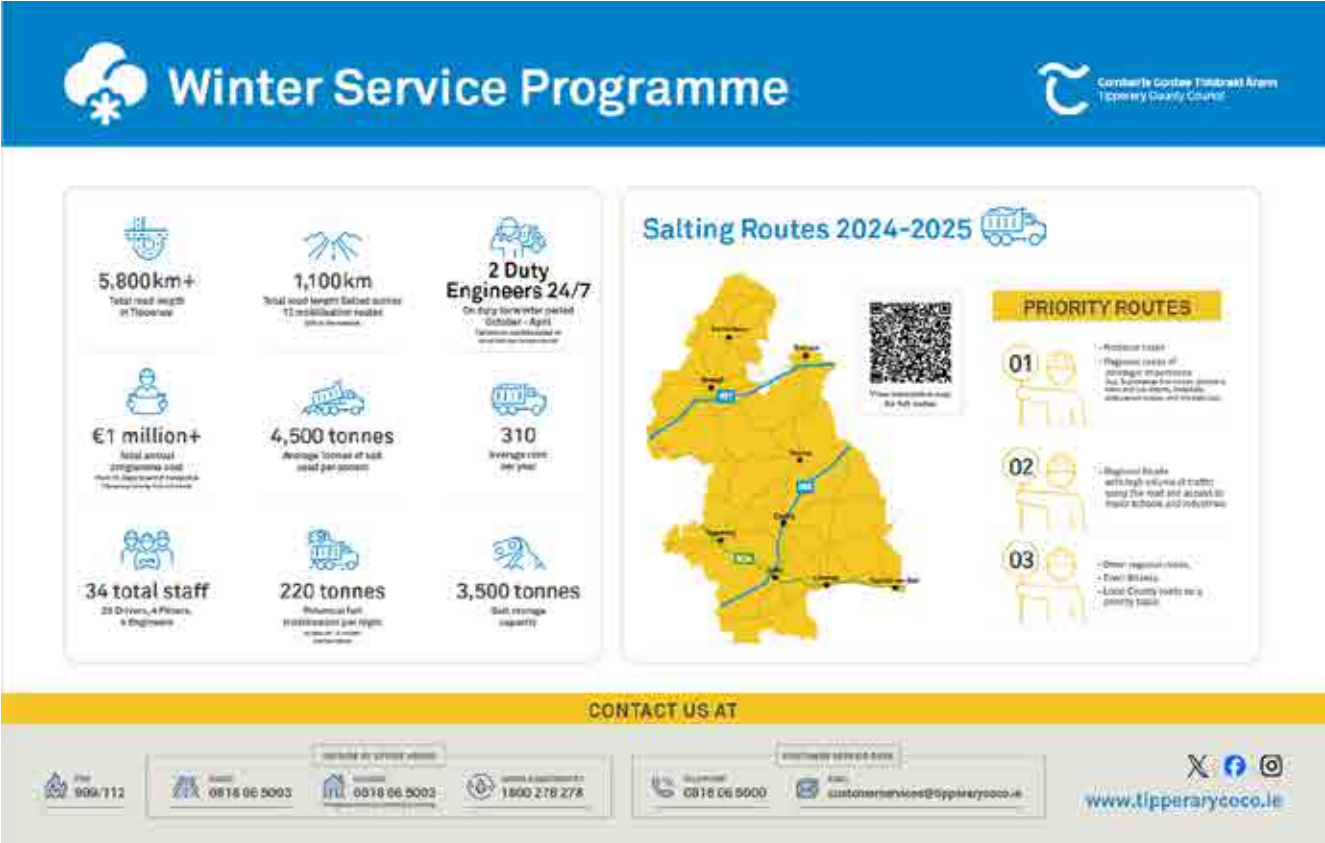
Tipperary County Council has Section 86 Agreements with neighbouring local authorities on a quid pro quo basis for cross-boundary treatments of routes to increase the efficiency of the operation. Snow ploughs can be fitted to the salt spreading trucks when snow is forecast and the clearance of snow by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

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



*1,100km of Priority Routes
are pre-salted in the event
of overnight frost/ice*





Infographic of Winter Service Programme 2024-2025

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

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

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

This is deemed sufficient to cover a 5-day snow event. Tipperary County Council completed 500 runs over the last season, spreading over 3,100 tonnes of salt at a cost of over €1 million.

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Salt storage capacity is 3,500 tonnes throughout the county
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Severe Weather/Storm Damage

Tipperary County Council has a Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) to deal with weather alerts as they arise. The team comprises of the:

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

The group is under the chairmanship of a Senior Engineer and other relevant staff are added to the group depending on the event being considered.

The SWAT generally meets by video conference. The Severe Weather Policy dictates that on receipt of all Orange and Red weather alerts from Met Éireann a meeting of the group is convened. This meeting takes place on receipt of the alert to enable the team to assess the alert and its implications for council services. The SWAT then determines the appropriate level of response.

Every orange or red warning is considered in the context of other relevant information available to SWAT, i.e. information from the Ice Cast System, local knowledge of roads, infrastructure, vulnerable communities etc. Depending on the nature of the weather impact assessment, a warning and/or a Severe Weather Activation Plan instruction is issued to all appropriate sections of the Council as well as to relevant principal response agencies.

The SWAT team met on six occasions during 2024 in response to significant weather alerts.

SWAT Meeting No.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Alert Type	Wind	Wind	Thunderstorm	Snow-Ice	Snow-Ice	Wind
MET Éireann Status	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange
Meeting Type	Pre-event	Post Event	Pre-event	Pre-event	Post event	Pre-event
Meeting Date	20/01/2024	22/01/2024	21/05/2024	20/11/2024	21/11/2024	06/12/2024
Meeting Time	16:30	09:45	14:30	12:00	09:15	11:30
Forum	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom



Public Lighting

The Council is responsible for the provision and maintenance of public (street) lighting throughout the county. Public lighting maintenance is carried out under contract with Al Read Electrical Ltd. Energia supplies the electrical power to the lighting network. The total number of public lights in the Tipperary network is circa 18,710.

Public lighting represents 38% of the Council's entire energy usage and 65% of the Council's electricity usage. The Council has introduced LED lights in recent years in order to reduce the maintenance bill, as LED's have to be maintained less frequently. Furthermore, LED's are more energy efficient with up to 50% energy savings being made. By the end of 2024, Tipperary County Council had 8,269 or circa 44% of its lighting stock as LED lights.

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

RMO Local Authority Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project

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

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

The appointed contractor Killaree Lighting Services KLS has completed the survey of all street lights in Tipperary and is now in the process of carrying out lighting designs for the County. The installation of the new LED street lights has started in Tipperary with 1,380 lights upgraded in 2024.



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

Your Council:
lighting our community –
protecting our climate

e-Parking

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

Benefits of the e-Parking service include the ability to process transactions remotely, meaning that users don't need to display a ticket before leaving their car, or return to the car to extend their parking – all of this can be controlled via the app on a smartphone. As e-Parking is a cashless system this cuts down on paper use and potential litter in towns from disused pay and display tickets. Use of the service continued to increase in 2024.



Taking in Charge of Estates

A total of 2 estates were taken in charge during 2024:

Municipal/ Borough District	Name of Estate	Date Taken in Charge
Nenagh MD	Millersbrook (part of), Borrisokane Road, Nenagh	19/09/2024
Clonmel BD	Wood Crescent, Kilsheelan	25/09/2024



44% of our public lighting
stock is LED

Road Safety

Tipperary County Council, in conjunction with its partners in the Road Safety Working Together Group ((Road Safety Authority (RSA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), An Garda Síochána (AGS), Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service and the HSE/National Ambulance Service (NAS)) continued to implement the second strategy for road safety in county Tipperary. The Strategy covers the period to 2030 and includes a Phase 1 Action Plan to 2024. Further Action Plans will be developed for the years 2025-2027 and 2028-2030.

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

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

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

Three meetings of the Collision Prevention Team (CPT) were held in 2024, at which the District Engineers and the Roads Policing Unit discussed any road safety issues identified in Tipperary, and tried to find solutions to them. Three meetings of the Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) were also held. This is an inter-agency working group which co-ordinates road safety policy and implements it at a local level.

The Road Safety Section gave a presentation at a workshop on road safety organised by the Tipperary Older People's Council in March 2024.

Several road safety awareness campaigns were completed in local media during 2024 including local newspapers, radio stations and social media on the topics below:

- Distracted driving
- Driving under the influence
- Seatbelt wearing
- Speeding
- Be safe be seen
- Walking country roads
- e-scooters
- Campaign around Leaving Certificate results time
- Back to school safety campaign
- Choose a designated driver
- Sponsorship of a competition with Beat102103 in February
- Sponsorship of hurling and football matches with Tipp FM
- Sponsorship of road safety talks on Tipp FM given by a retired Garda Superintendent.



Roads Abutting Certificates

A total of 938 applications for Roads Abutting Certificates were received during 2024 and 844 Certificates were issued.

Abnormal Load Permits

A total of 249 applications for Abnormal Load Permits were received during 2024 and 220 permits were issued.

Road Opening Licences

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

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

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

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

The National Centralised Billing Process for utilities road licensing commenced from 1st October 2020. On behalf of all local authorities under the framework, the RMO is authorised to invoice utilities using a single monthly national invoice. Payment is made to the RMO, who then refund monies received to each individual authority on a quarterly basis. Under this national approach, each utility will receive one monthly bill as opposed to one from each local authority, thereby creating efficiencies. In respect of Tipperary County Council, centralised billing was implemented for 4 utilities in 2020 and a further 3 utilities in 2021, bringing the total number under this billing process to 7 utilities. Plans are in place to implement centralised billing for the 1 remaining utility. It is intended that any new major utility company will be aligned to this billing and payment process as part of their registration on the MapRoad Road Opening Licence System in the future.

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

The automated granting of T3 licences to defined major utilities commenced on a phased basis in December 2021 and was implemented by this authority on 20th June 2022. All 31 local authorities are facilitating this functionality as of 9th May 2023. The RMO in conjunction with local authorities has formulated National Standardised Conditions to support systemised granting of T3 (minor roadworks) licences in MRL.

In 2024, Roads Section received 1,561 Road Opening Licence online applications. In conjunction with the Districts, the Council favourably determined 61 T1 notifications including 11 Section 254's in respect of various telecom utility projects throughout the county and granted 292 T2¹ licences associated with large projects. During the year, 920 No. T2, 239 No. T3 and 20 No. T4 licences were granted.

National Broadband Ireland (NBI) continues to deliver its programme for rural broadband in Tipperary which commenced in 2021. As part of this programme, NBI applied for a total of 131 T1's, of which 28 No. were submitted during 2024. 29 T1 Notifications were granted in 2024 with 102 granted in previous years. 11 No. T1 Notifications granted in 2024 were in respect of applications under Section 254 of the Planning Act processed on the RMO MapRoad Road Opening Licence system. This involved co-ordination between Planning and Roads Departments and the co-operation of the District Administrators which facilitated works to proceed in a timely manner.

Total Number of Road Opening Licence Applications in 2024:

Type	No. Received	No. Granted
Section 254	12	11
T1	46	50
Total	58	61

Type	No. Received	No. Granted
T2 ¹	254	292
T2	988	920
T3	240	239
T4	21	2
Total	1,503	1,471

A new Roads Performance Indicator for 2024 - R4 Road Opening Licensing and Inspections will be published by the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) going forward.

Tipperary County Council Community Employment Scheme

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

The Community Employment Scheme involves a range of activities including:

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

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

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supporting local communities*
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Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies

During 2024, Tipperary County Council completed 2 schemes at:

- L7160-0 Blackcastle Road, Templemore
- L4139-33 Greenane, Templederry.

The Office of Public Works (OPW) provided funding under the Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies Scheme in the sum of €2,963 and €31,613 respectively with Thurles and Nenagh Municipal Districts providing the balancing 10% of the costs of the two schemes.

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District is currently progressing 3 schemes - Cooper's Lot, Cashel received funding approvals in 2022 and 2023 with consultants appointed to carry out geomorphological analysis, hydrological modelling and modelling assessment. The assessments commenced in 2023 and are due for completion in 2025. The Council has received funding of €90,604 in respect of expenditure incurred in 2023/2024. In December 2024, the OPW provided funding approvals for 2 Minor Works schemes proposed by the Council at L35057 Ardfinnan and R668 Ballylooby, Co. Tipperary. It is estimated that works on both schemes will be completed during 2025.

The Council acknowledges the continued support of the OPW and the co-operation of landowners when carrying out scheme works. Roads Section and our Districts will continue to investigate locations where there are reports of flooding and bring forward further Minor Flood Relief Schemes in 2025, where feasible flood relief measures and cost beneficial engineering solutions are identified to provide protection to "at risk" properties.

Marlfield Lake and Catchment Area

Pre-contract GI works are currently being procured and are estimated to commence in Q3 2025. The results of these works will confirm the preferred option and permit the project to proceed to the planning process. Tree clearance works have been completed with more to be undertaken as required. Temporary pumping measures are in place and the sluice rehabilitation is to commence in Q2 2025. Upgrade works to the culvert crossing the Knocklofty Road in Marlfield have been approved and will take place in Q2 2025. This will add further protection against flooding in the interim.

Flood Relief Minor Projects (FRMP)

Flood Relief Minor Projects (FRMP) involves projects of greater than €400,000 and up to €1 million in estimated value. Three locations in the county of Tipperary are amongst the first tranche of 50 flood relief projects identified by the OPW countrywide for priority implementation. Schemes at Holycross, Knocklofty, and Ballina/Killaloe are under development/design currently with the expectation that planning applications for the schemes will be submitted in 2025.

The Nenagh scheme has been upgraded to a larger scale scheme than previously envisaged and early surveying and site investigation works are nearing completion, with the purpose of identifying the areas for more detailed analysis to allow for a scope of works to be defined and consultants appointed to develop a preliminary design.

Discussions are still ongoing with the OPW in relation to identifying an appropriate mechanism for progressing the Golden scheme.

Asset Management System

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



*Flood Relief Projects -
working in partnership
with the OPW*

Hedge Cutting

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

Between 1 March and 31 August each year it is an offence under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended by the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 and the Heritage Act, 2018 to cut, curb, burn or otherwise destroy any vegetation growing on any land not then cultivated or growing in any hedge or ditch. During the Hedge Cutting Season in 2024 Tipperary County Council placed notices in the local newspapers in January and September and issued press releases to the local media. A total of 86 Hedge Cutting Notices were issued to landowners/occupiers between September 2024 and December 2024.



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notices issued*

National Construction Schemes Office (NCS)

Until October 2024 Tipperary County Council was providing verification and accreditation services on behalf of SOLAS (the Further Education and Training Authority) at the National Construction Schemes (NCS) Office which was established in Nenagh in October 2018. In 2024 SOLAS made the decision to transfer all services delivered in the NCS Office in Nenagh to Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board with effect from October 2024. Prior to October 2018 the verification and accreditation process was delivered by twelve Education and Training Boards. Taking note of the service being delivered it was always likely that it would at some stage return to be delivered within the Education Training Board Sector.

The NCS Office was responsible for approving candidates who had undertaken a Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) or Quarrying Skills Certification Scheme (QSCS) Programme with public and private sector SOLAS Approved Training Organisations. The office corresponded with approximately 60 Approved Training Organisations nationwide on a regular basis. Examples of the programmes verified and accredited included; Signing Lighting and Guarding at Roadworks, Locating and Avoiding Underground Services, Health and Safety at Roadworks, and Plant Operator Programmes such as 360 Excavator Operations, Telescopic Handler Operations, Front Loading Site Dumper Operations and Mobile Crane Operations etc. During the period from January 2024 until the office closed in October 2024 the unit processed 2,709 packs verifying 9,069 learners who had undertaken one or more of the 36 Courses available under the CSCS and QSCS suite of programmes. The successful candidates were approved by the NCS office and received their SOLAS Experienced Operator Cards. The National Construction Schemes Office was also responsible for approving the successful candidates for Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Level 5 certificates and distributing these certificates to candidates via the Approved Training Organisations. Between October 2018, when the office was established in Nenagh, and October 2024 the unit verified almost 60,000 learners.

In summary Tipperary County Council successfully created a model which enabled SOLAS to have verification and accreditation processes delivered in one location for all CSCS and QSCS Courses undertaken nationally. Throughout the six-year period, Tipperary County Council introduced a number of positive changes to ensure that the service being delivered was of the highest possible quality. A strong working relationship was developed between Tipperary County Council and SOLAS through each authority's personnel. The work of the unit proves that successful partnerships between different agencies are possible when people are willing to work together to ensure quality services are delivered.



Planning & Development

Introduction

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

Development Management

Development Management involves the evaluation of planning applications and various other applications under planning legislation, within the regulatory time frame and ensuring that interested parties have access to all available information which will enable them to assess proposed development. The planning register is available for viewing online at www.tipperarycoco.ie . Set out below are figures for 2024 planning applications.

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	189	177	12	5	2
Housing Development	18	15	3	6	1
NIA/EIA	7	6	1	7	0
Other Applications	774	753	21	35	7
Total	988	951	37	53	10

Number of Planning Applications received in 2024

A total of 1449 planning applications were received from 1st January to 31st December 2024 compared to 1379 for 2023, an increase of 5% 305 applications were deemed invalid and 39 were withdrawn.

During the year 988 applications were decided with 951 being granted planning permission (96.3%) and 37 being refused (3.7%). Of the decisions made Further information was required in 351 decisions.

Development Plans/Local Area Plans

Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028

With the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 in place since July 2022, the focus now is on ensuring the TCDP is being implemented and delivered in the way it was envisaged. In July 2024, a comprehensive report on the successes achieved in delivery of the TCDP was reported to the Elected Members for their noting. The Forward Planning team will continue to monitor the delivery and implementation of the TCDP and will use this report and other tools to do so.

Local Area Plans

In February 2024, the Local Area Plans of the three key towns in Tipperary, Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles, were made by the Elected Members. This was the culmination of over 18 months of research, review and engagement with the local communities and elected members. With the Plans now in place, these strategic policy documents will support the sustainable development of these towns, and future funding applications within these towns.

The Draft Carrick-on-Suir Plan 2025-2031 was published on Friday, 25th October 2024, with public consultation then ongoing until Monday, 9th December 2024. 23 submissions were received on the Draft LAP and a Chief Executive's (CE) Report was shared on 22nd January 2025 with Elected Members. A worked with the elected members of the MD was held the following day. At the February meeting of the Council, the Elected Members resolved to AMEND the Draft LAP in accordance with the CE Report and additional alterations proposed by the elected members.

The Proposed Material Alterations (PMAs) to the Draft LAP were published on Friday, 28th February 2025 and submissions are invited on the PMAs until 4pm on Monday, 31st March 2025. After the close of consultation, a further CE Report will be prepared on submissions received and shared with all members. A workshop with the elected members of the MD will be provided to explain the changes in detail.

At the plenary meeting in May 2025, elected members will be requested to make the Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031. If made, the LAP will become effective 6 weeks after the making of the Plan.

Record of Protected Structures

Following the adoption of the Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles, the Record of Protected Structures for these was also reviewed and updated. In July 2024, Elected Members resolved to update these records for the towns, and incorporate these records into the TCDP Record of Protected Structures.

First Revision to the National Planning Framework

Government published the First Revision to the National Planning Framework (NPF) on 10th July 2024 for consultation with a closing date for submissions of 12th September 2024. The Planning Section led on the drafting of a submission, engaging with each directorate in the Council for comments and input.

Tipperary County Council made a detailed submission. The government received 272 submissions in total. On 5th November, Cabinet agreed the changes to the First Revision to the NPF following publication. The changes are subject to environmental assessment and have been discussed in Cabinet in February 2025. The final draft is expected to the Houses of the Oireachtas for their approval imminently.



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Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax provisions of the Finance Act 2021 set out criteria to facilitate the identification of lands which fall within the scope of the tax. The Planning Authority are responsible for preparing and publishing maps based on this criteria. These maps are to be based on the local authority development plan and where relevant, local area plan zoning maps i.e. where land is zoned and suitable for residential development. The legislation also sets out certain lands which are to be excluded from the scope of the tax.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is reviewed and updated annually. Public Consultation on the RZLT 2025 opened on 1st February 2024 with the publication of Draft Maps. People had an opportunity to make submissions on whether lands should be included / excluded on the Final Maps until 1st April, and until 31st May to make submissions on requests to amend the land use zoning of lands.

13 Submissions were received on whether lands should be included / excluded on the Final Maps. 9 of these submissions were from landowners, and specific "Determinations" were required on these 9 submissions. Three appeals were received by An Bord Pleanála on the Determinations made by TCC and the decision of TCC were upheld in each of these cases.

The Planning section has been surveying settlements that are subject to the RZLT in preparation for the publication of Final Maps for the RZLT 2025 and the Draft Maps for the RZLT 2026. The final Maps for RZLT 2025 were published on 31st January 2025.

Draft Maps for the RZLT 2026, with an opportunity to make submissions, were published on 1st February 2025. Consultation will be open until 1st April 2025.



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

The Council is continuing to expand on the National Town Centre First Policy launched by the Department of Rural and Community Development in 2022. IN 2024 the Town Regeneration Officer worked with communities in Nenagh, Thurles and Carrick On Suir to establish Town Teams in each of those towns with the intention of developing a Town Centre First strategy for each of these towns. This work is at an advanced stage of development and a Town Centre First plan will be delivered for each of these towns in 2025. This work will build on the work done in Clonmel and Roscrea to create a Town Centre First Plan for every town in the county. These plans have a focus on developing an overarching plan to focus the development of the centre of towns with a particular emphasis on tackling dereliction and vacant properties and making the town centre a more attractive place to live, work, socialise and run a business.

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



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Croí Cónaithe fund

This scheme was expanded to include houses in both urban and rural areas. It is possible for an applicant to have up to two applications, with 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. A property can also be an over the shop renovation with the upstairs being viewed as a separate premise within the existing property.

The following criteria apply for both types of grant application:

- The building must be empty for at least 2 years.
- Built before 31 December 2007.
- Up to €50,000 available as a grant with an additional €20,000 available where an engineer certifies the building as derelict or dangerous.
- The applicant does not have to own the building when applying for the grant but the grant will not be paid until the sale of the building and works are complete.
- The works proposed must be approved in advance, following inspection by the local authority of the subject property
- The applicant must live in the building as the primary residence for a period of not less than 10 years. Clawbacks of the grant monies apply should the applicant leave the resident prior to this.
- 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.

Item	Quantity
No of applications received	564
Approved to date	407
No at Further Info stage	70
No of applications rejected	33
No of applications withdrawn	49
No of Grants Paid Out	109
Approval in principal value to date €23,578,780	

Project Ireland 2040: Regeneration and Development Funds

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

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

The following projects have been successful in being awarded funding and are currently being delivered under these Schemes.

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment/employment. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund to undertake works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square and to develop a new car park off Liberty Square. Additional funding was secured in March, 2021 to undertake enhancement works to the Western end of Liberty Square and the junctions of the approach roads. Total project costs approved amount to €11,211,479. Total funding secured through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund amounts to €5,773,682. This project has been divided into two sub elements by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. Phase 1 works are completed on the new car park and the Eastern end of Liberty Square. Phase 2 works comprising of the Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach roads–Draft Design Report & Feasibility & Options Report completed. Preliminary design agreed. Part 8 planning approved. Consultations with statutory bodies are ongoing.

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Phase 2 Liberty Square in hatched yellow area



Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society:

A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh



The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr's Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development to new cutting-edge research on technologies and incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland's first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include public realm and amenity enhancements. Total project costs approved amount to €13,990,179 and funding of €10,492,634 was secured through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund towards the works. The tender process for the engagement of a multi-disciplinary design team is completed. Design team appointed end of May, 2024. The site on which the centre of excellence will be constructed has been identified. Stakeholder engagement to assess their requirements within the building is underway.

Templemore Town Hall:

Enterprise and Cultural Centre with associated Civic Plaza -

The project is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with the Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and Tipperary Energy Agency. Total approved project costs amounted to €4,014,746 and funding of €3,011,060 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Works were substantially completed in early December with the exception of the approved additional external public realm works. The official opening of the facility was undertaken by Minister Heather Humphreys on 3rd. December, 2024.



Completed Works on Templemore Town Hall



Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter -

A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan -

A Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within the context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising of arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Total approved project costs amount to €957,788 and funding of €672,534 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Part 8 Planning adopted by the Nenagh Municipal District Members in January, 2024. Detailed designs are completed. This category 2 RRDF project is now fully completed.

Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion's Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated multi-functional space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers and will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. Total approved project costs amount to €3,825,700 and funding of €3,443,130 has been secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Tendering process for the construction stage completed in April, 2024. Contractor appointed in June, 2024 and works commenced in August, 2024 with estimated completion in Q3 2025.



Works in Progress at Thurles Market Quarter



Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh-This project provides for the preparation of detailed designs and planning for the adaptive re-use of the former iconic 1940's Rialto cinema into a modern digital and enterprise hub facility. The associated brownfield site will be master-planned to explore the potential for further digital and enterprise office space, the creation of a new streetscape along Emmet Place, the provision of town centre residential units and the delivery of a new public amenity heart in the town centre. The overarching aim and purpose of the proposal is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities while preserving and saving a protected historic structure which was purchased by the Council in December, 2020. Total approved project costs amount to €1,511,059 and funding of €1,208,847 has been secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Part 8 Planning adopted by the Nenagh Municipal District Members in January, 2024. Detailed designs completed. Scope change approved by the Department of Rural & Community Development to acquire land for car parking purposes to serve the facility.

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

This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of extensive public realm enhancements in the town centre, development of Suir Blueway linkages and the regeneration of the Ormond Castle Quarter. Improvements will consist of (i) installation of high-quality public realm in Main Street, Sean Kelly Square, Greystone Street, Bally Alley Street and Chapel Street ; (ii) provision of a new Enterprise and Digital Hub in a vacant town centre building on Main Street (iii) the creation of an arrival point at Sean Healy Park through design, enhancement and orientation measures and the integration of the Suir Blueway into the town centre through the creation of shared spaces along the Quays and linkages to Main Street.; (iv) public realm upgrade of Castle Street and repurposing of Ormond Castle Park as a high-quality Amenity and Biodiversity Park. Total approved project costs amount to €17,989,387 and funding of €14,391,509 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Phase 1-Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park-works were substantially completed in December, 2024 and snagging is in progress. Phase 2-Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay-Tender documents for the construction stage are almost completed. Phase 3-Digital Hub-tendering process for the appointment of a contractor completed. Contractor appointed in November, 2024 and works commenced in December, 2024.



Carrick on Suir Phase 1 Works Completed

Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy-

This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of a new Business Development Centre in the heart of Cahir, public realm enhancements in the centre of the town and the development of a car park on a central backland site. Improvements will consist of (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business Development Centre; (ii) the refurbishment of the historic Granary building to provide a state-of -the-art library for the community; (iii) Cahir Square Public Realm Enhancements to include prioritisation of pedestrian and cyclist movements and the redistribution of public realm in favour of recreational space; (iv) the provision of a new car park on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings that were acquired by the Council under the Category 2 approved project. Total approved project costs amount to €16,955,750 and funding of €13,564,600 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Phase 1a Car Park Enabling Works- Demolition of the former Castle Court Hotel and ancillary building together with site clearance works completed in June, 2024. Phase 1b Car Park-Tender documents for the construction stage almost completed at year end. Phase 2- Library-Detailed design completed. Tender documents for the construction stage almost completed at year end. Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works-Pre-Tender approval received from the RRDF Unit in November, 2024 to undertake demolition and enabling works in advance of the main works. Tender documents for this phase at an advanced stage by year end.

Phase 1a Demolition and Enabling Works

Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea—This project will deliver a transformational change to the public space around Gantly Road and promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The project will be the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area. The works will involve (i) the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles; (ii) the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths; (iii) extensive bio-retention rain gardens and (iv) the provision of water service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Street Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imaging of Gantly Road is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood Masterplan area into the future which will transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town. Total project costs amount to €6,174,648 and funding of €4,939,719 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Offer of Approval in Principle issued by the RRDF Unit in June, 2024. Tender documents prepared for the engagement of a design team. Request for tenders advertised on e-Tenders in November, 2024 with closing date for receipt of tenders on 17th. January, 2025.



Cahir Phase 1a Demolition & Enabling Works including demolition of the old Castle Court Hotel and ancillary buildings

Tipperary Town - Social, community and heritage led regeneration of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell was successful in securing funding under Call 5, Category 1 RRDF which was announced in May, 2024. Proposals involve the regeneration and repurposing of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell. Works will involve (i) the alteration, refurbishment, extension and repurposing of the centrally located Dan Breen House (former Council offices vacant since 2011), into a dynamic services, education, training and social impact centre operated by Youth Work Ireland-Tipperary and Tipperary ETB (ii) the refurbishment, alteration, repurposing and extension of the Courthouse and the refurbishment, alteration and repurposing of the Bridewell buildings into a social development, education and training services centre for adults with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities which will be operated by MooreHaven. The long-term sustainable use of the sites will be secured, buildings of heritage importance will be conserved, vacant building stock will be enlivened and much needed services will be provided that together will drive socio-economic development in the town and contribute to the towns revitalisation. The project value is €9,974,847 and grant funding of €7,980,000 has been approved through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Match funding is being provided by MooreHaven and Youth Work Ireland Tipperary who will also be responsible for the operational costs of the facilities on completion of the works. Offer of Approval in Principle received from the RRDF Unit in August, 2024. Tender documents for the construction stage are under preparation for both buildings.



Photomontage Dan Breen House



Tipperary Courthouse

Conservation Grant Schemes 2024

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2024 sought to encourage the conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. The scheme also supports the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and trades people.

The allocation approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for Tipperary County Council under the Built Heritage investment scheme for 2024 was €126,400 and 13 projects were completed under the scheme.

Grants awarded ranged from €3,300 up to €15,000. On completion, the projects were inspected by Michael O'Boyle, RIAI Grade 1 Conservation Architect engaged by Tipperary County Council and the following grants were paid out:

Project Name	Funding
The Old Parochial House, Mill Street, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary	€15,000.00
Glenleigh House, Mountanglesby, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary	€15,000.00
St. Mary's Church, Bailey Street, Killenaule, Co. Tipperary	€15,000.00
Ballywire House, Ballywire, Kilross, Co. Tipperary	€15,000.00
The Courthouse, Gaol Road, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	€3,859.00
Former AIB Bank, Bank Street, Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€3,300.00
Blessed Virgin St. Mary's Church, John Street, Tipperary Town	€11,334.00
Drominagh Lodge, Ballinderry, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€15,000.00
St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€5,100.00
Old Saint Mary's Church of Ireland, Mary Street, Clonmel	€4,500.00
7 Castle Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€9,670.00
Pallas Upper, Borrisoleigh, Thurles	€4,157.00
Archbishop Croke Monument, Liberty Sq., Thurles, Co. Tipperary	€9,480.00

Tipperary County Council also received an extra allocation of €30,341 under the Supplementary Ring-Fenced Funding for Historic Thatched Structures and supported works to two projects are follows:

J Ryan, Graigue, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary	€18,143.00
Labourers Cottage, Greenmount, Newcastle	€12,198.00

The Historic Structure Fund 2024 sought to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. The focus is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public.

The core aims of this fund are to:

- **enable** larger scale conservation works to be carried out on heritage structures which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- **encourage** the regeneration and reuse of heritage properties and to help to secure the preservation of protected structures and/or culturally significant assets;
- **support** the investment of private capital in labour-intensive projects to conserve historic structures in public and private ownership for community use;
- **support** employment in the conservation and construction industries;
- **build resilience** in our heritage properties to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change.

Tipperary County Council nominated 7 projects to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and 6 of these projects were successful.

All 6 projects proceeded and received their grants in November, 2024 as follows:

Killoran House, Templetuohy, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	€50,000.00
Main Street, Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	€50,000.00
Suir Mills, Cashel Road, Barnora, Cahir, Co. Tipperary (Stream 1)	€50,000.00
Governor's House, Former Gaol, O'Rahilly St, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€50,000.00
Kilcash, Ballypatrick, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	€10,000.00
7/8 Main Street, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary	€30,000.00

Planning & Emergency Services SPC

The first and second meeting of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2024 were held on 22nd February and 23rd May. Updates were given in February on Residential Zoned Land Tax, Emergency Services, Planning workload update and project Ireland 2040 update. In May the updates were on Temporary Waiver Development Contributions Update, Emergency Services, Carrick-on Suir LAP and Tipperary Town LAP. Following the local elections, a new SPC was set up the first meeting was on the 16th December 2024, covered standing orders, update from emergency services, updates on Carrick on Suir LAP, RZLT changes and Planning and Development Act 2024 plus the establishment of a working group on Modular and MMCs.

The membership of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC is as follows:

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

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Taking-in-Charge of Estates

Two estates were taken in charge in 2024 - a total of 16 housing units.

Developments TIC by Municipal District in 2024

Municipal District	No of Developments TIC	No of Housing Units
Nenagh	1	12
Clonmel	1	4
Carrick On Suir	0	0
Thurles	0	0
Tipp / Cahir / Cashel	0	0

Enforcement

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

In accordance with Section 154 (14) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the statistics from 1st January to 31st December 2024 are as follows:-

Complaints investigated	266
Warning Letters issued	218
Enforcement Notices issued	41
Prosecutions initiated	12
Cases closed	282

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Economic Community & Enterprise

Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee

Role

The role of this Strategic Policy Committee is to assist the Council in formulating Economic Development and Enterprise policy. The membership Council members, Representatives of National Sectoral Pillars, Members of the Public Participation Network (PPN), Farming, Development Construction & TUS.

Membership

Tipperary County Council:

- Cllr Máirín McGrath
- Cllr Tony Black
- Cllr Imelda Goldsboro
- Cllr John Fitzgerald
- Cllr Peggy Ryan
- Cllr Mary Hanna
- Cllr John Crosse
- Cllr Seamus Morris
- Cllr Joe Hannigan
- Cllr Seamus Hanafin
- Cllr Siobhan Ambrose
- Cllr Phyll Bolger

External Membership:

- Conor Mulcahy (Development Construction)
- Tom McGrath (Business, Commercial & Tourism)
- Clare Cashman (PPN)
- Theresia Gruschlbauer (PPN)
- Mary Spillane (PPN)
- Seamus Hoyne (TUS)

During 2024 the SPC focused on a number of key areas within Economic Development & Enterprise including:

- Broadband in County Tipperary
- Economic and Enterprise Impact from Farming/ Agriculture Sector
- Social Enterprise Opportunities
- EU Just Transition Tourism Fund Activation
- Rural Regeneration Development Fund Projects in County Tipperary
- Tipperary Local Enterprise Office bi-annual update.
- Retail supports – Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme



A large number of items were addressed and issues reviewed prior to submission to the wider Council meeting



Local Enterprise Office Tipperary is now supporting over 262 small businesses and 1,526 jobs According to new figures.

- 149 new jobs created in 2024
- 150% net job increase from 2023
- 5th year of YoY jobs growth
- Net employment gain of 149 in 2024
- 262 total small businesses employing 1,526 people supported by LEO Tipperary

Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Peter Burke, T.D., announced the annual results of the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) for 2024 which showed that Local Enterprise Office Tipperary supported companies created 149 net jobs in 2024. This figure represents a significant increase of 150% in net jobs from that created by LEO Tipperary in 2023.

Grant Support & Training / Mentorship

A total of €1,930,207 supports was approved for businesses in various sectors throughout Tipperary for 2024. A total of 3 client Companies were transferred to Enterprise Ireland to help enhance the businesses Export Growth.

Grant Support

51 businesses received a total of €892,703 in Priming, Business Expansion, Feasibility, Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters, GradStart & Intellectual Property

Trading on Line Voucher

In addition, a total number of 103 Trading on Line Vouchers were approved valued at €216,819.46

Energy Efficiency Grant

A further 12 businesses received funding support of €76,152 towards Energy Efficiency Grant

Student Enterprise Programme 2023/2024

27 of 29 Secondary Schools engaged on the Programme across Tipperary. A total of 2200 + students on Programme 23/24.



Students from Tipperary were awarded four national prizes winning 1st place in the following categories: **National Intellectual Property Award, Best Innovation National Award Intermediate and Best Innovation National Award Senior and National LCVP Challenge Award** at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Finals. Supported by Local Enterprise Office Tipperary, Laura Butler and Jellyan Cantwell students from Presentation Secondary School, Ballingarry won 1st Place in the inaugural LCVP Challenge category.

Harry Butler, Padraic O'Halloran, H&P Engineering from Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles took the Best Innovation National Award in the Intermediate Category.

Seán Brett, from CBS Thurles took home two prizes National Intellectual Property Award presented by IPA and National Senior Innovation Award. His student enterprise is called: 'Tankit™', which is a portable steel cover for slurry pit manholes designed primarily to address multiple farm safety hazards. His teacher is Fergus O'Brien.



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Productivity Consultancy Supports & Mentoring / Training

A total of €771,000 was made available to support Businesses in 2024. Supports included Productivity Supports in LEAN, Green & Digital for business. Other supports included Mentoring of which 596 assignments were approved. A total of 1682 availed of training supports.

National Enterprise Awards, Mansion House Dublin 23rd May



Nutshed Limited, Promoters Evie & Eliza Ward who are supported by Local Enterprise Office Tipperary, were winners at this year's National Enterprise Awards. The awards, which took place at the Round Room in the Mansion House in Dublin on Thursday 23rd May, were in their 24th year and run annually by the Local Enterprise Offices.

Tipperary duo Evie and Eliza Ward of Nutshed, makers of award-winning peanut butters, took home the South West Region Award on the night.

Ploughing Championship 17th-19th September



Elaine Heney award winning Equestrian Author supported by LEO Tipperary in the LEO Village at the Ploughing Championships.

National Women's Enterprise Day 17th October 2024



This year's Mid-West event was hosted by LEO Clare and saw over 150 female entrepreneurs hear from guest speakers and panelists as well as having the opportunity to network with likeminded business owners at Dromoland Castle. The event circulates between LEO's Tipperary, Clare & Limerick and next year's event takes place at Cachel Palace in October 2025.

Best of Tipp Awards 23rd October at the Anner Hotel Thurles



Awards supported by Tipperary County Council & Local Enterprise Office

Grow Local Talent Event 12th November The Anner Hotel Thurles



Upskilling event supported by Mid-West & South East Skills Fora, Tipperary Chamber, Tipperary ETB & LEO Tipperary

The Tipperary Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

Following the adoption of the LECP in December 2023, the six-year objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic (and community) development of County Tipperary have been commenced. The actions derived from national and regional strategies at a local level have been integrated and initiatives related to economic and community development in Tipperary have commenced delivery as outlined in the Implementation plan for 2024-2025. Updates on progress will be made to the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee on a bi-annual basis.

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Love Tipperary Gift Card

Tipperary County Council and County Tipperary Chamber collaborated in 2024 on a project that may drive tourism, enable corporate rewards and lock spending into the county. The Love Tipperary Gift card is a new commission-free Gift Card and it went live in the county in November 2024.

In a relatively short time over 270 businesses had signed up to accept the card across all the towns in the county. The businesses that committed to accepting the card included national brands and independent businesses.

The gift card has to be spent in person and cards that are purchased must be spent in the County, thus keeping the spend in the County.



Tipperary businesses say the new gift card will drive footfall in local towns and take 'shop local' to the next level. By early January 2025 over €100,000 worth of Love Tipperary Gift Cards had been purchased.

Alongside locals buying the card for gifts, and organisations buying the card for rewards, having our own gift card will also boost tourism. It will encourage visitors to explore and discover Tipperary and its towns, from our world class hotels, attractions, pubs and restaurants to gift shops. For locals, the ability to buy a physical or digital Love Tipperary Gift Card and have the reach of the whole county in one Gift Card is exciting, making supporting local easy.

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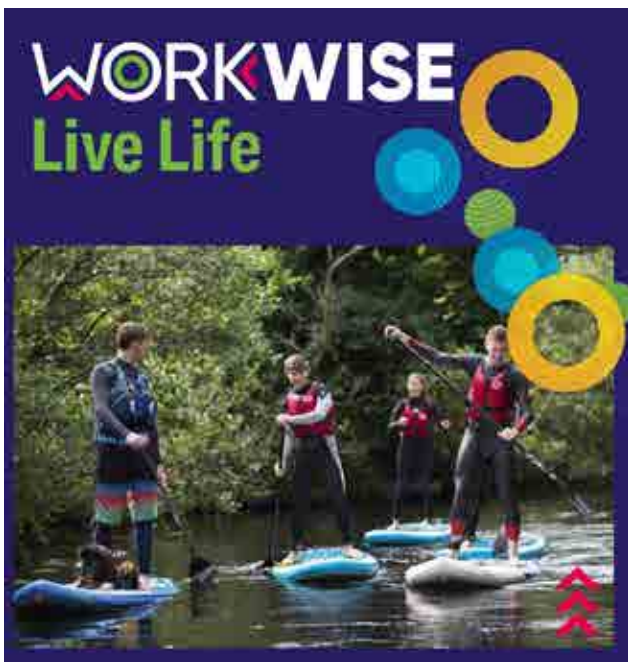
The Love Tipperary Gift Card will take 'Shop Local' to a new level

Marketing of County Tipperary as the ideal Remote Working Location.

Funding awarded under the Towns and Villages Scheme for a Marketing Campaign to promote the remote working opportunities and facilities in County Tipperary was utilised in 2024.

This fund was targeted to develop a successful remote working promotional campaign that will align with Government policy and priorities as outlined in Town Centre First and Our Rural Futures. Phase 1 of the project was to develop a brand for the remote working offering in the county.

Overall the message aimed to attract remote workers to consider Tipperary as a place where they can thrive both professionally and personally.



Phase 2 was to deliver a promotion of Tipperary as an appealing location for remote work.

It highlighted several key benefits of living and working in Tipperary, these included:

1. **Vibrant Business Culture.** Emphasising the strong local economy and business environment, which could attract professionals and entrepreneurs.
2. **Quality of Life.** Showing how Tipperary offers a high quality of life, which is important for remote workers looking for a good work-life balance.
3. **Local Attractions and Activities.** Highlighting the various attractions, outdoor activities, and a vibrant community to make Tipperary more desirable for potential remote workers.



Tipperary is a place where remote workers can thrive both professionally and personally

The Retail Edge Symposium Empowered Tipperary's Retail Sector with Expert Insights and Strategies

Industry leaders set out to provide information and strategies to the retailers of the Premier County in an evening of knowledge-sharing and inspiration at the Tipperary County Council 'Retail Edge' Symposium on March 6th 2024. The event was aimed at supporting the Retail sector by addressing some of the most challenging areas for businesses.

Tipperary County Council CE Joe MacGrath attended the evening and he acknowledged the challenging issues faced by the retail sector in County Tipperary and further afield which he stated included changes in technology, changes in employment law, the popularity of online shopping, the new expectations of customers and the issue of both resourcing and retaining staff.



The Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme

The Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme contributes to vibrancy and vitality of the towns and villages in the County through the provision of a grant for new businesses that utilise vacant premises for their start-up location. 39 grants were processed in 2024. Of these 10 were in the Nenagh MD area, 9 in the Clonmel MD area, 4 in the Thurles MD area, 1 in the Carrick on Suir MD area and 15 in the Tipperary MD area.



Businesses continue across a range of services including:

- Fitness studios
- Work Space
- Beauty/Hair-dressing
- Cafes/Coffee Shops
- Crafts, Garage
- Print

Following the first Meeting of the new Economic Development and Enterprise SPC in December 2024, a Sub-Group has been established to carry out a review of the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme.

Work has commenced on this and it is expected a new scheme will be presented to the Council Members in Q4 of 2025.

Full details of the scheme and the link to applying are all available on an information portal at www.tipperarycoco.ie/cvis.

The Christmas Retail Support Grant Scheme 2024

The Christmas Retail Support Grant Scheme proved again to be a very popular grant scheme in 2024 as it continued to fund organisations in County Tipperary who host events that will improve footfall into the towns and villages over the Christmas period. In 2024, a budget of €41,400 was awarded towards the 37 different applications. 2 applications did not meet the criteria of the scheme and there were not successful in being funded.

The activities under this scheme varied from festivities, entertainment, Christmas markets and fairs, and promotional efforts on social media and other traditional media channels. The events created atmosphere and a great sense of Christmas and brought people with their families into the towns and villages of County Tipperary and they also assisted with the retention of these potential customers to the businesses in the towns and villages.

The Painting & Enhancement Scheme

The Painting & Enhancement Scheme in 2024 continued to offer a budget of €20,000 funding for painting and general improvements to commercial building frontages; the erection of planters; floral hanging baskets or other environmental improvements and the removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and the replacement with shop fascia signage.

Online Directory for Local Businesses that sell online

The online directory of businesses at <https://shop.localtipperary.ie> remains to be hosted on the Tipperary County Council Website. The directory highlights any businesses that where purchases can be made online in County Tipperary.

It is fully searchable by category or by nearest town so it offers a very simple way for people to find shops in their locality for specific categories of goods or services. Contributions continued to be submitted for the service in 2024 and thus the number of registered businesses has increased to over 700.



37 Christmas festivals, events or markets were enabled by the Christmas Retail Support Grant Scheme in 2024

Shop local Tipperary Retail Newsletter

The retail and business database with over 500 businesses in the county continues to be used to target information about Training Events, grant schemes and other useful information directly to shop owners and businesses in the county.

This newsletter has enabled retail business to easily identify training that would support their business activity and also information on grant schemes that they are eligible to apply for.



Since inception we have had a number of requests from businesses to be included in the next circulation as they felt that it had some great information that could be shared throughout the businesses.

The Shop Local Social Media Campaign



In 2024 a strong shop local message was delivered across the branded social media channels of Tipperary County Council for Shop Local. The value of the Retail sector to the county in terms of employment and service provision is acknowledged and support is provided to imprint that message across the communities of the county. The importance placed on this sector is reflected in the provision of the strong Shop Local Tipperary Social Media campaign throughout the year by the council.

The platform continues to be used by retail businesses themselves to promote their offerings and reach a large number of people on our social media pages. Great prizes are offered to people that enter our competitions and those that enter help us by pushing out, to their friends and followers, the message of Shop Local Tipperary. The target audience of Shop Local Tipperary posts are people living in Tipperary and we seek to continually remind them of the variety of businesses right on their doorstep and how important it is to keep those business going by shopping locally.

In 2024 we used 38 Instagram and Facebook posts and 81 Instagram stories to an 'organic' social media reach.

This platform provides a great way to keep the shops and businesses in County Tipperary to the fore with the many users of Facebook and Instagram in our county and society today.



Year on year we have seen phenomenal growth in our campaigns and we will continue to promote and support this important sector.

The number of followers is growing and has a reach of over 65,600 and have had up to 90,800 views of our post during the year. Shop Local Tipperary pages continue to send out the message to the communities and individuals of the importance of keeping business, close to your home and community, open and surviving.

One of the key strategic Objectives for 2025 from our Corporate Plan is -

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To support the further development of our retail business environment which will underpin town centre revitalisation and regeneration



Economic Development

Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

The current Economic Development and Enterprise SPC concluded after the last meetings held on May 7th 2024.

The Agenda for the meeting included:

- EU Just Transition Tourism Fund Activation
- RRDF Projects in County Tipperary
- A review of the work of the SPC 2019 – 2024

A new SPC commenced for a September 2024 meeting.

Bioeconomy Development in Tipperary



TCC staff Mary Ryan, Clare Lee, Anthony Fitzgerald, Elaine Cullinan in attendance at the 2024 All Island Bioeconomy Summit in Tullamore, March 2024.



The Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme was developed to help restore vibrancy and vitality to town and villages

9th EU Just Transition Platform March 2024 in Brussels



TCC were represented by Elaine Cullinan (Economic Development Officer) and Clare Lee (Environment and Climate Action Co-ordinator) at the recent Just Transition Platform conference in Brussels.

The Platform's 9th Conference brought together over 1,000 registered participants, including 300 in person, to share views and experiences on the just transition process, including the achievements of Just Transition Fund projects so far. Themes discussed at the conference included combatting poverty, monitoring, energy communities, skills for a green future, and youth engagement in the transition around the world.

Just Transition Funding Success:

'BioScaleUP' Funding Announcement

Tipperary County Council welcomes the announcement from the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine of €5m for the Lisheen Bioeconomy Scaleup Initiative. With its partners, Tipperary County Council has been actively working to reimagine the former lead / zinc mining site since its closure in 2015.

BioScaleUp - BioScaleUp proposes the demonstration of 6 innovative biobased technologies at Lisheen, bringing technologies validated at lab scale (TRL 4) to demonstration at industrial pilot scale (TRL 7)



Just Transition Funding: Masterplan Development of a 10 acre site at Lisheen, Co. Tipperary:

EU-JTF grant received of €1m:

TCC purchased 10 acres of land behind the BioScaleUp facility to develop a large-scale serviced landholding in public ownership, in an area severely impacted by the loss of peat and mine industry employment, facilitating the creation of jobs with a bioeconomy focus.

These rural based sustainable jobs will be created by companies utilising the innovative technologies being developed within the adjoining pilot bioeconomy facility in the Lisheen National Bioeconomy Campus.

Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy Conference 2024 (IFIB) in Bologna, October 2024 –

Circular Bioeconomy Cluster SPRING hosted the 14th edition of IFIB - International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy, aimed at strengthening the bioeconomy network in the Euro-Mediterranean area and to promote partnerships.



TCC was represented at the International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy 2024 (IFIB) in Bologna, October 2024 by Elaine Cullinan Circular Bioeconomy Outreach Officer, participating in a panel discussion on the 'Role of Regions in the Bioeconomy'.



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Pathways2Resilience



The ECRD directorate & Env & Climate Action section has received funding of €210,000 to participate in an 18-month programme to support a transformative approach to climate adaptation and climate change resilience. The council is one of 40 regions all across Europe in the programme and will be working with its Irish & European partners to build a resilient and progressive Circular Bioeconomy, centred on the work of the National Bioeconomy Campus at the former Lisheen Mine Campus, Lisheen, Thurles.

Biomethane for Carbon & Community - Capacity building project with a team of six dedicated staff, to work with and develop synergies with the community, farmers, the private sector and the Government to enable the development of biomethane in the area, including ultimately a new biomethane processing facility, at the National Bioeconomy Campus, Lisheen. (Total Budget is €993,011)

This Phase 1 Capacity Building Project will be delivered by 31st March 2026.



Launch of the Biomethane for Carbon and Community project, July 2024

A Steering Group with nine members from four partner organizations has been established to support the BDO, holding monthly meetings in 2024. Planning to have quarterly meetings in 2025. The BDO office is now set up and operational at the National Bioeconomy Campus in Lisheen, Co. Tipperary. Feasibility studies and stakeholder analysis have been initiated to assess Ireland's biomethane production potential and ensure effective community involvement in future projects.

RuralBioUp

TCC are working with the Irish Bioeconomy Foundation on the RuralBioUp project, a Horizon Europe funded project aimed at empowering rural regions to adopt biobased solutions. The most recent RuralBioUp workshop was held in Bologna, aligning with the IFIB conference. TCC and Irish Bioeconomy Foundation staff were in attendance, and reported on the Irish Hub activities. Irish Bioeconomy Foundation is the facilitator of the Irish regional hub with input from Tipperary County Council. The project is currently halfway through with many exciting plans before it is finished in September 2025.



Digital Update



Open Eir has passed circa 45,000 premises in the county with Gigabit fibre including the towns of Nenagh, Ballina/Killaloe, Tipperary, Toomevara, Templemore, Thurles, Clonmel and Cahir.

They recently commenced works in the town(s) of Cashel (with 80% completed in Q3, 24) Roscrea, and Carrick-on-Suir and the footprint of their Gigabit network is currently being extended to/or planned for Newport; Two-mile Borris; Dundrum; Holycross; Kilsheelan; Fethard; Cappawhite; Fethard; Borrisokane; Ardfinnan; Borrisoleigh; Clogheen; Killenaule; Holycross; Cloughjordan; Emly and Mullinahone, County Tipperary

Digital Innovation Programme 2019-2024

The Digital Innovation Programme is an initiative of the Department of Rural and Community Development. It is designed to encourage local authority led projects that support digital development.

Project 1: Develop a new technology standard (as agreed with the telecommunications industry) to the term underground “Shared telecommunications Physical Infrastructure”

Stream: Innovation:

As part of the Liberty Sq, Thurles Refurbishment Project – Tipperary County Council trailed new innovative technologies with the support of the telecommunications industry to pilot the “Dig Once” principle, and innovative uses of existing technologies in order to support co-ordination of civil works with the telecommunications industry and lower the costs of digital connectivity, facilitate the deployment of new Gigabit fibre networks, protect new public road and footpath surfaces, protect urban conservation areas, deliver more effective public services through the Government’s Digital Innovation Programme, and pilot the use of a new technology standard (as agreed with the telecommunications industry) to the concept of underground “Shared telecommunications Physical Infrastructure” This telecommunications Infrastructure is now in use by Industry.



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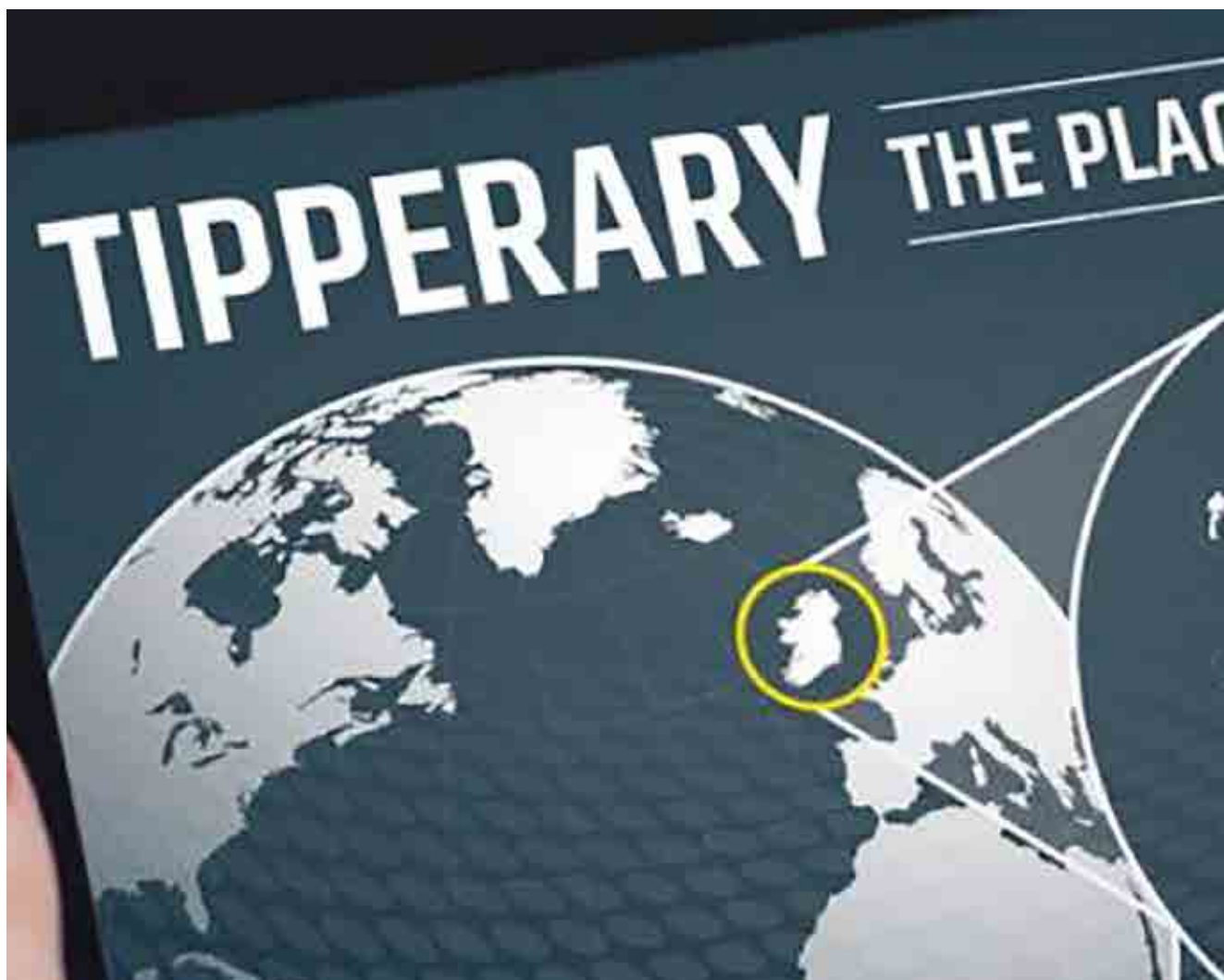
National Finalist: Boher | Digital Horizons: Empowering Rural Minds

Boher BCP was shortlisted from projects across the country and have been recognised for their use of digital technologies and innovation to transform and enhance their communities for the betterment of local people, communities and wider society. Their initiative aimed at eradicating the digital divide in rural communities, having at its core universal accessibility. This digital project has created a suite of digital learning and tailored educational programmes offered in the local community hall to enhance digital literacy, providing residents with the skills necessary to thrive in a digital world.

Collaborations with local schools and sports clubs ensure the sustainability of the initiative fostering a future-ready interconnected community. This project promises to unlock new opportunities for rural residents, transforming the landscape of rural education.

Inaugural OurKidsCode STEAM Conference held in Tipperary

In partnership with Tipperary County Council, OurKidsCode a nationwide programme aimed at bringing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) activities to families in rural Ireland through promoting local Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) and community venues as educational hubs. These efforts bring digital learning opportunities directly to rural families, ensuring access to STEAM education in areas that previously lacked resources bridging the digital divide and fostering community engagement. 90 Tipperary families attended a special STEAM Fun Day in Tipperary on November 16th at TUS Thurles Campus. This free event featured hands-on workshops, coding challenges, robotics and creative projects, designed to inspire children and parents alike.



Tourism

Tipperary Tourism

Continued progress has been made on development of Tipperary as a destination during the year. During 2024, there was a focus on training in addition to networking, familiarisation visits and sharing of information between tourism product providers. The focus continues to be on development of plans to roll out the brand.

Elevate Tipperary Tourism Conference

The Elevate Tipperary Tourism Conference took place in February and witnessed almost 200 tourism industry representatives from all over Tipperary attending, including hoteliers, restaurant owners, activity providers – water sports, equestrian, hiking, Chamber of Commerce, public authorities, tour operators, educational establishments, caravan and camping park owners, tour guides, visitor attractions, bars, Tipperary Food Producers and many more.

The day was structured around sustaining, regenerating and elevating at every level – firstly at the individual level of the business, secondly at the collective level within the county and thirdly, at the county level – looking at the Time for Tipperary brand, and how it competes nationally and internationally. The authentic, slow tourism and visitor experience on offer here in Tipperary is right on trend and in many ways, the dramatic change in visitor behaviour since the pandemic and their desire to seek out new experiences and lesser-known destinations plays in our favour.



Content Creation

Tipperary Tourism continues to invest in content creation. During the year, new video content has successfully captured the unique appeal of Tipperary as a destination, driving significant engagement across key platforms. By showcasing what the county has to offer, including our walking and landscapes, this has resulted in increased brand visibility and reached a highly targeted audience of potential visitors. It is important to continue to invest in new visual content to reach these target audiences.

Tipperary Angling & Accessible Outdoor Recreation Activities Development & Promotion

The overarching aim of this audit and recommendations study is to improve accessibility to outdoor recreation and angling in Tipperary, providing a policy-led and evidence-based roadmap to improve access and promotion to outdoor activities for ALL across the county. Funded via the Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme 2022, this important audit is now complete. The study demonstrates the potential for promoting Tipperary as a destination with a selection of universally accessible tourism facilities. This Audit was funded by ORIS 2022.

State of the Tourism Season Research 2024

The Tipperary State of the Season Pulse Survey 2024 was conducted by Tipperary Tourism and Tipperary County Council to gauge the health of the county’s tourism sector. The report is based on feedback voluntarily provided by businesses participating in the survey. It compares the performance of tourism businesses—accommodation, activity providers, and attractions—from January to September 2024 with the same period in 2023.

Main Points of the Survey include:

- Uneven Recovery: 57% of businesses reported Growth, 14% remained at Parity, but 29% experienced a Downturn compared to the same period in 2023.
- Economic Pressures: Rising operational costs, inflation, and shifting consumer preferences and spending post-COVID-19 are straining profitability.
- Changing Visitor Behaviour: Shorter stays, later bookings, and varying demand between domestic and international markets are making planning more difficult, impacting businesses to different degrees.

The challenging environment underscores the need for continued support and adaptability across the sector.

Littleton Labyrinth

The Littleton Labyrinth walkway/ cycleway runs through the Littleton Bog through Bord na Mona peatlands. The track follows the old peat rail line that was used to transport peat during peat production. The project is funded by EU Just Transition Funding and Tipperary County Council. It commenced in November 2023 and is 7.2Km long and runs from the existing Loch Dhoire Bhile lake to Derrynaflan. This section is now 100% complete. The Littleton Labyrinth branding was funded via Leader, and this is now present on signs that have been installed at the location.



Equine Tourism / Thoroughbred Country

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Tourism have been working in partnership with Fáilte Ireland, Kildare County Council and Into Kildare to develop equine tourism experiences across the county connected nationally through a Thoroughbred Experience Trail, jointly delivering the Fáilte Ireland Thoroughbred Country Destination Development Plan. Since the launch of the plan, an interim review during the year has taken place, and following extensive development work, a variety of new Thoroughbred Experiences are now available for visitors to book, offering unique and unrivalled sales and marketing opportunities for Kildare and Tipperary.



Tipperary Food Producers

Ongoing collaboration with Tipperary Food Producers continues, working on brand alignment and joint promotions to leverage the Time for Tipperary brand.



Media Coverage - Tracks and Trails

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with OPW and Coillte funded an episode in the Series 11 of Tracks and Trails on RTE, which aired in May. This represented an impressive expose for Walking in Tipperary. It continues to be viewed daily on RTE Player and YouTube. The route featuring is from Cahir Castle to Swiss Cottage, to Ardfinnan and Liam Lynch Memorial along St. Declan's Way and the Blueway.

La Cometa TV

Spanish TV Company (La Cometa TV), produced an award-winning travel television program called "Valencians al Món", for one of the official public broadcasters in Spain. This is the most viewed TV program on the channel with more than 150 programmes already produced. They travel around the world visiting and interviewing people born in Valencia who live abroad. In conjunction with Tourism Ireland, they visited Ireland in March to film. Tipperary Tourism provided guidance and assistance with contacts on their itinerary around Clonmel,

Nevin Maguire's Christmas at Cashel, RTE 1

Neven's Christmas at Cashel aired in December, on RTÉ One. This collaboration included the Tipperary Food Producers and Cashel palace, and various sites around Cashel were highlighted, including the Rock of Cashel.

Neven's Christmas at Cashel is produced by InProductionTV and sponsored by Bord Bia. The producers also acknowledged the support of Tipperary County Council, Tipperary Tourism and also Tipperary Food Producers in the production.

The programme will help to showcase Tipperary as a food destination for visitors, boosting the profile of Tipperary and hopefully encouraging more visitors to the county.

Advertising

Time for Tipperary featured in various media during the year, including 'Your Daily Adventure' publication. Tipperary is featured as a full page in the South East edition, with 100,000 copies. It is distributed to and merchandised at the key places visitors frequent – hotels, other accommodations, airports, ferry-ports, visitor attractions, tourist centres, large motorway stations, and more. It is particularly important in reaching and attracting overseas visitors to Tipperary.

Networking and Familiarisation Visits

Collaboration and working together are proven to make a destination stronger. An important focus in 2024 was facilitating tourism businesses to network, educating them on Tipperary's tourism amenities and sites, and all achieved in a relaxed, social way, with participants openly knowledge sharing. These were a highlight for members of Tipperary Tourism.

Training

Resulting from the previous year's assessment of training needs, the focus on industry capacity building this year was digital marketing and online presence. Collaborating with both Tipperary LEO and County Tipperary Chamber Skillnets, programmes included:

Smartphone Photography Workshops, in July at Lakeside Hotel, Ballina & Minella Hotel, Clonmel. Supported by Skillnets, with 30+ participants.

6-week Digital Marketing Programme, in September. Supported by the LEO, with 24 participants



Networking

It has been a busy period in terms of networking and events focusing on brand awareness and community engagement. Munster Vales Tourism Marketing Officer has met with the tourism officers and tourism businesses in surrounding counties to discuss collaborative projects in terms of product development and marketing campaigns that are in alignment with the current County Development Plans.

Munster Vales attended the LGMA Tourism Conference in Kildare in April, this was a very inspiring event focusing on topics such as sustainability, marketing, and creating world-class festivals and events. It was a great opportunity to meet and learn from the network of Tourism Officers around the country.



Training

Munster Vales has provided 40 tourism-related businesses and community groups with bespoke 1:1 training to optimize their digital presence and improve their websites. The trainees have been taught how to edit and utilize their websites and social channels so that they are reaching more people and making the path from reaching to converting to customers the most streamlined and effective.

Marketing

Munster Vales has a strong social media campaign throughout 2024 with new strategic partnerships emerging. Munster Vales featured on At Your Service on RTE along with working with Pamela Scott Fashion on Instagram to run a competition to giveaway a night away, dinner and a day of activities for two people. This competition reached over 300,000 people and garnered 2,000 new followers for Munster Vales. Munster Vales welcomed two content creators to the area who visited 16 businesses in total and provided the same with a spotlight on their social channels to an audience of over 30,000 people. This coverage is reaching a new demographic that is interested in outdoor adventures. This is very positive for the local rural economy. Munster Vales incorporated an extensive bank of imagery which supports marketing across the destination, tourism providers can leverage from using the imagery for their social media campaigns.

Munster Vales Product Development

Munster Vales was successful in applying for LEADER funding through South Tipperary Development Company for a feasibility study on motorcycle tourism to assess the viability of this area as a destination for motorcyclists from the international and domestic market and is also seeking funding for innovative marketing campaigns.

Consultants were appointed, Wordhoard Communications and Green Gates, there is extensive desktop research taking place and are in the process of carrying out consultations with stakeholders to gain insight into the direction of motorcycle tourism in Munster Vales.



Munster Vales has provided 40 tourism-related businesses and community groups with bespoke 1:1 training to optimize their digital presence and improve their websites

EU Just Transition Fund Tourism Activator

The EU Just Transition Fund Tourism Activator is in place to support tourism start-ups and existing providers in the Just Transition Territory by raising awareness and understanding among potential applicants of how the JTF funding and support schemes work. The Tourism Activator has been working with potential applications to elicit quality project proposals and grant applications by liaising with private and community SMEs to identify quality projects within the Just Transition territory of Carrick MD and Thurles MD.

The Tourism Activator role involves catalysing rural and community entrepreneurship and enabling success across all of the funding schemes that comprise of Fáilte Ireland Regenerative Tourism and Placemaking Scheme, with a particular emphasis on Scheme B – the Tourism Investment Grant Scheme for Private and Community SMEs.

There has been a positive interest from potential tourism providers and existing businesses in developing visitor experiences including activities, and eco-friendly accommodation. The Tourism Activator has been working on the ground with the trade-in harnessing sustainable concepts within tourism. There were two funding announcements to date amounting to €359,000, one which is sustainable accommodation development and the second e-bike tourism.



Tom Treacy of Blueway Bike Hire and Linda Fahey of Tudor Artisan Hub at the EU Just Transition Investment Grant Scheme Information Seminar held in The Carraig Hotel, Carrick On Suir

Sustainable Tourism Networks

The Tourism Activator developed a guide to Sustainable Tourism Networks located in Tipperary, new tourism providers will benefit from collaborating with their local tourism network, Sustainable Tourism Networks within Tipperary play a pivotal role in enhancing, marketing and developing visitor experiences throughout the county. The guide below brings together all the elements that make Tipperary a compelling tourism destination into one cohesive network. Every provider, regardless of their service or size, plays a vital role in the overall narrative of Tipperary as a visitor destination. [Link to Guide Here](#)

Littleton Buscraft Feasibility Report

The feasibility report relating to the development of the Bushcraft Survival and Activity Centre is at draft review stage with consultants Nicholas de Jong Associates and Repucon Consulting working through recommended proposals from consultations. The Tourism Activator has worked closely on with the consultants in ensuring the feasibility report captures the brief and aligns with recreational and regenerative tourism objectives. The report will be available in Q1 of 2025.

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Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASNTG)

Background

The Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASNTG) is a critical component of Ireland's public service infrastructure, providing dedicated training to staff across the Local Authority network. It operates as a national shared service responsible for the co-ordination, development and delivery of specialist training across each of the 31 Local Authorities.

LASNTG currently supports staff development across five specific training pillars, these include: Roads, Water, Environment, Fire Services and Planning and each Training Group is comprised of representatives from the relevant bodies within the sector and chaired by a local authority Chief Executive.

The Group oversees the delivery of over 180 courses from single day courses and refreshers up to QQI level 9 post graduate courses. Details of the various courses are available to view at the following website <https://www.lasntg.ie/courses/>

These courses are designed to meet the training needs of the sector and are delivered through:

- Five Regional Training Centres (RTCs) at Roscrea (Co. Tipperary), Ballincollig (Co. Cork), Ballycoolin (Dublin), Castlebar (Co. Mayo) and Stranorlar (Co. Donegal). See figure 1.
- LASNTG also works in partnership with the Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Sligo, and South Eastern Technological University (SETU) Carlow who deliver a total of 15 courses at QQI level 6 to 9 that have been designed to support the Local Government Sector.



Figure 1

*Supporting staff development
across 5 training pillars including
Roads, Water, Environment,
Fire & Planning services*

2024 Update

In 2024 the LASNTG developed a Strategic Plan 2025–2030 to set out the strategic direction and KPI's for the service for the next 5 years. It represents an advancement in the LASNTG's ongoing development, with a focus on optimising Local Authority training and refining the LASNTG's national role in public sector services. The plan is crafted to secure the LASNTG's future by aligning its resources and expertise with projected demands, ensuring the organisation remains at the forefront of delivering high-quality training and development services.

One of the key achievements of 2024 was the development and delivery of four new Planning Fundamentals courses under the Planning Services Training Group working in collaboration with Local Authority Planning staff, The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Office of the Planning Regulator.

Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance is a significant consideration for training delivery and development and in 2024 the LASNTG continued monitoring courses and training providers on the framework.

LASNTG processed 1329 learners through QQI courses for certification across areas such as Temporary Traffic Management, Water Treatment Plant Operation, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation, Site Suitability Assessment for on-site Wastewater Treatment Systems, Firefighting Skills, Hazardous Materials, Pump Operations, Using Breathing Apparatus and Transportation Incidents.



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2024 Conferences

Conferences are key events to enhance capacity within the sector. The conferences not only provide an opportunity for experts to share information, guidance and best practice but also for people within the sector to network, discuss and learn from other Local Authorities and key stakeholders.

The LASNTG hosted the Environmental Services Training Group conference in the Westmeath in October in conjunction with LAWPRO.

The main areas covered included;

- Climate Action
- Catchment Science
- Nature Based Solutions
- Circular Economy
- River Basin Management Plans

The LASNTG hosted the Roads Services Training Group conference in Sligo in May in conjunction with the Department of Transport.

The main areas covered included;

- Transport Priorities for Investment
- Asset Management
- Climate adaptation
- Road safety
- Active Travel
- Road design



Members of the Roads Services Training Group at the RSTG Conference in Sligo in May 2024.

2024 RTC training Days

In 2024 there were over 35,000 training days delivered across the 5 RTC's.

2024 Regional Training Centre

Person Training Days							
	Ballincollig	Ballycoolin	Castlebar	Roscrea	Stranorlar	Total	%
Roads	3,752	1,341	1,780	2,812	1,625	11,310	38%
Water	235	685	839	766	496	3,021	10%
Environment	461	62	148	620	146	1,437	5%
Fire	1,335	1,400	1,502	3,593	2,334	10,164	34%
Planning	118	110	67	221	64	580	2%
Climate Action	292	630	195	123	100	1,340	5%
Other	418	1,924	2,891	658	1,431	7,322	25%
Total	6,611	6,152	7,422	8,793	6,196	35,174	

External Training Providers Framework 2023-2025

LASNTG, in conjunction with the five RTC's, provides a significant number of training courses through the utilisation of external providers. The procurement of the external providers is via a framework from which the Regional Training Centres run mini competitions using SupplyGov. The framework will be operational until the end of 2025. The potential value of contracts across the 5 RTC's over the lifetime of the framework is between €10-€15 million.



The Regional Training Centres have delivered over 400,000 training days since their establishment

Development of New Training Programmes

Training development continued throughout 2024 and new courses were developed and delivered to Local Authority staff. Under the RSTG remit the Winter Service Operator Course & Refresher was reviewed and updated and a new Road Opening & Advanced Reinstatement Refresher course was developed.

The WSTG made updates to Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant Operations.

Significant progress was made under the PSTG with four new courses developed for administrative and technical staff working in the area of planning. The courses cover Planning Administration, Forward Planning, Development Management, and Enforcement. Over 560 Local Authority staff nationally completed this training between August and December of 2024.

Under the ESTG, updates were made to the Inspection of Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems course and the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme.

New Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme 2024-2027

As we enter a new and challenging phase of climate action implementation to 2030, the need to sustain and enhance our capacity within local government is ever more significant. A new Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme 2024-2027 was launched in 2024.

The Climate Action Training Plan for the period 2024-2027 is a natural progression from the previous training programme, delivered in 2020-2023. It is funded through the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, and administered through the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and the LASNTG. Over the next four years the programme will target delivering training to 32,000 Local Authority staff and 949 elected members, across six training pillars. This plan represents a proactive and forward-thinking document, engineered to help address the challenges of climate change.



31 LOCAL AUTHORITIES

26 County Councils
3 City Councils
2 City & County

~32,000
Local Authority Staff

949 Elected Members

FUNDING BODY

Department of
Environment, Climate &
Communications

Hereunder is a summary of 2024 training figures for the Local Authority Sector.

Local Authority Climate Action Training Pillar 2024	Number of Training Places Delivered
Championing Leadership	1,207
Building Capacity	-
Empowering Change	21
Delivering Action	1,739
Raising Awareness	1,103
Actioning Policy	40
Total No. Training Places	4,110

Our Environment





Environment & Climate Action Section



The Environment and Climate Action Section is responsible for developing initiatives and delivering programmes that protect and enhance our local environment. Other functions include waste management /enforcement, climate/ energy, landfill restoration, burial ground management, derelict sites and community services/ environmental awareness.

Some key projects delivered over the year included the first annual progress report on the Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029 (LACAP), 24 initiatives supporting climate change in communities including in energy efficiency, waste prevention, and the circular economy were delivered throughout 2024, awarding of €750,000 for the first time under the Community Climate Action Fund to local community groups and the removal of waste from the Shannon Vermicomposting (SVC) facility in Coolross, Rathcabbin is now estimated to be at 98% complete.

Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee

The first meeting of the new Strategic Policy Committee took place on Wednesday the 4th of December 2024. Topics discussed included an overview of the role of the SPC, the 2024 Draft Burial Ground Development Policy, and the functions, roles and responsibilities of the Environment & Climate Action Section.

Climate Action & Energy



Wildflowers at Raheen Road, Clonmel

The Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029 (LACAP) sets out how the Council is reducing energy use and increasing energy efficiency across its own properties, facilities and fleet, and also how the Council through its actions is influencing, facilitating and advocating for climate action across other sectors and communities. The LACAP comprises 100 actions, along with opportunity areas and actions for the Tipperary 'Decarbonising Zone' (DZ).

The first annual 'Progress Report' of the LACAP was published in February 2025, and reflects the strong progress in LACAP action delivery over the period January 2024 to December 2024.

Staff and Governance

The Climate Action Office (CAO) was established in spring 2023 with three core roles:

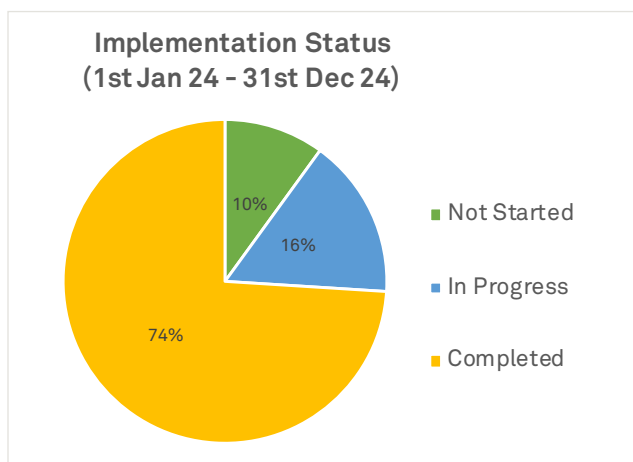
- Climate Action Coordinator
- Climate Action Officer
- Community Climate Action Officer

During 2024, the following additional roles were created:

- Pathfinder South-East Regional Energy Services Manager
- Decarbonising Zone Stakeholder and Community Outreach Officer
- Climate Action Assistant

The CAO is supported by the Climate Action Steering Group (CASG), chaired by the Chief Executive and comprised of the members of the Senior Management Team. The CASG provides strategic guidance to the Climate Action Team (CAT) made up of senior staff from all service areas, and their role is to act as champions for climate change in their own service areas, and to deliver and report on the actions of the LACAP. The Tipperary Energy Agency provide advisory and technical services to the Council including the monitoring and reporting of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions.

LACAP Action Delivery



Tipperary County Council Own Emissions Reductions Targets

A building energy efficiency and decarbonisation strategy and an organisational fleet decarbonisation strategy is essential in order that the Council can achieve its 51% reduction in GHG carbon emissions 2030 target and to support progress in better energy efficiency across the organisation.

During 2024, considerable progress was made in setting a framework for meeting 2030 thermal and transport emissions reduction targets. It is notable that the Council has taken the leadership role in two sub-regional projects including the SEAI Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy and the new South East Regional Energy Unit for the SEAI Pathfinder project, both comprising the five counties of Tipperary, Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford.

Staff Training and Awareness for Climate Action



The Climate Action Officer is working with Council staff to encourage and enable them to reduce their energy use both in the office and at home. As part of this the Council has signed up to the SEAI 'Reduce Your Use' engagement programme. In addition to this, ongoing 'Raising Awareness' training is provided by the LASNTG, along with Climate Action Induction for new staff as part of their overall induction programme.

Community and Enterprise Climate Action Outreach

Since 2016, the CAO has administered and facilitated a public facing external stakeholder group called 'SustainableTipp'. This group meets 4 times a year to share information and develop synergies across their climate action programmes in Tipperary.

Tipperary County Council is one of the foremost local authorities in implementing effective climate change Mitigation and Adaptation.



Projects, initiatives and collaborations by the Council extend to biodiversity, green energy, energy efficiency, research and development, the bioeconomy, green enterprise, nature-based solutions, emergency services, circular economy, sustainable transport, empowerment of communities and businesses. This extensive activity is resulting in co-benefits for all of us in the county as a result of positive climate action.



The CAO has taken a strong collaborative and leadership role in Climate Action research and innovation, notable projects commenced in 2024 include 'Pathways2Resilience', 'Biomethane for Carbon and Community' and 'ADAPTO'.

Biomethane
for Carbon and Community

For more information on all of the above, please refer to the Tipperary County Council Local Authority Climate Action Plan Progress Report 2024 available at www.tipperarycoco.ie.

Community Climate Action Fund



L to R: Marie O'Donnell, Community Climate Action Officer, Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Clare Lee, Climate Action Co-ordinator

Funding is provided by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications through the Community Climate Action Fund to finance community climate action projects and initiatives for capacity building within local communities. Applications closed on the 27th February, 2024. Community engagement was strong in Tipperary and this was evident by the 82 applications that were received. Marie O'Donnell, Community Climate Action Officer administered the fund.

Projects addressed five themes listed below:

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

An assessment of applications took place 9th April, 2024 and 25 groups were put forward to the Minister of the Environment, Climate and Communications for approval and approval was granted.

See list of all groups who were approved funding under the Community Climate Action Fund.

Lead Partner		Funding Recommendation
SMALL		
1	Burncourt Community Council	€ 20,000.00
2	Clogheen Tidy Towns	€ 756.00
3	Thurles Mens Shed	€ 2,603.00
4	Roscrea Lions Club	€ 20,000.00
5	Grangemockler Tidy Towns	€ 13,486.00
6	Nenagh Lawn Tennis Club	€ 7,426.00
7	Rearcross Community Council	€ 7,738.00
8	Glengoolie Tidy Towns	€ 5,939.00
9	Kilsheelan Tidy Towns	€ 5,840.00
10	Cannon Hayes	€ 14,092.00
11	Clanwilliam Rugby Club	€ 11,112.00
MEDIUM		
12	Moyglass	€ 32,163.00
13	Clonmel Og GAA	€ 32,034.00
14	Castleineey	€ 25,328.00
15	Rockwell Rovers	€ 28,064.00
16	Boher Community Development	€ 40,512.00
17	Ballina Tidy Towns	€ 42,924.00
18	Eire Og Annacarty Donohill	€ 30,000.00
19	Knocknarawley Resource Centre	€ 24,774.00
20	Newcastle Community Council	€ 34,522.00
LARGE		
21	Borrisokane Community Sports	€ 62,257.00
22	Ballyporeen GAA	€ 73,640.00
23	Loughtagalla Residents Association	€ 90,178.00
24	Sustainable Project (Ireland)	€ 74,612.00
Shared Island Project		
1	Ballypatrick Sports Centre & Belfast Boat Club	€49,493.00
		€749,493.00

Community Services

The number of environmental related complaints received in 2024 was 1,991, which was a slight decrease of approx. 3% against 2023 figures. The table below shows the breakdown of the categories of complaints received.

Complaint Category	% of Overall Complaints
Air	2.3%
Animal Related	25.5%
Infrastructure	2.3%
Litter	38.6%
Noise	2.4%
Waste Enforcement	23.3%
Water	5.7%

Litter Management

2024 was the first year of implementation of the Litter Management Plan 2024-2026 which was adopted by Tipperary County Council in 2023. The Plan has steered the Council response to tackle litter throughout the county and aims to encourage awareness and community participation. The Plan will be kept under review and Tipperary County Council will continue to provide litter management and prevention services such as; street cleaning, emptying of public bins, anti-litter awareness programmes / supports and enforcement of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended).



Litter picking Scoile Mhuire, Carrick on Suir

Fixed Penalty Fines Issued in 2024

Fixed Payment Notice (FPN)	Litter Fines issued	FPN issued for giving vehicle to an unauthorised Collector	FPN issued to unauthorised Waste Collectors	Total No. of FPNs issued
No. of FPNs issued in 2024	74	50	8	132

Tidy Town Grants

The Council continued to support Tidy Towns Groups in 2024, by providing Tidy Towns Grants. 125 Tidy Town Committees applied and received grants totaling €201,603.76

Municipal District	Tidy Town Grants	Amount
Carrick on Suir	17 Applications	€12,000
26th November 2024 Awards Ceremony	14 Tidy Towns Groups	€16,000
Clonmel	8 Applications	€11,615.00
Thurles	26 Applications	€47,039.23
Tipp-Cahir- Cashel	43 Applications	€56,450.00
Nenagh	31 Applications	€58,499.53

On the 26th November Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District awards ceremony was held in Grangemockler to honour Tidy Towns Groups for their commitment, dedication and enthusiasm in striving to improve their home environment and aesthetic. The awards varying from €900 - €2,000 were allocated to 14 groups based on their increase in marks in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Total amount paid €16,000





Cathaoirleach Carrick on Suir M.D. Cllr Mark Fitzgerald with Cllr Goldsboro and Cllr Dunne at Tidy Town Awards.

Burial Grounds Maintenance Grants

In 2024, the Council provided 270 burial ground grants totaling €193,906

Municipal District	Burial Ground Maintenance Grants	Amount
Carrick on Suir	49 applications	€34,108
Clonmel	22 Applications	€15,400
Thurles	61 Applications	€40,600
Tipp-Cahir- Cashel	70 Applications	€57,668
Nenagh	68 applications	€46,130

Derelict Sites

As at the 31st December 2024, 84 properties were on the Derelict Sites Register. 20 properties were added to the Register in 2024, whilst 7 properties were removed. The responsibility for Derelict Sites has transferred to the Planning Directorate under the Town Regeneration, Vacancy & Dereliction Team from the 1st January 2025.

Veterinary

Horses

During 2024, 23 horse queries were reported to the Council, which resulted in 32 horse pickups.

Dogs

A total of 178 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to 31st December, 2024. 93 of that number were sent to rescue, 22 were reclaimed by their owners, 13 were rehomed and 50 were put to sleep. The Section continues to work with the animal welfare organisations in the rehoming of dogs. The number of dog licences purchased to 31st December 2024 was 9,090. This represents an 18% increase on licences purchased during 2023.

Food Safety Inspections

There are 14 abattoirs, 1 poultry plant, 19 small meat manufacturing plants and 3 registered premises based in the county. A total of 672 visits to the abattoirs and poultry plant took place to ensure compliance with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland animal welfare and hygiene standards in abattoirs, prior to slaughter and post mortem.

During these visits, 1,490 cattle, 7,098 sheep, 372 pigs, 37 goats, 1,331 deer and 16,938 poultry were inspected. The responsibility for Food Safety Inspections has transferred to the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine from the 31st December 2024.

Environment Protection

Water Quality

Water Pollution /Agriculture

- 704 samples were taken as part of Water Framework Directive (WFD) sampling programme.
- 201 farm inspections have been carried out under the NAIP in 13 catchments, across all LEAs. An additional 19 first time inspections took place under complaint investigations and planning application inspection programmes.
- 663 notification letters were issued to farmers in these catchments prior to inspections taking place. These letters give a minimum of 2 weeks notice of potential inspection as well as a list of common breaches found during farm inspections.
- TCC took part in 3 Farming for Water events. These events were hosted by Arrabawn on a farm in the Ballyfinboy catchment and Centenary Co-Op hosted two events on farms in the Suir (Drish) and the Nore Catchments. These events were very well attended and are an ideal knowledge transfer opportunity for TCC, allowing us to explain the farm inspection procedure, outline common issues and answer any queries.
- 19 Nutrient Management Plans have been submitted, assessed and approved for the Use of Sewage Sludge in Agriculture.
- 57 septic tank inspections were performed under the National Inspection Plan including verification inspections.
- 93 Section 4 discharges to water samples were taken and monitored for compliance - under The Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 (as amended).
- 368 drinking water samples were taken as part of the Rural Water Programme and under the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2023, 45 of which were investigative, follow up samples.
- 106 drinking water audits were performed (Small private supplies, GWS & Private Wells).



Water Inspection Site

Planning Referrals

116 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

- 31 inspections were carried out under the Air Pollution Act 1987 (Solid Fuels) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 529 of 2022). 1 multi-agency inspection was carried out under the solid fuel regulations.
- 22 Inspections under the European Union (Installations and Activities Using Organic Solvents) Regulations 2012.
- 28 inspections under the European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations 2012.
- 38 petroleum inspections carried out under the Air Pollution Act, 1987 (Petroleum Vapour Emissions) Regulations, 1997.

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 (AM) Subsidy 2024

70 Schemes were invited to apply for the Annual Maintenance Subsidy in 2024. Applications were received from 69 schemes and Annual Maintenance Subsidies to the value of € 644,210.90 were paid.

Current Capital Projects:

Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme (2024 – 2026) – nominated projects were submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in April 2024. In November, notice was received from the DHLG&H allocating a total of €1.789m for 13 projects.

Private Well Grants:

In 2024 83 new applications were received with 79 being approved. A total of €195,258.90. was invested under the Scheme.

Landfills



Ballaghveny Landfill - Cell 10B being filled with waste, 26th June 2024

Waste acceptance at Ballaghveny recommenced on 22nd September 2021. The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.

The acceptance of waste commenced from 15th January 2024, filling Cell 10B with contaminated soil, stone and wood ash, which is being mixed with stabilized waste from the former Shannon Vermicomposting (SVC) facility in Coolross, Rathcabbin. The acceptance of mixed Construction and Demolition (C&D) from the SVC facility commenced from 16th April 2024. During 2024, the landfill accepted in a total of 48,749.16t of waste, this is ca. 99.49% of our licensed intake limit of 49,000t/a.

The amount of leachate produced this year at Ballaghveny landfill in 2024 was 17.6% less than the previous year (2023). The same landfill area was in use over the two years, so the difference is due to lower rainfall amounts in 2024 compared to 2023. The annual leachate generation amount is anticipated to increase further when Cell 11 is opened.

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Ballaghveny Community Gain Fund

The allocation of money from the landfills Community Gain Fund (CGF) 2023 has been completed, with Letters of Offer issued to five successful applicants on 29th August 2024. The CGF 2023 total was €62,600, which included €431 unallocated from the CGF 2022.

The allocation of funds from CGF 2023 is as follows:

Organisation Name	Project Description	CGF 2023 Allocation
Ballinree Church	Maintenance and upgrade of Ballinree church via washing and painting walls, gutters and downpipes.	€3,813.00
Ballymackey Football Club	Construct concrete terrace / kitchen fit out / internal folding doors	€30,261.43
Ballymackey Women's Shed	Roller blinds for large windows at community facility	€972.00
Ballymackey Graveyard Committee	Reconstruct walls at the old Ballymackey graveyard	€4,000.00
Bishop Harty National School	Provision of outdoor learning space and garden	€23,553.57
Total 2023		€62,600.00

The value of the Community Gain Fund from waste accepted during 2024 is currently expected to be approximately €62,200 and will be made available for distribution in 2025.

Donohill Landfill

The leachate volumes produced at Donohill landfill in 2024 was 18.7% less than the previous year (2023). Similar to the Ballaghveny site, the difference in volume of leachate generated at Donohill is due to lower rainfall amounts in 2024 compared to 2023.

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.

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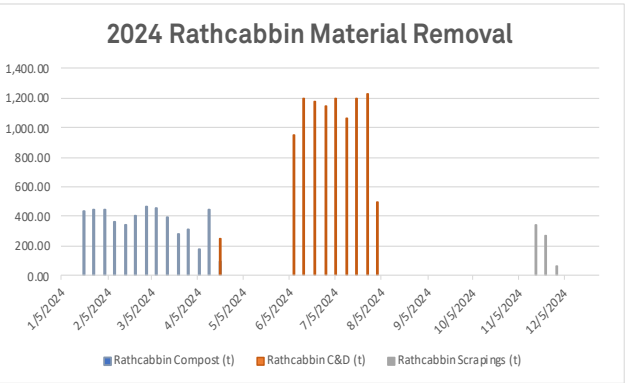
Rathcabbin Waste Removal

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermicomposting (SVC) facility in Coolross, Rathcabbin commenced on 02nd December 2021.

From January 2024, Ballaghveny Landfill has accepted 15,655.66t of waste from SVC Rathcabbin (comprising stabilised waste (5,068.72t), contaminated soil (679.40t) and mixed construction and demolition material contaminated with waste (9,907.54t)).

At the end of 2024, the SVC waste removal is estimated to be 98% complete. Approximately 500t of waste remains at the site.

Site boundaries that had to be removed as part of the waste removal process have been reinstated. Trial pits were dug across the site to ensure that there was no buried waste present – no evidence of buried waste was found.



Monthly distribution of SVC Rathcabbin waste removal during 2024



SVC Rathcabbin –25th October 2024- boundary fences re-instated.



SVC Rathcabbin –19th November 2024- site largely cleared of waste.

Historic Landfills

Tipperary - Cashel - Cahir

Tipperary Town - Landfill remediation detailed design and ecological surveys are complete. An Bord Pleanála granted consent for the rehabilitation of the closed landfill of the closed landfill and the compulsory purchase of lands necessary to the rehabilitation.

Work commenced on the preparation of the tender documents for the rehabilitation of the site.

Applications for Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) are pending decisions by the EPA for the Dundrum and Knocklofty historic landfills. Environmental monitoring of the historic landfills is ongoing.

Contracts were completed on 22nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfills including those at: Killeigh, Cahir; Caherabbey, Cahir and Deansgrove Cashel.

The risk assessment of the sites at Killeigh, Cahir and Caherabbey, Cahir is completed. The Cert of Authorisation applications for these two sites are currently being prepared. The work on the Deansgrove Cashel site is currently on hold pending landowner agreement.

Thurles - Templemore

Applications for Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) are pending decisions from the EPA for the Brittasroad and Monanearla historic landfills. Environmental monitoring of these historic landfills is ongoing.

Contracts were completed on 22nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfills including: Kiltillane, Templemore. The risk assessment of this site is ongoing.

Carrick-On-Suir

Connawarries, Carrickbeg – The Cert of Authorisation application was submitted to the EPA in December 2024.

Nenagh

Contracts were completed on 22nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfills including: Shesherahscanlon, Borrisokane;

The risk assessment of the site is completed. The Cert of Authorisation application is currently being prepared.

Contracts were completed on 09th January 2025 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfills including:

- Bawn Nenagh;
- Cooleen, Silvermines;
- Glencrue, Portroe; and
- Grange, Ballina.

Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites

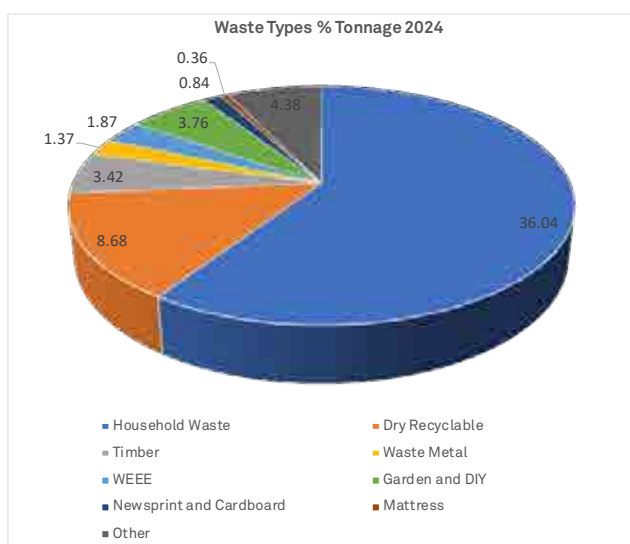
The 5 Civic Amenity sites at Clonmel, Donohill, Nenagh, Roscrea and Cashel continued to remain open throughout 2024.



Carrigeen Civic Amenity Site

The five civic amenity sites accepted 29,943.33 tons of waste in 2024, this includes waste accepted into the transfer station at Wallers Lot.

The average proportions of waste accepted into the civic amenity sites can be seen in the chart below:



The facilities accept a wide range of materials including household, dry recyclables, paper, cardboard, plastic, timber, garden waste, DIY waste, glass, and metal, waste electrical goods, batteries, textiles, waste oil and household hazardous waste for recycling. All materials leaving Waller's-Lot Civic Amenity and Waste Transfer station were sent for recycling, mechanical treatment and repurposing.

The total number of customers visiting the civic amenity sites in 2024 was 115,321 which is an 0.6% decrease in footfall over 2023. The average spend per customer increased by 9% in 2024, this is consistent with the increase in charges for the acceptance of certain waste materials to meet current market conditions and an increase in volume of material brought to site by each customer which would reduce footfall but increase average spend.

Upgrade Works at Nenagh Civic Amenity Site are to begin in 2025.

Upgrade works at Roscrea Civic Amenity Site is programmed to begin in Q3 2025.

Textile Receptacles

There are 80 clothes/textile pods located at bring bank locations in Tipperary.

401 Tonnes of textiles were collected for recycling in 2023, this reflects a 7.2% decrease on the previous year.

Bring Banks

3,275 tonnes of glass and 69 tonnes of cans were collected from 113 bottle and can bank locations. This reflects an increase of 1.6% of glass from 2023 and a decrease of 33.5% of aluminium cans on the previous year. This significantly lower recycled can tonnage is due to the introduction of the DRS (Deposit Return Scheme).

Waste Management and Enforcement

During 2023 the Environment & Climate Action Section was proactive in issuing Enforcement Directions and Notices:

Notice	# Issued	Details
Section 14 Directions under the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended (to remediate a site):	55	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 On-going• 42 Complied with
Directions under Section 16 of Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended (to remediate a site):	2	Complied with



Prosecution Cases:

The Environment and Climate Action Section were active in the area of instigating legal proceedings where legislation was not being adhered to.

The table below shows prosecutions taken by the Section in 2025

Litter / Waste Prosecution	# of Prosecu-tions	Details
Litter	6	6 Successful Cases Total amount awarded in court €6,300
Waste	14	10 Cases successful – Total amount awarded in court: €17,400
Un-authorised waste activities		3 cases relating to unauthorised waste activities was forwarded to Director of Public Prosecutors (DPP) – to be finalised in 2025 – Guilty pleas from defendants have been furnished to DPP – currently awaiting sentencing.
Non-compliance with an enforcement notice and Failure to have a permit)		1 case is on-going at High Court for un-authorised waste activities.

Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023

All projects completed and reports were sent to the Department for funding recoupment. €78,022.61 was awarded for 6 projects, 2 of which involved county-wide projects such as Mattress Amnesty, and Tipperary Rural Roadside “Keep Tipp Clean”.

The largest expenditure involved the Mattress Days and project for the Free Household Hazardous Waste Days at the Recycling Centres, which collected approx. 1,655 mattresses between all Recycling Centres over the collection period.



Example of Mattress Day at Waller’s Lot Transfer Station Cashel 2024

Household Waste Inspections

During 2024, 336 Household Waste Inspections were undertaken, with 66 households categorised as non-compliant, pending submission of evidence of their refuse service

One property received a Fixed Payment Notice for non-compliance with the Waste Management Bye-Laws 2018 and was not paid. The case is currently awaiting trial.

Inspections carried out under Waste Management Legislation

Waste Management Legislation	Inspections	Proposed Target for Year
Facility Permit and Registration Regulations 2007-2015	277	138
Collection Permit Regulations 2007-2015	159	20
Packaging Regulations	39	20
End of Life Vehicles Regs	29	10
Tyres/Waste Tyres Regs	59	34
WEEE Regulations & Battery Regulations	93	78
Farm Plastics Regulations 2001	32	20
Plastic Bag Levy Regulations	28	20
Commercial Food Waste Regulations	42	20
Household Waste Inspections Bye-Laws	336	320
Checkpoints for Waste Movement	10	10
Multi Agency Inspections Hazardous Wastes	40	15
Unauthorised Waste Activity	39	As arises from patrols and complaints.

Example of an un-authorised waste activity June 2024

Check-point – “Day of Action” with multiple agencies: Environmental Protection Agency, National Parks and Wildlife Services and Department of Social Protection with An Garda Síochána and Environment and Climate Action.

One vehicle was served with an on-the-spot Fixed Payment Notice of €500 for contravention of their Waste Collection Permit conditions.

Burial Grounds

Burial Grounds Capital & Improvement Works

The following burial ground minor and improvement works,

Ballina (Boher)

Construction of new Burial Ground. Works at an advanced stage. Expected completion date Q3 2025.



Fethard

Construction of new Burial Ground. Works at an advanced stage. Expected completion date Q2/Q3 2025.



Cahir

The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore have taken over the development of Burial Ground on the site identified by TCC. The Diocese currently have a planning application lodged with TCC for the provision of a Parish Burial Ground at the rear of St. Marys Church. E & CA are providing technical assistance to the Diocese in the planning process.

Carrick on Suir

TCC currently closing land acquisition agreement to acquire lands adjacent to facilitate an extension to St Marys Burial Ground

Solohead/Monard

A potentially suitable site was identified and a hydrologist was engaged by the Environment 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. TCC currently negotiating with the Landowners.

Kiladangan

Hydro-geological Constraint Study was completed. 20 potentially suitable Burial Ground sites in the vicinity of Cloughprior, Puckane, Ballycommon & Dromineer identified. All landowners consulted with regard to TCC acquiring lands for a Burial Ground. 6 no. Sites tested and all 6 sites deemed to be unsuitable. The Environment and Climate Action Section is actively exploring alternative suitable sites within the locality.



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New Inn

Hydro-geological Constraint Study was completed. 11 No. potentially suitable Burial Ground sites identified in the vicinity of New Inn. All landowners consulted with regard to TCC acquiring lands for a Burial Ground. To date TCC has not secured a site for a Burial Ground. The Environment and Climate Action Section is actively exploring alternative suitable sites within the locality

Borrisoleigh

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Holycross

New Lawn Cemetery Section and Urn Plot section constructed completed in 2024



Lisbunny (Graveyard)

Boundary between Lawn Cemetery & Graveyard realigned/squared off. Large Plot Plinths installed & Access footpaths installed in Graveyard.



Newcastle (New)

Burial Ground reconfigured with new plinths to facilitate gravedigging and access to plots. Landscaping upgraded.

Tyone BG Nenagh

Acquisition Access Road to Burial Ground into TCC ownership completed. Access road boundaries, drainage and access gates upgraded.



Environmental Awareness Programme

24 initiatives supporting climate change in communities, energy efficiency, waste prevention, and the circular economy were delivered throughout 2024.

Some of the projects completed in 2024 included:

Project	Project Details
Green Schools	45 schools were awarded their Green Flags in 2024.
National Spring Clean	180 groups and an estimated 7,000 individuals registered for the National Spring Clean to take part in litter clean ups throughout the county.
Civic Amenity Site Promotion	New Civic Amenity Site information leaflet distributed to 10,000 household in the County.
National Tree Week	1,200 native tree saplings were distributed to 39 community groups during National Tree Week.
Wild on Flowers Initiative	260 boxes of wildflower seeds and 950 packs of bulbs were distributed to community groups and schools and at farmers marts in Cahir, Tipperary Town, Thurles and Nenagh.
Tipperary Town Green Hubs Project	Launched in 5th March 2024 in association with the Regional Waste Management Office and mywaste to help businesses in the Hospitality sector in Tipperary Town and surrounding area better manage their business waste.
Dog Fouling Awareness	Provision of anti-dog fouling signage and stencils to Municipal Districts for erection in black spots.
Barn Owl Preservation Project	20 Barn Owl boxes were constructed with support from Cashel and Thurles Men's Sheds for distribution to farmers participating in the Lorrha Barn Owl project.
Awareness Trailer Summer Show Promotions	Mywaste Food Waste prevention roadshow promotion at Tipperary Age Friendly Expo Thurles, Clonmel Show, Bansha Show, Dualla Show and Cahir Heritage Day with distribution of over 1,000 food waste caddy packs.
Picker Pals Programme	Supported the Picker Pals the litter picking programme for primary school children in 30 classrooms throughout the county.
Gum Litter Awareness	The Gum Litter task force visited Cashel 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.
Team Tipp Clean Up	27 groups and an estimated 700 volunteers from all over the County registered to take part in the Team Tipp Clean Up 11th -13th October.
Circular Projects	<p>Relove Fashion Competition: 16 registrations were received from secondary schools and youth groups for the Rediscovery Centre Relove Fashion Competition supported by Tipperary County Council.</p> <p>Mattress Amnesty: Took place on 11th and 12th September 1,655 mattress were collected for recycling at our 5 Civic Amenity Sites.</p>
Sustainable Christmas	Free Christmas Tree Recycling promotion with drop off locations in all Districts.

2024 The Year in Photos



Kilsheelan Tidy Towns preparing for Spring Clean



All Ireland winning minor hurling Team visit Environment Stand at Clonmel Show



Gum Litter Roadshow Cashel



Tipperary Town Green Hubs Launch



Green Hubs Promotion at AIB Tipperary



Team Tipp Clean Up



Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO)



Tipperary and Kilkenny County Council both continue to lead the national shared service the “Local Authority Waters Programme” (LAWPRO) which fosters cooperation and collaboration between local authorities and relevant public bodies both locally and nationally to produce positive water quality outcomes in our rivers, lakes, transitional and coastal waters, and groundwater, as required by the European Union Water Framework Directive (WFD).

LAWPRO operates a matrix structure, with five regions and functional areas including catchment science and communities’ teams. LAWPRO’s staff complement was 90 by the end of 2024, including both Water Framework Directive staff and the Farming for Water EIP Project team, following approval and budget allocation by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for phase two of LAWPRO’s Implementation Plan.

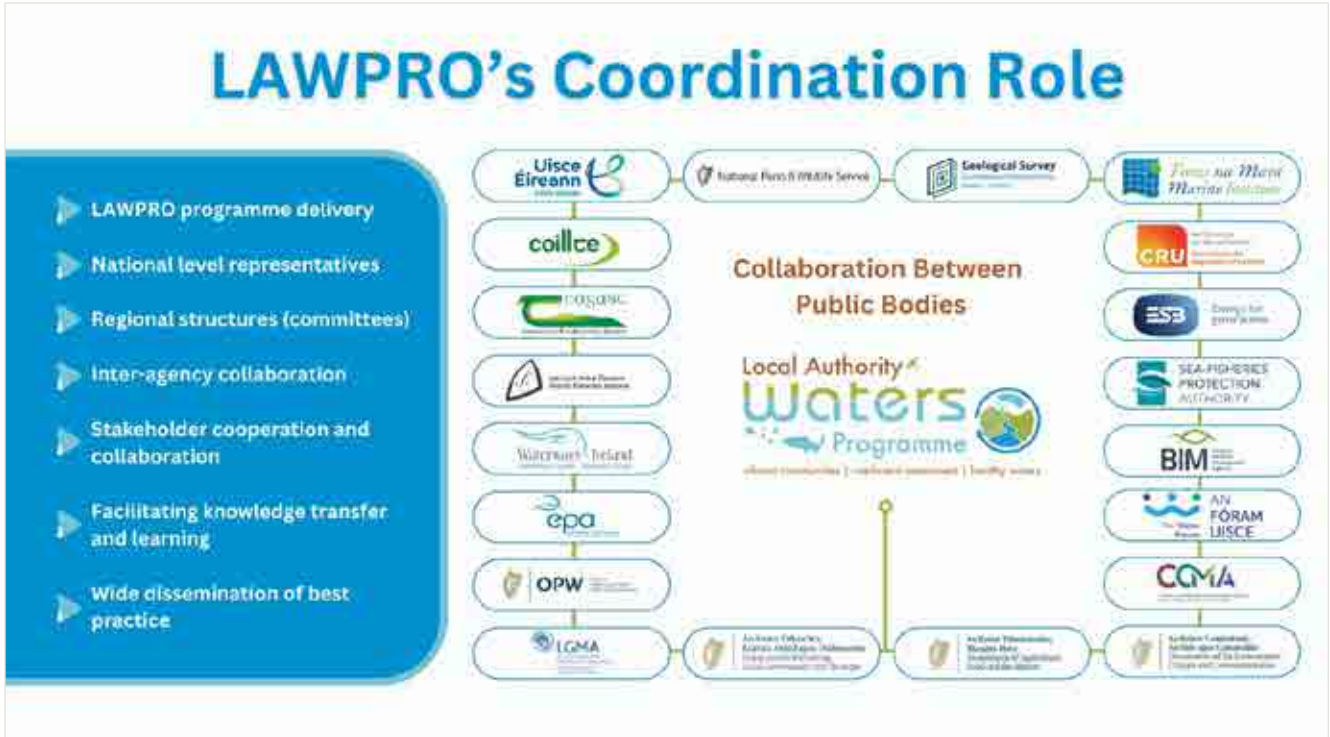
While staff members are located in regional offices across Ireland, LAWPRO headquarters is based in Ballingarrane, Clonmel with a second office in Heffernan House, Rossmore Neighbourhood Centre, Tipperary Town.

Overview of Work Programme 2024

LAWPRO’s work programme is set out at a national level by Ireland’s River Basin Management Plan and the actions contained within, which are prioritised and delivered in line with available resources. In 2024 the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage launched the Water Action Plan 2024 - A River Basin Management Plan for Ireland, beginning the 3rd cycle of the River Basin Management Plan. The Plan sets an ambition for an additional 300 waterbodies to achieve ‘good’ status by 2027, with targeted measures to improve over 500 more.

Coordination

LAWPRO coordinates and provides secretariat to the quarterly regional committee meetings. Tipperary County Council is a member of the Southeast Regional Water and Environment Management Committee and its supporting Regional Operational Committee.



Catchment Management and Science

LAWPRO's catchment scientists have conducted local catchment assessments in Tipperary's Priority Areas for Action. Assessments were completed and recommendations on mitigation actions required were made in the Dead and Cauteen, Lorrha, Clashawley Priority Areas for Action and work continues in the Ara, Aherlow, Lingaun and Lower Nenagh and Clareen PAA.



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Water Framework Directive

LAWPRO's WFD work plan covers several areas.



(L-R) Mags Keegan, Regional Coordinator (LAWPRO), Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth of Ireland Roderic O'Gorman TD, Minister of State for Housing, Local Government, Heritage and Electoral Reform Malcolm Noonan TD, Sheevaun Thompson, Funding Lead (LAWPRO), Anthony Coleman, Director of Services (LAWPRO) pictured at the launch of the Water Action Plan 2024 at Grennan Mill, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny. Photo: michaelorourkephotography.ie

a. Water Action Plan 2024 - A River Basin Management Plan for Ireland

- i. The Water Action Plan 2024 was launched on the 5th of September 2024. The Plan sets an ambition for an additional 300 waterbodies to achieve 'good' status by 2027, with targeted measures to improve over 500 more.
- ii. Key actions in the Plan include tighter controls on the use of fertilisers that impact water quality, a greater focus on compliance and enforcement with over 60 new staff at local level, and a target of 4,500 farm inspections per year.
- iii. Continued investment in wastewater infrastructure will see Uisce Éireann investing a multibillion euro budget over the period 2025-2029 to reduce impacts on water quality. A new national River Barriers Mitigation Programme will ramp up efforts to remove river-blocks that impact on species like salmon and lamprey swimming upstream to spawn. A review of arterial drainage requirements and the underpinning Arterial Drainage Act will be undertaken in the context of land use.
- iv. The Plan documents are available online: [gov - River Basin Management Plan \(www.gov.ie\)](http://gov.gov)

b. Catchment Assessment

- i. Desk studies for 3rd cycle Priority Areas for Action (PAA) have begun. A new guidance document and template aimed at facilitating interpretation and communication with stakeholders is being trialled with the first tranche of 3rd cycle PAA. Work continues to close 2nd cycle PAA that are still open and those postponed. Work has also commenced in a small number of expanded PAA where information supports gaps in knowledge in existing 2nd cycle areas. Updated nitrates referrals are also being prepared.
- ii. LAWPRO rolled out Catchment Science and Management training courses to local authority and implementing body staff in 2024. Module 2 of the course was delivered in May via Roscrea Regional Training Centre and covered the traditional field and classroom elements.

c. Blue Dot Catchments Programme & Waters of LIFE Project

- i. The Blue Dot Catchments Programme Steering Committee, which focusses attention and resources towards the protection and restoration of our high-status objective waters, met regularly throughout the year.
- ii. LAWPRO are now members of all ACRES Co-operation Projects Local Steering Groups across the country.
- iii. A significant number of projects have been advanced in Blue Dot Catchments supported through the Community Water Development Fund.
- iv. The LAWPRO Blue Dot team, Catchments team and EIP team assisted the Waters of LIFE project programme, an EU LIFE Integrated Project (IP), which aims to help reverse the deterioration of Ireland's most pristine waters.
- v. The LAWPRO Communities team supported schools' engagements in five demonstration catchments for the Waters of LIFE programme in the second half of 2024.

d. Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) to Surface Water Management

- i. Two nature-based solutions engineers are based in the LAWPRO Clonmel office providing advice and training to local authorities and communities to enable delivery of NBS projects.
- ii. Nationally nine nature-based solutions demonstrator projects progressed in 2024 across four different local authorities.
- iii. A workshop was held in Engineers Ireland Offices with project consultants, planners, Uisce Éireann, Southern Regional Assembly, private consultants and professional bodies on the development of a National Guidance Document for use by Local Authority Planners, Planning Engineers and Developer Agents. This document 'Implementation of Urban Nature-based Solutions- Guidance Document for Planners, Developers and Developer Agents' is now complete and was launched on the 21st November 2024 in collaboration with Engineers Ireland and other partners.

Community Water Development Fund



Community Water Officer Training at Cabragh Wetlands on the 22nd of October 2024

LAWPRO has administered a Community Water Development Fund on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage since 2018.

The 2024 Open Call was announced at the launch of the Water Action Plan 2024 on the 5th of September. The fund helps local communities deliver projects and initiatives that enhance the local water environment, delivering multiple benefits for biodiversity and climate action.

Communities and local champions play a vital role in the protection and enhancement of local waterbodies and the environment. The Community Water Development Fund supports this effort and in 2024 LAWPRO funded 155 community projects worth €702,606.

The Community Water Officer in Tipperary continued to work with community groups in 2024 to implement water quality related projects and develop awareness of local water bodies. Capacity building, technical guidance, and support was provided to various local projects including raising awareness on water quality, biosecurity, project planning, local biodiversity, and community climate actions.

In terms of water literacy and public awareness, various projects were supported, including events marking World Wetlands Day on the 2nd of February. Groups such as Cahir Tidy Towns and Ballylooby Community Council were supported through the Small Grants and Events Scheme to help promote awareness of water quality.

In Tipperary, the following projects were supported under the Community Water Development Fund:

- Cabragh Wetlands Trust received €3,350 in grant aid for the clean-up and removal of a reedbed to enhance habitat.
- SuirCan Environmental received €1,000 for invasive plant species, with a focus on giant Hogweed, Himalayan balsam, and Japanese knotweed, mapping mitigation on the River Suir and its tributaries.
- Mullinahone Tidy Towns received €500 for local river signage and a river clean-up.
- Kilsheelan Tidy Towns received €2,640 for biodiversity, planting trees, and erecting related signage on the Blueway at Kilsheelan.

Heritage Week, which ran from 17th – 25th August 2024, allowed LAWPRO to support the following events under the Water Heritage Day grant scheme:

- SuirCan for running a photo competition of invasive plant species.
- Boher Community Development Group for making historical, mythical, medicinal and biodiversity connections with our Black Loughs.
- Clonmel Tidy Towns for a tour to promote the heritage of the River Suir in Clonmel, looking at both its natural biodiversity, wildlife and built heritage.
- Kilsheelan Tidy Towns for highlighting importance of water from a heritage perspective as well as incorporating well-being and fun into appreciation of water.

Catchment Support Fund

The Catchment Support Fund was launched on 26th March 2024. This is a new fund introduced to provide support for insurance, legal costs, accounting fees, organisational promotional material, website cost, group development activities, organisations' core costs (including staff costs). A total of 37 community groups nationally were supported to the total of €500,000.

The following community groups from Tipperary received funding:

- Cabragh Wetlands Centre received €33,626 for the employment of a project worker who helped in the development and launching of the Tipperary Centre for Environmental Learning at Cabragh, to recruit about 100 new members, and to deliver workshops to over 600 participants. The funding also covered branding, stationary, website, videos for the centre and signage, as well as audit and legal costs and for a facilitator to help the board and committees chart the future of the company and the habitat it manages.
- Ballinderry Development Association received €1,054 for assistance towards operating costs, including insurance cover.
- SuirCan Environmental received €2,909 to set up a website which describes some of the group's current and past work in the field of water action and biodiversity projects.

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Farming for Water European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Project



LAWPRO at the National Ploughing Championships 2024

LAWPRO progressed implementation of the Farming for Water EIP project in partnership with Teagasc, ASSAP and Dairy Industry Ireland (DII). The project was officially launched on the shores of Lough Ennell in County Westmeath in March 2024 by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue, together with Minister of State Pippa Hackett and Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Malcolm Noonan.

The total budget for the Farming for Water EIP is €60m over five years, consisting of €50 million for farm measures, as well as other catchment-based initiatives where water quality issues are identified and require actions on agricultural lands. This budget of €50m has been allocated to the project by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), while the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) is funding the €10 million administrative costs which includes recruitment of a new project team.

Headquarters have been established in Heffernan House, Rossmore Neighbourhood Centre, Tipperary Town where the Farming for Water EIP Project team is based. At the end of 2024, a total of 15 staff were employed by the project, which is headed up by Project Lead, Mairead Whitty.

The Farming for Water EIP is an agri-environmental project providing grant funding for farmers to implement targeted actions to reduce losses of nutrients, sediment, and pesticides from agricultural lands. The scheme focuses on supplementary measures for water quality but also includes co-benefits such as aquatic and terrestrial biodiversity, climate action and natural flood management measures.

The project specifically focuses on reducing losses of phosphorus, nitrogen, sediment and, where relevant, pesticides to water from agricultural lands by promoting the adoption of innovative best practice in nutrient management, the application of nature-based natural water retention measures (NWRM) and other suitable measures at farm level following the principals of integrated catchment management (ICM) and science.

The project has now moved to the implementation phase with agreements developed with DHLGH and DAFM, and a separate Memorandum of Understanding between LAWPRO and project partners Teagasc and DII also having been drafted.

A Farming for Water EIP Research Hub has also been established involving researchers from several institutions including University College Cork, University College Dublin, Dundalk Institute of Technology, Atlantic Technical University, and the James Hutten Institute UK. This innovative approach will complement core project evaluation and will facilitate input from the academic community and applied research.

The team was heavily involved in engagement activities during 2024 with the National Ploughing Championships in Ratheniska, County Laois proving to be a major step forward in terms of creating an awareness amongst the larger farming community. By the end of the year, the team received a total of 1,089 applications worth €11.5 million in funding towards on-farm mitigation measures, with an average grant application value of over €10,500.

The EIP team's target is to get 15,000 famers in the priority areas to implement measures by the conclusion of the project at the end of 2027.

By the end of 2024, approximately 50 Tipperary based farmers had submitted applications to the Farming for Water EIP Project team.



Pictured above left: Northern Ireland Agriculture Minister Andrew Muir inspecting the Farming for Water EIP model at the NPC 2024. Above right: Agriculture and Food Minister Charlie McConalogue also examining the project.



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Giant Hogweed control programme



Giant hogweed is a non-native invasive hazardous plant, which can cause serious skin burns and other health issues. In partnership with Tipperary County Council, the local community and other stakeholders, LAWPRO, through the Farming for Water EIP project, started investigating a giant hogweed infestation control programme in west Tipperary.



A number of public information engagements have been undertaken and have outlined the extent of the infestation, the dangers associated with giant hogweed, and the plans to tackle it.

These severe hogweed infestations occur along sections of the Toem, Cappawhite and Cahernahaille tributaries of the upper Mulkear & Dead River catchment in the Cappawhite area and can have a serious impact on water quality, ecology, and biodiversity.

As part of the preparatory work for the project, an aerial drone survey of the affected river corridors was carried out and this has helped to determine the location and extent of the infestation.

The project requires extensive take-up on the part of the landowners and stakeholders for it to be effective. The team will be engaging further with the community throughout 2025.

Supports to Local Authorities in 2024

A new LAWPRO team has been put in place comprising of a Local Authority Support and Coordination Manager, (Senior Executive Scientist) and 2 no. Local Authority Support and Coordination Leads (Executive Scientists).

The purpose of the team is to support and assist local authority coordination in the delivery of their functions to achieve the objectives of the Water Action Plan including:

- Supporting coordination of local authority actions for efficiency and effectiveness, with an initial focus on the agriculture area and the delivery of the National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP).
- Building capacity through supporting development and timely delivery of focussed water related training programmes.
- Assessing the needs within local authorities for additional supports to deliver the objectives of the Water Action Plan and develop approaches to address these.
- Identifying and harnessing opportunities for synergies with other implementing bodies.

Since its establishment, the Local Authority Support and Coordination team has worked closely with local authorities to re-establish regional liaison meetings to facilitate discussion on issues relating to the River Basin Management Plan and implementation of actions. The team continues to assist local authorities with the development of their NAIPs and data sharing arrangements.

The Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASNTG) with assistance from LAWPRO has commenced a review of local authorities' staff training needs in relation to water functions. This is in addition to training in catchment science and management (CSM) already being provided to local authorities and implementing bodies staff.

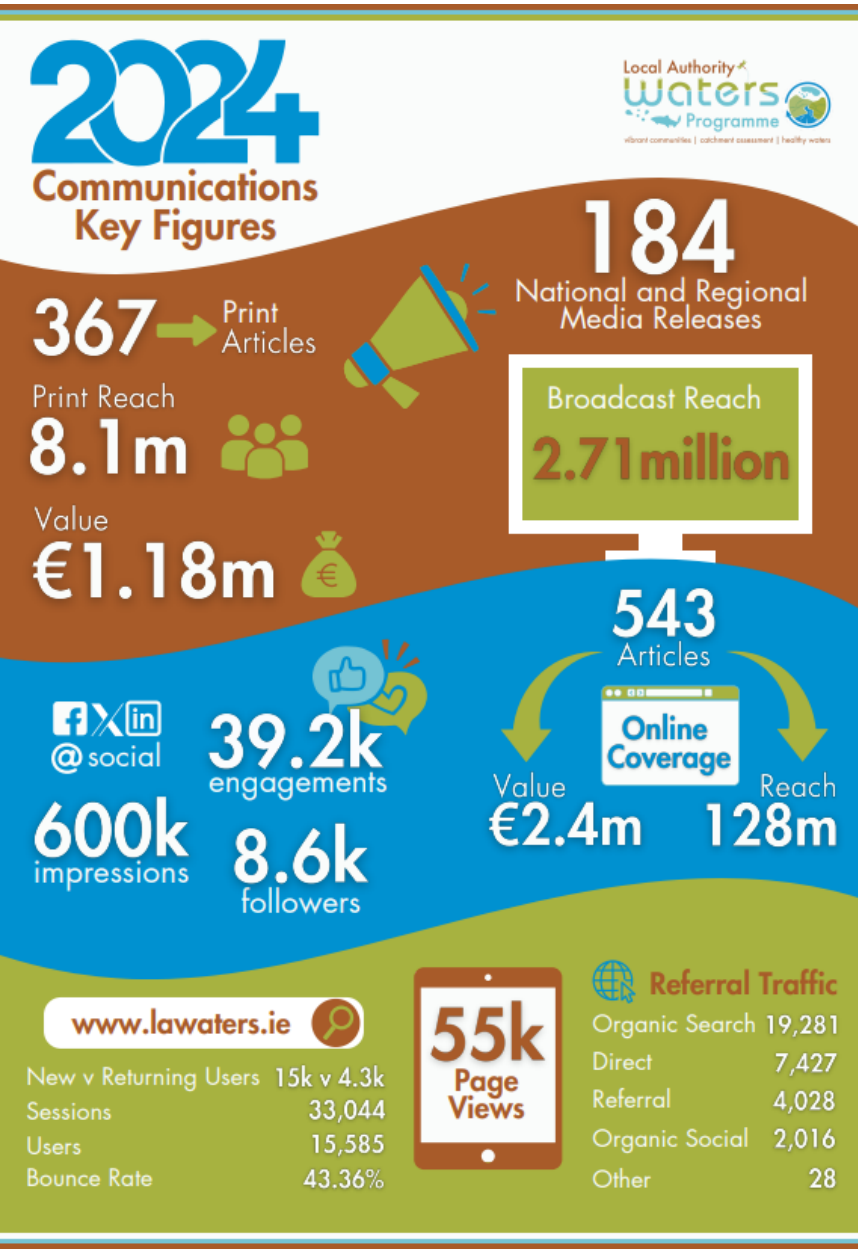
Environmental Health and Safety Up-date

LAWPRO is certified to two ISO standards - ISO 45001 (health and safety standard) and ISO 14001 (environmental management). Following audits by the NSAI, LAWPRO maintained its certification to the above standards in 2024. It rolled out a work programme that continued the implementation and development of the system throughout the year.

Communications and Public Engagement

Working with all sections internally, the role of the Communications Team is to capture LAWPRO’s priorities, positions, challenges, and achievements and convey those effectively to our target audiences and stakeholders. In 2024 LAWPRO appointed a new Digital and Social Media Officer, further expanding the capacity of the Communications Team.

Key 2024 Achievements



The Communications Team runs LAWPRO’s press office and media relations service.

In 2024:

- 184 national and regional press releases were issued on behalf of LAWPRO.
- Four workshops were held for 30 LAWPRO staff to help them prepare for different types of interviews and speaking engagements.
- Over 20 national PR campaigns.
- Assistance with staff preparation for the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture and Food.
- An increase in followers & subscribers across all of LAWPRO’s social media channels in 2024.

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Fire & Rescue Services

The Council maintains fire brigades in twelve fire stations located in Nenagh, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Carrick on Suir, Tipperary, Templemore, Newport, Borrisokane, Cloughjordan, Cahir and Cashel. The dedicated crews, together with modern vehicles and equipment, ensured delivery of a prompt, efficient and effective response to 1500 incidents on a 24/7 basis in 2024.

This is supported by the Munster Regional Control Centre located in Limerick City Fire Station, which receives calls from the public through the 999/112 service and mobilises the appropriate fire service resources in Tipperary.

Services such as administration, fire safety activities, dangerous substances licensing, building control and major emergency management are delivered from the Fire Service Headquarters at Limerick Road, Nenagh and from the Clonmel Fire Station at Heywood Road, Clonmel.

Training, Safety & Quality Management

A comprehensive training program was carried out in 2024 by all members of the service and the service successfully retained its certification to ISO 9001 and ISO 45001 in January 2024.

Cashel Fire Station

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Fire Safety

In addition to the operational activities, the Fire Service was also very active in promoting fire safety and continued to inspect public-assembly buildings in an effort to meet the obligations under the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003.

Activities undertaken in 2023 included:-

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

To increase ownership of smoke alarms across Tipperary, the community smoke alarm scheme was launched in late 2016 and continues to this date. This scheme allows members of the public to contact the Fire Service via their local community groups to receive a Home Fire Safety Check by members of the Fire Service. This allows the fire service to carry out a fire safety check in the home installing smoke alarms where necessary while communicating to the householder advice on fire safety issues and addressing any such concerns the occupant may have. To date 2,500 Home Fire Safety checks have been carried out throughout the county, much of these checks were carried out in rural Tipperary targeting the most vulnerable people. Having advertised the scheme locally we found an increased interest in demand for smoke alarms from targeted groups and now work with the National Council of the Blind and more recently the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme, through Age Friendly Ireland to supply and fit alarms.

New for 2024 has been the installation of several hard-of-hearing smoke alarm systems in homes across the county. We hope to increase the installation of these units year-on-year as we advertise their availability, this will provide a safer fire fire-safe home for our more vulnerable citizens.

It is noted that our original target (Community Fire Safety Strategy 2015-2020 Recommendation 1) to increase smoke alarm ownership by 10% across the county has been exceeded during the lifetime of the strategy.



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Liaising with Community Groups/Agencies

In Tipperary, accommodating requests from various community groups to deliver fire safety presentations has always been a standard practice, and this remains an ongoing commitment. Over 20 community groups received fire safety presentations from both firefighters and officers alike.

2024 saw an increase in the number of community events attended by the fire service, some of the larger events attended included the Dualla Show and Clonmel Show. We also had a huge presence in St. Patrick's Day parades across the county, allowing us the opportunity to promote the fire safety message.

The development of the Fire Marshal programme has also increased our engagement with voluntary groups. This has now been rolled out county wide. With this programme, we are offer a ½ day training programme in the use of Fire Extinguishers and 1-day Fire Marshal training programme to these organisations free of charge. To date over 80 members of staff and volunteers from Cuan Saor (Women's Refuge), Rehab Group, Various Schools and staff from Clonmel Swimming Pool have successfully completed these courses and interest remains very high for participation in future courses.



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Station Tours

Throughout the year we saw a huge increase in demand for fire station tours. This is a fantastic way to connect with the communities we serve and to spread the 'Fire Safety' message.

Where possible we will always try to facilitate these requests and are delighted to welcome schools back into our stations. We have also carried out a number of visits to preschools and are always delighted with the interaction from students and teachers alike. This year we placed a special emphasis on the 'STOP, DROP and ROLL' technique and have even created a short original cartoon to demonstrate this.

It remains a priority for Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service to engage with the public in regard to all matters relating to Fire Safety, in doing this we as a community can reduce the risk and subsequent consequences of a fire occurring.



Schools programme

The 2024-2025 Primary schools programme is running as normal. All Primary schools have been offered this programme and continued to participate in it. National there was a review of the content of this programme which has resulted in the production of an updated schools pack which is currently being delivered. Tipperary Fire Service had representation on this National Working group.

Having launched the Youth Fire Service Programme (TY Programme) in 2022, 2024 saw a huge increase in demand. It has now been rolled out across the county. Over 700 students received a certificate in 2024. The course is aimed at the secondary school senior cycle, primarily, but not limited to, transition years. This program runs in conjunction with the secondary school curriculum covering areas such as Fire Science, Case Studies and even Career Investigation (where we look to the Fire Service for potential career opportunities). There is both a theoretical and practical element to the programme, which seems to appeal to all, both student and teacher alike. At the end of this 4-week programme, students will understand the basics of fire safety and their responsibilities both in and out of the workplace. Interest in the programme is very high and many schools have already come forward to receive the programme in 2025.

2024 saw the introduction of a new school programme for secondary school students. This was run in collaboration with a local secondary school and was entitled Forensic Fire Science Investigation. 50 students received this practical and theoretical session. It is intended to run this annually and was deemed by the school a huge success.



Social Media

To date both a Facebook page and Twitter account has been set up for Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service and are working extremely well with approximately 16,464. followers on Facebook and 1,843 on X (formally Twitter).

The 'Test it Tuesday' campaign continues to encourage people to test their smoke alarms every Tuesday. Our biggest 'Test It Tuesday' reach in one week reached over 3,200 followers but averages approximately 2,550 per/week. To enhance this campaign TFS also created new online content utilizing a short video showing the public how to test their alarm we are also using an outside projector with a test-it-Tuesday message in Clonmel Fire Station which can be seen at night, to encourage people to test their alarms weekly.

The cumulative reach of all posts in 2024 was just over 1.6 million. Our biggest post of the year reached nearly 17,000 people and was engaged with over 30,000 times across X and Facebook.

Social Media continues to be an important means of spreading both the fire safety and road safety messages.

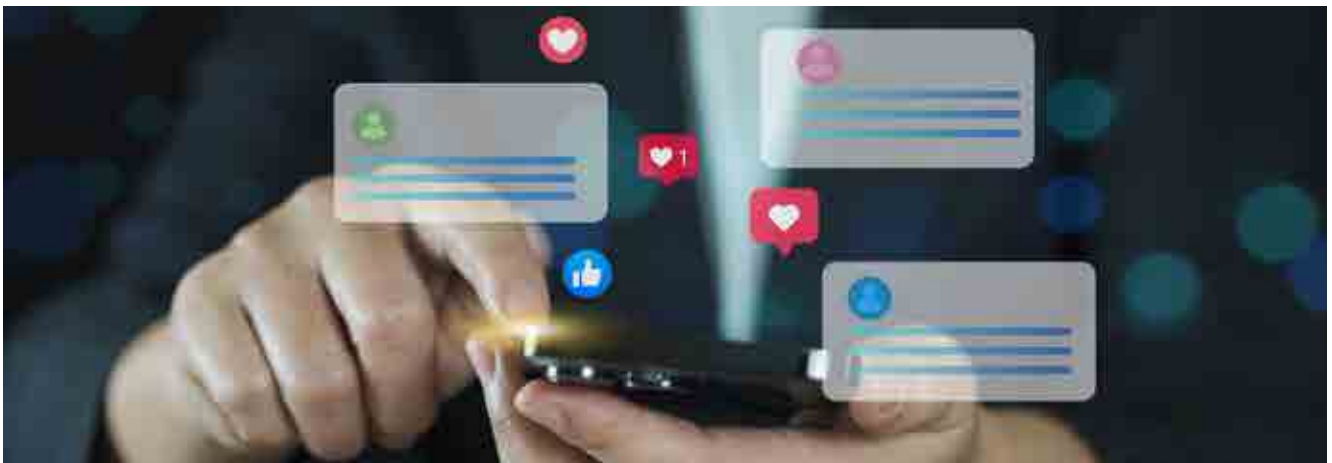


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A brief summary of our social media statistics are as follows:

- 18,474 followers of our Tipperary Fire and Rescue social media platforms. An increase of 162 followers from this time last year.
- Posts covered both fire safety/ fire calls/traffic issues and general fire notices/ water awareness/ public advice.
- Over 8450 'followers are located in County Tipperary and 13,648 in Ireland This figure is a minimum as some Facebook users don't declare the town, county or country they live in.
- We have more female followers than male 57.6% female to 42.4% male.
- We had a reach of 450,000 over the course of the year, nearly twice last years figures.
- Our most viewed Facebook 'post' reached 16.9K (approx.), which was a retirement photo and our most viewed X (formally Twitter) post (a visit to Thurles Fire Station by Katie a sick child) was viewed over 3.4K times
- Our Facebook page was visited 26,000 times- giving us a huge reach.
- Our 'Test It Tuesday' campaign reaches an average of just over 2000 Facebook users' p/week.
- Tipperary Fire Service continues to be the most followed/liked Retained Irish Fire Service page on Facebook and ranks as the 3rd most followed Fire Service in the Country, ranking only behind Dublin and Cork.





Civil Defence

Civil Defence is a volunteer-based organisation that supports the Principal Response Agencies, Government Departments, and State Agencies during National, Regional and Local emergencies and non-emergency events. Civil Defence also assists at a wide range of community, Local Authority, sporting and charitable events.

Tipperary Civil Defence comprises of highly trained, organised, and dedicated volunteers who provide a valued and appreciated support to both emergency services and the wider community, particularly in times of crisis and adverse weather events.

2024 was once again an extremely busy year for our volunteers who attended regular training and upskilling opportunities, conducted searches for missing persons and provided supports to the wider Civil Defence community at regional and national level.

Our commitment to supporting community events continued, providing First Aid and Ambulance cover for sporting cultural and charity events, mostly at weekends.

Training

Training of our volunteers is of paramount importance and occurs in the form of local weekly classes and specialised training at regional and central locations.

Since the introduction of the Civil Defence Act 2023 all volunteers must now obtain minimum training standard (M.T.S) for membership Civil Defence. This training includes Cardiac First Responder (C.F.R), Manual Handling, Garda Vetting, Children First (Tusla on line child protection training), and induction for new members. This new minimum standard ensures the standardisation of training throughout the Country.

Recertification of Instructors and Emergency Medical Technicians (E.M. T's) is also an essential component to our training. Specialised training in Food Safety, Search Skills, Water Awareness & Life Jacket competency also took place. The Civil Defence College & Defence Forces provided essential training in Critical Incident Stress management. (C.I.S.M) and Designated Liaison Person courses.



Equipment familiarisation, training & working with other Agencies

In 2024 a number of scenario-based training sessions took place with our colleagues in the National Ambulance Service. This training link and exchange of knowledge is essential to ensure good communication and preparedness for working together at a major incident.



Image No 1 Scenario based training with the National Ambulance Service



Image 2 Food Safety training



Image 3 Life Jacket competency

Response to the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis

2024 saw the completion of services for Ukrainian Refugees at Clonmel and Littleton Rest Centres. Civil Defence played a significant part in the initial set up of both centres.

Civil Defence still plays a significant role in assisting the Housing Section of Tipperary County Council with transportation for resettlement and long-term accommodation throughout the County.

Searching for Missing Person

Provision of Assistance to An Garda Síochána in the search for missing persons in an inter-aural function of Civil Defence. 2024 saw our teams assisting at both local level and in support of neighbouring counties. Our search capacity is enhanced by well-trained search managers, search responders and up-to-date modern equipment.



Image 3 Civil Defence Search Operations for a missing person

Health & Safety

Tipperary Civil Defence section has migrated over to ISO45001 Health & Safety Standard. This is an excellent achievement for the section and to the commitment of our staff and volunteers. Reviews are ongoing of our Risk Assessments and response plans and the section will endeavour to maintain this standard going forward



Training of our volunteers is held on a weekly basis throughout the County and Regionally for more specific training.

Community Support & Medical Cover

Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of first Aid and Ambulance cover at an array of events over throughout the year including, the Knockmealdown Challenge, Clonmel Horse Show, Thurles Liberty Music Festival, Boston Scientific half marathon , Gurteen Agri College, cultural, heritage, and event organised by Tipperary County Council.



Image No 5 Volunteers on duty support the Thurles Music Festival

Assistance to Wexford Civil Defence with Fleadh Ceoil N Eireann

Tipperary Civil Defence were delighted to be in a position to support Wexford Civil Defence with the provision of medical and Ambulance crew for Fleadh Ceoil Na Eireann. This was a very significant event and also involved an Inter-Agency response from the Principal Response Agencies (PRA's) and other voluntary organisations such as the Order of Malta and the Red Cross.



Our members are always willing to support our neighboring Counties with operational callouts & events

National Ploughing Championships

Tipperary Civil Defence was invited by the National Civil Defence College in Roscrea to attend the National Ploughing championship to showcase Civil Defence equipment and to provide a public demonstration and information of Cardiac First Response and use of the defibrillator. Members from our unit engaged all day with the public and actively encouraged them to participate in the Cardiac First Responder training, and in addition were encouraging them to join Civil Defence in their local areas. They were very well received by the public and this was major showcase of Civil Defence response capacity and of our equipment.



Image 6 Tipperary Civil Defence volunteers in attendance at the National Ploughing Championship.

New Recruits to Civil Defence

2024 saw the recruitment of 8 new members to our team. They have all reached the minimum training standard and are now all operational. They are attending regular training and participating in duties at many of our community events



Image No 7 Recruitment slide

Tánaiste honours long serving Civil Defence volunteers at a medal ceremony in Trinity College Dublin

Tánaiste and Minister for Defence Michael Martin TD presented long service medals to over 100 members of Civil Defence Country in a national award ceremony held in Trinity College Dublin. Medals were awarded for 30, 40, 50, and even 60 years of service to Civil Defence and the wider community.

Tipperary Civil Defence members were amongst those who were awarded medals on the day.

Declan Costello, from Clonmel was presented with a 30-year service medal, Gerard Barry also from Clonmel received his 40 years' service medal and William O Shea from Ballingarry, was awarded an outstanding 50 years' service medal for his service to Tipperary Civil Defence.

The Tánaiste, in his address to participants said "I am delighted to formally honour the long and distinguished years of service to these Civil Defence members". He spoke of the invaluable role Civil Defence in search & rescue, flooding, adverse weather and other events, as well as the ongoing assistance to the Principal response agencies at time of crisis.

Civil Defence Officer, Dolores Fahey was honoured to attend with the Volunteers from Tipperary, and was extremely proud of the members for their combined service of 120 year of volunteering to Civil Defence.



Image No 8 Volunteers in receipt of 30, 40, 50 years' service medals

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What amazing dedication & commitment from our volunteers

Volunteer Information & Training Day

A very successful information & training day for volunteers was held in the Anner Hotel in Thurles in late November. The day was an opportunity to deliver workshops on Health & Safety, training needs, policies & procedures and volunteer welfare. It was also an opportunity for volunteers to meet & chat. The event was support by Director of Service Sharon Kennedy, and attended on the day by Chairperson of Tipperary Co Council Declan Burgess and by Paul Brophy Dept of Defence Civil Defence section who made the presentation of certificates of achievement on the day.



Image No 9 Chairperson of Tipperary Co Council Decan Burgess & Paul Brophy Civil Defence Department Roscrea with volunteers at the Volunteer Information & training Day

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Getting our volunteers together is an essential part of our training and engagement and gives an opportunity for volunteers to get to know each other.

Our Community





Housing Directorate

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

Role

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

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

Membership

Tipperary County Council

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

External Representatives

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

During 2024 the SPC focused on a number of key areas within housing including:

- The Revised Tenancy Agreement
- The Revised Tenant Handbook
- The Revised Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy
- Homeless Services Overview the Homeless Services Standard Operating Procedure.
- An update on the Cold Weather Initiative.
- Updates to Grants arrangements set out by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage
- The Council's Draft Traveller Accommodation Plan 2025-2029

Three SPC meetings were held in 2024.

Housing Need

The gross social housing need in the county at the end of 2024 was 3426. Of this figure approximately 60% were either approved for transfer or in receipt of social housing support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP). The net housing need was therefore 1,361 persons.

Of these approved households, the following is a breakdown of the housing type required:

SHS1 (one bed unit)	707
SHS2 (two bed unit)	393
SHS3 (three bed unit)	238
SHS4 (four bed unit)	23

Housing Allocations

In 2024 Tipperary County Council assessed and reviewed 943 housing applications

- A total of 530 applicants were offered tenancies of Local Authority dwellings/AHB properties.
- 25 persons refused offers of dwellings in 2024

Choice Based Lettings

Choice based Lettings is a system where dwellings are advertised on a dedicated website and approved housing applicants can submit an expression of interest on a dwelling in which they are interested in.

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

During 2024:

- 240 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- There were 3 refusals of these CBL properties.
- The Council will continue to operate a dual system (traditional and CBL) to ensure that we facilitate those applicants who, for whatever reason, cannot access CBL or where accommodation is specific to a person's need i.e. specially adapted and elderly housing.

Housing Rents

Rents are calculated in accordance with a tenant's income and as per Tipperary County Council's Differential Rent Scheme.

There is a requirement in the tenancy agreement which places an obligation on the tenant to inform the Council where a change has occurred in their income.

- The total number of Rent Accounts for year end 2024 is 6327, this figure includes Local Authority houses, RAS & Long Term Lease houses
- The net amount of rent arrears as at 31st December 2024 is €1,382,941¹ which is a reduction of €227,958 when compared to Dec 2023.
- The percentage collection for rents increased from 92% in 2023 to 94% in 2024 and is expected to increase further as those tenants in arrears work through their agreed payment plan.
- The average rent in 2024 was €61.48

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

Housing Assistance Payment

The Housing Assistance Payment scheme (HAP) is a form of social housing support, providing rental assistance for approved housing applicants to secure accommodation in the private rented sector. There were 165 housing applicants assisted under the Scheme in 2024. There were 1515 active HAP tenancies at the end of 2024.

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

Homeless Services

The focus of homeless services during 2024 continued to be the prevention of clients entering emergency accommodation and thus the homeless cycle. A significant effort also went into actively reducing the number of rough sleepers across the county through the development of the Out of Hours Rough Sleeper Unit in Clonmel.

Homeless Presentations

The Homeless team dealt with 1674 presentations at our Housing Counters in Nenagh and Clonmel in 2024. The team managed these presentations by hosting 11 clinics across the county every week in Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles.

The purpose of these clinics is to:

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

Homeless Prevention

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

The HAP Placefinders facilitated 34 singles and 11 families in securing private rental HAP accommodation.

The multi-disciplinary Homeless Action Team continues to provide a forum whereby a care and case management approach is adopted to put in place an exit strategy for each client availing of emergency accommodation support. This strategy will identify the most suitable option for these clients whether it is HAP, RAS, Approved Housing Body accommodation or council housing.

The 9-9 Out of Hours Service continues to operate in Clonmel and targets those that present with complex support needs including addiction and mental health. Capacity in the service was increased to 16 with an additional 3 crash beds for severe weather events. The service, provided by Tar Isteach Housing, operates from 9pm-9am and the units are staffed by a shift attendant and security.

The Own Front Door model of emergency accommodation continued to be utilised in 2024 to reduce reliance on B&Bs as the primary method of providing emergency accommodation and to deliver a more holistic approach to homeless presentations thereby reducing the traumatic stress associated with residing in emergency accommodation. In 2024, the council has expanded this model to provide 33 units of emergency Own Front Door accommodation to homeless families and single people.

The Council facilitated exits from homelessness to Local Authority, RAS, AHB or Tenant in Situ allocations to 60 singles and 47 families in 2024.

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

Under the Housing First model, 24 units of accommodation continue to be provided for our most complex vulnerable tenants with wrap around services ensuring that they sustain their tenancy.

The START programme is an initiative in the south of the county which supports persons at risk of becoming homeless due to significant mental health challenges. In 2024 this programme supported 7 such clients. They are provided with wrap around mental health services to ensure that they are able to maintain their tenancy. A similar support service is provided by the North Tipperary Intensive Support (NTISS) programme on an outreach basis in the north of the county and the Council is the lead partner along with the HSE and Focus Ireland in providing this service to 24 clients.

The housing section currently accommodates two support workers to deliver the Tenancy Sustainment Service programme (TSS) for those tenants who struggle to sustain their tenancy and who are neither Housing First clients or clients who are availing of the START or NTISS service. In 2024 the TSS service provided support to 110 individuals who required support in this area.

The Council will continue to work with other mainstream service providers to maximise the supports that can be provided to the most vulnerable of our clients and provide them with every opportunity to have access to a safe home. This will include the roll-out of further OFD units and extending partnerships with AHB's to provide accommodation supports.

Voids Programme

A total of 143 vacant houses had works completed which enabled them to be returned to use in 2024. The cost for these works totalled €4.4 million (inclusive of a number of long-term voids). The Housing Section works closely with all Districts to ensure the efficient turnaround of vacant houses to ensure that they are allocated and tenanted in a timely fashion. Vacancy levels have remained under 2% as a result of all this work.

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

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

Progress:

Properties	Contracts
RAS Private	553
RAS Voluntary	411
Long Term Leased Units	261
Mortgage to Rent	118



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Tenant Purchase Scheme

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

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

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

Tipperary County Council received 50 applications from tenants to purchase their house in 2024.

Formal applications to purchase	50
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	39
Sales completed during 12 months	24
Total proceeds of sales received	€1,701,000

Loans

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

Number of Applications Received	68
Valid	25
Approved	16
Number of loans issued	14
Total value of loans issued	€1,112,383

Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP)

The target under Housing for All was 887 units of accommodation set by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage which was subsequently revised upwards to 1,125 units at the request of Tipperary County Council which will be met and exceeded by delivery of Local Authority and Approved Housing Bodies units. These will be supplemented by acquisitions, RAS units, Repair and Lease and voids.



Figure 1 Boherbue Close, Carrick on Suir

The following was the build delivery for 2024:

- LA Build Turnkey - 74
- AHB Delivery (Turnkey) - 87
- Part V - 19



Figure 2 Garden Close, Clonmel

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



Figure 3 Church Avenue, Templemore

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Repair and Leasing Scheme

The Repair and Lease Scheme, allows for the engagement of the owner or developer of a building to engage in an agreement to lease of a building with access to €80,000 of capital funding to support the refurbishment costs. The capital funding is repaid through reduced rent over the subsequent long term lease.

2 Units have been delivered under the scheme in 2024 with units located in Tipperary Town and Nenagh. Agreements were put in place and construction commenced on a further 9 units.

SHIP Renewal (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 owners to bring more properties back into use through the purchase of both disused and older vacant homes. In 2024 works were completed to 6 properties to bring them back into use under the SHIP renewal programme.



Figure 4 SHIP Renewal Irishtown Clonmel

Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes

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

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

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

In December 2024, the Department introduced revised guidelines which included a new application form, increases in grant limits and income thresholds for the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People Scheme.

The combined capital allocation, received by this Council in 2024, for the payment of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People Scheme, was €4,408,665 for private housing adaptation grants which includes a sum of €804,517 in additional funding requested by the Council. A total of 714 projects were paid and completed.

The Council received €1,984,478 to fund adaptation grants for Local Authority owned houses. 69 projects were completed.

The grants scheme was open to Priority 1, 2 and 3 applications in 2024 for both private and local authority grants.

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Energy Efficiency Works

71 houses were completed under the Energy Retrofit Programme in 2024 and this included houses across the 5 municipal districts, including Lattin, Bansha, Cashel, Nenagh, Roscrea, Thurles, Clonmel Town and Carrick-on-Suir Town.

A further list of houses is currently being assessed in accordance with the Departments guidelines which has been generated from houses proposed by each Municipal District.

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

Private Rented Accommodation Inspections

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

During the year a total of 1,088 inspections were carried out. This included:

Inspection Statistics	1st inspection	2nd inspection
RAS	17	22
HAP	309	152
Private rented	377	176
Mortgage to rent	16	2
Long term lease	2	15
Physical & Virtual Inspections / Re-inspections	721	367
Total	1,088	

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



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Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)

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

Projects which were supported using the Capital Assistance Scheme included:

- Focus Housing Association CLG availed of CAS funding to acquire 6 x 1 bed units at The Glove Factory site in Tipperary Town to house homeless persons and care leavers. These units were acquired on a turnkey basis in December 2024 and the Council has nominated persons off the social housing list to be accommodated there.
- Fethard & District Day Care Centre CLG have received Stage 1 CAS funding approval to proceed with a scheme which will see the old Presentation Convent in Fethard redeveloped to provide 14 social housing units. 7 of these will be refurbished units within the existing structure and a further 7 units will be built on site. A Stage 2 application will be submitted to TCC following the conclusion of consultations between the Design Team and Uisce Eireann.
- FHIST Voluntary Housing Association CLG received Stage 2 CAS approval to proceed with a scheme to build 6 x 1 bed units at Morton Street, Clonmel. These units will be available to persons on the Council’s waiting list with mental health difficulties. A planning application has been submitted and a decision is due before the end of February 2025.
- Thurles Lions Trust Housing Association have received Stage 2 CAS funding approval for the development of 6 x 1 bed units at An Clos, Croke St, Thurles. 3 of these units will be available for homeless persons and 3 will house older persons. A planning application has been submitted and a decision is due before the end of February 2025.
- Belmont Park Housing Association have received Stage 2 CAS funding approval for a scheme of 7 units at Gort an Oir, Fethard. These units will be used to house persons with disabilities. There will be 3 x 1-bed units and 4 x 2 bed units. This will provide 11 bed spaces which will accommodate 9 service users with overnight accommodation for 2 staff carers. A planning application has been submitted and BPHA are currently dealing with a request for Further Information.

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)

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

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

Tuath Housing Association delivered 42 turnkey units at Bregawn, Wallers Lot, in Cashel in 2024 and have applied for funding for a further 20 turnkey units at Bregawn, Cashel, which are due to close in Q2 2026.

Responds scheme at Farranlahassery, Cahir (48 units) will be delivered on a phased basis similar to their scheme at Coopers Lot, Cashel (44 units) with final delivery on both schemes before the end of 2025.

Respond are also approved for a further 67 turnkey units in a scheme in Tyone, Nenagh which is intended to be delivered in Q4 2025.

Cluid have CALF approval for 4 schemes totalling 141 units. A 61-turnkey unit scheme is due to be delivered in Dun Lia in 2 phases, Phase 1 (39 units) in March and Phase 2 (22 units) in August 2025.

A 16-unit turnkey scheme by Cluid at Rosefield, Tipperary Town is scheduled for delivery by Q2 2025. Cluid have also a large scheme at Glencarrick, Roscrea which will deliver 50 units in Q3 of 2025. A further Cluid scheme in Friary Walk, Roscrea (32 x units) is complete and due for occupancy in March 2025.



AHB's tasked with delivery of 40% of houses set to be delivered

Mortgage to Rent

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

In total, Tipperary County Council have facilitated the completion of 118 units under the mortgage to rent scheme since its inception. 14 units entered the scheme in the county in 2024. One tenant also exercised their buyback option during the year leaving 117 units within the scheme in Tipperary.

AHB Forum

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

The forum facilitates the Council to:

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

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

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

Traveller Accommodation

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

This is the last year of the 2019-2024 Traveller Accommodation Programme, (TAP) which was approved by the elected members in 2019 and which outlines the accommodation requirements of the Travelling Community over a five-year period from 2019 to 2024. The projected housing units needed over the five-year period was 90. To date, the housing accommodation needs of 146 families have been provided for.

Project carried out in Roscrea – Conversion of Classroom to living accommodation.



Before



After



Housing Accommodation needs of 146 families provided for over five-year period of TAP 2019-2024

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029

The 2025- 2029 Traveller Accommodation Programme, (TAP) which has been brought to the LTACC, an interagency workshop with members of the travelling community with an aim of having increased engagement of the travelling community in the plan. The plan was also brought to the December 2024 SPC for their observations and will be brought to the full council for consideration/adoption in February. The Draft Plan examines the Traveller census, the projected need and considers a Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Legal and Environmental analysis to determine the potential risks to delivery.

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

Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meeting

Tipperary County Council has held 4 Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meetings (LTACC) in 2024; in February, May, September and November. Items discussed included Traveller Accommodation Plan, the Traveller census, Traveller Clinics (outreach), the use of Choice Based Letting.

Tipperary Traveller Educational Initiative

The Council in conjunction with other agencies, NGOs and members of the community commenced a process to support a Traveller Educational Initiative over a sustained 5-year period as a pilot in the Cashel educational catchment area. This funding was secured and a property is now available in Dominic's court.

Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation

The Council undertook the Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation, as required under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998. The total number of families currently is 412.

Estate Management

Tipperary County Council continues to promote estate management initiatives and awarded amenity grants to Resident Associations under the Council's 2024 Estate Management Budget. This funding aims to enhance and develop the physical appearance of our Local Authority estates.



The Housing Estate Management Section again hosted an annual excursion for our Local Authority Resident Associations. Representatives from Resident Groups across the county travelled to Mount Congreve Gardens in Kilmeaden, Co Waterford. One of the great gardens of the world and home to one of the largest private collections of plants; there was lots to see and learn about throughout the extensive woodlands and walled gardens. Our groups had an opportunity to meet with the expert gardeners working on site to watch them at work and ask questions, providing information and interesting gardening tips that can be brought back to our estates in Tipperary.



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

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

In 2024 the Council were granted possession orders for 8 properties as a result of tenancy breaches, 1 of which is under appeal.



New Build Affordable Schemes

For new build affordable schemes Tipperary County Council's administrative area was originally excluded from this scheme. Following analysis and the submission of a report to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage, the Towns of Clonmel and Nenagh are now included in the scheme with consideration to be given to Thurles on completion of the two named towns. In Quarter 2 of 2024 Tipperary County Council sought expressions of Interest from developers in Clonmel but none came forward. A further invite for Clonmel was launched in Q3 of 2024 and this yielded 2 interested developers. The first scheme is being brought to the Department for approval in Q1 of 2025. In relation to the second interested scheme the developer is still in early stages and it is hoped this will be brought to the point that a submission can be brought to the Department later in the year.

There is also a call open in Nenagh at present and if there are any suitable submissions these will be brought forward to the Department for approval in the scheme.

For areas outside of the main towns the First Home Scheme is another shared equity scheme that supports purchasers.

Also during 2024 Tipperary County Council advertised affordable sites(4) in Boherlahan, there was much initial interest but as sites were offered most applicants were not in a position to close. At the end of 2024 there is one site sold, 1 in negotiation and 2 unsold. The remaining sites will be re-advertised in late 2025.



Disability Strategic Plan 2022-2027 aims to facilitate access for people with disabilities to the appropriate range of housing and supports

Disability Strategy

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

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

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

In 2024 there were 169 offers made to persons with a specific requirement.

- Disability Mental Health - 30
- Disability Intellectual - 5
- Disability Physical - 80
- Disability Sensory – 36
- Exceptional Medical - 18

Health and Safety

In 2024 the Housing Section successfully maintained the ISO 45001 accreditation which is the standard for management systems of occupational health and safety.



Community

Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee

The Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee is a newly formed committee set up in June 2024. Previously, this section was covered under the Community, Culture and Library Services SPC. The first meeting was held in December 4th 2024.

The role of this Strategic Policy Committee is to assist the Council in formulating Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development policy. The membership Council includes councillors, representatives of the national sectoral pillars, and members of the Public Participation Network (PPN).

Department of Rural and Community Development Grants Schemes



Town And Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) Main Scheme

On 29th April a funding allocation of €921,099 was announced for 3 projects under the 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

The successful projects are:

Project	Allocation
Cashel Town Park - provide a high-quality Town Park and public amenity in the centre of the town	€495,000
Tipperary Town Centre next phase of improvement scheme - refurbish and provide universal access smart touchless toilets	€250,000
Carrig Village Green Community Park and Wildlife haven – development of Carrig Village Community Recreation Park and Wildlife Haven together with a pedestrian access bridge over the local river.	€176,099

Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme supports the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure and the necessary repair, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreation infrastructure in the countryside areas across Ireland.

On 28th March, funding of €148,800 was allocated to 5 Measure 1 ORIS projects as follows:

Project	Allocation
Signage (KM Markers) for Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway: Provision of distance markers along the Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway.	€30,000
Castlelough Amenity Area Improvement Works Improvement works at Castlelough Amenity Area	€30,000
Tobar Iosa Walk, Cahir Improvement works at Tobar Iosa Walk	€30,000
Upper Lough Derg Tranquillity Area: Enhancement works to Upper Lough Derg Tranquillity Area	€30,000
Clogheen Link Walk: Creation of link from Clogheen to the Munster Way & Clogheen Loop Hill Walking Routes	€28,800

On 4th June, funding of €608,000 was allocated to Measure 2 and Measure 3 ORIS projects as follows:

Project	Allocation
Measure 2 Lough Doire Bhile Enhancement Works	€108,000
Measure 3 Widening & Signage Improvements along Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway	€500,000

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CLÁR Scheme

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in rural areas that have experienced significant levels of de-population.

On 7th October 2024, funding of €522,397 was awarded to 13 projects across the county under Measure 1 - Developing Community Facilities and Amenities.

The details are as follows:

Project	Allocation
Tipperary County Council project - River Suir Blueway Newcastle and "The Lot" Community Park, Ballyporeen Wheelchair accessible facilities, picnic/seating at multiple locations	€45,963
Ballingarry Community Field - Install tarmac on the existing car parking area	€50,000
Clonakenny GAA - Resurfacing and lining of the Club car park	€44,078
Silvermines GAA - Clubhouse Renovation and Inclusivity Project Accessible enhancement works to handball alley, community gym, new wheelchair accessible toilet facility and kitchen area	€41,853
Donohill Playground - Refurbishment of Community Playground	€47,773
Tipperary County Council project - Upperchurch Village Car Park Upgrade works to Upperchurch Village car park	€36,000
Carrig and Riverstown Community Hall - Extension Permanent storage area	€28,237
Newcastle GAA - Development of a community walking track	€50,000
Tipperary County Council project - Toomevara Layby Development works at Toomevara Layby	€27,000
Upperchurch Drombane GAA - Spectator Viewing Area including Wheelchair accessible ramp, hand railing and seating	€43,924
Cloughjordan FC - Installation of looped walking track	€50,000
Solohead GAA - Resurfacing of the entrance and car park	€42,553
Newcastle Munitir na Tire - Community Hall Community Hall refurbishment	€15,016

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) provides funding to support community groups across Ireland.

The LEP is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by Tipperary County Council on behalf of the Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

Funding is targeted at communities to allow them to continue to provide valuable services to the people in their area particularly in areas most disadvantaged.

In 2024, €178,046 was allocated to groups for capital equipment and works and €35,609 was allocated to women's groups.



Moycarkey Borris GAA Club were awarded €895 to repair and paint the exterior of their clubhouse.

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Community Recognition Fund 2024

Tipperary was awarded €1,465,434 from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Community Recognition Fund 2024. This fund aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. €987,845 of this was allocated to 16 community groups and organisations in 2024 and works are progressing with these. The remainder of the fund will be allocated in the second quarter of 2025.



Before and after photos of Clonmel Town Football Club CLG who received a grant of €120,000 from the Community Recognition Fund. They applied for the development of a youth club recreation area for use by whole community. The Running Track was removed and waste ground reclaimed, drainage installed, area levelled, top soil added and reseeded, which allows for more capacity within the grounds for use by the community, schools and disability organisations.



Before and after photos of Littleton Development Association who received €75,000 from the Community Recognition Fund to resurface the carpark making it safer and more accessible to all.



*€1,465,434 from the Department
of Rural and Community
Development under the Community
Recognition Fund 2024.*

SICAP 2024-2028

A new SICAP Programme (SICAP 2024-2028) commenced on January 1st 2024. The focus of the programme is to support individuals back to learning, employment and self employment.

The Local Programme Target Groups are

- People impacted by educational disadvantage
- People living in households that are jobless or are in low-paid and/or precarious employment
- Refugees

The Programme is implemented by the two Local Development Companies who are subject to national KPI's.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme 2024

The 2024 Annual SICAP Plans for North and South Tipperary were agreed at the Local Community Development Committee and both development companies have targets to work with 37 groups (KPI 1) and 485 individuals (KPI 2) for 2024. A mid year review was conducted in June to ensure targets were met.



From left to right: Mollie Standbridge, Refugee Coordinator and Secretary Fethard Daycare Committee, Kateryna Sherstiuk, Ukrainian Refugee who acted as Interpreter, Sophie Carpentieri, Artist, Dr Carmel Condon, local GP, Sinead Delahunty, Physiotherapist, Nutrition advisor, Cookbook author and Sportswoman, Hilary Dilworth, SICAP South Tipperary Development Company, Galyna Novicova, 82 year old Ukrainian Refugee, who told her story through Kateryna and Mairead McCormack, Fethard and District CLG Manager.

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

The purpose of the LECP is to set out for the period 2023-2028, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic and community development of the county. This platform was designed and developed locally by the council's IT section and allows all agencies to provide updates and submissions on their agreed actions through an on-line portal. Such is the success of this interactive shared platform, it has been replicated across other local authorities as a 'best in class' reporting mechanism. The December meeting of the LECP advisory group reviewed the agreed objectives and actions to-date, and provided update to the Local Community Development Committee.



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Joint Policing Committee

JPC concluded its work May 17th and is now disbanded. A new programme Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSP) will build on and replace the existing JPCs and will provide a forum for State agencies and local community representatives to work together to act on community concerns.

The Partnership will develop and oversee a tailored and prioritised Local Community Safety Plan which will be informed by the community itself in conjunction with public services.



LEADER Programme

LEADER Rural Development Programme 2014 to 2023

The 2014 – 2023 programme was extended into 2024 to allow for project activity up to 31/03/2024 and claims until 30/06/2024.

At the end of the programme over €12 million in funding had been allocated across a range of LEADER-funded projects including the additional Food and Co-operation funded projects.

The Launch of the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 was held in Cabragh Wetlands Trust on Monday 22nd of April, 2024. The budget for 2023-2027 for Tipperary is €7.8 million and is allocated across three key themes; Economic Development & Job Creation, Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion and Sustainable Development of Rural Environment & Climate Change.

Ten projects have been approved to date totalling €780,573 of the budget. These range from community walkways, capital works and equipment for small businesses, a tourism feasibility study, community centre upgrade and outdoor recreational facilities.



Pictured at the launch; L-R; Michael Murray, CEO NTDC, Isabel Cambie, CEO STDC, Eoin Wolahan, Chairperson LCDC, Mike Edwards, LCDC; TCC Staff; Geraldine Manning, Elaine Cullinan, Marie Cox, Margo Hayes, Fiona Crotty; Pat Carroll (IFA) LCDC, Brian Beck Director of Services, TCC, Derry O'Donnell & Gearóid O'Foighil, LCDC members

Leader 2023 to 2027

LEADER is a European Funded programme to progress Community & Economic projects with a view to improving economic activity and quality of life in rural areas. It is delivered in a partnership approach with North & South Tipperary Development Companies as implementing partners and Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) with the overall responsibility for the programme.

Pride of Place 2024



There were 4 Tipperary entries in the 22nd Annual Pride of Place Awards 2024. Judging was held in August and the awards ceremony was held in Monaghan in November 2024.

This year's entries were as follows:

Entry	Category
Sounds of Semple	Creative Communities
Loughtagalla Resident's Association	Urban Neighbourhood
Knockmealdown Active	Community Wellbeing
Africa Day, Bridgewater House	Inclusive Communities



Representatives from Tipperary groups nominated for Pride of Place Awards 2024 along with Tipperary County Council Chief Executive, Sinéad Carr & staff, & John Hogan, IPB Chairman.

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Tipperary Comhairle na n-Óg

Comhairle na n-Óg is the elected youth council which gives young people a voice in the development of local policies and services in Tipperary. They are recognised as a national structure for participation by children and young people in decision-making throughout all 31 local authorities.

Comhairle has ongoing representation on CYPSC, ETB Youth Committee, Health Promotion Committee and YWIT locally.

Tipperary Comhairle had a very busy and productive year in 2024:

- Chief Executive Joe McGrath met with the members at their Easter meeting held in the Council Chamber in Clonmel
- Members took part in a focus group and consultation with Tipperary Sports Partnership for the development of a County Outdoor Recreation Plan for Tipperary
- Members made a presentation to Tipperary PPN at their Plenary event in Holycross with great success and potential for future networking
- Members attended Dáil na n-Óg's 100-year commemoration event in Leinster House
- Members visited Leinster House by invitation from Deputy Martin Browne
- South Tipperary members assisted at a Macra event held in Cahir at the invitation of Cllr. Andy Moloney
- Members met with Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Declan Burgess to discuss increased linkage in decision-making with TCC policies and strategies
- Comhairle has been involved in several consultations in Dublin including Young Voices on EU Dialogue and Mental Health Day with Youth Work Ireland
- 4 members attended the Munster Networking Event in Limerick in June
- Abigail Strappe attended National Youth Assembly of Ireland meetings and events throughout 2024
- Olivia D'arcy our National Executive member became the Chair of the national body
- Annual Youth Conference took place in November with an increase in attendance from delegates and schools
- Members were involved in the establishment of Planet Youth Survey and launch of Planet Youth video in Thurles.



Tipperary Comhairle na n-Óg members pictured with TCC Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Declan Burgess at their Annual Youth Conference held in TÚS Thurles in November

'Tipperary Together' Newsletter

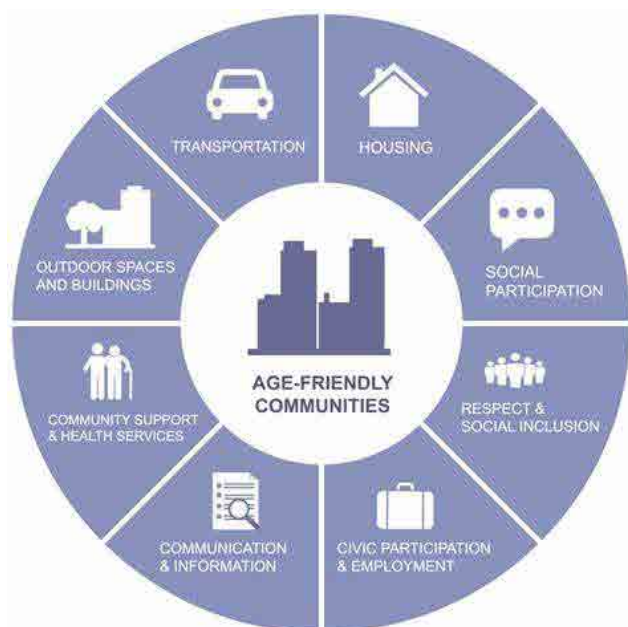
'**Tipperary Together**' is a broad community-focused newsletter which showcases supports and content of interest to community-based groups and individuals.

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

Tipperary Age Friendly

Tipperary Age Friendly is part of the National AgeFriendly Network. It is supported by the shared service with Meath County Council and the Tipperary Structures mirror those of the national and other county structures. Tipperary Age Friendly at its heart is represented by the voice of the older person and a key phrase is that “if you design for the young, you exclude the old, but if you design for the old you include everyone”

Tipperary Age Friendly agreed following consultation with Older Peoples Council Members and Alliance Members an Action Plan for 2024-2025 setting out objectives across the 8 World Health Organisation Domains.



On March 21st 2024 Tipperary Older Peoples Council hosted a Road Safety and Local Transport Workshop at the Horse & Jockey Hotel Tipperary.



Members of Tipperary Older Peoples Council attended the Annual National Age Friendly Older Persons Executives Conference hosted by Kilkenny in May 2024. The Theme for the 2024 conference was 'Ageing with Independence'. The two-day convention started on Thursday 9th May and finished up on Friday 10th May.



Launch of Age Friendly Ireland Ageism Campaign Slane Castle 23rd May 2024

Societal views on ageing are evolving rapidly and positively, there are 31 Age Friendly Ireland Ambassadors from the worlds of entertainment, sports, journalism, and business. These ambassadors — including prominent figures such as former Irish hotelier and television personality Francis Brennan and actress Geraldine Plunkett — gathered at Slane Castle for the inaugural Age Friendly Ambassadors' Day, an annual awareness initiative launched by Age Friendly Ireland to champion positive ageing.



The Tipperary Age Friendly Ambassador is John Lonergan, pictured here with Mary MacMahon and Fiona Crotty

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Tipperary Age Friendly host its annual Age Friendly EXPO in the TUS Campus in Thurles, This event is the highlight and main activity of Tipperary Age Friendly annually”

Tipperary Older People's Council

On Thursday 20th June Tipperary Age Friendly were delighted to host its annual Age Friendly EXPO in the TUS Campus in Thurles. This is the 3rd Age Friendly EXPO held at the college campus. It featured 64 information stands. A number of new information stands this year as we grow from strength to strength. The event included beautiful musical interludes with Rockwell Music Academy and TemplemoreActiveRetirement and those attending danced the afternoon away with John McCormack. Speakers this year included John Lynch Solicitor, Aldo Matassa UPMC Medical, Ciara Farrell Age Friendly Ireland, Richie Molloy Family Carers Ireland, John Lonergan Tipperary Age Friendly Ambassador, Martin Moore Tipperary Fire Service, Neil Dennehy Mindfulness, Tom Quinlan, Affordable Live in Homecare, Michelle Lonergan Irish Cancer Society, Mary D'Arcy FraudSmart and Pat Jones Circle of Friends Tipperary.

This event is the highlight and main activity of Tipperary Age Friendly annually. This event is arranged by the Age Friendly Programme Manager but with strong input from the Executive of the Older Peoples Council. The Older Peoples Council is the voice of older people.



Tipperary Older Peoples Council Annual General Meeting 2024 was held on Thursday 29th August 2024 at the Anner Hotel Thurles. Those attending heard updates on the Older Peoples Council, updates on the Tipperary Age Friendly Actions Plan, Tipperary Festival of Science with University of Limerick, Neil Dennehy on the Art of Ageing Backwards, election of Executive and also heard from Ciara Farrell on Age Friendly Ireland.

Positive Ageing Week 2024 to September 30th to 6th October

Positive Ageing Week (PAW) is an initiative by Age Action to celebrate the contributions of older people and to promote their agency. The event emphasises the positive aspects of aging and the significant roles older individuals play in our communities and families. The week-long event happens yearly, with a new theme, and aims to challenge stereotypes and misconceptions about aging and to highlight the positivity and vitality of older age.

The theme for Positive Ageing Week 2024 was an Age Action initiative called “Reframing How We Think, Feel and Act towards ageing and older persons, and inclusion within our communities”. Tipperary Age Friendly supported community events across the county and across our Library network.

Tipperary Older Peoples Council Project

The executive of Tipperary OPC worked on a code of conduct which has been circulated to all of the Hardware and Builder Provider shops in the County encouraging those within the trade to engage positively with older people.



Example of the cards and information leaflet in the Co Op in Cahir

Tipperary Age Friendly has developed a Code of Conduct which aims to propose a standard for our local tradespersons when engaging with older adults in Tipperary (and environs) so they can remain living in their homes independently. Posters and business cards advertising the code of conduct have been circulated to every main hardware store in Tipperary to create awareness for both the customer and the tradesperson.

It is hoped that these guidelines will assist the tradesperson and the customer in all communications regarding works being carried out in their home.

Tipperary Understand Together

Tipperary Age Friendly continue to collaborate with Understand Together and the Alzheimer Society of Ireland in promotion of dementia awareness, encouraging participation in training within the community and supporting the dementia cafe network in County Tipperary.

In October Tipperary Age Friendly arranged the Virtual Dementia Tour which was provided to Older Peoples Council, staff from Tipperary County Council and Alliance Members.

We concluded the virtual tour at the Garda College in Templemore. That evening staff from Age Friendly Ireland, Healthy Homes, Aalsmeer Society and Tipperary Age Friendly briefed the current recruits in Templemore on dealing with an Ageing Population and supports available.



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Planet Youth Tipperary

(Mon 23 September, 2024) – Representatives from Tipperary County Council, Tipperary Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) and the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) welcomed Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People Mary Butler TD to Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) Thurles where she officially launched Planet Youth Tipperary



Planet Youth Tipperary is a five-year initiative that will see young people surveyed in schools across the county. The resulting data will inform future community initiatives in promoting and improving the overall health and wellbeing of young people in communities across the county.

Planet Youth is an Icelandic prevention model, which the Irish partners are adapting in Ireland to include Health and Wellbeing, the outcome to improve the life outcomes for our young people.

In our first cycle of school surveys 1777 students who were the previous year's 3rd year students in the County undertook the survey. Each school will receive its own report and the Planet Youth Steering Committee will have data for both County and Municipal District Level which will be available in early 2025.

Engage in Energy Tipperary & Roscrea

Engage in Energy is one of four Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan pilots across the country. It is funded under What Works through the Dormant Accounts. In Tipperary this project was delivered in Tipperary Town, Roscrea and in a second phase Carrick on Suir.

Tipperary County Council through its Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), Tipperary Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC), LCDC and CYPSC are managed the project.



Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025

Examples of some of the programmes been delivered through the Healthy Ireland funding in the Clogheen area and the health indicator been funded is to increase the social activity levels of people aged over 50+. Vee Valley Day Care in Clogheen is one of the delivering partners and a Karaoke machine was purchased as this is an activity that the participants enjoy.

Chair yoga classes and weekly physiotherapy classes were also funded through the healthy Ireland fund and the main aim is to increase the numbers engaging with the day care centre and also increasing their weekly social activities.



A number of programmes promoting sport and physical activity were delivered by Tipperary Sports Partnership in Cahir and Nenagh throughout the years with the support of funding from Healthy Ireland, please see Sports Partnership for further details.



Some of the programmes been delivered through the Healthy Ireland funding in the Littleton area delivered by North Tipperary Development Company and the health indicator been funded is to increase the social activity levels of people aged over 50+, and to increase physical activity levels of children and adults.

Below is a picture of some of the art and crafts, and knitting that the group did as part of the knitting circle programme, funding through the healthy Tipperary Funding.



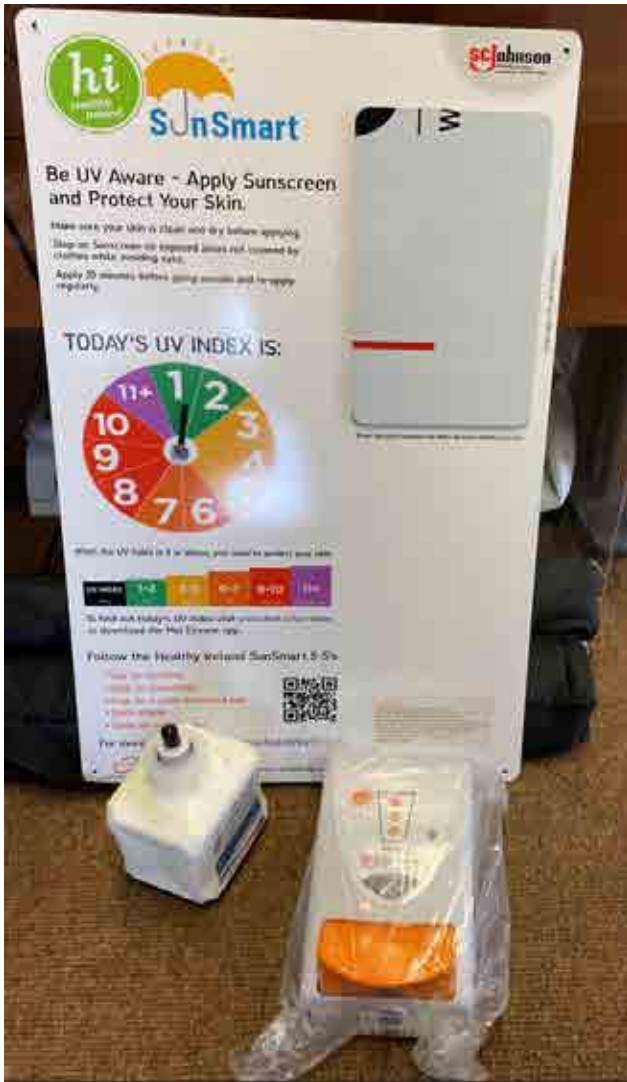
Healthy Tipperary Be Well programme delivered by Health Matters and Tutor Neil Dehenny in Clogheen which started on 24th October and will continue for 6 weeks. Health indicator been funded is to increase the social activity levels of people aged over 50+, and to increase physical activity levels of children and adults. 14 people are currently taking part in this course.



HSE and Healthy Ireland SunSmart Programme

The HSE's National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) offered an exciting opportunity to take part in a SunSmart Sunscreen Dispenser Pilot in 2024.

Tipperary County Council took part in a pilot programme. This Pilot Project involved the provision of a sunscreen dispensers with a UV index display to a small number of community/voluntary groups to trial the unit from beginning of May to August.



Gold Star Disability Awareness and Inclusion Training

Tipperary Volunteer Centre in partnership with Tipperary County Council and the Irish Wheelchair association and HSE Disability officer delivered the Gold Star training to Management and staff members of FBD Semple Stadium and Tipperary GAA members. This is to coincide with the funding that Tipperary County Council secured from DCDEIY to build a "Changing Places" Facility. The stadium is one of only a few sites in the country and one of Tipperary's first ever state of the art "Changing Places" facility which enables those with complex needs to attend matches and other events at the complex. The Gold Star programme was delivered by people with disabilities and this will be the first of many programmes rolled out across the County.



Brent Pope talk for BeatLine.

Bealtaine festival took place for the month of May and is Ireland's National festival which celebrates the arts and creativity as we age. Tipperary County Council library service had lots of different events and programmes across the County library network for the month, Healthy Tipperary supported a talk by former New Zealand rugby player Brent Pope in Littleton on 27th May. Brent Pope is foremost one of Ireland's leading Mental health advocates and discussed the whole subject around mental health and the "elephant in the room campaign". The talk was a very personal account of Brent's own struggles with mental health and how important it is that everyone at all ages looks after their mental health and reach out when we need help. This event saw 100 people register online it was a free event and over 80 people attended on the night with a Q&A session after wards and a chance to have a cup of tea and meet Brent Pope.



Tipperary County Council secured funding from DCDEIY to build a "Changing Places" Facility

New Futures Farming Group in Borrisoleigh

A Health and Wellbeing talk was given to the group in Borrisoleigh on Tuesday 9th April from 7.30pm – 8.30pm by Áine Roche Healthy County Co Ordinator. Topics covered were food and nutrition, mental health, physical activity, and the impact technology is having on our daily lives and how to improve our overall wellbeing.

Picnic in the park

South Tipperary Disability Group Forum organised the 13th annual picnic in the park on 4th July in the Sensory garden Cahir. Cahir men's shed provided the music and entrainment and members from Tipperary Irish Wheel Cahir association attended and thank fully the weather stayed fine for the duration of the event. Tipperary County Council supported this event.



Mental Health Week

Tipperary Mental Health week took place from 7th October to 13th October 2024.

The official launch was 27th September in TUS College Campus in Thurles.



The main event that took place for the week was a talk by former governor of Mount Joy John Lonergan on 9th October in TUS Thurles Campus about mental health, family and community.



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Make Way Day 2024

Make Way day took place Nationally on 27th September this was a national campaign to highlight the miss use of Disabled parking spaces and to highlight what obstacles block people with disabilities o their everyday tasks.

Healthy Tipperary partnered up with Tipp Town Branch of The Irish wheelchair association and Carrick MD to do a walkability in the town of Carrick On Suir. Present at the walkability was local Cllr David Dunne, District administrator Marie Cox, Senior executive Engineer Denis Power, Marie Dunne Traffic Warden.



The launch of the 5 Ways to Well-being Boards.

The boards were officially launched as part of the planet youth launch in Tus Thurles Campus om 23rd September present was Minister Mary Butler, Tipperary GAA reps, Mental health Ireland Development workers, HSE and local Cllrs.



Healthy Tipperary and Tipperary PPN Health and Wellbeing Roadshows

Healthy Tipperary and Tipperary PPN have partnered to host health and Well Being wellbeing Roadshows across the Municipal Districts from October to November 2024. The roadshows included information stands and health checks and it is an opportunity for members of the community to engage with different agencies and input into the review of the Tipperary PPN Wellbeing Vision.

Below are pictures of the recent Health and Well-being roadshow's that took place in Halla Na Feile Cashel, and Fethard Town Park.



Community Support Fund Communication Boards for Playgrounds

Tipperary County Council partnered with the Charity “Finding Charlie’s Voice” which is an Irish Registered Charity (CHY22899) that supports children and young adults with speech and language communication needs in Ireland. The group created these boards that allow children who have difficulty communicating verbally to express themselves in a variety of settings. Tipperary County Council purchased 45 of these boards through the Community Support Fund. Each MD received the boards for all of their playgrounds.



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Tipperary County Council purchased 45 of boards through the Community Support Fund

Period Poverty Scheme and Hygiene Security Project:

€15,000 funding received in 2024 from the Department of Health. Funding was given to 6 Family resource centres, youth services, Tipperary County Library network and expression of interest was advertised to all non-sporting and community groups, community halls, drama groups, dance groups and tidy town groups, who received period poverty products from the funding and dispensers to hold the products.

Below is a picture of the dispenser and products purchased for groups from the funding.



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Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel

TUS Student Council Youth Festival



The 1st ever health and well-being festival took place at the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) Clonmel campus on Thursday Sept 26th. Over 500 people took part in this event where participants were encouraged to get arty and crafty with local artists. There were several local schools in attendance on the day.

Clonmel Social Activities 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. Music Generation held workshops with Down Syndrome Tipperary as did South Tipperary Arts Centre.

Old Bridge Place Standard Tool Training



Old Bridge received permission from the Borough District to get a lease on a derelict house that could become a community house, beside the derelict green area. The Old Bridge resident's group received Seed funding from Sláintecare Healthy communities for this project. The aim of the project was to support a community to take back a derelict area and regenerate it based on how they determine this should occur and bring responsibility and ownership of the area back to the people who live in the area.

The Old Bridge Community took part in Place Standard tool training on the 2nd October in partnership with Tipperary County Council, Sláintecare Healthy Communities and Healthy Ireland. The Place Standard tool provides a simple framework to structure conversations about place. It allows you to think about the physical elements of a place (for example its buildings, spaces, and transport links) as well as the social aspects (for example whether people feel they have a say in decision making).

Community Pantry Project Launch

TUS Clonmel Campus with the support of Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme launched the Community Pantry Project in November 2024 to help combat food poverty for young people in Clonmel. The pantry is located on campus and is a traditional kitchen dresser which has been given a bright makeover by students. It contains non-perishable items of food for TUS students, and young people in Clonmel, to access as and when they need it. Food parcels have also been donated by the Simon Community and the project features food information and demonstrations for young people. Led by Dr Marie Walsh, a lecturer at the college, the project was developed in response to a recent consultation with 180 young people in Clonmel through the Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme.



Tusla's Child & Youth Participation Awards Ceremony

Tipperary County Council achieved the Child and Youth Participation Award for their Quality-of-life consultation with the children and young people of Clonmel. Mary Hickey South Tipperary Arts Centre, James Kearney Bridge Water House, Conor Sheehan Bridge Water House and Catriona Crowe Slaintecare Healthy Communities were presented with Tusla's Child and Youth Participation Award under the Mixed Services including national services category at an awards ceremony on the 28th November 2024 in the Light House Cinema Dublin.



VR Environment for Cancer Survivors

This project is about creating a Virtual Reality (VR) environment that can be used as a recovery tool for cancer survivors. The idea is to create a mindfulness type space where the person can relax and destress and that it would help them in their recovery. The end result is an exciting VR environment that we would then pilot with participants from CARE cancer support centre. Slaintecare Healthy Communities provided seed funding for cancer care VR environment for cancer survivors. This project is a follow on/complimentary project to the Cancer Affirmation Cards (Seed fund 2022).

Tipperary CYPSC

Tipperary Parent Hub Website

Tipperary Parent Hub is an information and advice point for parents and families in both North and South Tipperary. It contains the following information sections Tipperary Services Directory, Resources, News and Events for parents and families across the county. It was launched on the 23rd September in TUS with a promotional campaign during the Halloween Midterm across the following libraries: Clonmel, Cashel, Carrick on Suir, Tipperary Town, Nenagh and Thurles.



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Tipperary Public Participation Network (PPN)

The Tipperary PPN Community Wellbeing Vision is reflected in the Tipperary County Council Corporate Plan 2020-2024 and Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028.

In 2024, the PPN continues direct involvement with the implementation and monitoring of the Tipperary County Council Local Economic & Community Plan 2023-2028, through being represented, by all three PPN pillars, on the LECP Advisory Steering Group.

The PPN showcased at the Age Friendly Expo and collaborated with Healthy Tipperary to deliver community roadshows in all five municipal districts. The PPN supported by Tipperary County Council, held a 10th anniversary celebration that was well-attended by community group members, PPN reps, agencies that the PPN closely works with and staff from Tipperary Council.

The PPN also held two Plenaries, one online in April and one in-person in November in Cashel where 80 or more community groups that attended both events.

Training included delivering a Beginners Facilitation Skills course, two Wellbeing ones and a workshop with the other PPNs in the Southeast Region, to support new PPN reps on the process of the local government elections. This directly led to submissions for the consultation on the National SPC Review and also, of the more local, new SPC Schemes and Standing Orders in each local authority.

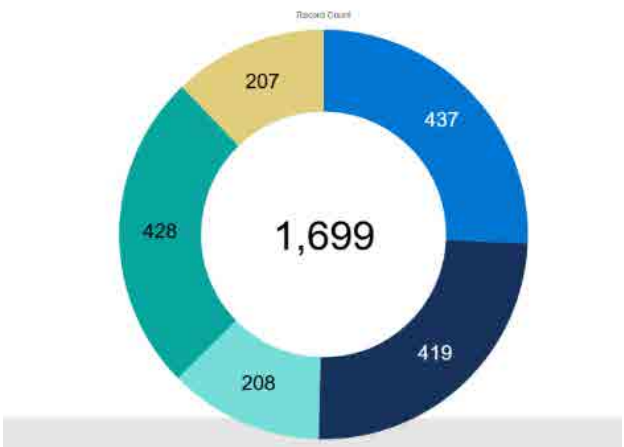
Tipperary PPN again showcased at the National PPN Conference 2024 in Limerick.

Tipperary PPN had a membership of 1699, by the end of 2024, split across 3 Pillars:

- Social Inclusion - 227
- Community & Voluntary - 1411
- Environment - 61

2024 PPN membership at end of year (1699 registered groups)

By Municipal District



By PPN Pillar



For more information, please view www.ppntipperary.ie

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) was established in 2024.

The team supports International Protection Applicants and Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection across the county.

The following table details the number of individuals resident in the county at the end of 2024:

Ukrainian Community (BOTP)	1,830 people
International Protection (IP)	800 people
Total	2,630 people

Africa Day Events

Africa day took place on May 21st with celebrations taking place in Roscrea, Carrick-on-Suir and Borrisokane and was better and bigger than ever.



Tipperary Sports Partnership



In 2024, the Sports Partnership delivered 248 initiatives, programmes, events and courses with 7,504 participants engaging with the Sports Partnership which includes 479 participants with disabilities, 5,049 young people and 1,976 adults. 56% of participants were female. The Sports Partnership successfully secured in excess of €684,000 in funding to support the delivery of its programmes and initiatives in Tipperary. The implementation of TSP Strategic Plan 2016-2025 continued in delivering on the key objectives and action to develop sport for all in our Community at all stages of life.

In brief, some of the Partnership's key achievements in 2024 include:

Community Participation Initiatives

- A number of Activator Walking Pole initiatives were delivered which included three 6-week programmes in Nenagh, Cahir and Fethard at each location along with taster sessions in Carrick on Suir and Thurles during European Week of Sport.
- The development of a new Junior Park Run was supported in Fethard Town Park which now runs weekly on Sunday mornings at 9.30am
- Three Swim for a Mile (SFAM) training programmes were delivered over 12 weeks in Nenagh Swimming Pool, Sean Kelly Sports Centre Carrick on Suir and Roscrea Leisure centre, on the final night of the programme participants swam a Mile.
- Bike Week took place during the week of the 11th to 19th May with a total of 12 initiatives been held across the County with over 465 participants.
- A 6-week Adult 'Learn to Kayak' programme was delivered on the waters of Lough Derg with 12 participants who received their certificate in L2 kayaking skills. Following this a further 6-week programme followed to enhance participants skills on the water with 10 participants.



Participants during the Activator Pole Walking in Nenagh.

- A number of water activities took place in the Outdoor Community Sports Hub on the River Suir which included the school's programme 'Paddles Up' with 4 secondary schools with 142 students. An integrated "Paddles Up" school programme was delivered in Cahir with 62 students from Colaiste Dun Iascaigh. 4 Inclusive Paddling Programmes were delivered, 2 with Scoil Aonghusa with 23 participants on each, 1 with the National Learning Network with 15 participants and 1 with the Brothers of Charity with 6 participants and worked with Scoil Aonghusa to deliver a specific Special Olympics 6-week training kayaking programme in Cahir with 13 participants trained to qualify for summer games. TSP supported new instructors from the Hub to complete instructor Training in L2 kayaking through support for a new Canoe Club in Carrick on Suir. In July, linked with Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoe Club to support 'For the Love of It' Summer Camps with 40 participants. A 'You can Move' Wellness Event was supported on the Suir Blueway as part of National Cancer Survivors Day with 15 participants.
- As part of the Urban Adventure programme, a Dragon Boating Taster session was delivered and supported by Clonmel Rowing Club with 18 participants. Continued support was provided to Clonmel Mountain Bike Club with the provision of 8 mountain bikes to assist them with their programmes and activities and to promote mountain biking in the area. Support was also provided for the training of 3 volunteers as Mountain Bike Leaders which completed in April and June.
- The development of The Community Sports Hub in Tipperary Town continues and in October a new Hub Development Officer was appointed and funding was secured for Phase 4 of the Hub. In partnership with the Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force a multi sports programme was delivered in the MUGA on St. Michaels Avenue. The Hub were delighted to support the 'Her Moves' initiative with 24 inactive transition year girl from St. Ailbes and St. Annes. Moorehaven Resource Centre continued to use the centre on a daily basis for activities including tennis, soccer and gym use. Other groups also used the facilities at the Hub including Youth Work Tipperary, Scoil Chormaic and the Brothers of Charity. Social Basketball was also supported in the Centre for young people.
- In November, a 4 week exercise programme was piloted for men over 45.

Young People/Schools Initiatives:

- Active Schools Week 2024 garnered promotion in a total of six schools, including Scoil Mhuire NS Kilskeelan, Borrisokane Community College, Monard NS and Newport Lackmore NS, Corville NS and Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan. These schools participated in the initiative, showcasing their commitment to fostering a healthy and active lifestyle among students.
- Two Sports Leader programmes were rolled out in St. Mary's, Nenagh with 20 students and in Newport College with 24 students taking part.
- In conjunction with Clonmel Rowing Club and Rowing Ireland 7 'Get Going Get Rowing' programmes were delivered to schools in the Clonmel area which included the High School, Presentation Primary, St. Marys CBS, Loretto, Gael Scoil Cluain Meala, St. Oivers and Clerihan NS with over 300 participants.
- Support was provided to South East Viking Orienteering to host a 'Park O' Event in March in Templemore Park with 165 students and an event in November in Fethard with 33 students.
- The Cycle Right Programme was supported in 45 primary schools with 1,202 children benefiting across the County with support from Cycling Ireland, Tipperary County Council and the HSE.
- A 6-week Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike programme was delivered in association with the Tipperary Childcare Committee to 35 preschools across the County with over 1,100 children partaking. Funding support was provided by Healthy Ireland.



Little Scholars Carrick on Suir, during the Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike Programme.

- The Partnership collaborated with Olympic Handball Ireland and delivered a teacher training course to 11 teachers and they all achieved their L1 coaching skills. A school's blitz day followed with 105 students taking part in the Canon Hayes Centre.

People with a Disability Initiatives

- On the 9th of August, we hosted our annual Sports Ability Day in Thurles to showcase inclusive sporting opportunities. Activities on the day included Boccia, Soccer, Cycling, Golf, Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Badminton and Basketball. 36 people with disabilities attended on the day with their guardians and services.
- A number of pieces of equipment were purchased throughout the year to support participation and inclusivity. Sports Wheelchairs were purchased along with a Handcycle for the Clonmel Sports Hub (TUS). As part of European Week of Sport, a Come n Try Athletics event was held to launch the equipment and local disability services were invited to try both the equipment and athletics.



Come try Athletics Event at the Sport Hub in Clonmel

- Support was provided to Scoil Chormaic, Scoil Aonghusa and St. Annes in the delivery of a 6-week programme including yoga and exercise to music with 145 pupils participating from the 3 schools.
- The Sensational Moves ASD Programme was provided to primary schools to support in delivering appropriate physical activity games for children with ASD and additional needs. The aim is to get children more active, improve their fitness and skills while supporting sensory needs if required. The programme is an excellent opportunity to promote active lifestyles at a young age and improve gross motor skills. The national schools were Ayle School, St Colmcillens, Emly, Littleton, Leugh and Cahir.
- Inclusive Swim & Aqua Aerobics programmes were ran in partnership with two organisations in Tipperary. Down Syndrome Tipperary (Thurles and Nenagh) and the National Learning Network (Clonmel). This programme facilitated 47 young people with disabilities in swim programmes, ranging from 6 to 8 weeks.
- A Learn to Cycle 4-day Camp was piloted for the first time in 2024 in Thurles. It ran over four days with 12 participants, each participant had a 30-minute timeslot per day and received individual one to one coaching.
- An eight-week Ability Programme was held in Borrisoleigh and Clonmel with adult service users. Boccia was completed for 8 weeks over two blocks in Borrisoleigh with over 60 participants. Chair Exercise to Music and Boccia was delivered in Clonmel with 16 participants. Boccia was a massive hit with the services due to its inclusivity, a 4-week Boccia League with 24 participants was established in Borrisoleigh with the final session being a tournament where participants received TSP Boccia Medals.
- A 4-week Inclusive Activator Walking Programme was completed in the scenic surroundings of Inch Field in Cahir with 10 participants from Gateway (Brothers of Charity). This was a new initiative with the participants and career's receiving four weeks of guided walks by a qualified tutor and on completion of the programme the poles left to the centre so they can utilise them for sustainability.
- During the summer inclusive taster sessions were held with Cappawhite NS ASD unit and an ASD camp was held in the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre.

Marginalised Communities/Youth at Risk Initiatives

- The Partnership collaborated with the HSE and supported SilverArch and Avista Roscrea in the delivery of 2 Green Exercise Programmes. The Green Exercise Programme was a 6-week programme with two weekly sessions targeted at individuals with low physical activity levels and/or those who are returning to exercise. 22 participants took part over the two programmes.
- The Youth Reach Olympic Games took place on April 24th with 175 participants from CTCs all over Tipperary, prior to attending the Games each of the centers familiarized and practiced the Games activities.
- In partnership with Clonmel Youth Project and Foroige Nenagh, youths from disadvantaged communities engaged with our 'Summer Wellness' programme. The Clonmel YP summer programme included Cycling, Zumba and Swimming while Foroige in Nenagh completed an 8-week summer programme which included Circuits, Box Aerobics, Yoga & Gymnastics. Over the two programmes, 79 participants took part.
- A Horse-Riding Programme was developed in collaboration with Barnardos, to provide eight young travelers with an opportunity to engage in equestrian activities over a six-week period. This initiative promoted physical activity, fostered personal development, teamwork and confidence among the participants and provided hands-on experience in horse riding, horse care, and horse management. This programme was supported by the HSE.
- A new programme commenced in January 'Sport4Empowerment' funded under European Social Fund Plus Programme. A number of programmes were delivered which included collaboration with Coláiste Shliabh na mBan where participants took part in the Ferryhouse Wheelers Mountain Bike programme which introduced students to essential bike maintenance skills and the fundamentals of mountain biking, offering both practical life skills and engaging physical activity. The students and staff also experienced an Introduction to virtual reality in Kayaking which aimed to spark interest in water sports and offer a safe, engaging way to develop kayaking skills. 8 young people and 7 staff participated.
- An ESF+ Programme presentation was conducted with Prevention Partnership and Family Support programme to raise awareness and provide information about the role. Activities were organised to support a network of over 40 individuals promoting engagement and participation in the initiative, activities included Volleyball, Boccia and VR Kayaking.
- In addition, through the ESF+ Programme a number of initiatives targeting the travelling community were delivered. Following a consultation piece handball was identified as a preferred activity by traveller men in New Inn. A handball programme was delivered where participants received coaching and engaged in regular practice sessions in the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre. Coach education was provided, resulting in eight participants, consisting of members of the Travelling community and the local club, receiving their Foundation GAA Handball Coaching Certificate. 13 participants took part over 14 weeks. In November, Traveller women from Roscrea took part in a sampler which offered a series of taster sessions in Roscrea Leisure Centre, Spinning emerged as a favourite activity and additional sessions were scheduled. 8 females participated over 9 weeks. After customer discovery sessions took place the Nenagh Women's Traveller group identified water safety and confidence in the water as a concern. An Aqua-Aerobics programme was delivered which focused on water safety and building water confidence along with an aqua fit programme.
- A Fáilte Cahir Programme commenced in May, 30 pupils from Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir. English as a Second language group were consulted to gather insights and identify potential programmes. A sports day was identified as a possible taster event and in September a 5-a-Side Soccer Tournament and Family Sports Day was hosted in Cahir Park AFC grounds with 84 participants which included a 5-a-side soccer tournament, cricket, volleyball, yoga, and dance activities. It aimed to promote sports and family participation within the community. At this event, Volleyball was identified as an area of interest within the community and a community leader was identified and trained as a Volleyball coach with Volleyball Ireland. Volleyball Taster Sessions took place in November with 3 age groups; 8-12, 13-17 and adults. The volleyball taster sessions were conducted to engage the non-Irish community and encourage integration. Funding for this initiative was provided from Healthy Ireland.



Participants for the 5 a side soccer tournament as part of the 'Fáilte Cahir Programme'.

Women & Teenage Girls in Sport Initiatives

- Support was provided to Cahir Meet and Train to host a Women's Mini Marathon event in Cahir with the Two Johnnies on September 21st with 395 female participants.
- Her Outdoors week took place from August 12th to 18th, a variety of activities were delivered which included a teenage girl Kayaking programme called 'Paddle Sisters' took place at Lough Derg. An Introduction to Mountaineering took place at the King's Yard. A women's Aqua-Aerobics class was hosted at Ballina Riverside pool. An Introduction to Mountain Biking was held at Careys Castle and a Women's Dragon Boating taster session with The Clonmel Dragon Boating Club.
- Two "How to Train as a Midlife Woman" Workshops were completed in Thurles and Carrick on Suir to support females to exercise during peri and menopause.
- Swimmin Women training programmes were delivered in five swimming pools in Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles, Carrick on Suir and Roscrea. The programme was very well received by 69 participants.



Ladies ready for Swimmin' Women Programme at Thurles Leisure Centre.

- In partnership with Sport Ireland Coaching, a Coaching Teenage Girls workshop was delivered, it aimed to support clubs who offer sports for teenage girls and to provide information to assist them to attract and maintain participation of teenage girls.
- The Hoops for Girls Basketball event was held over three nights in March with 200 participants from 6 schools. On April 26th the event took place in Thurles with Presentation Thurles, Ursuline Thurles, Coláiste Mhuire Thurles, Presentation Clonmel, Scoil Ruain Killenaule and Presentation Ballingarry.

Older Adults Initiatives

- In April, 6 Go for Life PALs Workshops were held in Thurles with 25 representatives from Active Retirement Groups across the county.
- Our Go for Life Older Adult Festival was held on the 13th May in the Anner Hotel, Thurles, a total of 47 participated from 14 organisations. Participants enjoyed Boccia, Line Dancing, Chair and Fitness exercises along with music and dance.



2024 Older Adult Go for Life Festival

- A Tipperary team participated in the Go for Life National Games in DCU in Dublin on June 8th.
- In the Spring of 2024 one Walking Football programme was held in Cashel in conjunction with Cashel Men's Shed with 10 participants over 6 weeks.
- A Community Boccia Programme continued in Nenagh, linking in with 2 new groups –Ballymackey Women's Shed and Capparoo Women's Shed, 24 participants. Each group is set up to continue to play Boccia. An event was organised to bring all the groups together for a Boccia tournament in the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh with 36 Participants.
- An Aqua Fit programme was delivered in both Nenagh Leisure Centre and Sean Kelly Sports Centre, Carrick on Suir with 60 participants taking part in total. This activity proved very popular and was funded by Healthy Ireland.
- A 6-week outdoor gym programme was provided to older adults in Fethard. This incorporated the use of the outdoor exercise equipment in the Town Park.

Club Support/Education & Training

- In 2024, 41 clubs secured funding to the value of €34,046 under the TSP Coaching and Development Fund.
- TSP in partnership with TUS delivered a Level 6 Certificate in Sports Administration 'Running Sport' with 10 ECTS and linked with Limerick and Clare Sports Partnerships with 12 participants from Tipperary.
- As part of the Club Development programme, TSP continued to promote Code of Ethics training online via zoom. Twelve Safeguarding 1 workshops along with two Safeguarding 2 and two Safeguarding 3 workshops were delivered throughout the year, with 213 volunteers/coaches receiving training.
- TSP delivered a 4-night Tipperary Sports Club Package (Sports Psychology, Sports Nutrition, Strength & Conditioning & Long-Term Athlete Development) with 22 participants. A Sports First Aid course was also delivered.
- Throughout the year a number of Active Disability Ireland workshops were delivered to support clubs and volunteers. In February, a Disability Awareness workshop was delivered via online delivery to 15 participants. In May an Autism in Sport workshop was delivered via online delivery to 16 participants. A Disability Inclusion workshop was held online with Tipperary GAA Cul Camp head coaches. This ensured that every Tipperary Cul Camp had a coach qualified in sport inclusion to ensure openness and participation.
- In 2023/2024, through Dormant Accounts funding from Sport Ireland, the Sports Partnership collaborated with several local organizations including Clonmel Sports Hub (TUS), Fethard Town Park, IWA Tipperary and Tipperary Warriors Multi Sport Club. These partnerships aim to enhance sports accessibility and inclusivity in the community by providing essential sports equipment. The following equipment was purchased; Sports Wheelchairs, Indoor and Outdoor Table Tennis Tables, Handcycle, Portable Basketball Nets and Platform Steps.
- TSP is represented on the Development Committees for the Regional Sports Hub Development on TUS campus, Frank Drohan Road in Clonmel and Fethard Town Park to support the provision of recreation.
- The Sports Partnership continued to actively promote and market all its programmes and events, via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and along with relevant Press Releases sent to the local media.



Inclusive Kayaking in Cahir



Introduction to Mountaineering as part of Her Outdoors Week



Visitors captivated by Féile '94, Semple Stadium images at Tipperary Museum's exhibition *Visual Emotion: A 40 year photographic legacy*, by Photographer John D Kelly

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History



Overview

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

The Museum Service continued to deliver a high-quality service during 2024. The Museum's strategy was to concentrate on our visitors and local community to ensure we delivered a quality and engaging service, while maintaining the national Museum Standards Programme of Ireland. We were acutely aware that our visitors sought onsite cultural stimulation and live experiential performances, and so this enabled museum staff to re-imagine new & innovative programming. With our new digital and social media officer, we experienced greater engagement and traction with audiences across Tipperary, Ireland and the globe.

Climate change

A key goal for Tipperary Museum is to meet the targets established in the Tipperary County Council's Climate Adaptation Strategy. The Museum is currently working towards installing an environmentally and economically efficient new chiller. The Local Authority Museums Networks, Strategic Management Plan, focus on Climate Change will be addressed through a series of far reaching actions and working with many stakeholders.

2024 Innovative Programming

Our Traditional Irish Skills & Diversity Programme 'Rock Paper Scissors' continued into its final pilot three-year project, funded by The Heritage Council, through the Heritage Stewardship Funding stream.

With €17k awarded we continued to expand our reach with Tipperary's diverse communities. The traditional Irish crafts we specialised in were stone masonry, wood carving, wire sculpting, embroidery, knitting and felting. Students from *Coláiste Shliabh na mBan based in Ferry House, Clonmel & an enthusiastic group of local Syrians, Ukrainian and Irish National communities living in Tipperary Town all participated in the inclusive project. During year 1 to year 3, we commissioned a documentary to highlight the significant learnings and experiences of the participants. The evaluation of this project will be published in early 2025.

The museum continued its support of local business with Clonmel professional photographer John D Kelly. The Museum exhibited John's incredible collection of work spanning 4 decades. A €15k grant, from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media through their Regional & Local Museums Funding stream, enabled the museum to display John's images through traditional, digital and montage techniques. Launched by then, Clonmel Mayor Cllr. Michael Murphy at his inaugural reception, with Eamon Lacey Nationalist Reporter and friend to Photographer John D Kelly.

We concluded our 11th annual Lecture Series with 'The Role of Religion in Irish Primary Education' in April 2024. Our new Lecture Series commencing November 2024 / April 2025 'A Quiet Revolution 1960 – 2000', will look at the social, economic and political changes that took place during the era.

A one-day Seminar in Thurles January 2025 will be the central focus of the lecture's series. Funding from Tipperary Age Friendly was secured to run a bus to Thurles. In collaboration with TCC Corporate Services section, the museum hosted the lectures in the Councils Chamber. We received positive feedback about the location, refreshments and the social aspect of the Saturday lectures.

The 'Death & Faith' section in the museum has been used as inspiration for a new oral history collection which was recorded in Oct. It will feature various undertakers and members of the church and cover the culture and folklore of death and funerals within Tipperary. The Museum's website www.hiddenhistory.ie will host our vast collection, programmes and ongoing oral history archive.



People are taking more pictures now than ever before, billions of them, but no slides, no prints. Just data. Electronic dust. Years from now when they dig us up there won't be any pictures to find, no record of who we were or how we lived.



Launch of John D Kelly's Photographic Exhibition, "Visual Emotion" in association with CJAF'24.

Museum Programming

A workshop programme for children and adults was delivered monthly and sold-out within days.

- Bealtaine's, Tea and Talk event was created to encourage an older generation to reminisce and share their thoughts on their life using the Museum Handling Box.
- Cruinniú na nÓg: Curator Catherine Marshall worked with a small group of 14-18-year olds. The sessions explained collecting and curating to the group of 5 students, who then researched, selected and designed a temporary exhibition using a selection of the Museum's painting collection.
- History Teachers Association of Ireland, Niamh Crowley, visited the Museum for a guided tour in April and invited the Education Officer to submit an article on ARTiculation Competition to their Autumn edition of STAIR. The newly setup Local Authority Museum Education Officers are attending the HTAI Annual Conference in September 2024.
- The ARTiculation All Ireland Final was held in The Bernal Institute, University of Limerick on 24th April. Students from Kerry, Tipperary and Cork presented in the final, with Aaron Fahey from CBS Highschool, Clonmel, winning the All Ireland Award with his presentation "Homage to the Square". We are looking forward to connecting with additional schools and counties through the Local authority Museums Network in 2025.



Tipperary Young Curators "Beneath the Paint" in association with Cruinniú na nÓg

- Clonmel Show Pedigree Day: 350 pupils from local primary schools attended the annual Museum & Clonmel Show Town Farm. This year saw the addition of heritage specialists demonstrating straw craft, butter making and water divining.



Clonmel Agricultural Show and Museums Town Mini Farm



ARTiculation County Final presented in the TCC Chamber (TY Students to present on topics such as Architecture, Artefacts & Artworks).



Filming and archiving of Condon's and O Donoghues," Tipperary Funeral Directors History".

Collection

When items of significance or general life objects are donated, it highlights the strong connections the Museum staff are fostering and nurturing within our local community.

- Significant new artefacts were donated to the Museum such as Rachel Blackmore's goggles and jodhpurs, an early 1900s Wedding Dress,
- Lilla Perry paintings from a relative in Australia, items from the Collection of 'An Post' GPO, a 1960s buggy, record player, Papal material, stereoscopic viewer, Cooney Bar - Guinness Bottle labels and a Communion dress.
- A "Report of Discovery" was lodged due to a very interesting examination was handed into the Museum in mid-June. Large sections of clay pot which was found in the River Suir by a local man. Images were looked at by specialists in UCD school of Archaeology and were then passed to renowned pottery specialist, Clare McCutcheon. She identified it as a pottery type from France called Redware Cooking Pottery/ware. They date from the 11th to the 16th century. A specialist from NMI will review and report back to TMHH in due course.
- The 1974 Ladies Gaelic FA All-Ireland Final, Match Ball was loaned to Croke Park Museum for their upcoming exhibition which will focus on the anniversaries of LGFA, Camogie, Handball & Rounders. The exhibition, which opened mid-June, will end June 2025.
- A book to be written by Raheen College students, inspired by museum collection selected an artefact from the museum's collection. This book will feature factual and fictional written pieces as well as artworks which have all been inspired by the museum collection



Proposed Exhibition of Artist Lilla Perry to mark the Museum's 25th Anniversary at Mick Delahunty Square, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.



1974 ladies' football loaned to Croke Park Museum for an exhibition

- Paddy Cashin's Photographic Exhibition ended in March 2024 with 1000s of new audiences exploring the Museum. A camera phone photography course was led by Professional photographer John Crowley. The first phase of our Cashin Scanning project was completed with 21'073 images digitised.
- Kevin McCarthy, author of 'Tom Kiely -Erin's Champion' was interviewed for a section of the 100th Year Anniversary of the Paris Olympics Documentary by New York based producer Julie Weber. Kevin discussed and showcased the Kiely Trophy, running spikes and the 1904 Olympic Gold medal which are all on display in the Museum.
 - Laura Weber, (Julies Sister), was commissioned to design the opening and closing Irish Teams Uniforms at the at the Paris Olympics Ceremonies. Laura created the custom-couture outfits to evoke Ireland's style evolution. Laura donated a series of Tipperary and Irish Olympic Badges to put with our unique Olympic Collection.
- Our marketing campaign focused on bringing our collection alive, supporting innovation and reviving traditional skills through various channels: Uploading our extensive programming onto our website, bringing our Cashin Collection and educational outputs to various locations across Tipperary, supporting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) through Science Week and supporting innovation through Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn F1 project.
- Our partnership with Tipperary Workplace Partnership Forum continued to flourish through various imaginative and successful mindfulness yoga sessions in Clonmel and Nenagh, health talks, quizzes and competitions to motivate staff.



Dylan Goldbach donating Rachel Blackmore Goggles to Marie McMahon TMHH Curator



'Boundless Seams' a documentary shares a portrait of Laura Weber, a New York-based designer and embroidery specialist, she crafts the first independently designed uniforms for the Irish Olympians for Paris 2024. Images shown are the Tipperary and Irish, Paris Olympic 2024 badges designed and donated by Designer Laura Weber to Tipperary Museum.



Heritage Traditional Skills project

Funding

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Emphasising once more, with additional investment in the Museum's service, our stakeholders will support Tipperary Museum as a significant tourism and cultural entity within County Tipperary, ensuring that our local community is at the heart of the museum's programming.

*Coláiste Shliabh na mBan is a High Support School which caters for students with a clearly identified Special Educational Need & for students whose diverse needs have not been met in mainstream education).



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Proposed Museum Priorities For 2025

- Looking to 2025 we will continue to actively encourage our visitors across the island of Ireland to visit Tipperary and experience Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, with our partners Tipperary Tourism, Munster Vales and Fáilte Ireland.
- Work with our colleagues across the Municipal Districts and Cultural teams to encourage the use of our town centres and, to bring life, culture and creativeness to the people who live and visit them.
- To promote our Fine Art Collection through our Lilla Perry Painting Collection.
- Through our Commemorations Programme we will be celebrating Clonmel's CBS High schools 125th Anniversary.
- Linking in with Templemore Library and Templemore Historical Society to launch an exquisite exhibition detailing the tales and history of Templemore Town and Town Hall.

Liaise with new exhibition partners to bring International Exhibitions to the Museum and continue our effective affiliation with Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2025.

- To continue the museum's educational function, digital & outreach programming and ensuring our community is at the heart of our service.
- To continue our Traditional Skills programme with the support of Local Authority Museums.
- To document, care for and research artefacts and liaise with donors.
- Ensure artefacts are professionally conserved, photographed and displayed & to ensure new objects are added to our impressive state of the art galleries.
- To further develop our website to promote Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and ensure our digitization project continues to expand.
- Strive to achieve a series of objectives set out in our new Tipperary Museum of Hidden History Strategic Management Plan 2022 – 2026. Commence the review of our SMP and start work on our new SMP.
- Continue the Maintenance of the Museums Standards Programme of Ireland.
- To advocate for Museums nationally through our TCC Cultural Team, Local Authority Museums Network, Irish Museums Association, National Museum of Ireland, The Irish Museums Trust, National Gallery of Ireland, Government Departments, and the Local Government Management Agency.



Heritage Services

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

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

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

In 2024 we collaborated with groups and organisations around the county the county to leverage funding and continued in our research and raising awareness programme drawing down funding of roughly €660k.

Community Monuments Fund

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

6 projects were initially awarded funding of €420,000 for 2024, 5 were completed as it was not possible to procure a conservation team in one instance.

Projects delivered included

- Loughloher Castle
- Kilsheelan Church and Graveyard
- Loughmoe Castle
- Boolabaun Castle
- Knockkelly Castle.



Loughmoe Castle 2024, site inspection with Clare Breen National Monuments, John Kelly David Kelly Partners, and Sean McKenna Stonecraft Restoration

Heritage Week 2024

Heritage Week 2024 took place August 17th to 25th this year and the theme was: Connections, Routes and Networks. It was one of our most successful to date, 99 events took place over the course of the week in various locations around the county. We also launched a County Guide for the first time this year which was available in the lead up to Heritage Week at Council offices and branch libraries and Tourist Offices. Feedback has been very positive from locations and the public.

Our Heritage Week Grant schemes provided funding support and promotional material to 30 groups and organisations. We also supported Council Services to programme Heritage Week activities.



Radio Carrick Exhibition



Roscrea Heritage Society

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Irish Community Archive Network

The Irish Community Archive network (ICAN) is the leading organisation championing and supporting digital community archives. Its main aim is to encourage and support communities to collect and share their local history and heritage online. It was established by the National Museum of Ireland in 2009 and the Heritage Council came on board in 2023. It has supported the development of 46 online archives in Clare, Galway, Mayo and Wicklow and in 2024 Tipperary joined the network with a pilot of 6 groups, which includes

Tipperary Heritage Office, Cahir Social and Historical Society, Ormond Historical Society, Slieveardagh Mining Heritage Group, Tipperary in the Decade of Revolutions and Borrisoleigh Heritage and Cultural Society. The groups came together in February and began work on their website design and logo. They had access to training throughout the year including special website training which took place in Thurles over 2 days in September. The sites will be launched in March 2025.



ICAN website Development



Heritage Office staff from Tipperary, Cork, Galway Wicklow and Clare at ICAN AGM in May

Creative Ireland

A Creative Communities Engagement Officer Ann Marie Keaveney was employed by Tipperary County Council from January 2024 to deliver the Creative Ireland core programme and to roll out additional programming across the County. The Community Grant Scheme and Project Award scheme was active in January and resulted in 31 projects supported across the county. Please visit <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/tipperary/> to see details of these projects.

Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's national festival of creativity for young people takes place each year in June. This year a consultation process with young people took place earlier in the year to allow young people feed into the programme. In 2024 the programme featured Dance, Circus, Music, Painting, Arts & Crafts, Robotics, Jewellery-making, Storytelling, Lego-making, Drama, Curating, Films, Workshops, Baking, Drawing, Clayworks, Youth Theatre and Zine-making.

2024 was our biggest festival ever including over 50 events & creative projects, with participants and audience members in excess of 2000.



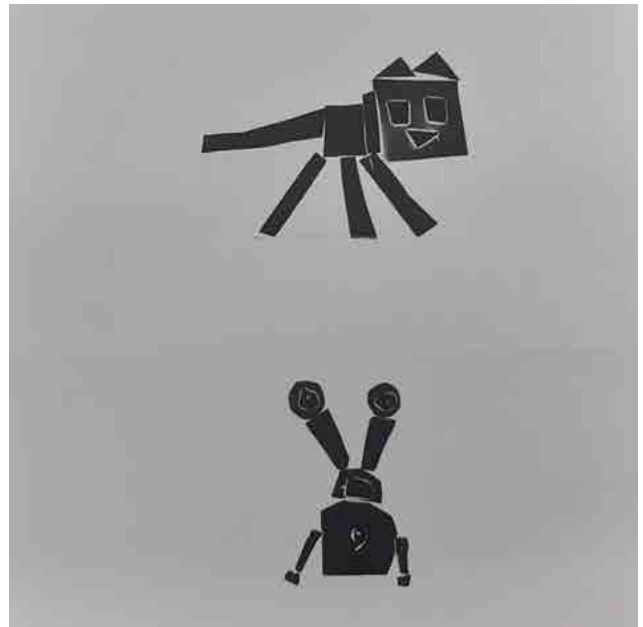
Groovy Hands Drumming Tipperary Town

Creative Ireland Health and Wellbeing Funding

The Creative Health & Wellbeing in the community fund was launched in early 2024 to support projects across the country which aim to improve the health and wellbeing of particular cohorts of the population and to encourage collaboration between local authorities, the HSE & Slaintecare. The Creative Ireland and Healthy Ireland departments within Tipperary, Limerick and Clare County Councils, along with staff from the HSE, came together to submit an application partnering with Helium Arts to provide a programme of activities to children and young people in the Mid-West who are living with lifelong physical health conditions and were delighted to have the programme fully funded under the scheme.

A professional artist Chelsea Canavan is working in the Outpatient Paediatric Clinics in University Hospital Limerick providing ongoing creative contact with young patients. Three more artists are delivering workshops via the community programme in Limerick, Clare and Tipperary with medical support present in these settings. An online programme is also available for children who for various reasons may not be able to physically attend a camp. Ongoing artist training and supervision is facilitated to ensure a high standard of work and planning for all activities.

Summer, Autumn and Winter 2024 saw a number of successful creative camps take place in the Mid-West and will continue across 2025 with continued support from the Creative Health & Wellbeing programme.



Musicians-on-Call

Musicians-on-Call is a project connecting person-centered live music-making opportunities to residents and healthcare staff in Nursing Homes and Community Hospitals in the Midwest. The methodology and approach is consciously grounded in cultural interactions rather than clinical goals.

The project is delivered by a Midwest regional team of specifically trained professional musicians working with Music & Health Ireland. The 3 participating homes in Tipperary in 2024 were St. Conlon's Nursing Home Nenagh, Dean Maxwell Home Roscrea, Hospital of the Assumption Thurles

Royal Sites of Ireland

Caitriona O Connor was appointed as the Royal Sites Project Coordinator in September 2024 and is working with the 6 sites across a broad range of projects which includes mapping the OUV attributes, branding and community engagement projects as well as preparation for the preliminary assessment process.

Arts Service

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

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

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



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

2024 was a busy and productive year across the arts sector with a focus on building engagement with audiences and supporting a range of activity, infrastructure and initiatives to develop the arts. We are looking forward to continuing our work with the arts sector across the county in implementing this arts strategy to maximise opportunities for arts development within the county.

Youth Theatre

In collaboration with local arts partners, Tipperary Arts Office continued to provide opportunities for young people to engage in Youth Theatre across the county in 2024. Two Youth Theatre programmes operate, in partnership with Nenagh Arts Centre and the Source Arts Centre Thurles, providing a youth-led platform focused on artistic and personal skill development. Four professional artists deliver the programme, with approximately 95 young people participating in 2024. Tipperary Youth Theatre members have also been involved in National initiatives such as National Youth Theatre, Young Critics, Youth Theatre Ireland Youth Board and Youth Theatre Ireland Creative Residencies. Additionally, in 2024 a new collaboration resulted in the development of a Youth Theatre programme with Down Syndrome Tipperary.



Fracture Youth Theatre, Source Arts Centre, Thurles

Prints for Schools Exhibition

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

In 2024, the print exhibition was hosted by Colaiste Pobal Roscrea, St Joseph's CBS Nenagh and expanded to healthcare, with Nenagh Hospital displaying the collection in public areas to promote positive health and well-being through artistic engagement for service users during the summer months.



Creative Places Tipperary 'Drawing a Crowd'

Creative Places Tipperary Town in partnership with Tipperary County Council Arts Office and Promenade hosted a free outdoor celebration of creativity, art and performance at The Market Yard in Tipperary Town on Saturday, May 18, 2024. This event was part of the Planning for Outdoor Performance (POP) outdoor event series. This initiative was funded by the Arts Council's Invitation to Collaboration Scheme with additional local authority support, aimed at helping artists and communities create new arts experiences in Ireland's public and unusual spaces.

'Drawing a Crowd' showcased how outdoor public spaces can be used in creative ways, with a programme that attracted all ages and showcased up-and-coming and established artists, circus performers, youth groups, dancers and musicians.



'Drawing a Crowd', Market Yard, Tipperary Town



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Tipperary Bealtaine Festival

Tipperary Arts Office together with colleagues in Tipperary Library service worked together once again to present the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival, an extensive, interactive programme running throughout the month of May celebrating creativity as we age. The 2024 programme included over 120 events across the county, a mix of workshops, live performance, exhibitions and socially engaged projects across a wide range of art forms including theatre, music, literature, film and visual arts.



Tipperary Bealtaine 'In-conversation' event with artists Patricia Hurl and Aideen Barry at the Source Arts Centre, Thurles.



James O'Donovan & Eamon O'Malley performing at Tipperary University Hospital



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Tipperary EDI Artist Practice Bursary Award



Filming of 'The Three Chairs' by Tzarini Meyler

The newly developed Tipperary EDI Artist Practice Bursary Award supported by The Arts Council, opened in late June 2024 and offered €5,000 to professional artists of any artform or career stage. The bursary offered artists the opportunity to develop their practice, a specific artistic project, or both. Aligned with the Arts Council's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implementation Plan, addressing barriers faced by under-represented artists, including those from marginalized backgrounds based on gender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race, membership of the Traveller Community and socio-economic status.

The 2024 recipient, playwright and filmmaker Tzarini Meyler, used the award to support the work of her first feature film, 'The Three Chairs' inspired by the true stories of three Irish women who joined the French Resistance during World War II.

Culture Night Tipperary 2024

Culture Night Tipperary 2024 attracted an audience of over 3,000 people on the evening of Friday, September 20th, collaborating closely with our arts and cultural partners, we developed and coordinated 38 events, across 12 towns and villages. Tipperary came alive with a vibrant programme of live performances, workshops, tours, screenings and exhibitions. Events were held in Clonmel, Nenagh, Templemore, Carrick on Suir, Cahir, Fethard, Borrisokane, Thurles, Tipperary Town, Cloughjordan, Cashel and Roscrea.

Kickham Plaza, Clonmel, hosted the inaugural “Enter the Night” event as part of Tipperary’s Culture Night LATE programming, drawing over 1,000 people over the course of the evening. Headliners Houseplants made a highly anticipated return to Clonmel and the dynamic duo of Irish music legends Paul Noonan (Bell X1) and Daithi did not disappoint. Festivities began at 5pm with a workshop led by artist Mags Rudnicka at the South Tipperary Arts Centre Chapel, where more than 160 children crafted harvest creatures. Later, performances by From Out the Land, Eve Whelan, The Line, MDR, and Vale filled the night with original music. The event culminated with Houseplants delivering a sensational performance, leaving the crowd energised with their signature blend of heartfelt electronic music.



Paul Noonan, HousePlants, Enter the Night 2024

Tipperary Youth Arts Hub

The Tipperary Youth Arts Hub was identified to support practice and sharing between all involved in youth arts in Tipperary and to support the development of this area of practice. It offers free training opportunities to youth workers, artists and youth practitioners living in Tipperary.

In 2024, the partnership continued with two events. ‘Street Art in Youth Work Settings’ was led by artists Helen O’Keeffe and Claire Coughlan, equipping youth workers and artists with practical street art techniques. ‘Let’s Animate’, led by artist Mike Byrne, introduced participants to stop-motion animation for youth work and arts practice. Both workshops saw strong attendance and engagement.



Street Art in Youth Work Settings, Tipperary Youth Arts Hub

Tipperary Dance

Tipperary Dance supports contemporary dance development in the region through its annual programme. The Tipperary Dance Festival 2024 took place in October, featuring 31 events over 10 days in Thurles, Clonmel, and Tipperary Town, with nearly 1,000 attendees. The festival included performances, residencies, masterclasses, and workshops. The community programme engaged schools and community groups delivering 28 school workshops, 10 Age in Movement workshops, and a photographic exhibition in Nenagh Arts Centre in May 2024.



Daniel Abreu, Tipperary Dance Festival

Festival Development

The Tipperary Arts Office developed a new Festivals Promotion Campaign across the county during 2024. The intention of this campaign was to highlight the vibrant festival scene in Tipperary and enhance its reputation as a top destination for festivals and events in addition to supporting festivals own advertising strategies. This campaign featured on social media, using distinctive branding to maximize visibility and engagement and highlighted a number of festivals supported by the Council to inform the public about when and how to attend and to optimise linkages with partner organisations and sectors through joint promotion such as tourism agencies, local development etc.



VAI

Visual Artists Ireland serves as the representative body for professional visual artists in Ireland. Tipperary Arts Office continues to collaborate strategically with VAI and partners in Limerick and Clare Arts Offices to support artists professional development in the region. This partnership provides networking opportunities and professional support, with four events held in 2024, attended by 36 Tipperary artists.



Tipperary, Limerick and Clare Artists Networking Event, Limerick City Gallery, March 2024

Six in The Attic – A partnership with the Irish Theatre Institute

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The Tipperary Arts Strategy 2023-2027 identified a need to create new opportunities to facilitate “networking and collaboration opportunities for artists” and to seek support for the “development of new work by Tipperary practitioners (particularly in the area of theatre)”. Tipperary Arts Office were delighted to build on a recent initiative with the Irish Theatre Institute (ITI) as a partner on a programme which supports playwrights and theatre makers called Six in the Attic and Virtual Attic 2024/25.

Six in the Attic (SITA) is a year-long artist development programme which supports a community of playwrights and theatre makers to engage, explore, develop, debate, and collaborate on their projects and practice, both in-person and online. Tzarini Meyler was selected as the Tipperary artist participating for 2024/25.

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Tipperary Rural Traveller Project Artist in Residence Programme

The Tipperary Rural Traveller Project Artist in Residence Programme 2024/25, supported by the Tipperary Arts Office, seeks to create a meaningful shared experience that celebrates Traveller heritage and perspectives. Led by traveller artist Francesca Hutchinson, the residency began in late 2024 and engages a group of young people aged 7 to 13 in exploring themes of growth and freedom. Inspired by Francesca's *Movements of Growth* (LSC, 2023), particularly *A Pattern of the Old Life Reimagined for a Modern One* - a piece incorporating cotton thread, scrim, hazel and pine wood, and cotton canvas- participants attend creative workshops that introduce materials and techniques such as embroidery and drawing with thread, culminating in a collaborative piece rooted in Traveller craftsmanship. Regular visits to Cashel Library and other arts centres in the county provide research opportunities for participants in working towards an exhibition of their work in 2025.



Francesca Hutchinson, *A Pattern of the old life re-imagined for a modern one*; cotton thread, scrim, hazel & pine wood, cotton canvas, LSC 2023



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Public Art



Kevin Killen, Nexus

Minister Heather Humphreys T.D. officially opened the new state of the art Templemore Library & Enterprise Centre on Tuesday, 3rd December, 2024. Featured in this new library building is a ceiling-mounted artwork by Kevin Killen titled *Nexus*, a sculpture commissioned by Tipperary County Council and funded under the Per Cent for Arts scheme as part of the Templemore Flood Relief Scheme with the support of the OPW.

The artwork celebrates the diverse journeys of the people in Templemore. Drawing inspiration from themes of connection and sharing, the piece incorporates elements from the local map – roads and buildings – transformed into abstract lines and cubes. These forms represent the community's intricate paths and shared experiences, creating a dynamic visual narrative through the interplay of light, lines and forms.

During 2024, 41 local community and voluntary groups were funded under the **Arts Act Grant** Scheme which enables and supports independent arts activities and events throughout the county, the value of this support in 2024 was **€57,900**. In addition, 25 artists were awarded funding under the **Tipperary Artist Awards**, intended to support professional artists under three categories, professional development, creation of new work, reaching audiences. The value of this support was **€26,250**. Two bursary awards were made to professional artists living in Tipperary to develop work at the **Tyrone Guthrie Centre**, a workplace for artists in County Monaghan under their Regional Bursary Scheme. Tipperary County Council also awarded a bursary to attend the **BLAS International Summer School of Traditional Irish Music & Dance** at the University of Limerick. The Blas bursary covers one week's tuition (one-week intensive of masterclasses, Irish language, lectures and concerts). The purpose of these bursaries is to support the professional development of artists.

Support, advice, training and/or funding was also provided to a range of artists, arts festivals and arts organisations throughout the County during 2024.

Library Services

The Library Services, Culture & Biodiversity Strategic Policy Committee (was established following the Local Elections 2024 and held its inaugural meeting in November 2024.

Current Membership:		
Councillors	Sectoral/Pillars	Policy & discussion items included:
Cllr Andy Moloney (Chair)	Agriculture & Farming Sean O'Farrell	SPC Standing Orders, 2024-2029
Cllr Siobhan Ambrose		Civic Memorial Policy
Cllr Phyll Bugler	Business, Commercial & Tourism Aislinn O'Keeffe	Tipperary County Council Arts Strategy
Cllr Kay Cahill Skehan		Tipperary County Council Heritage Strategy
Cllr John Crosse	Public Participation Network Representatives: • John Connors • Theresia Gushychlbauer • Brendan Keogh • Martin Quinn	
Cllr Niall Dennehy		
Cllr John Fitzgerald		
Cllr Richie Molloy		
Cllr Louise Morgan Walsh		
Cllr Pamela Quirke O'Meara		



New Library and Enterprise Centre, Templemore

Main Activities in 2024

Tipperary County Council Library Service continued to deliver a high-quality service during 2023. There were over 379,168 visits to libraries in Tipperary. Approximately 276,044 books were issued, with a further 191,088 issues of digital books, magazines, courses and newspapers. In addition, the Library Service has over 10,000 followers on its Facebook page. In October 2024, the Tipperary Studies digital site exceeded the 2 million mark.



From Left to Right: Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council, Heather Humphreys, Minister of Rural and Community Development, Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council, Brian Beck, Director of Services along with performers from Cloughjordan Circus Club



From Left to Right: Brian Beck, Director of Services, Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council, Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council, Heather Humphreys, Minister of Rural and Community Development, Cllr. Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach, Thurles Municipal District

New Library at Templemore

Minister Heather Humphreys officially opened the new Library and Enterprise Centre for Templemore on 3rd December. The new Library is the first in County Tipperary to provide a suite of new technology solutions to the public. These include a dedicated Makerspace room which has technologies such as Robotics and 3D Printing. There is be a glazed reading area for both adults and children which offers a view directly into the Library. The building also includes a meeting room for Templemore Community Development Association who have collaborated with Tipperary County Council on this project. The support of the Templemore Community Development Association was a major contributing factor in RRDF funding being received for this project. The landmark project received funding of €3 million under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF). An additional investment of €1 million was provided by Tipperary County Council.



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To celebrate the opening of the new Library in Templemore, the Museum in Clonmel collaborated with the Templemore Community Development association to create an exhibition marking the 200-year history of the Town Hall. This exhibition can be viewed in the new Library.

IT Grant for Libraries

The Department of Rural and Community Development announced a grant scheme for the purchase of IT equipment for Public Libraries in October 2023. Tipperary County Council secured 100% grant funding of €79,808.64 which will be used to replace all 79 Public Internet PCs across all 12 Branch Libraries. In addition, the Library Service used this funding to purchase 21 laptops, 19 IPADs and 2 iMac PCs. This new suite of equipment was distributed to the branch network in early in 2024.



Two people standing in a doorway in one of the John Quinn prints that feature in Ballypatrick film on rural life in south Tipperary in the 1920s

Tipperary Studies

Tipperary Studies launched a short documentary film called 'I hope all of my friends come out safe: Ballypatrick an Irish rural community in the 1920s in the Kilcash Community Centre on 24th October. The film is a visual journey through the lens of John Quinn a talented local photographer from the early 20th century. It's a fascinating look at life in this small corner of South Tipperary during a time of incredible change. It tells the story of the daily lives of the people in Ballypatrick and the surrounding villages of Kilcash and Kilsheelan. John Quinn's images give us a rare glimpse into a world that was rapidly evolving, with the looming spectre of war and revolution always present in the background. The film can be viewed via a link on the Tipperary Studies Website (www.tipperarystudies.ie)

Tipperary Studies also completed its seventeenth lecture series in March 2024. Dr Des Marnane, Dr Gavin Wilk and Barry O'Reilly were the last three speakers in the 2023-24 series. Without delay, series eighteen commenced in October 2024. Margaret O'Sullivan, Brian Hughes, Lisa McGeeney were the first three speakers for the 2024/25 series.



Launch of Memories of Thurles People and Places exhibition in the Source Library

The Memories of Thurles People and Places exhibition officially launched on 6th February in the Source Library Thurles by Cllr Seamus Hanafin. The exhibition showcased the photography of the late Donal Sammon, owner of Sammon Pharmacy. The collection also included artefacts from Donal's pharmacy, housed in the historical Devlin's Medical Hall on Liberty Square. Over 100 people attended the launch.

Tipperary Studies also held the launch of the Tipperary Historical Journal 2024 on 28th May. The annual Tipperary Historical Journal has established itself, both here and abroad, as an authoritative source of new research on the history of County Tipperary. The Tipperary Historical Journal, since its inception, has published new research on Co. Tipperary spanning a multitude of disciplines. It is virtually impossible to describe the range and breadth of material the Journal has covered since the first issue in 1988.

Tipperary Studies organised a guided heritage walk the historic streetscapes of Thurles with Barry O'Reilly, National Inventory of Architectural Heritage on 21st August. Over sixty people went on the walk and this event was held as part of Heritage Week.



Launch of Tipperary Bealtaine 2024 in Clonmel Library

Bealtaine Festival 2024

Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine takes place as an annual nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is an initiative of Age & Opportunity, the national organisation working to enable the best possible quality of life for us all as we age. Locally the Tipperary County Council Bealtaine Festival is led by The Arts Office and Library Service working with other partners such as arts venues and community groups. Events take place in Arts Centres, Libraries, Day Care Centres, Community Halls, in Nursing Homes and with Active Retirement Groups. In 2024 there were many varied events and activities held across the library and community network. The 2024 programme included over 120 events across the county, a mix of workshops, live performance, exhibitions and socially engaged projects across a wide range of art forms including theatre, music, literature, film and visual arts.



Áine Roche, Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator, Tipperary County Council, Brent Pope, Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Catherine Fogarty, Library Bealtaine Festival Co-Ordinator

The Bealtaine Festival finished on a high note with Brent Pope's 'Elephant in the Room' talk in Littleton on 27 May. Brent spoke, without notes, for a good hour, he answered questions from the audience, and made time for endless photos and chat afterwards.



Maura Barrett, Cashel Library at the launch of Mná Month

Mná Month at Cashel Library

Mná Month: Cashel Library have dedicated the entire month of March to the celebration of women since 2020. The library hosts a series of free Mnásome events over the course of the month, available to all person's regardless of pronoun. Creativity and community are two stays in Cashel Library's philosophy of engagement with their patrons.

Mná Month was officially launched by Cllr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD on 1st March. A concert by Tipperary musician Dee Morrissey was the headline act of the launch.



Summer Stars 2024 launch in Clonmel Library

Summer Stars Programme 2024

Cllr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council launched the Summer Stars Reading Programme 2024 on 12th June at Clonmel Library with class visits from St Oliver Plunkett's NS 4th class. Over 48 pupils participated in a range of organised activities including science experiments and group games. Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries and online each summer.

Thurles Library held Summer Stars Reading Adventure Presentation Day with entertainer Tony Baloney & Leroy the Talking Dog on 7th September. Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries and online each summer. It ran from 4th June - 31st August 2024. 327 children signed up for Thurles Library's Summer Stars Reading Adventure in 2024



Paul Devane, Clonmel Library, Pat Bracken, Senior Executive Librarian, Cllr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council, Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Anne-Marie Mullins, Branch Manager, Clonmel Library

Children's Book Festival 2024

The Children's Book Festival is one of Ireland's biggest arts festivals, with hundreds of free events celebrating children's books happening nationwide in libraries. The Festival places a major focus on children's books and emphasises the message that reading is fun, enjoyable, stimulating and inclusive. It is the biggest annual event that Tipperary County Council Library Service runs and is the highlight of the Library events programme.

The main aims of the festival are:

- to encourage children to enjoy the experience of reading and support their reading development
- to provide activities and events in collaboration with writers/illustrators/storytellers
- to promote children's books and stories
- to increase engagement with families and schools and to attract new audiences.

CLlr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council officially launched the Tipperary Children's Book Festival on 30th September in Clonmel Library. Pupils from Sisters of Charity NS, Clonmel attended a puppeteer show by Julie Rose McCormack to celebrate the launch.

Pupils from St. Oliver's N.S. in Clonmel enjoyed a talk entitled "The Forgettables" by author and illustrator, Alan Dunne on 2nd October. This talk concentrated on Irish life, some fascinating, but sadly forgotten, Irish people and animals who have advanced (or set back) the cause of everything from astronomy to Zoology.

Cashel Library held a anime art workshop with the graphic illustrator, while Nenagh Library hosted author Wayne O'Connor who acted out Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes with pupils from St. Mary's No. 2, Nenagh and Gurtagarry N.S. on 7th October. In Thurles there was an Interactive Workshops with Author, Biologist, Environmental Consultant, Radio and Television presenter and Educator Éanna Ní Lamhna on 14th October. There were 57 students in attendance from Gaelscoil Bhríde Durlas Eile and Scoil Angela Primary school, Thurles. Thurles Library also hosted three workshops with Author and Illustrator Kate Sheehy, with students from The Presentation Primary school, Thurles, Gortnahoe National school, Thurles and Scoil Angela Primary school, Thurles were in attendance.



Aindriú de Paor and students from Presentation Primary School, Carrick-on-Suir

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Manchán Magan, Author of 'Listen to the land speak: a journey into the wisdom of what lies beneath us' visited Clonmel library on 11th March to speak about his book and research.

Tipperary Town Library held a Seachtain na Gaeilge coffee morning on 10th March where over 25 people attended and took part in craic agus ceol.

Carrick-on-Suir Library held a special Seachtain na Gaeilge Tráth na gCeist for local schools, in conjunction with the Conradh na Gaeilge. Five local schools sent two teams each, Presentation Primary School, CBS Green School, An Gaelscoil, Rathgormack NS and Newtown Upper NS.



Catherine O'Keeffe at Nenagh Library

Healthy Ireland at Your Library

Clonmel Library hosted a talk by Dr. Sabine Eggers entitled “When the body says no”. Dr Eggers looked at how stress and our emotional makeup play a role in an array of common diseases such as arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, IBS and multiple sclerosis. Nenagh Library hosted a talk entitled ‘Shattering the Menopause Taboo,’ by Catherine O’Keeffe on 29th October. This talk focused on the realities of menopause, highlighting the physical and emotional challenges women encounter and sharing various strategies for coping. Each library has a collection of book stock which supports the national Healthy Ireland initiative.

Also, as part of Healthy Ireland Thurles Library hosted a workshop by Fiona Hall, Psychotherapist entitled ‘Changing the Narrative of your Life’ on 21st September, with over 40 people in attendance.

Climate Action



Launch of the LEAF at your Library initiative were Clare Grant, Cashel Library, Biddy McLoughney, Suzanne Brosnan, Branch Manager Cashel Library, Amy McLoughney, Pat Bracken, Senior Executive Librarian, Clare Lee, Climate Action Coordinator and Mike Noonan.

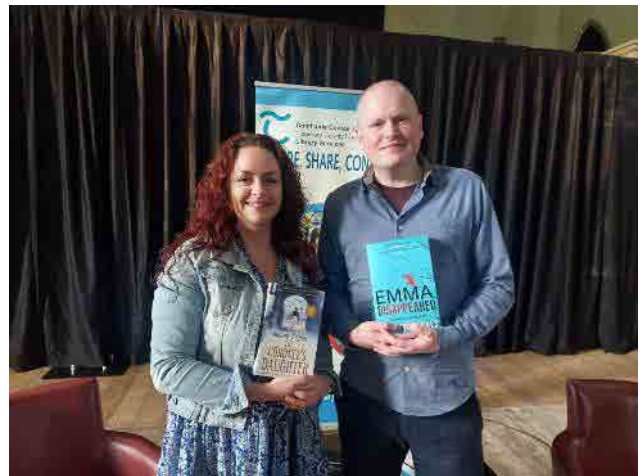
Five libraries in the south Tipperary at Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Cahir and Tipperary are part of an initiative in the south-east of Ireland with the GIY network, to promote LEAF at your Library. Packets of seeds were distributed through the library network to stimulate home and community gardens and encourage people to grow food for themselves. LEAF at your Library was launched at Cashel Library by Clare Lee, Climate Action Coordinator, Tipperary County Council, on 28 June 2024.

The initiative also tied in with Sustainable Development Goals week, 12 to 15 September where there Adrian O’Connor and Michael Maher delivered workshops and talks around food growing and a programme of work to support local communities, community gardens and individuals in this respect.

Dementia / Memory Café

Cashel Library launched a new initiative, The Memory Café on 11th February. This warm and inviting monthly gathering is designed to bring together individuals connected to dementia, their families and carers. The aim of the cafe is to provide a supportive environment where you can connect with others who understand and share similar experiences.

Carrick-on-Suir Library also launched a new monthly meeting of a Dementia/Memory Café. This will now be held once a month and is a welcoming place and open to anyone living with dementia along with their friends and family members, it offers a safe space where people can meet up with others with similar experiences. The first café session was attended by representatives from groups linked to the Alzheimer’s Society of Ireland, including ALONE, South Tipperary Development CLG, SICAP Carrick-on-Suir, Family Carers Ireland and the HSE. Local musicians Gay Brazel and Willie Stuart entertained with a lively music session accompanied by Marguerite Keating of the Irish Dementia Working Group and Gemma O’Donnell, Dementia Advisor (South Tipp).



Stephanie Woods, Clonmel Library with author Andrew Hughes

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Clonmel Junction Festival at Clonmel Library

This was the third year of collaboration between Clonmel Library and Clonmel Junction Arts Festival to provide a literary strand to the festival. Three events took place over the closing weekend of the festival. The author Andrew Hughes was interviewed by Stephanie Woods, Clonmel Library on 4th July where Andrew discussed two of his novels, “The Coroner’s Daughter” and the new contemporary thriller “Emma, Disappeared”.

Other events held were: a storytelling performance workshop by Niall De Burca which took place on 6th July.

The principle event featured the author Claire Kilroy in conversation with Jackie Lynam discussing “Soldier Sailor”, Claire’s novel about the struggles of motherhood. This event also took place on 6th July and was very well attended.



Launch of the Real Me Project by Cllr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council

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Culture Night and Heritage Week

Cllr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach officially launched the Real Me Project in Tipperary Town Library on Culture Night. The project engaged 10 adults and 6 children with disabilities who wanted to explore and share their personal life experiences living in the community with a disability and expressing their story through art. Each participant created their own book, sharing their own life stories. These books were created with the assistance of artist Mags Rudnika.

Also, to celebrate Culture Night, Tipperary Town Library hosted a musical performance by the Ryan Brothers. The Ryan Brothers come from Tipperary Town and have been involved in music for more than twenty years both in bands and as a two-piece.

Tipperary Studies hosted a lecture entitled ‘An exploration of Domestic and Industrial Turf Cutting in East Limerick & North Tipperary’ which was given by John Phayer. There was over fifty people in attendance and this event was held as part of Heritage Week. Tipperary Studies also organised a guided heritage walk of the historic streetscapes of Thurles with Barry O’Reilly, National Inventory of Architectural Heritage on 21st August. Over sixty people attended on the night.

In Clonmel Library there was a lecture on the Sporting connections, routes and networks of sport in Clonmel and its hinterland, which was also part of Heritage Week events.

Cashel Library hosted an event with Bill O’Brien from “The Lost Songs of Ireland Podcast” on 20th August. This event allowed participants to hear and explore forgotten songs from Co. Tipperary. Cashel Library also hosted a Céilí workshop with Michael Cooney on 21st August.



Intergenerational Knitting – Templemore Library



"It's all about me" Workshop – Cashel Library



St Brigid's Cross Workshop with St Cronan's Association in Nenagh Library



Mobility Workshop – Tipperary Town Library

Library Activities

Coupled with all of the above there are a wide range of activities taking place across the library network. These included adult and juvenile book clubs, Lego clubs, craft and knitting groups, STEAM workshops and activities, storytime sessions, multiple class and school visits.



Children playing with LEGO Boost at Cashel Library

There are also art exhibitions, lectures and talks, which complement the above services. There are also various national programmes administered by the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) which the libraries support and contribute to. These include the My Little Library bag promotion for each child starting school across the county.

To also assist with people who come into the community, who may not have English as a first language, Roscrea Library now hosts a monthly English Conversation Group for those who want to improve their spoken English. This group meets on Thursday afternoons.

All these initiatives and promotions contribute to a very busy schedule across the library network, as well as tying into targets in the Library Development Plan.



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Our People



Corporate Policy Group

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

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

Following the local elections held in June 2024, Tipperary County Council established a new Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) scheme in line with the “Revised Guidelines for Establishment and Operation of Corporate Policy Groups and Strategic Policy Committees issued in June 2024”.

At its Annual Meeting on 21st June 2024, the Council appointed 7 Chairs designate of Strategic Policy Committees, creating a new SPC for Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development as set out in table below:

SPC	Councillor	Party
Housing	Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan	Fine Gael
Infrastructure	Cllr Jim Ryan	Non Party
Planning & Emergency Services	Cllr Imelda Goldsboro	Fianna Fail
Environment & Climate Action	Cllr Sean Ryan	Fianna Fáil
Library Services, Culture & Biodiversity	Cllr Andy Moloney	Non Party
Economic Development & Enterprise	Cllr Marie Murphy	Fine Gael
Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development	Cllr Michael Smith	Fianna Fáil



DECLAN BURGESS
CATHAOIRLEACH



**MARY HANNA
HOURIGAN**



JIM RYAN



**IMELDA
GOLDSBORO**



SEAN RYAN



ANDY MOLONEY



MARIE MURPHY



MICHAEL SMITH

During 2024, there were 10 meetings of the CPG, and among the items considered at their meetings were:

Consideration of Reports / Policies

- Chief Executive Selection Process & Appointment
- Standing Orders 2024-2029
- CCTV Policy
- Housing Allocation Scheme
- Electoral Register Reform
- Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
- Policy Principles on Vertical Deflections
- Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Scheme 2024-2029
- Corporate Plan 2024-2029
- Elected Members Training and Development Programme
- Monthly Management Reports
- Service Delivery Plan
- NOAC Performance Indicator Report
- Annual National Roads Allocations
- Annual Financial Statement (AFS)
- Budget Process & LPT Local Adjustment Factor
- Overdraft Facility
- Audit Committee endorsement

Ethics Framework Compliance

- Annual Declarations and Donations Statements

Council Workshops

- Corporate Plan
- Councillor Induction Training
- TCC Water Supply Project & other Water Services workshop
- Roads (Targeted Investment Intervention Programme - Red Roads Initiative)
- LPT & Budget Process
- 2024 LACAP Progress Report & Capital Investment required for Decarbonisation of our Fleet & Facilities

Requests for Deputations

- IFA

Civic Event Requests

Civic Reception Conferrals, Cathaoirleach Invitations, Friendship agreements, Annual Civic Awards, Official Openings etc

Tipperary County Council

- Tipperary Hospice
- Tipperary Minor Hurling Team & Management
- Tipperary Junior and Minor Camogie Team & Management
- Foster Carers North Tipperary (Mayoral Reception)

Clonmel Borough District

- Clonmel Óg GAA
- Donnacha Keeley U23 World Rowing Champion

Municipal Districts

Annual Civic & Cathaoirleach Awards held by:

- Carrick-on-Suir
- Nenagh
- Thurles
- Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel

The following Councillors were members of the CPG during the period January to May 2024

SPC	Councillor	Party
Cathaoirleach	Ger Darcy	Fine Gael
Infrastructure (Roads, Transportation & Water)	Michael O'Meara	Non Party
Environment & Climate Action	Sean Ryan	Fianna Fail
Housing, Community & Culture	Kieran Bourke	Fianna Fáil
Economic Development & Enterprise	Imelda Goldsboro	Fianna Fáil
Planning & Emergency Services	Michael Fitzgerald	Fine Gael
Community, Culture & Library Services	Andy Moloney	Non Party

Civic Events

Civic Receptions

Civic receptions were conferred on the following during 2024:-

North Tipperary and South Tipperary Hospice on the 24 May 2024 in recognition of the compassion, dignity and support provided to members of our community affected by cancer or life ending illness in Tipperary.



(John D Kelly Photographer)

L-R Ger Walsh Corporate Services Tipperary County Council, Cathaoirleach Councillor Ger Darcy, Paddy Cadwell North Tipperary Hospice, Sean Donovan South Tipp Hospice, Anne Cuffe South Tipp Hospice, Sinead Carr Chief Executive Tipperary County Council, Eileen Kennedy North Tipperary Hospice

Tipperary Premier Junior Camogie Team and Management in recognition and appreciation of the distinction earned in winning the "All Ireland Junior Camogie Championship 2024"



(John D Kelly Photographer)

L-R Bill Mullaney Manager Tipperary Premier Junior Camogie, Sinead Carr Chief Executive Tipperary County Council, Sinead Meagher Captain Tipperary Premier Junior Camogie, Cathaoirleach Councillor Declan Burgess, Aine Kiely O'Donnell Treasurer Tipperary Camogie Board

Tipperary Minor Camogie Team and Management in recognition of their significant achievement in winning the "All Ireland Minor Camogie Championship 2024"



(John D Kelly Photographer)

L-R John Ryan Manager Tipperary Minor Camogie, Sinead Carr Chief Executive Tipperary County Council, Sarah Corcoran Captain Tipperary Minor Camogie, Cathaoirleach Councillor Declan Burgess, Aine Kiely O'Donnell Treasurer Tipperary Camogie Board

Tipperary Minor Hurling Team and Management in recognition and appreciation of the distinction earned in winning the "All Ireland Minor Hurling Championship 2024"



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L-R Michael Tierney Vice Chairperson Tipperary County GAA Board, Jonathan Cullen PRO Tipperary County GAA Board, Sinead Carr Chief Executive Tipperary County Council, James Woodlock, Manager Tipperary Minor Hurling Team, Cathaoirleach Councillor Declan Burgess, Justin Duff, Vice Captain Tipperary Minor Hurling Team, Murtagh Brennan, Secretary Tipperary County GAA Board, Jimmy Minogue Chairperson Tipperary County GAA Board.

All three teams brought great sporting honour to the County of Tipperary.

Ministerial Visits

Thurles Municipal District

Minister Heather Humphries officially opened the redeveloped Templemore Town Hall on Tuesday, 3rd of December 2024. The building now houses Templemore Library and Enterprise Centre. Pictured with the Minister are Cathaoirleach Councillor Declan Burgess, Sinead Carr Chief Executive, Brian Beck Director of Services, Damien Dullaghan TCC County Librarian and Councillor Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach of Thurles MD.



Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District

On Thursday 6th June the River Ara Walkway was officially launched by Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District. The event was attended by the public and a host of local community and voluntary groups. Attendees were welcome to explore the impressive amenity before Councillor Declan Burgess unveiled a specially made plaque to mark the occasion.



Anslem McGowan, District Administrator, Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, Cathaoirleach Councillor Declan Burgess, Councillor AnnMarie Ryan Shiner



Elected Members & Officials enjoying the amenity afforded by the newly launched Ara Walkway

Nenagh Municipal District

Newport Town Park was officially opened by Minister Darragh O' Brien TD, Minister for Housing & Local Government and Heritage on 22nd January 2024. On the same day, the Minister also opened Housing developments at Mulkear View, Newport, Woodview Close, Nenagh and Portroe.



Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD, Cllr. Ger Darcy making a presentation to Minister Darragh O' Brien



Cutting of Ribbon at Mulkear View, Newport.

Cllr. Ger Darcy, Cathaoirleach, Nenagh MD; Sinéad Carr, Director of Services, Housing; Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath; Deputy Michael Lowry; Minister Darragh O' Brien; Cllr. Fiona Bonfield; Deputy Jackie Cahill; Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive; Kieran O' Donnell, Minister for State, OPW; Deputy Alan Kelly; Cllr. John Carroll)



Minister Darragh O' Brien officially opens Newport Town Park in presence of Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive; Deputy Alan Kelly; Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath and Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD, Cllr. Ger Darcy.



Cutting of ribbon on Housing Development at Woodview Close, Nenagh



Signage showing layout of Newport Town Park



Cutting of ribbon on Housing Development at Portroe

Protected Disclosures Received in 2024

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosure Act 2014 requires the publication of an annual report by public bodies about the number of protected disclosures received in the preceding year and also for the publication of information with regard to any actions taken in response to protected disclosures made.

2024 cases

In 2024, The Council received no disclosure under its Protected Disclosure policy, in accordance with Section 6 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014.

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FOR THE PERIOD

**1 January 2024 to
31 December 2024**



Communications & Customer Service

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

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

Library Service

Templemore Library and Enterprise Centre was officially opened on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 by Minister Heather Humphreys.

This new Library is the first in County Tipperary to provide a suite of new technology solutions to the public. These include a dedicated Makerspace room which has technologies such as Robotics and 3D Printing. There is a glazed reading area for both adults and children which offers a view directly into the Library. The Building also offers two enterprise rooms which are available to rent. These spaces will be available for both start-ups, looking for a supportive community and a space to work, and remote workers who want to separate home from work. There is a dedicated high-speed Wi-Fi network available as well as a shared meeting room.

The building also includes a meeting room for Templemore Community Development Association who have collaborated with Tipperary County Council on this project. The support of the Templemore Community Development Association was a major contributing factor in RRDF funding being received for this project.



Templemore Library and Enterprise Centre



Templemore Library opening

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



Local Enterprise Office

LEO launched its autumn training calendar which includes up to 35 training courses, workshops, events and initiatives designed to support the County's existing and potential entrepreneurs. The Local Enterprise Office is available to anyone looking to start or grow a business and a meeting with a Business Advisor can be arranged to discuss the support and services offered to all small businesses. The range of services consists of financial and non-financial support for entrepreneurs and businesses including Digital, LEAN, Green for Business and the Energy Efficiency Grant. As well as start up and business expansion grants, the LEO also offers technical grants and grants to get business trading online (TOV grant). The LEO has an extensive Mentor and Consultants panel and professionals from this panel are assigned to work with local businesses to address issues across all business functions such as marketing, finance, HR, product development, branding, intellectual property and copyright etc.



Online customer service initiatives 2024

Throughout the year, improvements have been made to the provision of online services. This is an area of opportunity to enable more accessible, timely interaction and automation of services with our customers.

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



We are here to help you

Achievements 2024

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



L-R CSD staff Clonmel

Karl Moloney, Siobhan Wynne, Mary O'Mahony, Veronica Makunike, Shane O'Gorman



L-R CSD staff Nenagh

Danny Reddan, Patsy Brislane, Attracta Cahill, Stephanie Sheehan, Cian Gill, Ann Kelly

1	Customer queries processed through Customer Relations Management System (CRM)	26,994
2	Telephone calls answered	118,765
3	Average speed of answer	3 minutes
4	Average longest wait time	30 minutes
5	Media queries received	155
6	Web pages viewed	2,459,326
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook followers Instagram followers X followers 	119,956 9,078 33,469
8	Number of complaints from Irish Language Commissioner Oifig an Choimisinéara Teanga	2

Promotion of the Irish Language

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

The Council is fully compliant concerning the implementation of the requirements of the Official Languages Act 2003-2021. It has an Irish Language Scheme (Scéim Gaeilge) which contains our commitments to the promotion of the Irish Language. These include a page on our website, bilingual forms, and a query email asgaelge@tipperarycoco.ie. This Scheme will be replaced during 2025 with Language Standards. These standards will set out the services to be provided through the Irish language and the levels of competence in the Irish Language required of staff.

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

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024

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

Clonmel Library

Tipperary County Council Library Service presented an evening with Manchán Magan. Details below.



Tipperary Town Library - "Celebrating our language and culture"

12th March 2024

- Morning Tea, Coffee, Sweet Cake and Chat.
- 11.30am - Songs, Rhymes and Poems, with Gaelscoil Tipperary.

15th March 2024

Seachtain na Gaeilge Quiz, Competition between schools.

Local Enterprise Office

A LEO Irish radio advert re Local Enterprise Week as well as the attached image was published in newspapers and on social media.



Clonmel Borough District Council

The Council published an advertisement in Irish for their St. Patrick's Day parade.

Mass was celebrated in Irish in St. Mary's Church, Irishtown at 12 noon on St. Patrick's Day.

An Ghaeilge

Tacaíonn Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann leis an nGaeilge a chur chun cinn agus spreagann sé do gach ball foirne tabhairt faoi chúrsaí de chuid Gaelchultúr.

Tá an Chomhairle comhlíontach go hiomlán i ndáil le cur chun feidhme na gceanglas d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003-2021. Tá Scéim Gaeilge aici áit a léirítear ár ngealltanais maidir le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge. Áirítear leis seo leathanach ar ár suíomh gréasáin, foirmeacha dátheangacha agus ríomhphost iarratais asgaeilge@tipperarycoco.ie. Cuirfear Caighdeán Teanga in áit na Scéime seo le linn 2025. Leagfaidh na caighdeáin seo amach na seirbhísí a chuirfear ar fáil trí Ghaeilge agus na leibhéil inniúlachta sa Ghaeilge is gá a bheidh ag baill foirne.

Tacaíonn agus cuireann Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann chun cinn imeachtaí le linn Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Beidh úsáid á bhaint as frásaí Gaeilge mar chuid dár gcruinnithe lomlánacha agus Comhairle Bardais le linn mhí an Mhárta gach bliain.

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024

Bhain gach cruinniú de chuid na Comhairle agus na Comhairle Ceantair Bhardasach úsáid as an nGaeilge chun cruinnithe a oscailt agus a dhúnadh agus chun fógraí foriarratais a mholadh agus a chuidiú chun Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh.



Leabharlann Bhaile Thiobraid Árann - "Ár dteanga agus ár gcultúr a cheiliúradh"

12ú Márta 2024

Maidin Chaifé trí Ghaeilge le ceol, amhráin, rainn, dánta agus comhráite le Scoil na Mainistreach, le foireann sinsir díospóireachta Scoil Naomh Áine agus le custaiméirí na leabharlainne.

15ú Márta 2024

Tráth na gCeist Sheachtain na Gaeilge - Comórtas do bhunscoileanna áitiúla.



Leabharlann Chluain Meala

Chuir Seirbhís Leabharlainne Chomhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann oíche i láthair le Manchán Magan. Tá na sonraí thíos.



Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil

Bhí fógra OFÁ as Gaeilge ar an raidió maidir le Seachtain Fiontair Áitiúil chomh maith leis an íomhá iniata foilsithe i nuachtáin agus ar na meáin shóisialta.



Comhairle Cheantar Buirge Chluain Meala

D'fhoilsigh an Chomhairle fógra as Gaeilge dá paráid Lá Fhéile Pádraig.

Bhí Aifreann as Gaeilge ar siúl i Séipéal Naomh Mhuire, an Baile Gaelach, ag meán lae ar Lá Fhéile Pádraig.

Sports & Social Club

Clonmel Branch

Bereavement

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our great friend and former colleague Michael (Mick)McCarthy in August last. Mick was a member and former Chairman of our committee for over four decades from the late 1970s. Though Mick was an out and out Cork man, he proudly represented South Tipperary Co Co across many codes, including Hurling, Gaelic Football, Soccer and Golf. He both organised and participated in many, many events and brought great enjoyment to many a social occasion. To his widow Marie, his sons Paul, Conor and Michael, his daughter Fiona and his extended family and wide circle of friends we extend our sincere sympathy.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam uasal

The Sports and Social club continue to run a broad range of events and arrange the monthly draw with a bumper summer and Christmas draw.

2024 started off with a trip to the Panto at the University Concert Hall, Limerick to see Sleeping Beauty.

We did a night at the Dogs in March at the Dog Track in Clonmel, a great evening and well supported.

June had us at the races, we went horse racing at Powerstown Park in Clonmel, a fun evening and again a very well supported event as always.

In September we went to the Bord Gais Theatre in Dublin to see the musical “Wicked” a really fantastic show and a most enjoyable day out.

Again in 2024 John O’Mahoney brought us on tracks and trails with hill walking events around our beautiful county, always a great day out with food and drinks afterwards.

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

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

Committee Members:

Chairperson

- Fiona Crotty

Secretary

- Rosemary Purcell

Treasurer

- Anne Marie O’Flynn

Committee

- Alison Blackmore
- Geoff Burke
- Marian Scully
- Claire Cooney
- Maeve O’Brien
- Shannon O’Brien
- Lisa O’Halloran
- John O’Mahoney
- John O’Meara

Sports & Social Club

Nenagh Branch



A lotto draw is held every fortnight for members. There is also a Bumper Easter and Christmas Draw.

In March, our members enjoyed a delightful performance of Beauty & the Beast at the Scouts Hall in Nenagh. Members enjoyed a delicious meal beforehand at Andy’s Gastropub which set the stage for a fantastic evening.

In September, a walk to the millennium cross was organised. This beautiful scenic walk provided mesmerizing views of Lough Derg. Finger food was organised afterwards in the lookout carpark.

On the 22nd October a bus was organised to attend Hamilton the musical in Dublin.

In October, members attended a Bruce Springsteen Tribute Act in the Arts Centre, Nenagh.

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

A Christmas Party was held in the Abbey Court Hotel in December.

In December, a number of members and their children attended the panto “Mother Goose” in the University Concert Hall, Limerick.

Committee Members:

Chairperson
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brian Dunne
Secretary
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Siobhan Ryan
Treasurer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosemary Joyce
Committee
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Human Resources

With close to 1,200 employees (full time equivalent and retained) on our payroll at the end of 2024, the unified Tipperary County Council remains one of the largest employers in the County.

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

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

Workforce Planning and Recruitment

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

The workforce staffing levels at the 31st December 2024 equated to a headcount of 1,164 or 1,102 Whole Time Equivalents. The Human Resource Section coordinates the ongoing management of the workforce plans, managing new entrants, staff transfers and staff departures in consultation with line management colleagues.

Where necessary the HR section will seek the approval of the Department to add to the current Work Force Plan. In 2024 a total of 27 sanction requests were submitted to the Department in respect of 57 positions across all service areas.

A total of 78 recruitment competitions were organised in 2024 (following on from 70 in 2023, 71 in 2022, 62 in 2021, 50 in 2020 and 67 in 2019). Of the competitions concluded 417 candidates were placed on panels equating to 64% of those interviewed. This yielded 81 new starters across the full range of disciplines including Administrative, Engineering, Technical, Scientific, Fire Services, General Operative and supervisory grades.

Industrial Relations

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

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

In 2024, as with previous years, the Council benefitted from a very stable Industrial Relations environment.

Superannuation

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

It carries out the following functions:

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

In late 2024 the transition to MyPay of the Superannuation function was revitalized following a pause caused by the legal requirements involving the administration of the Single Pension Scheme. It is expected that the project will conclude in mid 2025.

Staff Training & Development

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

Furthermore, 37 staff members were provided with funding for third level courses under the Staff Education Assistance Scheme in 2024 to a value of €44,695.

In order to ensure effectiveness and value for money, training was mainly delivered in-house and at the Regional Training Centre, Roscrea using in-house and external trainers.

Following on from the development of a Learning & Development Strategy (A Strategic Design & Planning Approach) in 2023, work progressed on the creation of a "Course Directory" which will be an iterative reference document facilitating identification of courses available which can be matched to the organisation and individual needs.

A targeted approach to L&D was undertaken, based on a training needs assessment completed by senior staff members, which included, Management & Leadership across a range of grades. In addition, further targeted L&D events were rolled out across the organisation including, Disability Awareness and an Employee Engagement and Wellbeing event for all our outdoor staff.

This plan will result in a robust and inclusive strategy that will deliver on the expressed desire of the organisation to be an employer of choice, one who prioritises the development of its people in pursuit of the fulfilment of their full potential.



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Public Sector Duty (“The Duty”)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Equality and Human Rights

- Pursue best practice in the implementation of the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and treatment, and protect human rights of staff, policy beneficiaries and service-users across all our functions.
- Embed a focus on equality and human rights across all our plans, strategies, policies, programmes and services as well as directly targeting policies, plans and actions to address equality and human rights issues.

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

05. The Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty and DEI

To embed our concern for equality and human rights in the development and implementation of all our staff policies and workplace procedures, sustaining and giving expression to an organisational culture of dignity, inclusion, and participation.

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

Performance Management & Development System (PMDS)

National policy continues to place a very high priority on the use of performance management and development systems in Local Government. Increased emphasis has been placed on ensuring that team development plans and personal development plans are in place for all teams and employees and that they are aligned with the Council's Corporate Objectives. The PMDS system has been further broadened to include performance rating and 2024 saw these ratings applied for all staff throughout the organisation. It has been further broadened to include a training needs assessment at Senior Management Team and Team Development level.

Gender Pay Gap

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

The regulations provided for reports to be published within six months of the snapshot date. In common with other Local Authorities, Tipperary County Council published its 3rd Report in December 2024. Similar to 2023, the Average and Mean Gender Pay Gap suggest a strong bias in favour of females, with a marked increase in the percentile between both years. The full report is available on the council website at [Gender Pay Gap Report 2024](#)

Employee Welfare/Relations

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

Initiatives that have been taken include the following:

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

Tipperary County Council facilitates the taking of various family-friendly leave arrangements including work-sharing, parental leave and carers leave. 2018 saw the introduction and adoption of a sectoral “People Strategy” which sought to focus on the development, capability and capacity of staff. Tipperary County Council continued the process of integrating it into all operational and functional areas of council activity in 2024.

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

PART V Disability Act 2005

In order to comply with Statutory Obligations associated with the employment of persons with a disability, we conducted a full staff survey to determine an accurate reflection of the position with regard to same. There is a requirement for public bodies to have a minimum percentage of persons employed with a disability, currently 4.5% (from 3%).

PEOPLE XD HR Software System

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

Blended Working

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

In June/July 2022, Tipperary County Council developed an online application system to facilitate this which went live in September 2022. HR conducted a review of blended working in March 2023 and reported on same to the Senior Management Team and the Audit Committee. The findings of the review were generally positive citing it as a positive addition to the way of work, greater flexibility, a reduction in commute times and critically, no loss of productivity and enhanced work-life balance. A similar position existed in 2024 with similar numbers availing of the facility.

Water Services

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

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



Digital/Information Systems

Technology plays an ever-increasing role in the daily lives of those in our communities and in our own working lives.

Within this rapidly changing digital environment, Tipperary County Council is transforming into a digital enterprise where technology is critical to its operational effectiveness. In this highly complex environment, processes must be flexible and evolve quickly to meet user demands and provide the right solutions for the tasks in hand.

Strategic Objective as per our Corporate Plan 2025 -2030

As per our recently adopted Corporate Plan 2025-2030, our strategic objective is:



To develop customer-friendly technology initiatives to improve service delivery, embracing digital transformation and leveraging innovative technology to optimise the efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation, while improving the digital culture of our staff and providing an excellent customer experience.”

This strategic objective translates into the following detailed objectives:

- Provide the tools, systems, solutions and infrastructure to enable the staff and the business sections achieve their business objectives
- provide an integrated, secure, safe and performant digital environment.
- Facilitate the provision of digital services for citizens and businesses.
- Progress digital transformation and automate business processes.
- Facilitate the implementation and integration of systems through innovative business projects.
- Collaborate and exchange information across departments.
- Support corporate decision making and deliver more efficient business services.
- Provide an accessible, comprehensive customer service platform for the public, elected members and staff, through the use of information technology and the internet.
- Provide a technical support service to staff and elected members in the areas of Networks, Infrastructure, Applications, Online Solutions, Web and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

Our Achievements

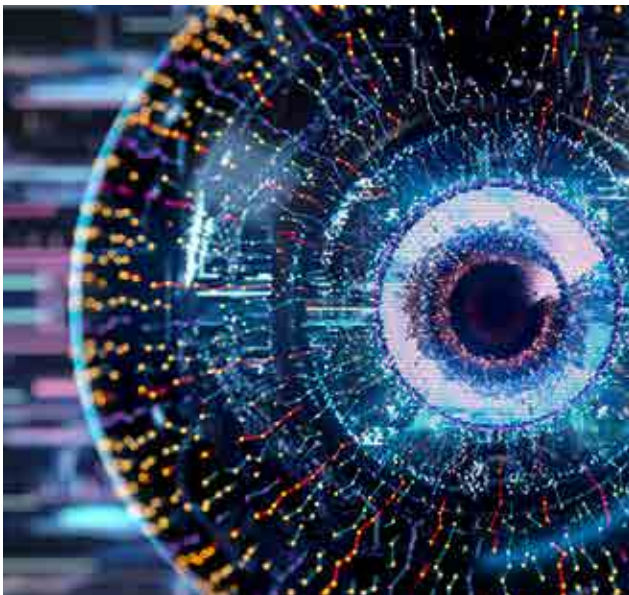
In 2024, the Digital/Information Systems team achieved the following:

Online services to our citizens and stakeholders

Tipperary County Council continued to increase the availability of online services to our citizens and stakeholders. Achievements included the following:

- Completed the implementation of a new secure online payments system for **Rents and Loans customers**. This system is called MyCoCo, and it allows customers to make payments online, view their transaction history, download invoices, statements and view payment receipts.
 
- Facilitated the implementation of the online **Increased Cost of Business Grant Scheme** which was rolled out via the MyCoCo portal.
- Completed and went live with a **new online Parking Fines System**. This system is an integrated front and back-office system. It enables Wardens to issue tickets with smart phones, and the offender to view photos of the offence real time online using a QR code from the ticket, and then to appeal it or pay for the fine online.
- Continued with the enhancement of the **online Housing Online Choice Based Letting (CBL)** system. This system gives social housing applicants the chance to express their interest in available properties to the Council. The process is designed to be fair and equitable and to put choice at the centre of the allocation of properties.
 
- Facilitated the enhancement and support of the **online ePlanning Portal**, which enables members of the public and agents to submit online planning applications.
 
- Facilitated **online consultations** for: Local Area Plans, Residential Zoned Land Tax, Biodiversity Plans, Noise Action Plan, Part 8's, Town Enhancement Schemes, Landfill Community Fund Applications, Public Additions to the Register of Protected Structures, Community Regeneration Fund and Flood relief schemes.
- Continued to provide real time and up to date public information on to **our web sites**, and enhanced, upgraded, provided advice and support for the following websites:
 - Tipperary County Council <http://www.tipperarycoco.ie>
 - Consultation & Grants Portal <https://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie>
 - Tipperary Tourism web site (Tipperary.com)
 - Tipperary Foreign Direct Investment Site (Tipperary.ie)
 - Discover Lough Derg web site
 - TipperarySports.ie website
 - <http://www.whatsonintipp.ie>
 - <http://shop.localtipperary.ie>
 - <http://www.tipperaryarts.ie>
- Completed the consolidation of Royalsites, Yourcarrickonsuir and Clonmel Links websites into the Tipperarycoco.ie platform, and provided support for the migration of the Munster Vales website.
- In 2024, Tipperary County Council (TCC) was shortlisted for the Ireland **eGovernment Awards**. This event celebrates excellence and innovation in the Irish Public Sector. TCC's project related to being Ireland's first LocalGov drupal web site and we were nominated in the 'cross organisation collaboration' and 'local government' innovation categories. While we were not successful in winning, the nomination highlights our continued efforts and innovation to digitise and transform local government services.
 
- Enhanced and upgraded the online **Electoral Register System** in conjunction with the local government management agency (LGMA).
- Enhanced our **Customer Relationship Management system**, which manages all queries, from online and telephone channels in our dealings with our citizens and stakeholders. Implemented a cloud-based solution for our Customer Services Desk Call Centre as a backup in the event of a major disruption event.

12. Continued with the provision, enhancement and updating of online **Planning GIS viewers** (eGIS) and online document management systems (eDocs). Updated our online GIS systems with the latest versions of base GIS maps.
13. Upgraded the **guest WIFI services** in the main county buildings across the county.
14. Keeping our **customer's digital data safe and secure is a high priority** for the organisation. In 2024, we improved our cyber security posture via additional security awareness training, phishing tests, vulnerability management, segmentation and privileged access management, etc. We continued to liaise with the national cyber security centre (CSIRT), other Local Authorities and our external providers regarding security measures.
15. Progressed the implementation of technology to ensure services can continue in the event of a **major disruption event or a cyber security event**. In particular, we completed the move of elements of our Data Centre to a secondary site.
16. Designed new solutions for the **Libraries Section** to facilitate access to high speed internet connectivity.
17. Enhanced the IT facilities provided to our **Elected members**.
18. Continued to provide **Video Conferencing facilities** in the council chambers and offices across the county. Provided the technology to enable external stakeholders and the Press attend Council meetings remotely.
19. Published relevant **open data sets** on to our web site.



Digital Transformation Services

Microsoft 365

In Q3 of 2024, the Tipperary County Council Management team approved the business case to proceed with MS 365 as a platform for email, office tools, collaboration, intranet, sharepoint, video conferencing and mobile device management. The MS 365 suite of tools will be rich in functionality, empower our Users, and will enable the provision of solutions and services that the organisation needs going forward into the future. It will enhance collaboration, improve decision making and data management, automate workflows and drive greater efficiency and productivity with staff and the public and it will assist in the digital transformation of our services and will contribute to better services to our public and stakeholders.

Following on from this decision, the IT Section commenced the process of setting up of a project team for the migration.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)



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

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

In 2024, research and development was carried out in the area of custom AI development. Following this research, it is planned to trial AI solutions as pilots in several of our departments in 2025.

Business Systems across Internal Services

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

In 2024, the following projects were progressed across the various the Business Sections:

Roads

- Progressed migrating the Suir Flood Forecasting system to a cloud environment – Go live early 2025.
- Updated Salting Routes App online.

Fire Services

- Upgraded the Fire Services Rostering and Scheduling system.

Planning

- Progressed thenewEnforcementSystem – Procurement evaluation complete. System implementation to proceed in Q1 2025. Go Live is March 2025.
- Upgraded the Planning management systems (I-Plan 5.1.2 and I-Docs).
- Provided mapping and GIS services for the publishing of the relevant Plans.
- Provided weekly updates to Planning digitisers.
- Facilitated the upgrade of the Department's Planning PACE system which replaces the internal PDC system for mapping planning application sites.

Municipal Districts

- Progressed the upgrades of Swimming Pool Systems.

Finance

- Upgraded T&S System with new climate change configuration.
- Facilitated the application of scripts and patches to the Agresso financial management system.

Housing

- Upgraded Housing management System (iHouse 4.4).
- Continued with the systems analysis and design for the Digitisation scanning project.
- Performed data discovery for the new Asset Management and Private Rental Inspections System.
- Upgraded/developed sharepoint modules that supported their digitisation project, e.g. Property Acquisitions- TIS/SHIP Acquisitions, Housing Delivery Program, LAPRL- New Grant System under Repair and Lease, Housing Voids.

Corporate Services

- Upgraded Electoral Register Management System (iReg 5.0.9).
- Examined options for the eMuseum and Archive systems.
- Developed and implemented new Meeting Room system.
- Commenced redevelopment of the Property Portal- vacant commercial premises across the county.
- Enhanced the Legal Cases System.
- Completed a core update of Tipperary County Council website from Drupal 9 to Drupal 10.

Human Resources (HR)

- Worked with HR to implement and plan launch of family friendly initiatives, and to research and support the online job application solution.
- Developed an automated system for HR 'Family Friendly Schemes' for staff use.

Environment

- Upgraded Civic Amenity GenWaste system.

Health & Safety (H&S)

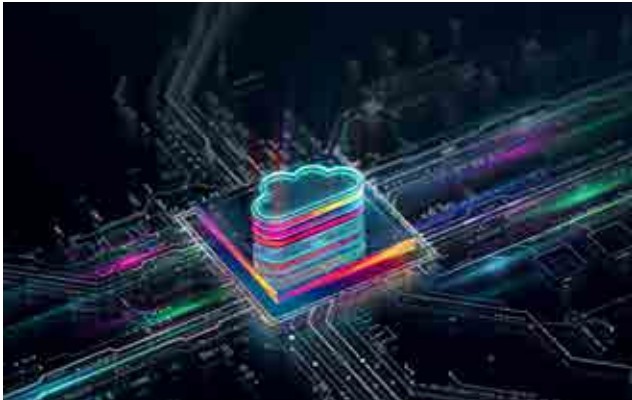
- Developed a system for recording Violence and Aggression incidents on a map and reporting on same.

IT

- Promoted Tipperary Co Co technical excellence in website development, by featuring in an article for the national LA Times magazine.
- Examined an eLearning Management System.
- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.

Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

- Progressed the implementation of new GIS technical architecture- ccatalogued Apps, Features, layers and data in the current GIS system.
- Upgraded GIS layers with data received from external agencies i.e. Tailte Éireann, ESB, Bord Gáis, Geodirectory.
- Developed interactive maps for Noise Action Plan Consultations
- Upgraded internal Mapinfo software.
- Upgraded relevant systems with replacement Autoaddress API for Eircode API.



Networks, Infrastructure, Security & Phones

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

In 2024, the following was achieved:

Network

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

Email

Total number of inbound mails from external senders	Total e-mails blocked at source due to spam, virus, content rule, blocked sender, Quarantined	Delivered
2,450,122	779,709	1,670,413

- Upgraded the Email Exchange system.
- Continued to improve on email security.
- Continued to monitor and filter all inbound mails in current cybercrime climate.
- Upgraded Mailmeter Archiving tool to latest version.

Building Works/Office Moves

- Facilitated staff and office moves in several offices across the organisation.
- Continued to upgrade network equipment in the buildings.
- Assisted with IT Elements of new office setup for Templemore library.

Phones

- Upgraded desk phones software to the latest version.
- Implemented a cloud-based solution for Customer Services Desk as a backup.
- Catered for General Election Freephone Number setup for Voice Recording.
- Extended the phone system to cater for new requirements e.g. Templemore New Library.

Inbound Calls	Outbound Calls	Internal Calls
173,934	139,753	322,901

Phone Stats

Data Centre/ Secondary Site

- Reconfigured our secondary site to cater for Virtualisation software licencing restrictions.
- Progressed implementation of resilient link to Disaster Recovery site.
- Completed the hybrid cloud sizing exercise for our data centre.

Data Connectivity



- Provided circuit to new Templemore Library.
- Commenced deploying a new direct internet access circuit for Clonmel Hydra suite.
- Deployed a connectivity upgrade for Roscrea Civic Amenity site.
- Trialled a 5G connectivity solution for Donohill Plant.
- Moved Clonmel Fire Station to new WAN connection (previously connected via radio link), plus reconfigured switches in four buildings
- Facilitated new offices setups for Cashel Fire Station.
- Progressed further the trial of a wide area network solution (SD WAN) for several Library branches.

Blended Working



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

Video Conferencing



- Awarded contract for supply and installation of video conferencing solution for Clonmel HR interview room.
- Progressed scoping upgrade of video conferencing solution for Thurles MDO chamber.

Managed Print Services

- Completed the rollout of Managed Print Services contract across the organisation.

Cyber Security

Our lives have been transformed by digital technologies but they are vulnerable to attack, misuse, and abuse. Attackers can exploit weaknesses which poses a risk to the systems, services and information on which we depend. Tipperary County Council recognises the importance of cyber security and has made it a priority in the organisation.

In 2024, we achieved the following:

- Kept our systems safe and secure and had no cyber incidents.
- Managed the IT security operations services (SOC) which provides a 24/7 monitoring of relevant devices for suspicious activity.
- Liaised with the national cyber security centre (CSIRT), other Local Authorities and our external providers regarding security measures.
- Reduced the level of threat on our servers by liaising closely with our external Suppliers.
- Decommissioned out of support servers and keep services running on supported environments.
- Completed the migration of our endpoint encryption to a cloud solution.
- Patched our systems on an ongoing basis.
- Renewed the vulnerability management software licensing, and continued with our 'Vulnerability Management as a Service (VMaaS)'.

Security eLearning

- Continued with online security training. Issued several training assignments over the course of the year.
- Completed several organisation wide phishing tests over the year and provided follow up training where relevant.

Privilege Access Management (PAM)

- Deployed Privileged Access Management solution to all server assets.
- Ensured that all IT staff and contractors are utilising PAM with relevant approvals in place.
- Commenced onboarding of domain admin accounts.

Micro segmentation project

- Progressed the implementation of the segmentation project to protect our assets.



Support and Maintenance Service

Number of helpdesk requests	
Q1	3475
Q2	2976
Q3	2811
Q4	1980
Total	11,242

All of our team continued to:

- provide a technical support service to our staff and elected members across the organisation.
- provide technical support and maintenance for:
 - the IT and Network systems such Email, File Services, Data Centre, Internet, Virtualisation technologies, Desktops, Servers, Database systems, etc.
 - our business systems e.g. I-Plan, I-Docs, I-House, CRM, etc.
 - our web sites and web systems e.g. www.tipperarycoco.ie, www.Tipperary.com; and the Intranet and Sharepoint
 - our geographical and CAD information systems e.g. Planning Enquiry, Online Digitisers, etc; and training in same.
 - phone systems, mobile phones and fixed lines phones.
 - facility to work remotely from home.

In addition, the team:

- compiled and published NOAC returns for websites, social media accounts and financial information.
- continued development of ICT Health and Safety to maintain ISO 45001 status.
- assisted in procurement of ICT services for the various business services.

Summary

The achievements detailed above show that Tipperary County Council is at the forefront in terms of its vision to become a highly performant digital organisation. It has used technology to improve on its operational effectiveness, and improve on its services to our customers and stakeholders

In 2025, we will continue to develop customer-friendly technology initiatives, improve service delivery, embrace digital transformation and leverage innovative technology to optimise the efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation. We will strive to improve the digital culture of our staff and provide an excellent customer experience.

The priority areas for 2025 will include the following:

- implementation and rollout MS 365.
- increased provision of online services.
- progress projects to assist with digital transformation and business process reengineering.
- keep our systems and data safe and secure.
- explore and use Artificial Intelligence technology.
- provide a highly performant and resilient technical architecture.

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Information Management

Freedom of Information

The new Freedom of Information Act 2014 was enacted on 14 October 2014. It replaces the FOI Acts of 1997 and 2003. Since then the Act has encompassed more public bodies.

One of it's key provisions is that there is no longer a fee payable when an FOI request is being made.

The Freedom of Information legislation establishes three statutory rights:

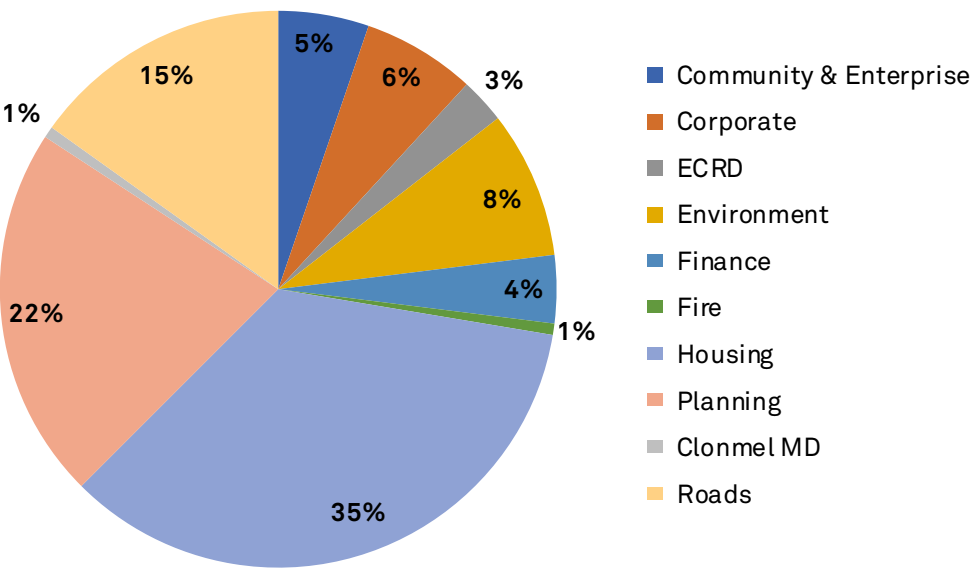
- A legal right for each person to access information held by public bodies
- A legal right for each person to have official information relating to him/her amended where it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading.
- A legal right to obtain reasons for decisions affecting oneself

Information Requests received	2024	2023	Difference
Freedom of Information	152	163	-11



Housing Section has the highest number of FOI requests at 53.

FOI Analysis by Directorate



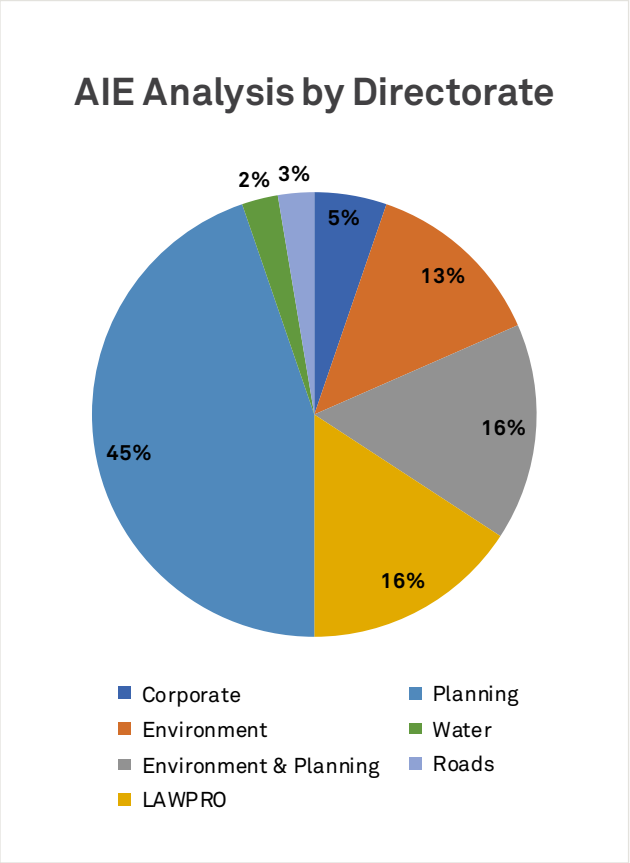
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European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007, S.I. No. 662 of 2011, S.I. No. 615 of 2014 and S.I. No. 309 of 2018) (hereafter referred to as the AIE Regulations), give legal rights to those seeking to access information on the environment from public authorities.

Under these regulations, information relating to the environment held by, or for, a public authority must be made available on request, subject to certain exceptions. The AIE regulations also oblige public authorities to be proactive in disseminating environmental information to the public.

The AIE Regulations provide a definition of environmental information; outline the manner in which requests for information may be submitted to public authorities and the manner in which public authorities are required to deal with requests e.g. timeframes for response. The regulations also provide for a formal appeals procedure in the event that a person is unhappy with a decision on their request.

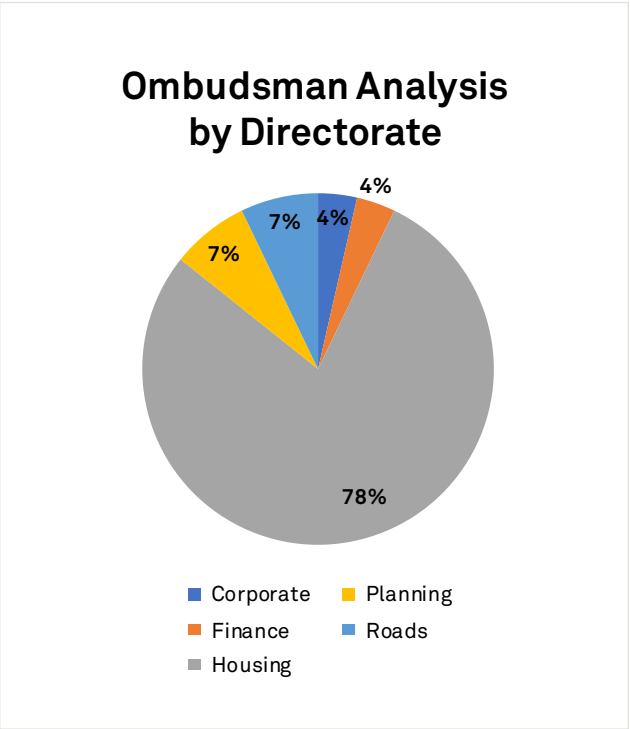
Information Requests received	2024	2023	Difference
Access to Information on the Environment	38	32	+6



Ombudsman

The Office of the Ombudsman investigates complaints from members of the public who believe they have been unfairly treated by certain public service providers such as government departments, local authorities, the HSE and publicly-funded third level education providers. The Ombudsman also investigates complaints about failures by public bodies to provide accessible buildings, services and information.

Information Requests received	2024	2023	Difference
Ombudsman	28	28	0



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Data Protection / General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

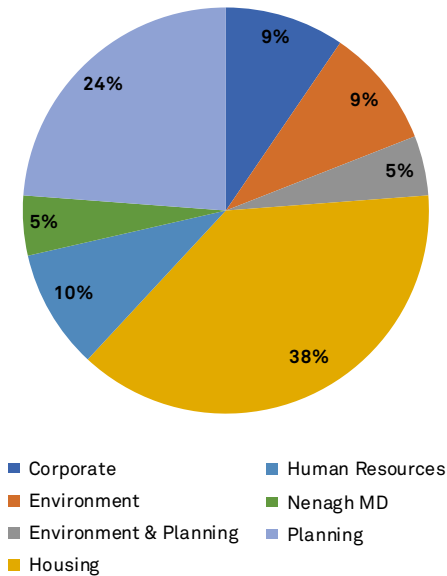
The Council are committed to respecting and protecting the personal data of its' customers. Policies and procedures have been put in place to govern the various aspects of data protection including the Councils Privacy Statement and a CCTV and other Surveillance Technologies Policy.

The Council has appointed a Data Protection Officer and Data Protection Nominees for each Section and Municipal District.



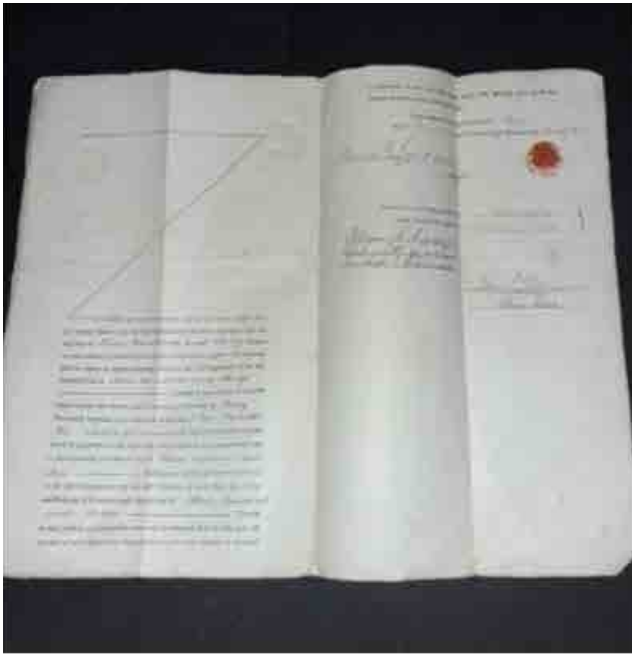
Information Requests received	2024	2023	Difference
Data Protection Subject Access Requests	21	37	-16

DPSAR Analysis by Directorate



Archives

The post of Archivist and Records Management was vacant in 2024. The Council continued to deal with enquiries from members of the public during this time. The new Archivist is Claire Hyland and she will be starting on 27th January 2025.



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Franchise Section

The Franchise Section is responsible for the preparation of the Register of Electors. This Register is a list of persons over 18 years resident in Tipperary who are entitled to vote in elections/referenda. Those aged 16/17 can pre-register, but will not receive voting rights until their 18th birthday.

Register of Electors/Electoral Register Reform

The Tipperary Register, as of 31st December 2024, contained 139,040 Local Government Electors. The following was a breakdown of the total electorate per Local Electoral Area in Tipperary:

Local Electoral Area	Registered Electors
Cahir	12,564
Carrick-on-Suir	16,981
Cashel-Tipperary	24,010
Clonmel	19,939
Nenagh	18,774
Newport	14,551
Roscrea - Templemore	15,158
Thurles	17,063
Total	139,040

Electoral Registration Process

The rolling register is a single live and continuously updated register. To apply to vote or update voting details an elector can currently apply online via www.checktheregister.ie or by paper form (ERF1).



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Data Cleansing/Register Updating

Tipperary County Council have been encouraging the public to update their voting details along with registering to vote. This is an ongoing process and the below table illustrates the updates over the last twelve months

Increases Dec 2023 - Dec 2024

Datapoint	Nos. increase	Improvement in % terms from numbers	% Current
Total Electorate with DOB populated	+13,045	14%	78%
Total Electorate with EIRCODE populated	+18,531	34%	53%
Total Electorate with email address populated	+ 20,520	379%	19%
Total Electorate with contact number populated	+18,627	378%	17%
Total Electorate with DOB & Eircode	+18,991	44%	45%
Total Electorate with PPSN	+22,010	350%	20%



Electoral Events 2024

2024 proved to be an eventful year for the Franchise Section, with three electoral events taking place;



Referendum 2024

A Referendum was held the 8th of March 2024 on the Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 and the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023.

Tipperary Results from Referendum 08 March 2024

Referendum	Votes in Favour	Votes Against	Spoiled Votes
39th Amendment of the Constitution	14,328	39,338	614
40th Amendment of the Constitution	12,083	41,500	690



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Local Elections 2024



Local Elections took place on the 7th June 2024 where a total of 70 candidates vied for a seat on the Tipperary County Council, across the five Local Electoral Areas

Local Election Results

LOCAL ELECTION - 7 June 2024				TOTAL ELECTORATE	
CONSTITUENCY OF				INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	
CAHIR LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL				VALID POLL	
				NUMBER OF SEATS	
				QUOTA	
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (10 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of MCGRATH, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of MOLONEY, A's Surplus and Result	Transfer of SMITH, S's Votes and Result
* ANGLIM, MICHEÁL (F.F.)	M	906	+147 1,053	+63 1,116	+13 1,129
ENGLISH, PJ (F.F.)	M	346	+74 420	+37 457	+7 464
FITZGERALD, BILL (Non-P.)	M	133	+39 172	+19 191	+18 209
HENNESSY, TOM (Non-P.)	M	414	+126 540	+45 585	+35 620
* MCGRATH, MÁIRÍN (NON-P.)	F	2,079	-642 1,437	1,437	1,437
* MOLONEY, ANDY (NON-P.)	M	1,762	- 1,762	-325 1,437	1,437
MOYNIHAN, ALAN (S.D.)	M	99	+21 120	+14 134	+1 135
* MURPHY, MARIE (F.G.)	F	1,153	+167 1,320	+103 1,423	+5 1,428
Ó HÉANNA, CATHAL (S.F.)	M	222	+49 271	+37 308	+3 311
SMITH, SHANE (Non-P.)	M	69	+19 88	+7 95	-95 -
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	-	+13 13
TOTAL		7,183	7,183	7,183	7,183

12,428	CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED MÁIRÍN MCGRATH (NON-P.) ANDY MOLONEY (NON-P.) MARIE MURPHY (F.G.) MICHEÁL ANGLIM (F.F.)
49	
7,183	
4	
1,437	

Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count
Transfer of MOYNIHAN, A's Votes and Result	Transfer of FITZGERALD, B's Votes and Result	Transfer of Ó HÉANNA, C's Votes and Result	Transfer of ENGLISH, P's Votes and Result

+14	+31	+44	+244
1,143	1,174	1,218	1,462
+1	+21	+30	-516
465	486	516	-
+8	-217		
217	-	-	-
+13	+94	+112	+99
633	727	839	938
1,437	1,437	1,437	1,437
1,437	1,437	1,437	1,437
-135			
-	-	-	-
+28	-	-	-
1,456	1,456	1,456	1,456
+44	+15	-370	
355	370	-	-
-	-	-	-
+27	+56	+184	+173
40	96	280	453
7,183	7,183	7,183	7,183

of 8 Counts.

LOCAL ELECTION - 7 June 2024**CONSTITUENCY OF****CARRICK-ON-SUIR LEA, TIPPERARY
COUNTY COUNCIL****TOTAL ELECTORATE****INVALID BALLOT PAPERS****VALID POLL****NUMBER OF SEATS****QUOTA**

NAMES OF CANDIDATES (7 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	G e n d e r	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of GOLDSBORO, I's Surplus and Result	Transfer of DUNNE, D's Surplus and Result	Transfer of BRENNAN, M's Surplus and Result
* BOURKE, KIERAN (F.F.)	M	1,334	+62 1,396	+110 1,506	+12 1,518
BRENNAN, MICHAEL 'CHICKEN' (LAB.)	M	1,486	+125 1,611	- 1,611	-103 1,508
* DUNNE, DAVID (S.F.)	M	1,659	- 1,659	-151 1,508	1,508
* FITZGERALD, MARK (F.G.)	M	1,339	+103 1,442	+9 1,451	+46 1,497
* GOLDSBORO, IMELDA (F.F.)	F	1,898	-390 1,508	1,508	1,508
MURPHY, MARTIN (IFP)	M	299	+11 310	+15 325	+5 330
* O'MEARA, KEVIN (Non-P.)	M	1,032	+89 1,121	+17 1,138	+32 1,170
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	-	+8 8
TOTAL		9,047	9,047	9,047	9,047

PART A - 1 to 5

16,763	CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED IMELDA GOLDSBORO (F.F.) DAVID DUNNE (S.F.) MICHAEL 'CHICKEN' BRENNAN (LAB.) KIERAN BOURKE (F.F.) MARK FITZGERALD (F.G.)
57	
9,047	
5	
1,508	
Fifth Count	
Transfer of MURPHY, M's Votes and Result	
-	
1,518	
1,508	
1,508	
+48	
1,545	
1,508	
-330	
-	
+149	
1,319	
+133	
141	
9,047	

of 5 Counts.

LOCAL ELECTION - 7 June 2024					TOTAL ELECTORATE	
CONSTITUENCY OF					INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	
CASHEL-TIPPERARY LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL					VALID POLL	
					NUMBER OF SEATS	
					QUOTA	
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (13 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of O'HENEY, J's Surplus and Result	Transfer of BURGESS, D's Surplus and Result	Transfer of BROWNE, M's Votes and Result	Transfer of BROWNE, L's Surplus and Result
* BLACK, TONY (S.F.)	M		+109	+5	+90	+13
		708	817	822	912	925
BROWNE, LIAM (NON-P.)	M	1,665	-	-	-	-105
			1,665	1,665	1,665	1,560
BROWNE, MOLLY (S.F.)	F	174	+11	+12	-197	
			185	197	-	-
* BURGESS, DECLAN (F.G.)	M	1,852	-	-292		
			1,852	1,560	1,560	1,560
* CROSSE, JOHN (F.G.)	M	1,023	+183	+53	+5	+8
			1,206	1,259	1,264	1,272
FINNAN, JACQUI (F.F.)	F	407	+111	+8	+5	+5
			518	526	531	536
FOGARTY, MATTHEW (F.G.)	M	340	+48	+32	+3	+5
			388	420	423	428
* HANNA HOURIGAN, MARY (F.G.)	F	1,151	+174	+46	+8	+5
			1,325	1,371	1,379	1,384
* KENNEDY, ROGER (F.F.)	M	1,218	+72	+127	+17	+45
			1,290	1,417	1,434	1,479
MCGRATH, JOHN (TNPAPN)	M	381	+39	+2	+2	+10
			420	422	424	434
O'DONNELL, PEADAR (Non-P.)	M	259	+59	+2	+4	+10
			318	320	324	334
O'HENEY, JOHN (NON-P.)	M	2,534	-974			
			1,560	1,560	1,560	1,560
* RYAN SHINER, ANNEMARIE (S.F.)	F	766	+168	+5	+35	+4
			934	939	974	978
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	-	+28 28	- 28
TOTAL		12,478	12,478	12,478	12,478	12,478

E APERS 23,832 97 12,478 7 1,560		CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED JOHN O'HENEY (NON-P.) DECLAN BURGESS (F.G.) LIAM BROWNE (NON-P.) ROGER KENNEDY (F.F.) MARY HANNA HOURIGAN (F.G.) JOHN CROSSE (F.G.) ANNEMARIE RYAN SHINER (S.F.)			
Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count	Ninth Count	Tenth Count	Eleventh Count
Transfer of O'DONNELL, P's Votes and Result	Transfer of FOGARTY, M's Votes and Result	Transfer of MCGRATH, J's Votes and Result	Transfer of HANNA HOURIGAN, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of FINNAN, J's Votes and Result	Transfer of CROSSE, J's Surplus and Result
+41 966	+7 973	+39 1,012	+5 1,017	+69 1,086	+31 1,117
1,560	1,560	1,560	1,560	1,560	1,560
-	-	-	-	-	-
1,560	1,560	1,560	1,560	1,560	1,560
+43 1,315	+128 1,443	+75 1,518	+29 1,547	+192 1,739	-179 1,560
+41 577	+27 604	+34 638	+12 650	-650 -	-
+13 441	-441 -	-	-	-	-
+30 1,414	+121 1,535	+80 1,615	-55 1,560	1,560	1,560
+9 1,488	+78 1,566	- 1,566	- 1,566	- 1,566	- 1,566
+34 468	+7 475	-475 -	-	-	-
-334 -	-	-	-	-	-
1,560	1,560	1,560	1,560	1,560	1,560
+42 1,020	+18 1,038	+39 1,077	+2 1,079	+107 1,186	+44 1,230
+81 109	+55 164	+208 372	+7 379	+282 661	+104 765
12,478	12,478	12,478	12,478	12,478	12,478

PART A - 1 to 11 of 11 Counts.

LOCAL ELECTION - 7 June 2024				TOTAL ELECTORATE			19,734
CONSTITUENCY OF				INVALID BALLOT PAPERS			110
CLONMEL LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL				VALID POLL			9,727
				NUMBER OF SEATS			6
				QUOTA			1,390
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (11 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	
		Number of Votes	Transfer of MURPHY, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of FITZGERALD, J's Surplus and Result	Transfer of ENGLISH, P's Surplus and Result	Transfer of AMBROSE, S's Surplus and Result	
* AMBROSE, SIOBHÁN (F.F.)	F		-	-	-	-122	
		1,512	1,512	1,512	1,512	1,390	
DEMPSEY, DEIRDRE (Non-P.)	F		+17	+6	+6	+5	
		321	338	344	350	355	
* DENNEHY, NIAL P (NON-P.)	M		+143	+93	+29	+28	
		621	764	857	886	914	
DINGIVAN, NATASHA (S.F.)	F		+21	+6	+8	+5	
		282	303	309	317	322	
* ENGLISH, PAT (W.U.A.)	M		-	-	-184		
		1,574	1,574	1,574	1,390	1,390	
* FITZGERALD, JOHN (F.G.)	M		+690	-434			
		1,134	1,824	1,390	1,390	1,390	
JOHNSON, TERESA (W.U.A.)	F		+62	+36	+89	+12	
		313	375	411	500	512	
MADIGAN, MYRIAM (G.P.)	F		+32	+69	+4	+10	
		158	190	259	263	273	
MCGRATH, DEAN (S.F.)	M		+40	+9	+9	+4	
		320	360	369	378	382	
* MOLLOY, RICHIE (NON-P.)	M		+351	+215	+39	+58	
		746	1,097	1,312	1,351	1,409	
* MURPHY, MICHAEL (F.G.)	M		-1,356				
		2,746	1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390	
Non - transferable papers not effective							
		-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL		9,727	9,727	9,727	9,727	9,727	

PART A - 1 to 10 of 10 Counts.

<div>CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED</div> <div>MICHAEL MURPHY (F.G.)</div> <div>PAT ENGLISH (W.U.A.)</div> <div>SIOBHÁN AMBROSE (F.F.)</div> <div>JOHN FITZGERALD (F.G.)</div> <div>RICHIE MOLLOY (NON-P.)</div> <div>NIALL P DENNEHY (NON-P.)</div>				
Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count	Ninth Count	Tenth Count
Transfer of MADIGAN, M's Votes and Result	Transfer of DINGIVAN, N's Votes and Result	Transfer of DEMPSEY, D's Votes and Result	Transfer of MOLLOY, R's Surplus and Result	Transfer of JOHNSON, T's Votes and Result
1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390
+14 369	+7 376	-376 -	- -	- -
+50 964	+16 980	+123 1,103	+12 1,115	+176 1,291
+11 333	-333 -	- -	- -	- -
1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390
1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390
+58 570	+23 593	+71 664	+6 670	-670 -
-273 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
+17 399	+247 646	+24 670	+1 671	+161 832
- 1,409	- 1,409	- 1,409	-19 1,390	1,390
1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390
+123 123	+40 163	+158 321	- 321	+333 654
9,727	9,727	9,727	9,727	9,727

LOCAL ELECTION - 7 June 2024				TOTAL ELECTORATE	
CONSTITUENCY OF				INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	
NENAGH LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL				VALID POLL	
				NUMBER OF SEATS	
				QUOTA	
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (8 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of HANNIGAN, J's Surplus and Result	Transfer of POCOCK, I's Votes and Result	Transfer of MAHER, E's Votes and Result
* HANNIGAN, JOE (NON-P.)	M	2,233	-491 1,742	1,742	1,742
MAHER, ELEANOR (F.G.)	F	738	+107 845	+71 916	-916 -
MORGAN WALSH, LOUISE (LAB.)	F	1,210	+62 1,272	+118 1,390	+359 1,749
* MORRIS, SÉAMUS (NON-P.)	M	1,434	+151 1,585	+48 1,633	+218 1,851
O'DONOGHUE, DAMIAN (S.F.)	M	1,096	+24 1,120	+47 1,167	+45 1,212
* O'MEARA, MICHAEL (NON-P.)	M	1,822	- 1,822	- 1,822	- 1,822
O'MEARA, RYAN (F.F.)	M	1,527	+124 1,651	+96 1,747	- 1,747
POCOCK, IVA (G.P.)	F	389	+23 412	-412 -	- -
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	+32 32	+294 326
TOTAL		10,449	10,449	10,449	10,449

18,622	CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED
78	JOE HANNIGAN (NON-P.)
10,449	MICHAEL O'MEARA (NON-P.)
5	RYAN O'MEARA (F.F.)
	SÉAMUS MORRIS (NON-P.)
1,742	LOUISE MORGAN WALSH (LAB.)

LOCAL ELECTION - 7 June 2024					TOTAL ELECTORATE
CONSTITUENCY OF					INVALID BALLOT PAPERS
NEWPORT LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL					VALID POLL
					NUMBER OF SEATS
					QUOTA
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (7 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	
		Number of Votes	Transfer of BONFIELD, F's Surplus and Result	Transfer of AHERN, D's Votes and Result	
AHERN, DAVID (Non-P.)	M	125	+62 187	-187 -	
* BONFIELD, FIONA (LAB.)	F	2,346	-723 1,623	1,623	
* BUGLER, DR PHYLL (F.G.)	F	1,636	- 1,636	- 1,636	
* CARROLL, JOHN (F.F.)	M	1,249	+294 1,543	+52 1,595	
O'GORMAN, EDDIE (INI)	M	594	+82 676	+37 713	
QUIRKE O'MEARA, PAMELA (NON-P.)	F	1,665	- 1,665	- 1,665	
RYAN, GAVIN (S.F.)	M	495	+285 780	+39 819	
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	+59 59	
TOTAL		8,110	8,110	8,110	

14,247	CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED
54	FIONA BONFIELD (LAB.)
8,110	PAMELA QUIRKE O'MEARA (NON-P.)
4	DR PHYLL BUGLER (F.G.)
1,623	JOHN CARROLL (F.F.)

LOCAL ELECTION - 7 June 2024				TOTAL ELECTORATE	
CONSTITUENCY OF				INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	
ROSCREA-TEMPLEMORE LEA, TIPPERARY				VALID POLL	
COUNTY COUNCIL				NUMBER OF SEATS	
				QUOTA	
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (8 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	G e n d e r	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of SMITH, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of LEE, S's Surplus and Result	Transfer of MORAN, E's Surplus and Result
KENNEDY, WILLIAM (F.G.)	M	1,143	+176 1,319	+79 1,398	+40 1,438
* LEE, SHANE (NON-P.)	M	2,231	- 2,231	-563 1,668	1,668
LEWIS, JORDAN (LAB.)	M	125	+49 174	+51 225	+20 245
MALONEY, AISLING (G.P.)	F	117	+61 178	+49 227	+30 257
* MORAN, EDDIE (NON-P.)	M	1,423	+176 1,599	+288 1,887	-219 1,668
Ó CONCHÚIR, BRENDÁN (S.F.)	M	313	+45 358	+47 405	+37 442
RYAN, DEIRDRE MARIA (F.F.)	F	525	+285 810	+49 859	+27 886
* SMITH, MICHAEL (F.F.)	M	2,460	-792 1,668	1,668	1,668
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	-	+65 65
TOTAL		8,337	8,337	8,337	8,337

15,059	CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED MICHAEL SMITH (F.F.) SHANE LEE (NON-P.) EDDIE MORAN (NON-P.) WILLIAM KENNEDY (F.G.)
101	
8,337	
4	
1,668	

Fifth Count	Sixth Count
Transfer of LEWIS, J's Votes and Result	Transfer of MALONEY, A's and Ó CONCHÚIR, B's Votes and Result
+45 1,483	+133 1,616
1,668	1,668
-245 -	-
+40 297	-297 -
1,668	1,668
+25 467	-467 -
+38 924	+182 1,106
1,668	1,668
+97 162	+449 611
8,337	8,337

of 6 Counts.

LOCAL ELECTION - 7 June 2024				TOTAL ELECTORATE	
CONSTITUENCY OF				INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	
THURLES LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL				VALID POLL	
				NUMBER OF SEATS	
				QUOTA	
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (6 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of RYAN, J's Surplus and Result	Transfer of LOWRY, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of CAHILL SKEHAN, K's Surplus and Result
CAHILL SKEHAN, KAY (F.F.)	F	1,386	+391 1,777	- 1,777	-224 1,553
HARTY, DAN (S.F.)	M	742	+322 1,064	+224 1,288	+88 1,376
* LOWRY, MICHEÁL (NON-P.)	M	2,184	- 2,184	-631 1,553	 1,553
* RYAN, JIM (NON-P.)	M	2,435	-882 1,553	 1,553	 1,553
* RYAN, PEGGY (F.G.)	F	928	+169 1,097	+407 1,504	+136 1,640
* RYAN, SEAN (F.F.)	F	1,638	- 1,638	- 1,638	- 1,638
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	-	-
TOTAL		9,313	9,313	9,313	9,313

16,791	CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED
89	JIM RYAN (NON-P.)
9,313	MICHEÁL LOWRY (NON-P.)
5	SEAN RYAN (F.F.)
1,553	KAY CAHILL SKEHAN (F.F.)
	PEGGY RYAN (F.G.)

Local Election Register of Election Expenses

Name of Candidate	Surname	Political Party	Date Received	Advertising	Publicity
Siobhán Ambrose	Ambrose	FIANNA Fáil	9/5/2024	932.50	75.00
Micheál Anglim	Anglim	FIANNA Fáil	9/3/2024	1,000.00	
Fiona Bonfield	Bonfield	THE LABOUR PARTY	9/2/2024		
Kieran Bourke	Bourke	FIANNA Fáil	7/29/2024		
Michael ‘Chicken’ Brennan	Brennan	THE LABOUR PARTY	8/13/2024	4,689.99	5,975.00
Liam Browne	Browne	NON PARTY	9/5/2024	500.00	
Dr. Phyll Bugler	Bugler	FINE GAEL	9/4/2024	745.00	60.00
Declan Burgess	Burgess	FINE GAEL	9/3/2024	0.00	734.30
Kay Cahill Skehan	Cahill Skehan	FIANNA Fáil			
John Carroll	Carroll	FIANNA Fáil	9/5/2024		
John Crosse	Crosse	FINE GAEL	8/20/2024	1,000.00	2,000.00
Niall P Dennehy	Dennehy	NON PARTY	8/8/2024	1,180.80	
David Dunne	Dunne	SINN Féin			
Pat English	English	WORKERS AND UNEMPLOYED ACTION	8/27/2024	1,145.50	61.50
Mark Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald	FINE GAEL	9/3/2024	430.50	
John FitzGerald	FitzGerald	FINE GAEL	8/23/2024	5,790.00	1,192.00
Imelda Goldsboro	Goldsboro	FIANNA Fáil	9/9/2024		
Mary Hanna Hourigan	Hanna Hourigan	FINE GAEL	9/5/2024		
Joe Hannigan	Hannigan	NON PARTY	9/9/2024		
Roger Kennedy	Kennedy	FIANNA Fáil	9/5/2024		
William Kennedy	Kennedy	FINE GAEL		637.00	200.00
Shane Lee	Lee	NON PARTY		149.50	169.18
Micheál Lowry	Lowry	NON PARTY		149.50	169.18
Máirín McGrath	McGrath	NON PARTY		750.30	
Richie Molloy	Molloy	NON PARTY	8/21/2024	3,500.00	100.00
Andy Moloney	Moloney	NON PARTY	8/21/2024	1,018.90	
Eddie Moran	Moran	NON PARTY	9/3/2024	145.50	169.18
Louise Morgan Walsh	Morgan Walsh	THE LABOUR PARTY	9/6/2024	195.54	
Séamus Morris	Morris	NON PARTY	9/5/2024	362.85	
Marie Murphy	Murphy	FINE GAEL		916.60	60.00
Michael Murphy	Murphy	FINE GAEL	8/26/2024	4,867.96	
Michael O’ Meara	O’ Meara	NON PARTY	9/5/2024	149.50	169.18
John O’Heney	O’Heney	NON PARTY	9/4/2024	250.00	381.30
Ryan O’Meara	O’Meara	FIANNA Fáil	9/3/2024	651.88	
Pamela Quirke O’Meara	Quirke O’Meara	NON PARTY	9/13/2024	149.50	169.18
Sean Ryan	Ryan	FIANNA Fáil	7/21/2024	800.00	2,300.00
Peggy Ryan	Ryan	FINE GAEL	9/9/2024	633.00	184.50
Jim Ryan	Ryan	NON PARTY	9/12/2024	1,359.15	150.00
Annemarie Ryan Shiner	Ryan Shiner	SINN Féin	9/3/2024	323.49	
Michael Smith	Smith	FIANNA Fáil		780.00	
Total				35,204.46	14,319.50

Election Posters	Other Election Material	Office & Stationary	Transport and Travel	Market Research	Campaign Workers	Total Expenditure
329.64	345.00	180.00	150.00			2,012.14
2,000.00	1,800.00	300.00	900.00			6,000.00
2,500.00	1,434.18					3,934.18
594.75	195.00		120.00			909.75
						10,664.99
1,783.50	940.95		300.00			3,524.45
1,812.52	1,298.23		800.00			4,715.75
1,632.55	1,136.15	36.00				3,539.00
1,000.00	598.00					1,598.00
	200.00		765.00			965.00
2,000.00	3,500.00					8,500.00
600.00	2,329.50	1,990.00	500.00		500.00	7,100.30
255.84	328.58					584.42
56.00	1,941.71					3,204.71
986.00	872.07		1,000.00		500.00	3,788.57
1,000.00		100.00	500.00			8,582.00
1,000.00	500.00		1,500.00			3,000.00
836.00	994.40					1,830.40
	500.00		250.00			750.00
	2,708.45		610.00			3,318.45
1,254.00	700.85		400.00			3,191.85
1,546.40	1,220.55					3,085.63
1,546.40	1,220.55					3,085.63
2,464.21	2,183.86		175.02			5,573.39
600.00	500.00	200.00	300.00		300.00	5,500.00
	911.88	111.00	614.26		60.00	2,716.04
1,546.40	1,220.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,081.63
2,500.00	184.50					2,880.04
922.50	590.20		191.00		1,085.80	3,152.35
1,732.50	1,647.66		400.00			4,756.76
886.00	270.00	375.00				6,398.96
1,546.40	1,220.55					3,085.63
3,298.00	1,600.00	940.00	1,700.00			8,169.30
1,513.10	324.00					2,488.98
1,546.40	1,220.55					3,085.63
1,500.00					500.00	5,100.00
1,942.00	319.80					3,079.30
663.10	1,460.98		330.00			3,963.23
400.00	524.79					1,248.28
808.00	362.85	280.00	1,650.00		640.00	4,520.85
46,602.21	39,306.34	4,512.00	13,155.28	0.00	3,585.80	156,685.59

Elected Members who did not contest or were unsuccessful in the 2024 Local Elections

Cashel/Tipperary/Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District



TONY BLACK



MICHAEL FITZGERALD



KEVIN O'MEARA

Templemore/Thurles Municipal District



NOEL COONAN



SEAMUS HANAFIN

Nenagh Municipal District



GER DARCY



HUGHIE MCGRATH



**JOHN (ROCKIE)
MCGRATH**



General Election 2024



The Electoral Commission Review Report 2023 recommended that the 5 seat Tipperary constituency be divided into two 3 seat constituencies – Tipperary North and Tipperary South. On Friday, 29th November 2024 electors attended Polling Stations to vote within their new constituency. Fourteen candidates contested for the 3 seats in Tipperary North, while twelve contested for the 3 Tipperary South seats.

The count took place in the Presentation Convent Sports Centre, Thurles on Saturday, 30th November and Sunday, 1st December, with a recount required for Tipperary North on Monday, 2nd December.

The following 14 Candidates contested three seats in Tipperary North

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|------------------------------|
| Alan Kelly (Lab) |
| Dan Harty (SF) |
| Diana O'Dwyer (PBPS) |
| Evan Barry (SF) |
| Francis O'Toole (AON) |
| Iva Pocock (GP) |
| Jim Ryan (Ind) |
| Justin (Roundy) Phelan (Ind) |
| Liam Minehan (Ind) |
| Michael Lowry (Ind) |
| Michael Smith (FF) |
| Peter Madden (IP) |
| Phyll Bugler (FG) |
| Ryan O'Meara (FF) |

The following 12 Candidates contested three seats in Tipperary North

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|---------------------------------|
| Bill Fitzgerald (Ind) |
| Imelda Goldsboro (FF) |
| John McGrath (NP) |
| John O'Heney (Ind) |
| Martin Browne (SF) |
| Mattie McGrath (Ind) |
| Michael 'Chicken' Brennan (Lab) |
| Michael Murphy (FG) |
| Myriam Madigan (GP) |
| Nadaline Webster (II) |
| Rosemary McGlone (AON) |
| Seamus Healy (Ind) |

Tipperary North



MICHAEL LOWRY
INDEPENDENT



ALAN KELLY
LABOUR



RYAN O'MEARA
FIANNA FÁIL

*General Election_Tipperary North Result

Tipperary South



MATTIE MCGRATH
INDEPENDENT



MICHAEL MURPHY
FINE GAEIL



SÉAMUS HEALY
INDEPENDENT

*General Election_Tipperary South Results



Tipperary North General Election Results

DÁIL GENERAL ELECTION - 29 November 2024				TOTAL ELECTORATE			70,214
CONSTITUENCY OF TIPPERARY NORTH				INVALID BALLOT PAPERS			341
				VALID POLL			45,766
				NUMBER OF SEATS			3
				QUOTA			11,442
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (14 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	
		Number of Votes	Transfer of LOWRY, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of MINEHAN, L's and PHELAN, J's Votes and Result	Transfer of MADDEN, P's Votes and Result	Transfer of O'DWYER, D's Votes and Result	
BARRY, EVAN (S.F.)	M	1,332	+24 1,356	+13 1,369	+5 1,374	+110 1,484	
BUGLER, PHYLL (F.G.)	F	4,423	+150 4,573	+14 4,587	+14 4,601	+13 4,614	
HARTY, DAN (S.F.)	M	3,015	+64 3,079	+32 3,111	+34 3,145	+142 3,287	
* KELLY, ALAN (LAB.)	M	7,072	+155 7,227	+41 7,268	+38 7,306	+129 7,435	
* LOWRY, MICHAEL (NON-P.)	M	12,538	-1,096 11,442	11,442	11,442	11,442	
MADDEN, PETER (TIP1)	M	437	+10 447	+53 500	-500 -	-	
MINEHAN, LIAM (Non-P.)	M	182	+14 196	-196 -	-	-	
O'DWYER, DIANA (SPBP)	F	632	+11 643	+9 652	+24 676	-676 -	
O'MEARA, RYAN (F.F.)	M	5,654	+195 5,849	+34 5,883	+11 5,894	+19 5,913	
O'TOOLE, FRANCIS (A)	M	890	+25 915	+35 950	+169 1,119	+47 1,166	
PHELAN, JUSTIN ROUNDY (Non-P.)	M	200	+15 215	-215 -	-	-	
POCOCK, IVA (G.P.)	F	731	+6 737	+5 742	+8 750	+115 865	
RYAN, JIM (Non-P.)	M	4,019	+274 4,019	+110 4,129	+104 4,233	+52 4,285	
SMITH, MICHAEL (F.F.)	M	4,915	+153 5,068	+20 5,088	+11 5,099	+10 5,109	
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	+45 45	+82 127	+39 166	
TOTAL		45,766	45,766	45,766	45,766	45,766	

<div>CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED</div> <div>MICHAEL LOWRY (NON-P.)</div> <div>ALAN KELLY (LAB.)</div> <div>RYAN O'MEARA (F.F.)</div>				
Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count	Ninth Count	Tenth Count
Transfer of POCOCK, I's Votes and Result	Transfer of BARRY, E's and O'TOOLE, F's Votes and Result	Transfer of HARTY, D's Votes and Result	Transfer of BUGLER, P's Votes and Result	Transfer of SMITH, M's Votes and Result
+31 1,515	-1,515 -	- -	- -	- -
+139 4,753	+107 4,860	+140 5,000	-5,000 -	- -
+73 3,360	+1,385 4,745	-4,745 -	- -	- -
+357 7,792	+227 8,019	+1,226 9,245	+1,844 11,089	+1,241 12,330
11,442	11,442	11,442	11,442	11,442
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
+89 6,002	+124 6,126	+281 6,407	+1,378 7,785	+3,333 11,118
+46 1,212	-1,212 -	- -	- -	- -
-	-	-	-	-
-865 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
+44 4,329	+490 4,810	+1,183 5,002	+362 6,364	+724 7,088
+40 5,149	+106 5,255	+232 5,487	+874 6,361	-6,361 -
+46 212	+288 500	+1,683 2,183	+542 2,725	+1,063 3,788
45,766	45,766	45,766	45,766	45,766

Tipperary South General Election Results

DÁIL GENERAL ELECTION - 29 November 2024 CONSTITUENCY OF TIPPERARY SOUTH	TOTAL ELECTORATE	68,247
	INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	284
	VALID POLL	41,079
	NUMBER OF SEATS	3
	QUOTA	10,270

NAMES OF CANDIDATES (12 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	G e n d e r	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of FITZGERALD, B's , MADIGAN, M's , MCGLONE, R's , MCGRATH, J's and WEBSTER, N's Votes and Result	Transfer of BRENNAN, M's Votes and Result	Transfer of O'HENEY, J's Votes and Result	Transfer of MCGRATH, M's Surplus and Result
BRENNAN, MICHAEL CHICKEN (LAB.)	M	1,731	+239 1,970	-1,970 -	-	-
* BROWNE, MARTIN (S.F.)	M	4,937	+173 5,110	+358 5,468	+715 6,183	+54 6,237
FITZGERALD, BILL (Non-P.)	M	154	-154 -	-	-	-
GOLDSBORO, IMELDA (F.F.)	F	5,838	+127 5,965	+541 6,506	+713 7,219	+52 7,271
HEALY, SEAMUS (NON-P.)	M	4,795	+176 4,971	+422 5,393	+754 6,147	+169 6,316
MADIGAN, MYRIAM (G.P.)	F	584	-584 -	-	-	-
MCGLONE, ROSEMARY (A)	F	486	-486 -	-	-	-
MCGRATH, JOHN (TNPAPN)	M	316	-316 -	-	-	-
* MCGRATH, MATTIE (NON-P.)	M	10,014	+578 10,592	- 10,592	- 10,592	-322 10,270
MURPHY, MICHAEL (F.G.)	M	8,371	+184 8,555	+357 8,912	+1,097 10,009	+47 10,056
O'HENEY, JOHN (Non-P.)	M	3,692	+154 3,846	+132 3,978	-3,978 -	-
WEBSTER, NADALINE (INI)	F	161	-161 -	-	-	-
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	+70 70	+160 230	+699 929	- 929
TOTAL		41,079	41,079	41,079	41,079	41,079

<div><div>CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED</div><div>MATTIE MCGRATH (NON-P.)</div><div>MICHAEL MURPHY (F.G.)</div><div>SEAMUS HEALY (NON-P.)</div></div>

Sixth Count
Transfer of BROWNE, M's Votes and Result
-
-6,237
-
-
+577
7,848
+3,285
9,601
-
-
-
10,270
+359
10,415
-
-
+2,016
2,945
41,079

Municipal Districts





Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District

Cathaoirleach & Leas Cathaoirleach

The Annual General Meeting of the Carrick on Suir Municipal District Members was held on the 24th June, 2024. Councillor Mark Fitzgerald was elected as Cathaoirleach and Councillor Imelda Goldsboro was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach for the 2024-2025 term.



Left to right – Councillor Michael Brennan, Councillor David Dunne, Councillor Mark Fitzgerald Cathaoirleach-elect, Councillor Imelda Goldsboro Leas-Cathaoirleach and Councillor Kieran Bourke

Performance of Municipal District Functions:

In 2024, the Municipal District held the Annual General Meeting on the 24th June, 2024 and eleven monthly meetings. A special meeting was convened on the 6 February 2024 to consider a Part 8 Planning consent for Goldcrop and Stable Lane Car Park (PT8TT65).

Joint meetings of Carrick on Suir Municipal District and its neighbouring Piltown Municipal District were held on the 25th April and 9th of November 2024, providing opportunities for discussion and collaboration on issues and concerns affecting both areas.



In 2024, the Municipal District held the Annual General Meeting on the 24th June, 2024 and eleven monthly meetings.

Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan ("A Journey from Suir Blueway to Ormond Castle")

Works continued throughout 2024 on the exciting "The Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition' project which was allocated €14.39 million from the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund [RRDF].

Phase 1_ Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan

Phase 1 - Sean Healy Park, Castle Street (approach to Ormond Castle), Strand Walk and Ormond Castle Park.

Phase 1 of this project is now substantially complete with a small snagging list and the installation of 2 sculptures remaining to be completed. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd. were tasked with carrying out the works for Phase 1 of the Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan "A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter". The value of this Phase 1 contract was €2.39 million funded by the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and part funded by Tipperary County Council.

Works completed in phase 1 included the following:

- At Sean Healy Park – construction of new footpaths, hard paved areas, construction of an 'arrival point' and widening of the Suir Blueway including associated landscaping and services/utilities to serve the proposed and future uses.
- Upgrade of the Castle Street approach to Ormond Castle Park.
- Undertaking of ecological and amenity improvements within Castle Park grounds including new lighting along Strand Walk, step access from Strand Walk to Castle Park and repointing of Castle Park walls.



Castle Street Works

Ormond Castle Park & Castle Street Works



Ormond Castle Park



Castle Park

Strand Walk



Sculptures in Castle Park



The Griffins in Castle Park with the seat seen in the background

Healy Park



Healy Park



Phase 2_ Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan

Chapel Street, part of William Street, North Quay from Castle Lane to Dillon Bridge.

Detailed design was progressing on Phase 2 of the regeneration plan towards the end of 2024 and into 2025. Tendering will take place in Q2 2025 with construction throughout 2025.

Phase 3_ Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan

Digital and Enterprise Centre at Old Post Office, 43 Main Street.

Marhill Construction Services Ltd. were awarded the construction works contract for Phase 3 of the Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan “A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter”. The Phase 3 works consist of a new Digital and Enterprise Working Hub at the former derelict Post Office, 43 Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir. The value of this Phase 3 contract is €1,054,350 which is being funded by the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and part funded by Tipperary County Council. The contract was signed on 18th, November 2024 at Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Offices. This project has evolved and developed over a number of years with invaluable support and input from multiple stakeholders and with extensive public consultation greatly influencing the design of the scheme.

Jack Coughlan Architects (JCA), Malachy Walsh & Partners and Michael Barrett Partnership Quantity Surveyors (MBQS) are the Design Team for this project.

The works included in Phase 3 are:

- A change of use from the old derelict Post Office at 43 Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir to a new Digital and Enterprise Working Hub.
- The Digital and Enterprise Working Hub will incorporate single and shared offices including toilets, showers and kitchen facilities. Works also include conservation repair to the existing building fabric and the demolition of two disused sheds in the rear garden.
- The works include minor adjustments to the existing plan layout at ground and first floor level and will incorporate a new lift within the existing building footprint.
- The carriage arch at the front of the building will be converted to a reception / public entrance leading to the rear garden which will be landscaped.
- The new Digital and Enterprise Working Hub will also have a state-of-the-art multi-media room with facilities for creating podcasts.

Pictured at the contract signing at Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Office



Front L-R: Alan Macilwraith, JCA Architects, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council Cllr Declan Burgess, Tipperary County Council CE Sinead Carr, Cathaoirleach Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Cllr Mark Fitzgerald, Seamus Butler, Marhill Construction Services Ltd

Back L-R: Carrick-on-Suir MD Engineer Denis Power, Christopher Olden JCA Architects, Cllr David Dunne, Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Administrator Marie Cox, Jamie Butler, Marhill Construction Services Ltd, Ciarán O'Shea, Project Manager TCC, Donal Linehan MBQS, Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Director of Services Brian Beck

Works to phase 3 began in early December 2024 with only internal works starting, all works will complete during 2025.

Phase 4 & 5 Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan

Phase 4 - Main Street and Seán Kelly Square.

Phase 5 - Strand Lane Car Park, remainder of North Quay with linkages to Main Street via the lanes.

Malachy Walsh & Partners have started design on both phases and this is progressing well, with construction expected to commence in 2026.

Tipperary County Council wishes to again acknowledge that this scheme could only be realised through financial investment by traders as a result of rates increases and the Rural Regeneration Development Funding. This unprecedented investment will continue to drive economic activity in the town of Carrick-on-Suir and further the Council's objectives around the growth, prosperity and development of the town of Carrick-on-Suir and the wider District, for the benefit of its people, communities and businesses.



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Blueway to the Ormond
Castle Quarter - Delivering
our Community's Ambition*

Schedule of Municipal District Works:

This comprehensive schedule of Municipal District Works had a total works value of €8.8 million in 2024.

The schedule provided for housing maintenance, road improvements and maintenance, footpath improvements, safety schemes, bridge rehabilitation, schemes such as the Local Improvement Scheme and Community Involvement Scheme, street cleaning, burial ground maintenance, maintenance of playgrounds, open spaces and drainage works in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District.

Highlights of the programme included;

- Capital projects funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland [TII] included a €120,000 allocation for a feasibility study currently underway with Consultants engaged in a project to connect the Suir Blueway at Carrick on Suir with the Waterford Greenway at Kilmeaden.
- Maintenance Works to National Primary Roads were allocated a sum of €18,168.
- Maintenance Works to National Secondary Roads were allocated a sum of €13,710.
- Discretionary Maintenance Grants for roads amounted to €584,875.
- A budget of €350,936.00 was allocated from 'Own Funds' towards maintenance of regional and local roads within the district.
- Restoration Maintenance works were allocated a sum of €627,807 to carry out surface dressing to 15 no. roads totalling 20.2km.
- 21 roads were identified under the Restoration Improvement programme with a cost of €2,965,055 taking in a total of 18.2km.
- 'Red Roads' identified at Currasilla, and Boulea Hill were allocated €50,872 and €80,211 respectively under 'Own Resources' allocation.
- Safety Improvement Works at Green Street Upper in Fethard, Carrick Street in Mullinahone and Dualla National School were allocated a budget of €130,000.
- The amount of €203,489 was provided for the 'Town Allocation' to cover road improvements, footpath improvements, tree maintenance, and urban road maintenance within Carrick Town.
- A sum of €205,000 was provided in Bridge Rehabilitation Grants for bridge repair and improvement works.
- Maintenance Works to Tertiary Roads were allocated a sum of €90,735.
- A sum of €90,000.00 was provided for the Community Involvement Scheme.
- Local Improvement Scheme works had an allocation of €204,200.
- Public Lighting Works amounted to €7,500.
- Drainage Grant Works amounted to €148,117.
- Climate Change Adaptation Grants for roadworks at Jessfield and Ballydonnell and also works to Drangan Bridge and Mobarnan Bridge totalled €150,000.
- National Transport Authority [NTA] Active Travel projects at Carrickbeg (Pedestrian Crossing Works), the new Cláirín Railway Footbridge and the design associated with safety routes to Killenaule School were allocated a total of €767,000.
- ORIS Blueway Improvement works from Arrigans Boreen to MSD to the value of €550,000.
- ORIS Improvement works at Lough Doire Bhile to the value of €120,000.
- 2024 Development levies assigned to enhancement schemes at Drangan School, Mullinahone GAA, Moyglass Footpaths, Watergate Street & Fethard Car Park amounted to €156,774.
- Rates Vacancies funded works to the value of €7,310.
- Cycle Signage and Installation of Speed Limit Signs were allocated a budget of €20,020.
- IPB funded footpath replacements were allocated a sum of €73,769.
- A budget of €223,193.10 was provided for street cleaning.
- A budget of €42,000 was provided for Burial Ground Maintenance for St. Marys Cemetary.
- Amenity Areas Maintenance – A budget of €47,091.31 was provided for the Carrick on Suir Marina and a budget of €159,465.05 was provided for Parks & Open Spaces.
- The Japanese Knotweed Project was allocated a budget of €8,282.

Roadworks/Projects Undertaken In 2024

- Surface dressing was completed on 15 roads in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District over a total of 20.2km under Restoration Maintenance programme at a cost of €627,807.
- Some €2.96m was spent on improving and restoring 18.2km of roads at 21 different locations in the district under Restoration Improvement programme.



Derryvilla Road Recycling (RI Works)



Dungarvan Road, Carrick on Suir (RI Works)

- 1.4km of 'Red Roads' identified at Currasilla, and Boulea Hill were remediated at a cost of €131,083.
- Safety improvement works were completed on the R689-4 at Green Street Upper in Fethard at a cost of €60,000. Also on the R690-7 at Carrick Street, Mullinahone costing €35,000 and on the R-691-2 at Dualla National School costing €35,000.
- Bridge rehabilitation grants funded the completion of works at Kylawilling Bridge (€50,000), at Inchanaglough Bridge (€95,000) and Curraheenduff Bridge (€60,000)



Inchanaglogh Bridge

- Drainage works were carried out at Ballintaggart, Ballingarry Village, Ballincurry to Delaneys Cross, Dublin Hill, Cloughateana, Gortnaphisa, Coolbawn to Killenaule, Coolmoyn, Cooleagh Old Creamery, Cregg Road, Ballyneill and Rathclarish to Templemichael at a combined cost of €148,117.
- Our Climate Adaptation Grant of €150,000 funded works at the following locations, variously raising the road levels and improving drainage, providing additional drainage pipes or new drainage crossings as appropriate;
 - L-6124-0 Jessfield Road Reconstruction (Drainage and Road Reconstruction Works). L-1401-3 - Mobarnan Bridge Overflow (works to bridge to accommodate flash floods), L-2301-2 Drangan Bridge and Drainage (works to bridge to accommodate flash floods), R-690-7 Ballydonnell Drainage (install pipe crossings to alleviate flooding).
- 1 project was completed under the Community Involvement Scheme [CIS] (public roads) at a cost of €90,000.

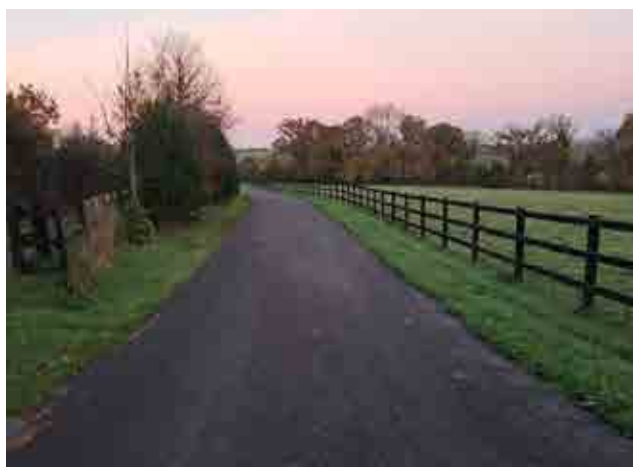


Fethard Town Park Community Involvement Scheme

- 3 private roads were upgraded under the Local Improvement Schemes [LIS] in 2024 at a total cost of €204,200.



Glengoole Local Improvement Scheme



Jessfield, Ballingarry Local Improvement Scheme



Cloran Old, Cloneen Local Improvement Scheme



Cloran Old, Cloneen Local Improvement Scheme

- Footpath Works completed in Fethard, Killenaule, Mullinahone and Ballinonty completed at a combined cost of €73,769.
- 2024 Development levies assigned to enhancement schemes at Drangan School, Mullinahone GAA, Moyglass Footpaths, Watergate Street & Fethard Car Park amounted to €156,774.



Drangan Village Development Levy Works

- ORIS Improvement works were completed on the River Suir Blueway from Arrigans Boreen to the MSD site to the value of €550,000. These works comprised of;
 - widening 2.7kms of the walkway to a width of 3 metres
 - Drainage works
 - The installation of seating
 - The installation of a distance marker post



ORIS works at the River Suir Blueway

- ORIS Improvement works were completed at Lough Doire Bhile to the value of €120,000 which comprised of;
 - The refurbishment of 2 fishing huts.
 - Installation of 7 fishing platforms.
 - Provision of a 700m long x 2m wide walkway around the lake.
 - Resurfacing of the car park.
 - Provision of picnic tables.
 - Installation of cycle stands.



ORIS works at Lough Doire Bhile

Active Travel

National Transport Authority [NTA] Active Travel project comprising of works to provide a new pedestrian crossing at Carrickbeg was completed in 2024 with a cost of €60,000.

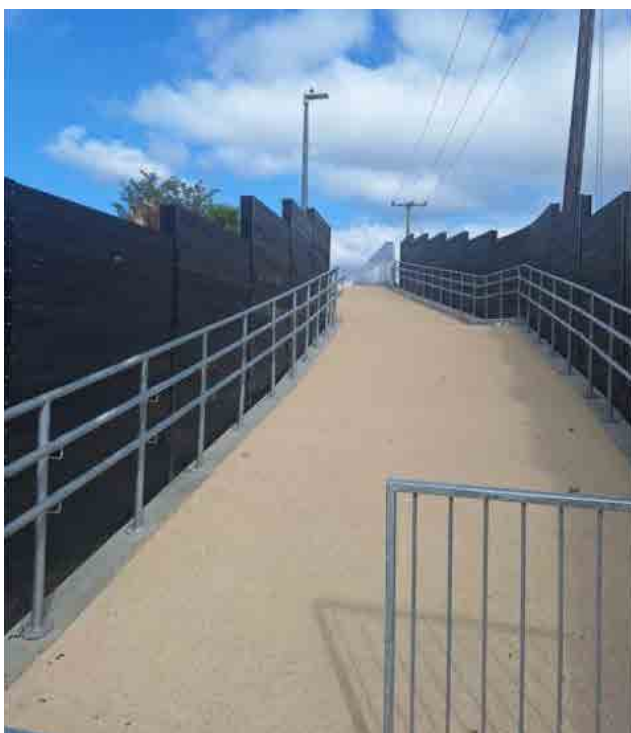
The design associated with safety routes to Killenaule School was carried out with a cost of €5,000.

The Cláirín Footbridge connecting Cláirín estate on the southern side of the railway with St. John's Terrace on the northside was completed and opened for use in 2024 with the cost of works totalling €702,000.

Carrickbeg Active travel works



Cláirín Railway Footbridge



The Goldcrop Site at North Quay, Carrick on Suir



The 2.7-acre town centre opportunity site located at North Quay and Castle Lane and spanning the distance between Dillon Bridge and the wonderful Tudor Manor at Ormond Castle was acquired in 2022. With the ongoing RRDF investment into Carrick-on-Suir, this development of this site is critical as a catalyst for increased economic, social and environmental activity in the town

In 2024 funding was secured under the EU Just Transition Fund Regenerative Tourism and Placemaking Scheme for Ireland's Midlands 2023 – 2026. The project, entitled Carrick-on-Suir Riverside Regeneration, is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the EU Just Transition Fund facilitated by Fáilte Ireland. This project contains two distinct parts, both of which aim to contribute to the regeneration of Carrick-on-Suir riverside. Project A : Feasibility and design for the repurposing of two arches under the Dillon Bridge. The proposal is to examine the feasibility of converting these two arches into a base for canoe activities. The aim is to provide water based activities which tie in with the 53km Suir Blueway kayaking and canoe trail from Cahir to Carrick-on-Suir. The project seeks to better leverage the river and provide opportunity for visitors to engage with the town's heritage and natural assets from the river. Project B : Masterplan and feasibility for the redevelopment of the Goldcrop Site:

This project is to understand the best use of the 2.7-acre Goldcrop site in terms of providing better links from the town centre to the riverside, opening it up for tourism and leisure in particular.

The entire project including public consultation on the Goldcrop site will take place in 2025.

The Bog Field Biodiversity Park, Carrickbeg

Work continued at the riverside amenity area in Carrick-on-Suir known as “the Bog Field”. The project is concentrating on installing Nature based Solutions which remove pollutants in road surface water run- off before it enters the River Suir. The project incorporates new thinking in the application of Nature-based Solutions and public amenity placemaking to provide a better environment for everyone including nature.

The project delivered by Tipperary County Council and supported by LAWPRO and the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage, is a community-based project working with the Carrick-on-Suir Lions Club, Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District and Tirlán. Work was carried out by Tipperary County Council with technical engineering support and funding from the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO). Road drainage was entering the area untreated through existing roadside gullies. The scheme involves the construction of Nature-based Solutions (NBS) which includes swales, a settlement forebay and stormwater basin (wetland pond). The NbS is being used to channel and filter dirty water run off discharging into the Bog Field and ultimately the River Suir. Works undertaken include landscaping in the area, including tree planting, walking paths and wetland planting around and within the Swales, Settlement Forebay and Stormwater Basin. By incorporating Nature-based Solutions such as swales and ponds, the project filters out pollutants from the adjacent road on the Waterford side of the town.

This area is adjacent to the River Suir which is a Special Area of Conservation with rare fish such as the Twaite shad and European smelt spawning locally in Carrick-on-Suir. The wetland pond will attract amphibians and dragonflies. The swales in time may provide shelter for otters once the vegetation is established. The project is the first of its kind in Co. Tipperary to provide protection to a riverside special area of conservation, and as well as providing a public amenity area with the construction of a 3-metre wide footpath. The site will continue to be managed in partnership with the Community Employment Scheme and Carrick on Suir Lions Club.



The Bog Field

Assistance under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001

In 2024, the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District in exercise of its powers under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, provided financial support to the following community organisations.

Carrick-on-Suir Development Association

A grant of €3,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Development Association (CoSDA). This annual grant supports the Association in its work to develop various initiatives for Carrick-on-Suir.

Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee

A grant of €1,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee (COSTEDC). The committee comprises representatives from the Local Authority, the Business Association and the Development Association and was established in 2004.

Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band

A grant of €1,900 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band. The Band has been established for many years and performs in public free of charge.

Sean Kelly Sports Centre

Carrick on Suir Municipal District is proud to support the Sean Kelly Sports Centre each year. The sports centre provides facilities for swimming and physical training and attracts thousands of visitors each year. A grant of €54,200 was provided to the Sean Kelly Sports Centre in 2024 funded from the local property tax.

Tidy Towns Supports

Arising from applications submitted by 17 Tidy Towns Groups in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District, the Councillors awarded a grant of €750 to each applicant group in acknowledging the volunteers' dedicated work and commitment to their communities throughout the year.



Tidy Towns groups demonstrate commitment, dedication and enthusiasm

Tidy Town Awards 2024

In order to reward the advances and success at national level in the National SuperValu Tidy Towns Awards 2024, supplementary grants were awarded by resolution of the members of Carrick on Suir Municipal District to those groups participating in the national competition.

At a reception held at the Community Hall, Grangemockler on Tuesday 26 November 2024, the Cathaoirleach and elected members were delighted to welcome representatives of the District's Tidy Towns Committees to present them with their awards, celebrating their fantastic achievements in the SuperValu National Tidy Towns Awards 2024, held at Croke Park on the 1st November 2024, with town and villages increasing their marks year on year.

Grangemockler received a particular mention having increased their score by an incredible 19 marks over the previous year. Moyglass and Fethard also increased their scores by double digits receiving €1500 and €1400 respectively. Mullinahone were awarded €1200 for their increase with both Ballingarry and Drangan receiving €1100 for their efforts. Faugheen, Killenale, Ahenny-Clasnasmuth and Cloneen all received €1000 each for their 7-point increase from 2023 with Ballynonty, Ballyneill and The Commons receiving €900 each for their respective increases. A special award was given to Carrick-on-Suir who were new entrants to the National competition this year.

Presenting the representatives with their awards, the Cathaoirleach paid tribute to all of the attendees - whom he considered to be winners - cognisant of their commitment, dedication and enthusiasm in striving to improve their home environment and aesthetic. It was his great pleasure to present certificates and financial rewards to the recipients and he expressed the hope that the groups would return the following years and into the future.



Grangemockler Tidy Towns Overall District Winner with Cathaoirleach - Councillor Mark Fitzgerald, District Administrator - Marie Cox, Cllr Imelda Goldsboro & Cllr David Dunne

Tidy Towns Support Scheme 2024		Tidy Towns Awards 2024			
	Initial Award	Marks 2023	Marks 2024	Increase in marks	Amount awarded
Grangemockler	€750	211	230	19	€2,000
Moyglass	No application	249	264	15	€1,500
Fethard	€750	296	309	13	€1,400
Mullinahone	€750	309	318	9	€1,200
Ballingarry	€750	311	319	8	€1,100
Drangan	€750	328	3336	8	€1,100
Faugheen	€750	218	225	7	€1,000
Killenaule	€750	303	310	7	€1,000
Ahenny_Clashnasmuth	€750 + €750	228	235	7	€1,000
Cloneen	€750	333	340	7	€1,000
Ballynonty	€750	226	231	5	€900
Ballyneale	€750	314	318	4	€900
The Commons	€750	271	274	3	€900
Carrick on Suir	€750	0	315	New entry	€1,000
Ballinure	€750	No entry in National SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition			
Dualla	€750				
Glengoole	€750				
*Ahenny and Clashnasmuth applied separately to Carrick on Suir MD Tidy Towns Support Scheme, but jointly to National SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition 2024					



River Suir in Winter, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary

Burial Grounds Grants

Each year, grants are awarded to burial ground committees to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of burial grounds throughout the district.

In 2024, grants were approved by the Councillors to provide support at the following 49 locations in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District.

Ahenny Carrick on Suir BG	€600	Peppardstown Fethard BG	€800
Assumption Burial Ground	€600	Rathcoole Fethard BG	€800
Ballinalacken Glengoole BG	€800	Raheen Graveyard	€600
Ballingarry Church Graveyard	€600	Red City Fethard BG	€600
Ballyneale Parish Graveyard	€600	River Street Killenaule BG	€800
Ballinure Burial Ground	€800	St. Johnstown Killenaule BG	€800
Calvary Graveyard	€600	St. Joseph's Ballingarry BG	€800
Carrick on Suir Workhouse Restoration	€600	St. Mary's, Killenaule	€600
Cloneen New BG	€800	St. Mary's Drangan BG	€600
Cloneen Old BG	€600	St. Michael's Church Graveyard	€600
Cooleagh Fethard BG	€800	St. Patrick's Faugheen	€600
Crohane Burial Ground	€600	Woodhouse BG	€600
Crosscannon Killenaule BG	€800	Templemichael Graveyard	€600
Dualla Cemetery	€600	Tullamaine Fethard BG	€800
Dualla Burial Ground	€600	Moyglass Graveyard	€600
Everardsgrange Burial Ground	€600		
Famine Graveyard	€800		
Grangemockler Parish Graveyard	€600		
Holy Trinity Fethard	€600		
Isterkiernan Mullinahone BG	€800		
Killaghy Mullinahone BG	€800		
Killmacclough Fethard BG	€800		
Kilballyherbery Burial Ground	€600		
Kilmurray Carrick on Suir BG	€600		
Kiltinan Fethard BG	€600		
Kilvemnon Mullinahone BG	€800		
Immaculate Conception BG	€600		
Lanespark Burial Ground	€800		
Lismolin Burial Ground	€600		
Magoury Drangan BG	€800		
Modeshill Mullinahone BG	€600		
Mogorban Parish Council	€600		
Nun's Graveyard	€600		
Old Ballingarry BG	€800		

In supporting these voluntary burial ground committees, the Council acknowledges the enormously valuable contribution invested by participants in tending to their respective communities' resting places.



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Community Grants

Carrick on Suir Municipal District invited submissions from clubs and other organisations providing facilities or engaging in community-based projects in 2024.

Grants totaling €32,366 were made under the scheme which was funded through the General Municipal Allowance and provided support to the following groups;

Ballingarry Albion FC	€900
Ballingarry Camogie Club	€800
Ballingarry GAA Club	€800
Ballingarry Parish Field	€800
Ballingarry Community Café	€500
Ballingarry Community Centre	€500
Ballingarry Tidy Towns	€800
Ballingarry Historic & Journal	€500
Ballyneale Community Field	€800
Ballynonty Community Group	€800
Castle Court Residents	€1,000
Castle Heights Resident Assoc	€1,000
Carrick on Suir Angling Assoc	€500
Clairin Residents Assoc	€480
Lissadell Residents Assoc	€800
Manor Close Residents Assoc	€750
Orchard Crescent Residents Assoc	€500
St Patricks Day Committee	€800
Carrick Utd FC	€800
Realta Special Needs Club	€1,000
Cloneen Sports & Social	€800
Ard Alainn Residents Assoc	€1000
Cluain Ard Residents Assoc	€375
Fethard Regional Community Sport CLG	€800
Fethard Tidy Towns	€800
Galteemor Kickboxing Club	€800
Glengoole Millennium Centre	€900
Glengoole Tidy Towns	€800
Moyglass Tidy Villages	€800
CJ Kickhams GAA	€1000
Mullinahone Tidy Towns	€800
Old School Community Centre	€765
Slieve Ardagh Mining Group	€500
Slieve Ardagh Rural Dev Group	€800

Slieve Ardagh Mining Book	€500
Mullinahone FC	€1000
Fethard AC	€800
St Patricks GAA	€800
Moyglass Sports Centre	€800
Drangan Tidy Towns	€396
Coolquill Residents Assoc	€500
Strylea Residents Assoc	€400
Fethard Tennis Club	€1,000
Glengoole Hall Committee	€400

Municipal Festivals

The Clancy Festival in Carrick on Suir had another great event with a fantastic line up of music and cultural events attracting visitors locally and nationally. The festival was assisted with a grant of €5,500 in 2024 and was a great success.



The Commemoration on the 175th Anniversary of the 1848 Monster Meeting re-enactment was held with walkers climbing to the summit of Slievenamon on the 21 July 2024. The event was well attended and included historical speeches at the peak of Slievenamon and raising the tricolour which T. F. Meagher brought back from France.

Tractors & Tudors

Carrick-on-Suir shone brightly as thousands of locals and visitors gathered to celebrate the inaugural Tractors and Tudors Christmas Festival, a unique event honouring the town's rich Tudor heritage and its connection to Ireland's original Christmas Tractor Run, The Christmas Tractors of Carrick-on-Suir now in its 11th year.

Highlights of the day

- Over 2300 people entered the grounds of Ormond Castle, for free "Tudor Christmas Tours", craft stalls set up in the Courtyard, and attending a number of events including Wreath making hosted by Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, MacMorris Project by Dr. Evan Bourke and "Echoes from the Great Hall", performance of literature, song and music.
- Castle Street hosted a number of food stalls and amusements, while Kickham Street provided a Music wall for teenagers and adults along with food services also.
- Holycross artist Philip Quinn, worked on the new Castle field Black Tom Sculpture allowing a rare opportunity to meet the artist and hear about the design process for the piece.
- Kickham Street buzzed with energy as approximately 200 motorbikes from the Southeast Bikers Charity Run made a spectacular stop after driving through the town from the N24.
- Carrick-on-Suir Fire & Rescue Service provided a Santa & friends walkabout during the day, distributing treats donated by local businesses and highlighting fire safety.
- The Carrick-on-Suir Heritage Centre hosted the beginning of the Kids' Christmas Tractor Run, with the lit-up tractors pedal powering their way behind the fire service to Kickham Street's Beat 102 103 presenter-led street party.
- The festival's grand finale was over 50 displays in the Christmas Tractors of Carrick's 11th year which came across Dillon Bridge and over Main Street before parking in Kickham Street to a fantastic reception throughout the town.
- The day concluded with the official launch of the Explore Carrick-on-Suir Quest Map at the Beat FM party, officiated by Stuart John Downie, representative of the Christmas Tractors of Carrick on Suir and Cathaoirleach Cllr Mark Fitzgerald.

The day was a huge success thanks to the collaborative work by Carrick on Suir MD staff & elected members, Explore Carrick on Suir, OPW- Ormond Castle, Christmas Tractors of Carrick on Suir, Carrick on Suir Fire & Rescue Service, Tudor Artisan Hub, Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, Carrick on Suir Businesses, and Tipperary County Council Civil Defence.



Ormond Castle bustling with activity for the Christmas market



Castle Street Market during the Tractors & Tudors festival



Carrick MD Cathaoirleach Cllr Mark Fitzgerald launches "Black Tom" Sculpture to be installed in Castle Park with Philip Quinn, Sculptor, and members of Carrick-on-Suir Development Association



South East Bikers Toy Run on Kickham Street



Santa & Marshall from Carrick-on-Suir Fire & Rescue Services greet the Children's Tractor Run on Kickham Street



Christmas Tractor run coming down Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir



Explore Carrick-on-Suir Quest map is launched with Carrick MD staff, Cllr David Dunne, Cathaoirleach Cllr Mark Fitzgerald, Stuart Downie from the Crop Cruisers and Explore Carrick-on-Suir Team

Community Festivals

Our local festivals provided a very welcome outlet for families during the year with grants providing support to the following groups;

- Ballynonty Community Field Festival
- Glengoolie Christmas Festival
- Glengoolie Music Event
- 1848 Slievenamon Monster Meeting Commemoration
- Way Down Underground
- Explore Carrick on Suir



Cathaoirleach Awards 2024



Recipients of Cathaoirleach Awards 2024 with their nominating elected members pictured at Comeragh College, Carrick on Suir.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Kieran Bourke and the Members of Carrick on Suir Municipal District were delighted to welcome our honoured guests from within the District to a reception held on the evening of Wednesday 8th May 2024 to celebrate the wealth of talent and accomplishments of nominees selected by the elected councilors.

The inimitable Paul Collins of Ballywire Media was our MC for the evening, showing video interludes throughout the evening highlighting the successes of each of our nominees, and throwing light on the participants' activities and disciplines through his engaging brand of banter.

Each of the Elected Members nominated a group or individual for their contribution to the municipal district and the community.

The following were the nominees for 2024:

- Ballingarry Community Café
- Fethard and District Daycare Centre
- Carrick-on-Suir Development Association
- Fethard Athletic Club
- Lee Grace

Presenting the recipients with their awards, the elected members paid tribute to all of the attendees - whom they considered all to be winners - celebrating the achievements and talents of the nominees and their enrichment of their respective communities. It was their great pleasure to present certificates and awards to the recipients.

The venue for the annual celebratory event was the wonderful Comeragh College at Carrick-on-Suir which opened in April 2016.

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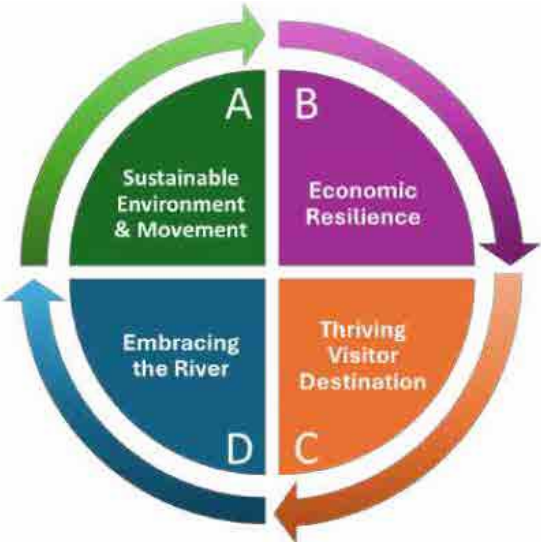
Town Centre First Plan _ Carrick-on-Suir

The Town Centre First Policy, launched by the Government in 2022, is a major cross-government policy to breathe new life into our town centres. It advocates for a holistic, place-based approach to sustainable rural development. Irish towns are facing significant challenges and opportunities that require a coordinated and comprehensive response.

Carrick-on-Suir’s Town Centre Team was formed in early 2023 and is composed of some 17 members with diverse backgrounds with a strong community interest and including our local Councillors and key Local Authority Officials.

Following an extensive survey of both the people of Carrick-on-Suir and its hinterland and of the business community in 2023, the team met frequently in 2024 to develop a draft Town Centre First Plan that will go to public consultation in 2025. This also builds on Carrick-on-Suir’s Vision 2030 created by the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism & Economic Development Commiteee and published in 2016 and on the many projects undertaken since then including the Suir BlueWay, the Rural Redevelopment Regeneration Fund Scheme and the upgrade of Ormond Castle, Ireland’s only Tudor Manor.

Carrick-on-Suir has a wide variety of very strong arts, culture and sporting clubs and activities and well established, successful commercial entities. The plans included in the Town Centre First Report are designed to improve the town significantly for its citizens, for visitors, for those who work in the town and for its businesses. The plan, which will form part of the Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031, will contribute to many applications to various funding sources to deliver those ideas such as Town Centre First, LEADER funding, Town and Village Renewal Schemes, Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme [ORIS] and the like over the course of the next few years.























Four Themes for Carrick-on-Suir Town Centre First

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Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District 2024 Programme of Works

	Road Improvement Works 18.2 km - €2.96m		Footpath Works in Fethard, Killenaule, Mullinahone and Ballinonty - €73k
	Road Maintenance Works 20.2 km - €628k		ORIS Improvement works completed on the River Suir Blueway €550,000
	Red Roads 1.4 km - €131k		ORIS Improvement works completed at Lough Doire Bhile - €120k
	Climate Adaptation /Severe Weather Road Works in 4 locations - €150k		Active Travel projects at Carrickbeg, Clairin Railway Footbridge and design for safety routes to Killenaule School - €767k.
	Drainage Grant Works in 12 locations - €148k		TII funded Capital project for feasibility study to connect the Suir Blueway with the Waterford Greenway - €120k
	Safety Improvement Works in Fethard, Mullinahone and Dualla - €130k		Installation of Cycle & Speed Limit Signage - €20k
	2024 Development levy works at Drangan, Mullinahone, Moyglass, & Fethard - €156k		Draft Town Centre First Plan – Ready for public consultation
	Bridge Rehabilitation works at Kylawilling Bridge, Inchanaglough Bridge & Curraheenduff Bridge - €205k		Bog Field Biodiversity Park in Carrickbeg – a community-based Riverside amenity area
	1 Community Involvement Scheme Project -€90k		Cathaoirleach Awards - Celebrating the wealth of talent and accomplishments of nominees
	3 Local Improvement Scheme Projects - €204K		Tractors & Tudors Christmas Festival - 2,300 visitors to Ormond Castle, 200 motorbikes, Christmas Tractor Run with over 50 lit up tractors

Welcomes & Retirements

Retirements

Marie O' Gorman - District Administrator retired June 2024 pictured with Helen Cahill, Staff Officer and Anthony Coleman, Director of Services



Willie Waters - School Warden retired November 2024



L-R Breen O'Meara, James Hawkins, Michael Walsh, Paul Bourke, Willie Waters and John Fogarty

Tom Bourke - Sweeper Carrick MD retired March 2024

Welcomes

- Jane Cooke Office Cleaner
- Sarah Dunne Clerical Officer
- Willie Morgan Acting Staff Officer
- Marie Cox District Administrator
- Sinead Flaherty Clerical Officer





Clonmel Borough District



At the Annual Meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 26th June, 2024 Councillor **Michael Murphy** was elected Mayor and Councillor Pat English was elected Deputy Mayor of the District for 2024/2025.



Following Councillor Michael Murphy's election to Dáil Éireann in the General Election held on Friday, 29th November, 2024, Councillor **Pat English** was elected as Mayor of Clonmel at the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 15th January, 2025. Councillor Siobhán Ambrose was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Civic Receptions

Clonmel Borough District accorded 2 Civic Receptions during 2024.

A Civic Reception was accorded to Clonmel Óg on the 10th May, 2024 to mark their 40th Anniversary and to acknowledge their loyal and distinguished service to the people of Clonmel and surrounding areas.



On the 6th December, 2024, a Civic Reception was accorded to Donnacha Keeley to acknowledge his great achievement on winning a gold medal in the U23 Lightweight Men's Double Sculls at the World Rowing Championships held at Royal Canadian Henley Rowing Course in St. Catherine's, Canada in August. He achieved this along with his rowing partner, Ciaran Purdy.



Tipperary Festivals and Events

Grant Scheme 2024

Funding was allocated under the 2024 Tipperary Festivals and Events Grant Scheme in the Clonmel Borough District and it included groups in the categories below. Festivals and events are crucial to the fabric of life in County Tipperary and the funding that the Council provides to festivals and events not only supports these groups to celebrate the arts, culture and heritage of the town but also serves to increase the level of vitality and vibrancy of the town centre bringing much needed footfall, bed nights and spend into the local economy.

Premier Category:

Clonmel Junction Arts Festival	€30,000
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Municipal Category:

Stagecraft 25(Godspell)	€5,000
Clonmel Applefest	€10,000
When next we meet	€4,000
Finding a Voice	€3,300
Clonmel Busking Festival	€15,000

Community Category:

Clonmel Community Pride Festival	€1,000
Belle Voci Choir	€300
Lingaun Valley Tourism CLG	€500
Comhaltas Powerstown & Lisronagh	€300
Camida Clonmel Triathlon 2024	€2,000
South Tipperary Bee Keepers Association	€300
Tipperary Indian Nurses Annual Event Celebration	€500
Fermoy Canine Club All Breed International Show	€500
Malayalees in South Tipperary – MIST Christmas Celebrations	€500
Clontempo Summer Concert 2024	€300
Rosegreen Development Association Field Day	€500
Clerihan Community Games Field Evening	€500
Clonmel Bridge Congress	€500

St Patrick's Day Parade

2024 St. Patricks Day committee got together early in the year and worked at gathering many groups together for the 17th March event. This year's Grand Marshall was young Clonmel boxer Shauna O'Keeffe. Shauna's achievements include 5 National Boxing Titles, a gold medal at the Multi Nations Tournament in Poland, a gold medal in Harringey Box Cup, London and Tipperary Sports Star of the Year in 2024.

The parade started as usual in the afternoon at Irishtown led by Banna Cluain Meala and the day brought out thousands of spectators. A number of other side-line events to entertain children took place in Mary Street Car Park. A great display was provided by all participating groups giving their best performances to the onlookers. Huge effort was also made in the decorating and lighting up of the town with shops doing their best for the window displays, main buildings lighting up green, bunting throughout streets and finally the general public making their efforts by wearing their green, white and gold to mark the occasion.



Summer 2024



Paris Olympics 2024 brought great excitement to Clonmel with local man Daire Lynch from Marlfield competing alongside Philip Doyle in the Men's Double Sculls. Clonmel Borough District arranged for a screening of the Olympic semi-final and final where hundreds of people gathered on Kickham Barracks Plaza to watch Daire and Philip secure their place in the final and go on to win a bronze medal. The event gathered momentum over both days as the word spread.

A homecoming was arranged for Daire and Philip on Wednesday, 14th August by the Clonmel Rowing Club in collaboration with Clonmel Borough District. People gathered on the Plaza from 5 pm where entertainment was provided by Banna Cluain Meala. The sun was shining and people availed of the ice-cream van and coffee dock located on the Plaza for the event. At 6.15 pm Daire and Philip arrived at the Plaza where they were given a rapturous welcome by the thousands of people who had gathered to greet their local hero, donning Irish colours and waving flags to welcome them. The crowd also heard of Philip's association with the town as his great grandfather was from Clonmel. Daire and Philip mingled with the crowd afterwards chatting, posing for photographs and signing autographs.

It was an historic event and a memorable evening for all in attendance.



Clonmel Junction Festival 2024



With Clonmel Junction Festival's strong commitment to providing a platform to local talent, while bringing high quality national artists to the town, the festival saw over 200 theatre-makers, musicians, visual artists and writers performing and exhibiting in over 50 separate events around town.

The 10-day festival, which took place from 28th June to 7th July, saw Clonmel come alive with an eclectic mix of music, theatre, dance and visual arts. Some highlights included the "Visual Emotion" exhibition of John D. Kelly's photo essays spanning his 40-year career in photography, "The Hills of Love" theatre production, written by Tipperary playwright Áine Ryan and "Eklego", a concert celebrating the musical legacy of the Clonmel born performer and composer Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin. Total audience figures for all events have been reported at over 6,000 over the 10 days.

The Family Fun evening at the Clonmel Sports Hub was a success with an estimated 650 people attending. The evening was programmed to highlight the resource that this new facility is to the town. Music, puppet theatre, arts and crafts activities were provided while the facility showcased the BMX track and skateboarding area.

The electrifying Festival Finales saw the CTI hall transformed into an 80s prom set. The night was headlined by alt rock legends Royseven, led by Clonmel's own Paul Walsh and was a fitting end to the 2024 festival.



Clonmel Pride Festival 2024



The fifth annual Pride Festival was held from Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th June 2024. The vibrant festival not only celebrated love, fellowship and diversity, it created a safe space in Clonmel for the LGBTQ+ community.

Clonmel Pride was honoured to welcome historian and civil rights activist Tonie Walsh, who lived much of his life in Clonmel, back to the town as Grand Marshal 2024. After the parade, excited crowds filled the Plaza with the colours of the rainbow, where many local musical and dance acts showcased their talent, including After Eden, Dance Revolution and Uproar Choir.

The Plaza was a hub of activity with free face painting, craft stalls, games for children, an art corner and food/coffee vendors providing something for everyone.

The festival saw participants and visitors travel to Clonmel from Waterford, Limerick, Dublin and from as far away as London, Switzerland and Turkey. Hotel/B&B accommodation in Clonmel, local eateries and taxi drivers benefited from the town centre activities spread over the weekend.



Clonmel Busking Festival



The Clonmel Busking Festival ran from the 9th – 11th August and was the 14th year of the festival. The weekend delivered back-to-back live musical performances around the streets and local public venues of Clonmel where the social scene came alive with the sound of music.

One of the highlights on the Friday afternoon was the performance of busking sensation Allie Sherlock where crowds gathered to see her rock the Plaza. Also performing on the Plaza over the weekend were Jukebox Gypsy, The Waheys, Jessica Brett, The Kates and local group After Eden. Feedback from the public was very positive towards the Plaza as a festival destination.

The festival saw significant attendance over the weekend with over 1,500 attending events at the Plaza on Friday afternoon and the same number enjoying live music at local public venues in the evening. On Saturday approximately 1,800 people gathered at venues like the Main Guard and the Plaza during the day, with over 2,000 attendees at the evening performances.

On Sunday the event peaked where over 3,000 people gathered in Denis Burke Park for the “Lark at the Park”. Entertainment was provided by Banna Cluain Meala, The Papa Zitas and Deise Brass. Overall, the festival was a great success, attracting large crowds both young and old.

Clonmel Applefest 2024



The festival took place over four days from 26th to 29th September and was the 7th year of the Festival. Projects and events included, Dancing the Orchards, a specially commissioned choreography connecting dancing and apple juice pressing, Harvest Fair on Kickham Plaza with up to 15 arts, craft, food and environmental stalls with an estimated 3000 attendees, Selection of talks, walks and demonstrations including sourdough bread making, bird talk, medicinal plant walk and a curated show at Narrow Space Gallery.

The Harvest Fair on Kickham Plaza was a particular highlight and brought together artists from Estonia, Norway, North and South Tipperary to celebrate all things apple with dance and apple pressing, apple tree planting, propagating and celebrating the diversity of foods produced in County Tipperary.

Halloween Festival Clonmel



The 2024 Clonmel Zombie Walk proved to be an unforgettable night, drawing an impressive crowd of over 2,000 enthusiastic participants. Blessed with a mild, dry evening, the streets of Clonmel came alive with ghoulish fun, laughter and an electric atmosphere that stretched through the heart of the Plaza.

The walk set off from Market Place, where the crowds gathered in huge numbers, and made its way slowly towards Kickham Plaza passing a few spooky sights on the way. The crowds were entertained along the way with jugglers, stilt walkers and fire throwers.

The Mayor of Clonmel, Cllr Michael Murphy (aka Harry Potter on the night) led the festivities with enthusiasm. The entertainment continued on the Plaza with a dramatic performance by Rogu Fire Arts. This was followed by an energetic display of street dance performed by DR2 dance group. DJ Stephen Kearns entertained and closed out the night with spooky tunes.

The creativity of Clonmel was evident in the truly impressive costumes on display, many of them handmade and sustainably sourced. Many prizes were given out on the night and a big thank you goes to the Environment Section, Tipperary County Council for sponsoring the prizes for the best sustainable costume category.

Zombie Walk wouldn't have been the success it was without assistance from the following:- Clonmel Borough District Staff, Civil Defence, Rogu Fire Arts, Wobbly Circus, DJC Events, DR2 Dance Group, Ken Horne, Environment Section, Clonmel Library and An Garda Síochána.



Christmas in Clonmel 2024

Saturday 7th December - Santa Claus in Clonmel.



Clonmel Borough District, working closely with the Town Team and the County Tipperary Chamber of Commerce hosted the much anticipated Santa Parade from West Gate to Kickham Plaza. The parade took place on December 7th and marked the start of the Christmas festivities in Clonmel. There was a great atmosphere in the town as Santa passed through the streets in his sleigh. The parade route is designed to pass through the main streets highlighting the retail options in the town.

Santa was joined along the way by performers from Alison Cronin Dance Academy and the elves from Kool School Gymnastics Club. The Parade ended on Kickham Plaza which was magically lit up. Banna Cluain Meala played as Santa arrived on the Plaza and the entertainment continued with music provided by DJC Events and a spectacular performance by the Kool School Gymnastics Club Elves. There were approximately 1,500 in attendance throughout the parade and on the Plaza where Santa met and chatted with hundreds of excited children.

Clonmel Borough District acknowledge with thanks the contributions from Businesses throughout Clonmel and surrounding areas towards the 2024 Christmas Lights.



SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In March 2024 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Clonmel Borough District.

Schedule of the main programmes affecting the Clonmel Borough District in relation to road and infrastructure during 2024 were:

Surface dressing works (Restoration Maintenance) were carried out at:

R-689-3	Market Hill
R-706-5	Church Road Kilsheelan
L-7205-2	Lavally Lower
L-3282-2	Loughtally
L-3272-3	Red City Fethard
L-7202-2	Ballinlough/Colman
L-6503-0	Monroe
L-7204-0	Caherclough
L-2504	Ballinvoher

Road strengthening (Restoration Improvement) works on public roads were carried out at:

R-706-3/4	Thorney Bridge
R-689-2	Caharclough Lisronagh
L-3278 - 0	Summerhill Glenconnor
L-6510-0	Kilcash to N76
L-2502-2	Drumdeel Sladagh
L-1407-0	Railstown Rosegreen
L-7201-2	Jossestown
L-7204-0	Orchardstown
L-1411-0	Blackcastle / Ballygerald
L-3275-1	Ballingarrane Lower
R-678 -0	Mountain Road
R-884-9	Joyces lane
	Macadam Patchworks in Clonmel Town



**Caherclough/Lisronagh
Improvement Project Works**

Road patching, drainage and other maintenance of regional and local roads were carried out around the District.

Drainage Works were carried out throughout the District. Drainage Grants were received for:

R-688	Ballyglasheen
R-689	Graigieue, Ballypatrick
R-671	Raheen Road
L-2514-0	Rathronan Cross



**Community Improvement Scheme (CIS)
project Ballyglasheen L-65072**

- Footpath Repairs were carried out at the following locations:
 - Ash Court, Raheen Road, Wilderness Grove, Old Toberheena
- Maintenance of LA housing units, based on Councils responsibility, priority and available budget.
- Voids/Pre-letting repairs, as required and based on budget allocation from centre. Based on necessary works to return a house to a habitable condition subject to available budget.
- Carried out street cleaning, litter management.
- Maintenance of St Patrick’s Cemetery burial grounds.
- Surfacing at Kilcash Community Car Park.
- Management of parks and Open Spaces and Suir Blueway maintenance.



Surfacing at Kilcash Community Car Park

Enhancement And Painting Scheme 2024

Clonmel Town Centre Enhancement and Painting Grant Scheme provided grant aid to assist owners/occupiers of 14 properties in the town to improve the streetscapes through:

- Removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and replacement with shop fascia signage (with an emphasis on hand painted signage)
- Painting and general improvements to commercial and residential building frontages
- Erection of planter, floral hanging baskets or other environmental improvements.



AFTER

Tidy Towns

Tidy Town Groups from the District were given continued financial support in order to continue with funding projects throughout the year. These groups included Kilsheelan, Clonmel, Kilcash, Marlfield, Rosegreen, Lisronagh, Clerihan and Killusty.

The District acknowledges the commitment, pride and huge effort demonstrated throughout the year by each of the Tidy Town Groups in continuing to promote their towns and villages and having them look so well. It was great to see the groups who entered the Tidy Towns Competition under the various categories increase their score on last year. The news of both Kilsheelan Tidy Towns and Clonmel Tidy Towns retaining their well-earned gold medals in the competition is a testament to the work that was put in over the year.



Tidy Town Grants

No.	Name of Committee	Grant Awarded
1	Clonmel Tidy Town	€1,500
2	Kilsheelan Tidy Town	€4,000
3	Marlfield Tidy Town	€ 500
4	Rosegreen Tidy Towns	€2,000
5	Kilcash Tidy Towns	€ 500
6	Clerihan Tidy Towns	€1,500
7	Lisronagh Tidy Towns	€1,000
8	Killusty Tidy Towns	€1,000
Total Grants Awarded		€12,000

Amenity/Burial Ground Grants

Other funding provided to organisations and voluntary groups include tidy town grants totaling €12,000 allocated to 8 tidy town groups, €15,400 allocated to 22 burial ground committees and amenity grants totaling €9,393 allocated to 31 applicants.

Burial Ground Grants

Burial Ground Committee 2024	Grant Awarded
Baptistgrange BG Committee	€700
Rathronan BG Committee	€700
Old Clerihan Graveyard BG Committee	€700
Donoughmore BG Committee	€700
Burnchurch BG Committee	€700
Killaloan BG Committee	€700
Marlfield BG Committee	€700
New Chapel BG Committee	€700
Old Kilsheelan BG Committee	€700
Rosegreen BG Committee	€700
St Mary's Churchyard BG Committee	€700
Templetney BG Committee	€700
Old Powerstown BG Committee	€700
Lisronagh Old BG Committee	€700
St. Nicholas Church & Grave BG Committee	€700
Shanavine BG Committee	€700
St Stephens Graveyard Committee	€700
Killusty Church Graveyard	€700
Powerstown Church Graveyard	€700
Lisronagh Church Graveyard	€700
Woodroffe Burial Ground	€700
Clonmel Quaker Burial Ground	€700
Total Grants Allocated	€15,400



Amenity Grants

Residents Association	Grant Amount
Ard Caoin Residents Association	€303.00
Ashlawn Residents Association	€303.00
Auburn Estates Grass Cutting Committee	€303.00
Barr An Aird Residents Association	€303.00
Beechwood Close Residents Association	€303.00
Beechwood Drive Residents Association	€303.00
Brookway Residents Association	€303.00
Cloughcarrigeen Residents Association	€303.00
Cois Coille Residents Association	€303.00
Coleville Avenue Residents Association	€303.00
Crann Ard, Glencarra, Gracefield Residents Association	€303.00
Fán Aoibhinn & Dromainn Residents Association	€303.00
Garden Grove Residents Association	€303.00
Gort na Manach Residents Association	€303.00
Gort na Smol Residents Association	€303.00
Highfield Grove Residents Association	€303.00
Honeyview Residents Association	€303.00
Inis na Managh Residents Association	€303.00
Ivowen Residents Association	€303.00
Killusty Tidy Town	€303.00
Knockaun Court Residents Association	€303.00
Marlfield Village Association	€303.00
Meadowlands Residents Association	€303.00
Moylebrook Residents Association	€303.00
Old Bridge Community Association	€303.00
Redwood Gardens Residents Association	€303.00
Rosegreen Development Association	€303.00
Springfields Residents Association	€303.00
The Paddocks Residents Association	€303.00
Tivoli Heights Residents Association	€303.00
Wilderness Grove/Carrigeen Residents Association	€303.00
TOTAL GRANTS ALLOCATED	€9,393.00

Clonmel Borough District Tree Strategy 2024-2029

Clonmel Borough District adopted a 5 year Tree Strategy on the 20th November, 2024 and is the first District in the County to do so. This Tree Strategy provides a structured framework for managing and maintaining the urban trees within Clonmel Borough District. It ensures that the existing tree stock is cared for and managed effectively, sets goals for future tree planting and maintenance and establishes clear guidelines for sustainable management practices. It also focuses on educating people around the value of trees and encouraging everybody to play a part in protecting and nurturing our trees.



Clonmel Swimming Pool

Clonmel Swimming Pool is a 25m 5 lane pool located in Mick Delahunty Square. It operates 7 days a week from 6.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m Monday to Friday and from 7.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m at weekends. Adult and Children lessons, water safety courses and a competitive swimming club are among the range of services provided. Facilities include a steam room and sauna, learner pool, gymnasium, weight room with wheelchair access, hoist and pool chairs also available.

In 2024 approximately 40 schools from Clonmel and the surrounding areas availed of the lessons provided at the pool where these students gained a valuable life skill. It is a well-priced facility for the community with concession rates available for Seniors and Students.



Playgrounds

Government funding was secured under the Play and Recreational Capital Grant to upgrade the playground in Mulcahy Park. Additional equipment including a Mother and Baby Swing and a Wheelchair Accessible Trampoline were installed in 2024. Clonmel Borough District carry out weekly inspections of all playgrounds in the District to ensure the health and safety of the users with any defects that are observed acted on and maintenance carried out.



STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS

“Clonmel 2030 - Transformational Regeneration” is an ambitious vision of considerable scale that is seeking to transform and change Clonmel’s town centre into a re-imagined, dynamic and energetic centre fit for purpose for its 21st century citizens.

It proposes to achieve this through the re-activation of centrally located brownfield sites; creating new energized civic, cultural, educational, recreational and tourism spaces and seeks to combine these new uses in a manner that leverages and creates a new focus and purpose for the town. The vision will focus on better connectivity and access to the town and will strive to enhance the quality and attractiveness of the town resulting in increased critical mass and economic activity and be a town that all can take pride in.

The key projects being progressed and/or achieved are as follows:-

A. Clonmel Regional Sports Hub

Since the facility opened in June 2023 the place is a hive of activity, as the young athletes are put through their paces by coaches from Clonmel Athletic Club. The local athletics club is one of the anchor tenants, along with Clonmel Cycling Club and Clonmel Triathlon Club. The venue attracts between 500 and 600 people a week to use its facilities. Also included is the playground, skatepark, cycle (pump) track and a walking/running trail.

Apart from members of the anchor tenant clubs, the hub is also used by many other groups including students and staff from the nearby TUS campus, a Couch to 5k group who are there twice a week, a group of runners organised by an international athlete, Ian Purcell’s team of between 40 and 45 runners, Tipperary Community Games athletes, members of Fethard AC, Clonmel Rowing Club and GAA clubs. High performance local athletes also train here on a regular basis.



B. Kickham Barracks PHASE 2 (Garda Barracks)

Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee T.D. announced on the 23 July 2024 that work at Clonmel Garda Station was going to Tender. The works involve the construction of a new Garda Community Engagement Headquarters for Clonmel. The completed project, consisting of a two, three and four storey building will face onto the new public plaza which all form part of the proposed Kickham Barracks masterplan. The development will enhance Garda presence in the town while facilitating the policing infrastructure for Clonmel and the surrounding area.



Kickham Barracks–Phase 2(ETB/TUS Integrated Campus for Education)

Tipperary ETB, working in collaboration with Technological University of the Shannon, presented their vision to develop Clonmel Connected Campus to Minister, Patrick O' Donovan on the 24th October 2024. Clonmel will become the first home for a co-located Further and Higher Education Campus. The green light to take the proposed joint third level high-quality facilities to detailed design phase will enable Tipperary ETB and TUS to move forward as education partners, making the concept a reality for the town of Clonmel.



C. Suir Island

Works commenced in 2024 at the amenity space on Suir Island. The project, titled Suir Island Gardens, is one project within an array of projects brought together under the Suir Island Masterplan for the entire island, as published by Tipperary County Council in 2019. It is proposed that the Gardens Project will complement proposals for the island as a whole. The project includes the provision of a high-quality green space accessible to the public, together with paths, seating, picnic areas and interactive play areas in and around the vicinity of Suir Island House.

Suir Island is located in the centre of Clonmel. Over time there has been a substantial amount of change on the island, once being the industrial heart of Clonmel Town, to now being Clonmels 'green lung'. The site is expected to take on a new lease of life once again when it is developed. The ruins of Suir Island House are located at the south western corner of the island and centrally within the subject site for Suir Island Gardens. The site is replete with remnants of industrial and architectural heritage such as walls, steps, paving slab details, gate piers and other fragments, all of which enhance the site's character.



The project will deliver a unique space for public use and to serve a wide and varied community, and will be a destination for locals and tourists, while preserving and enhancing the island's biodiversity. The Island enjoys a picturesque backdrop of the Comeragh Mountains to the south and a particular atmosphere thanks to the sound and scene of the River Suir, and the fauna to which the Island is home.

Additional to the Suir Island Gardens works, funding was provided from LAWPRO to introduce Nature Based Solutions in the form of rain gardens within the grounds of Suir Island Car Park area, and these works commenced as part of the Garden contract at the end of 2024.

D. Abbey Street Performance Area

Contract works are continuing in Abbey St Car Park to develop a central plaza area in Clonmel by investing in a fixed canopy over a performance stage, fixed power points and lighting which will transform, when required, an existing car parking space and adjacent streets into an outdoor performance space and public amenity corridor area. This vision for Clonmel will create a physical and visual connecting theme by linking three central streets to form a flexible, innovative series of public spaces with new interventions such as staging, power points and lighting. The aim for this space is to encourage and facilitate year-round use for up and coming performers in the town in the hope of bringing greater vibrancy and life to this entire area while also providing a range of usage options into the future.

Works are due for completion in May 2025.

E. Suir Blueway

The Blueway is a very important natural amenity in Clonmel and surrounding areas. It offers benefits to users including health & fitness, picturesque surroundings of the River Suir, accessibility, tourism attraction, social interaction and a connection with nature. Overall the Blueway enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors, promoting healthier, more sustainable living while boosting the local community.

Clonmel Borough District will continue to seek funding from various Department streams to enhance the Clonmel Blueway. In 2024, The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructural Scheme (ORIS), through the Department of Rural and Community Development provided funding for further Blueway widening works. Works on an additional 2km of Blueway widening took place between Sir Thomas' Bridge and Kilsheelan and have also been completed on the rehabilitation of the masonry wall adjacent to Bulmer's Orchards to facilitate a separate area for the Clonmel District Angling Club. Distance marker posts were also installed between Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir during the works.



OPW – Flood Defence Scheme

The Clonmel Flood Defence Scheme is monitored and maintained by Clonmel Borough District. The scheme is 100% funded by the Office of Public Works. Continuous monitoring by the Engineers, technical staff and team in the District provides a safeguard against flooding in vulnerable areas. The prior warning of flood events and the indication of the severity is of benefit to inform the local authority staff, its response partners and the general public in affected areas to take appropriate action to prepare for flood events. The flood schemes management plan is reviewed every year in September with a meeting with the Principle Response Agencies and other related agencies convened.

In 2024 the river levels passed “Threshold 1” on 5 separate occasions. The river levels never exceeded “Threshold 2”.

The Marlfield Flood Relief Scheme is currently at Final Options Stage. Ground Investigation Works are expected to commence this year with a view to finalising the Preferred Option by the end of 2025. Works to improve the Flood Resilience of the Village commenced in February with culvert upgrade works. A new sluice valve will also be installed by mid year to provide greater control over the level of the lake. Further Tree Clearance works will also take place throughout the year.



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2024 Programme of Works



Road Improvement Works
6km - €1m



Clonmel Christmas Lights Investment



Homecoming for Local Olympic Heroes



Red Roads
2km - €232,471



Painting & Enhancement Scheme



Tree Strategy Project



Climate Adaptation/Severe Weather Road Works
Kilcash & Killusty €30,000



Tipperary Greenway Project:
• Suir Island Infrastructure Links
• Marlfield to Clonmel Greenway
• Marlfield to Cahir Greenway



Installation of Marker Posts on the Suir Blueway



Road Maintenance Works
9.3km - €288,924



Active Travel Projects:
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala



Mother and Baby Swing and Wheelchair Accessible Trampoline installed at Mulcahy Park



Community Involvement Scheme
3.6km - €126,000



Support for Festivals
ie St Patrick's Day



Town Centre First team established in 2024,



THRIVE Strand 1-3 Buildings in Kickham Barracks - Design



ORIS Funding & Maintenance - Suir Blueway



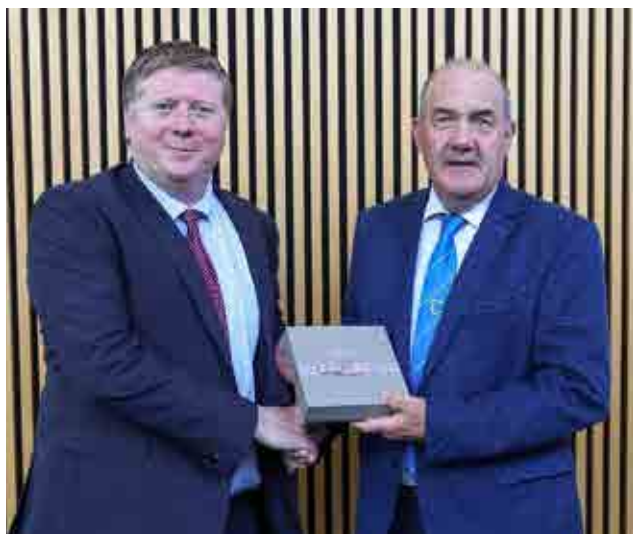
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Nenagh Municipal District

Local Elections 2024

The Local Elections 2024 were held on Friday 7th June 2024. Three sitting Councillors in the Nenagh Municipal District did not stand for re-election. These were Cllr. Ger Darcy, Cllr. Hughie McGrath and Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath. Presentations were made to these Councillors by Liam Brett, Director of Services, Nenagh Municipal District at their last District Meeting in May 2024.



Presentation to Cllr. Ger Darcy



Presentation to Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath



Presentation to Cllr. Hughie McGrath

The newly elected Councillors who filled the ensuing vacancies were:

- Cllr. Ryan O' Meara,
- Cllr. Pamela Quirke O' Meara
- Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh

The following is the list of members returned for Nenagh Municipal District at the Local Elections 2024:

Newport Local Electoral Area:

- Cllr. Fiona Bonfield
- Cllr. Pamela Quirke O' Meara
- Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler
- Cllr. John Carroll

Nenagh Local Electoral Area:

- Cllr. Joe Hannigan
- Cllr. Michael O' Meara
- Cllr. Ryan O' Meara
- Cllr. Séamus Morris
- Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh

- Cllr. Ryan O' Meara was elected as an Oireachtas Member at the General Election held on 29th November 2024 and therefore ceased to be a member of the local authority.
- Cllr. JP O' Meara was co-opted to fill the ensuing vacancy and attended his first meeting of Nenagh Municipal District on 19th December 2024.

Cathaoirleach

The Annual Meeting of Nenagh Municipal District was held on 27th June 2024. Councillor Fiona Bonfield was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Séamus Morris was elected Leas Chathaoirleach.



Cathaoirleach Fiona Bonfield

Director of Services

Marcus O' Connor, who was Director of Services of Nenagh Municipal District from 2014 and prior to that had responsibility for the Nenagh Electoral Area and Nenagh Town Council, retired in March 2024. He was replaced as Director of Services for Roads, Transportation, Health & Safety and Nenagh Municipal District by Liam Brett.



Marcus O' Connor with Cllr. Hughie McGrath



Elected Members of Nenagh Municipal District at Annual Meeting 2024. Missing from picture: Cllr. Pamela Quirke O' Meara

Schedule of Municipal District Works

In March 2024 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Nenagh Municipal District.

This provided for a total expenditure of €12,756,493 under the following Categories:

Housing Maintenance	€450,463
Roads Programme	€11,268,328
Burial Ground Mntce.	€65,000
Amenity Area Mntce.	€574,703
Street Cleaning	€397,999

Under the Roadworks Programme the following works were undertaken:

- 38.7km were improved under the Restoration Improvement Programme
- 43km were surface dressed under the Restoration Maintenance Programme
- 2.3km involving two projects were improved under the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)
- Ten projects (3.8km) were completed under the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)
- Works to the value of €280,000 were carried out on three Bridge Schemes
- Safety Improvement Works at Tyone - Rathmartin Road Junction cost €55,000
- Drainage works were undertaken on six schemes costing €286,000
- Completion of Retrofitting along National Roads
- Pavement repairs were carried out at Ballingarry and Ballinruddery
- Targeted Intervention on the R503 at Rearnoggymore, Rearcross
- Repair works to old N7 (600m) costing €300,000

In 2024 Nenagh Municipal District issued 75 Hedge Cutting Notices to landowners to encourage them to maintain roadside hedges and trees in the interests of road safety and facilitation of road maintenance operations.



R497 Reiska Surface Dressing



Moanaha Bridge Templederry



Layby at Ballingarry



Void Property before Works



Active Travel Initiative Dublin Rd, Nenagh



Property after Completion of Works



Works at Roolagh Junction



Void Property before Works



Property after completion of works



Low Cost Safety Works, Rathmartin Road Junction

General Municipal Allocation

The General Municipal Allocation for 2024 was €232,202 and was allocated to fund the following:

Christmas Lighting	€ 8,500
Amenities/Playground	€90,500
Festival & Events	€30,702
Economic Development & Promotion	€55,000
Enhancement Measures	€20,000
Specific Projects	€27,500

Working with the Community

During 2024 Nenagh Municipal District continued to work with the community throughout the District in various ways. This included provision of funding through grants and contributions, liaison with voluntary groups and associations, liaison with business groups, provision of advice and support and assisting with a variety of events.

2024 was another very successful year for the Tidy Towns Committees across the Nenagh Municipal District. In total 26 towns, villages or communities in the Nenagh MD area entered the national SuperValu Tidy Towns competition and the results were truly outstanding.

All centres showed an increase in the marks awarded with Rathcabbin achieving an additional 21 marks this year and also obtaining an Endeavour Award. Newport received an additional 12 marks and Puckane, Portroe & Riverstown/Killeen were awarded an additional 11 marks. No centre received less than an increase of 6 marks. The three top achievers were Terryglass (County winner & silver medal), Birdhill (highly commended and bronze medal) and Silvermines (commended and bronze medal). Nenagh Town retained its bronze medal, first received in 2015.



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Tidy Towns Grants Paid

Aglish Old School & Village Committee	€1,000.00
Ardcroney Community Development Committee	€2,000.00
Ballina Tidy Towns Committee	€4,997.76
Ballinahinch Tidy Towns Committee	€800.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Committee	€1,200.00
Ballycommon Village Residents Association	€1,500.00
Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee	€1,500.00
Borrisokane Tidy Towns Committee	€1,500.00
Capparoe Tidy Towns Committee	€500.00
Carney Tidy Village	€400.00
Carrig Tidy Town Committee	€2,000.00
Carrigahorig Development Association	€1,300.00
Cloughjordan Tidy Towns	€846.26
Dromineer & District Development Association	€1,700.00
Garrykennedy Tidy Towns	€942.85
Kilbarron Dev. Association	€800.00
Kilcommon Tidy Towns Association	€1,012.66
Killoscully Dev. Association	€2,200.00
Nenagh Tidy Towns	€10,000.00
Newport Tidy Towns	€6,000.00
Pike Residence Association	€500.00
Portroe Tidy Towns Committee	€1,300.00
Puckane Tidy Towns Committee	€1,200.00
Rathcabbin Development Association	€1,000.00
Rearcross Tidy Towns	€800.00
Riverstown Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
Shallee Enhancement Group	€1,200.00
Silvermines Enhancement Group	€3,000.00
Templederry Tidy Towns	€1,300.00
Terryglass Improvement Association	€4,000.00
Toor Tidy Village	€800.00



Works completed by Newport Tidy Towns group



Improvement works at Rosehill estate entrance completed by Newport Tidy Towns group



Shallee Enhancement group recreated a beautiful bicycle sign post at Shallee Cross



Flowerbed maintenance works by Portroe Tidy Towns group

In recognition of the contribution made by communities across the district, funding was allocated in 2024 to 88 clubs & organisations, 41 residents associations, 20 festivals & events, 31 Tidy Towns Committees and 68 burial grounds committees within the Nenagh Municipal District. A full listing of all grant and contributions recipients is set out in this report.

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Details of Grants and Contributions 2024

Burial Ground Grants

Aglish Burial Ground	€698.94
Ardcroney New Cemetery	€698.94
Ardcroney Old Graveyard	€698.94
Ballinacclough Graveyard	€698.94
Ballinahinch New Graveyard	€698.94
Ballinahinch Old Graveyard	€698.94
Ballingarry Church of Ireland	€698.94
Ballinree Church Burial Ground	€698.94
Ballinree New Burial Ground	€698.94
Ballygibbon Burial Ground	€698.94
Ballymackeogh Graveyard	€698.94
Ballymackey Burial Ground	€698.94
Ballymackey Church of Ireland Graveyard	€698.94
Birdhill Graveyard Committee	€698.94
Bonaham Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Borrisokane Old Church of Ireland	€698.94
Burgess Graveyard Committee	€698.94
Carrig Burial Ground	€698.94
Castletown Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Cloughjordan Burial Ground	€698.94
Cloughprior Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Congor Graveyard Committee	€698.94
Cragg Burial Ground	€698.94
Cuan Mhuire Burial Ground	€698.94
Curreeny Burial Ground	€698.94
Dromineer Graveyard Committee	€698.94
Finnoe Graveyard	€698.94
Garrykennedy Graveyard Committee	€698.94
Gawn Burial Ground	€698.94
Grennanstown Graveyard	€698.94
Kenyon Street Graveyard Committee	€698.94
Kilbarron Church of Ireland Graveyard	€698.94
Kilbarron New Graveyard Committee	€698.94
Kilbarron Old Graveyard Committee	€698.94
Kilboy Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Kilcommon New Burial Ground Committee	€698.94

Kilcommon Old Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Kilkeary Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Killenaive Graveyard	€698.94
Killodiernan Church of Ireland Graveyard	€698.94
Killodiernan Graveyard	€698.94
Killoscully Burial Ground	€698.94
Kilmastulla Graveyard Committee	€698.94
Kilmore Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Kilnarath Burial Ground	€698.94
Kilruane Burial Ground	€698.94
Knigh Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Kyle Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Lisboney Old Cemetery	€698.94
Lockeen Graveyard	€698.94
Lockeen Church of Ireland Graveyard	€698.94
Lorrha St. Ruadhan's New Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Lorrha St. Ruadhan's Old Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Modreeny Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Monsea Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Old Workhouse Graveyard	€698.94
Pallas Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Pike Burial Ground (Ballingarry)	€698.94
Rockvale Cemetery	€698.94
St. John's Newport COI Graveyard	€698.94
St. Peter & Paul's Graveyard	€698.94
St. Ruadhans Church of Ireland Committee	€698.94
Templederry Church of Ireland Committee	€698.94
Templederry New Graveyard	€698.94
Templekelly Burial Ground Committee	€698.94
Terryglass Cemetery Committee	€698.94
Tyone Burial Ground	€698.94
Youghalarra Graveyard	€698.94
Total	€47,527.92

Residents Associations

Ardán/Shesherahmore Residents	€500.00
Arravale Residents Association	€350.00
Ballycommon Village Residents Association	€200.00
Ballygraique Estate Committee	€300.00
Brookville Green Residents Association	€250.00
Carrig Rua Residents Association	€200.00
Castle Court Residents Association	€250.00
Castle Oak Residents Committee	€250.00
Ciamaltha Meadows Residents Association	€250.00
Clonbealy Residents Association	€150.00
Cluain Caoin Residents Assoc.	€250.00
Coille Bheithe Residents Assoc.	€300.00
Cois Deirge Residents Association	€150.00
Cnoc Ard Residents Committee	€250.00
Cnoc Cluain Residents Association	€250.00
Cullenagh Residents Committee	€400.00
Doncarrig Residents Association	€300.00
Dromin Court Residents group	€100.00
Droim na Coille Residents Committee	€250.00
Drummin Village Residents Association	€300.00
Farmleigh Residents Association	€300.00
Glencree Residents Committee	€150.00

Hillcrest Manor Residents Committee	€300.00
Iniscealtra Residents Association	€300.00
Killnasalla Residents Association	€250.00
Lakeside Villas Residents Association	€200.00
Lorrha Village Residents Committee	€250.00
Lough Derg Cottages Residents Association	€150.00
Marine Village Residents Association	€250.00
McDonagh Avenue Residents Committee	€250.00
Monaree Residents Association	€300.00
Mulkear View Residents Committee	€250.00
Radharc Darach Residents Committee	€200.00
Riveroaks Residents Association	€500.00
Sallygrove Residents Association	€300.00
The Beeches Residents Association	€250.00
Townfields Residents Association	€250.00
Tulow Residents Committee	€250.00
Willowcliff Management Company	€300.00
Yewston Residents Association	€250.00
Youghalarra Way Residents Association	€250.00
Total	€10,750.00



Clubs & Organisations

Ardcroney Community Field	€250
Ardcroney Community Hall	€250
Ardcroney FC	€250
Ardcroney Old Man's Organisation	€350
Arra Historical & Archaeological Society	€250
Arra Rovers Soccer Club	€350
Ballina Camogie Club	€250
Ballina Handball Club	€250
Ballina Killaloe Rugby Football Club	€350
Ballina Ladies Football Club	€250
Ballinacrough Sportsfield Committee	€250
Ballingarry Community Initiative	€350
Ballycommon/Puckane CE CLG	€250
Ballymackey Womens Shed	€250
Birdhill Development & Environmental Association	€350
Boher Community Development Group	€250
Borrisokane Athletic Club	€250
Borrisokane Community Sports Grounds	€250
Borrisokane Football Club	€250
Borrisokane Gospel Choir	€250
Borrisokane Mens Shed	€250
Borrisokane Tennis Club	€250
Burgess Duharra Camogie Club	€250
Burgess Juvenile Club	€250
Capparoe Womens Shed	€250
Choose Respect	€500
Cloughjordan Community Games	€250
Cloughjordan FC	€250
CRK Drama Group	€250
Curreeny Community Hall Ltd	€250
Development Association Newport CLG	€250
Farm Family Group	€250
Friends of St Conlon's Nursing Home	€350
Irish Kennedy Heritage Group	€250
Kiladangan Juvenile GAA Club	€250
Kilbarron Terryglass Historical Society	€250
Kilcommon Community Hall	€500
Kilruane MacDonaghs Camogie Club	€250
Knigh Utd	€250
Lahorna Handball Club	€250
Lorrha/Dorrha Camogie Club	€250
Lorrha Community Games	€350
Lorrha/Dorrha Ladies Club	€350
Lorrha Rathcabbin Gun Club	€250

Lough Derg Sub Aqua Club	€250
Mulcair Men's Shed	€250
Nenagh Active Retirement	€250
Nenagh Bridge Centre	€250
Nenagh Classic Car Club	€250
Nenagh Community Allotments	€250
Nenagh Cricket Club	€250
Nenagh Éire Óg Camogie Club	€250
Nenagh Éire Óg Hurling & Football Club	€250
Nenagh Golf Club - Ladies Branch	€250
Nenagh Hockey Club	€250
Nenagh I.C.A.	€250
Nenagh Kairali	€250
Nenagh Masters Swimming Club	€250
Nenagh Men's Shed	€350
Nenagh Neptune Swimming Club	€250
Nenagh Ormond Brass Band	€250
Nenagh Special Summer Camp	€250
Nenagh Squash Club	€250
Nenagh Toastmasters Club	€250
Nenagh Warriors Basketball Club	€250
Neuro Nation	€350
Newport Community First Responders	€250
Newport Community Text Alert Group	€250
Newport Foróige Youth Club	€350
Newport Historical & Archaeological Society	€250
Newport Town AFC	€250
Newport Women's Shed	€250
Order of Malta Ambulance Corps - Nenagh Unit	€250
Puckaun & Carrig Senior Citizens Association	€250
Riverdale Pitch & Putt Club	€250
SCÉAL Society Limited	€250
Silvermines GAA Health & Wellbeing	€350
Silvermines Historical Society	€250
Silvermines Juvenile GAA Club	€250
Silvermines Men's Shed	€250
Silvermines Senior Citizens Christmas Party	€250
St. Odhran's Ladies Gaelic FC	€350
Stafford Day Service	€250
Terryglass Angling & Conservation Club	€250
Terryglass Kilbarron Game & Conservation Club	€250
The A Team Youth Club	€350
Tipperary C.O.P.D. Support	€250
Total	€23,650

Enhancement of Nenagh

A number of businesses benefited from the 2024 Painting and Enhancement grant schemes in Nenagh MD. This scheme was provided to improve the streetscape and public realm through supporting the owners of properties to improve and enhance their properties and public areas.

A total of €11,442.86 was paid out in respect of premises in Nenagh, Ballina, Borrisokane, Rearcross and Garrykennedy.



Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District 2024 Painting & Enhancement Grant



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Mural of Shane MacGowan

A mural of the late Shane MacGowan was formally launched at Emmet Place, Nenagh on Sunday 6th October in front of a large attendance. The mural was completed by artist Neil O'Dwyer and was very well received with coverage on social media and by national and international press. Special Guests on the day included Victoria Mary Clarke, Siobhan MacGowan, Neil O'Dwyer and Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD Cllr. Fiona Bonfield. This project was funded by Nenagh MD through the GMA (General Municipal Allocation).



Mural of Shane MacGowan at Emmet Place, Nenagh



Large crowd in attendance for Official Launch of Mural



Victoria Mary Clarke, wife of Shane and his sister Siobhan MacGowan

Festivals & Events

During 2024 Nenagh Municipal District provided support (financial, advice and in-kind) to a range of Festivals & Events across the District. In addition, the District directly facilitated a number of events in collaboration with event management services, Nenagh Tourist Office and representatives from various sectors of the community.

Festivals and events are recognised as being central to fabric of life in the District and deliver a range of economic, social and cultural benefits. They entertain, they celebrate our communities, showcase our villages and towns and are often an expression of identity and place. They represent arts, cultural, heritage and sporting assets and make a positive contribution in influencing the perception of the District.

Grants were awarded under the Festival & Events Grant Scheme to the following:

Municipal:	
Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival	€12,000
Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival	€6,000
Fleadh Cheoil Thiobraid Árann 2024	€7,000
Live Art Engage	€5,000
Cloughjordan Community Amphitheatre Season 2024	€5,000
Féile Brian Ború	€4,000
Irish Youth Circus Gathering 2024	€6,000
The Broad Majestic Shannon Festival of Music	€7,500
Resonance Lough Derg	€5,000
Community:	
Classic Car Easter Egg Hunt	€250
Killoscully Midsummer Community Gathering	€470
Lorrha Medieval Conference	€1,000
Tipperary International Inclusion Friendship Games	€1,300
Nenagh Snooker Open	€1,000
Nenagh Snooker Irish Invitational Team Championship	€1,000
Killaloe Music Festival	€1,800
Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade	€2,300
Ballina-Killaloe St. Patrick's Day Parade	€1,000
Run with Dunne Race series	€1,000
Ballinderry BEO	€1,000
Total	€69,620



Festivals & Events grant recipient - Cloughjordan Community Amphitheatre



Festivals & Events grant recipient – Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Nenagh Municipal District Awards Evening took place on Thursday 21st November 2024. Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD, Councillor Fiona Bonfield made presentations to voluntary groups and individuals in a number of categories in recognition of their commitment, dedication and achievements in their respective areas.

On the night awards were presented under the following categories:

- Tidy Towns Committees
- Residents Associations
- Burial Ground Committees
- Significant Contributions
- Sporting Achievements
- Best Cultural/Heritage Group

Cultural/Heritage Category



Lorrha Rathcabbin Game & Conservation Club – Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District Award

Cultural Achievement Category



Aaran Delaney - Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District Award

Tidy Towns Category



Newport Tidy Towns Committee - Recipients of Nenagh Municipal District Award

Significant Contribution Category



Order of Malta - Recipients of Nenagh Municipal District Award

Residents Association Category



Ballingarry Tidy Towns Committee - Recipients of Nenagh Municipal District Award

Burial Ground Committee Category



Killoscully Burial Ground - Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District Award

Sporting Achievements Category



Nenagh CBS Harty Team- Recipients of Nenagh Municipal District Award

Nenagh Tourist Office & Visitors Centre

Nenagh's Tourist Office is located in Banba Square and is open all-year round Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Victoria Lee, Guide/Information Officer provides information to visitors about places to go and things to do in the local area and beyond.

During 2024 the Tourist Office hosted a huge range of events such as live music & craft showcases, Easter Egg hunt, evenings of poetry and readings, tours and talks/ presentations to primary school children.

In January 2024 representatives from the Tourist Office manned a stall at the Holiday Show in the RDS for two days to promote Nenagh, Tipperary and Lough Derg. A lot of interest was shown by those who visited the stand and it is hoped that this will result in increased visitors to Nenagh and Tipperary.

In May, 201 primary and secondary school students received a very informative and interactive talk on Water Safety from the RNLI.



Water safety talk provided by RNLI

During National Heritage Week a variety of events were organised including guided tours, poetry/ story readings, a film premier on connecting with our local people 'NENAGH: a Town with a Story To Tell'. The film was based on stories from people aged 66 up to 100, who had lived and worked in Nenagh. This film aims to keep the memories and stories of Nenagh alive for future generations to see.



Cllr. Fiona Bonfield making presentation to Jack Spain – Producer/ Director of 'NENAGH: A Town with a Story To Tell'



Film from Heritage Week 2024



Ukrainian Guided tour during National Heritage Week

For Cruinniú na n-Óg the Tourist Office hosted 'Creative Clay', an exhibition of the work of children from the Ukraine, Syria and Africa who took part in a workshop with artist Gerardine Wisdom and Silver Arch Family Resource Centre.

As part of Culture Night 2024 an acoustic music session was organised with a young up and coming group of singers called Airneán. An audience of 115 attended and were treated to a beautiful display of Irish folk songs in a reimagined way, in which the group used their voices for instruments and put harmonies together to each of the songs.



Irish Folk group "Airneán" performing during National Heritage Week

In October Nenagh Tourist Office hosted a number of Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival events. Workshops were provided for short story writing and poetry writing by acclaimed author Niamh Mulvey and poet Jane Clarke.

In 2024 the Tourist Office has also played host to some prestigious visitors including Singers and Musicians– Sharon Shannon, Mundy, Donal Clancy & Ruairi Makem; Irish Comedian – Hector Ó'hEochagáin; Irish Authors – Fiona McPhilips & Anna Carey; Poets – Michael Dooley, Linda McKenna and Helen Hutchinson; Award-Winning American Children's Writer – Zetta Elliott.



Singer/Musician Mundy's visit to Nenagh Tourist Office

In May 2024 the anniversary of the execution of two of Nenagh Gaol's most well-known prisoners, the Cormack Brothers, was marked with an excellent guided tour by Michael Murphy. This incorporated a visit to the Gatehouse where the condemned cells were located and where the executions took place.

This was followed by a bus trip to Loughmore to visit the Mausoleum where the Brothers were finally laid to rest and a visit to the graveyard where the land agent, Ellis, was buried.

The day also included a visit to The Cottage Loughmore which is well-known for its afternoon tea.



The Mausoleum in Loughmore where the Cormack Brothers are buried



A coffin containing the remains of one of the Cormack Brothers

Visit from Ambassador of India

The Ambassador of India to Ireland, Mr. Akhilesh Mishra, and his wife Reeti, visited Nenagh on Thursday 2nd May, 2024. They visited the Civic Offices where they met workers from FiServ. They also attended an exhibition in Nenagh Heritage Centre on William J Moylan, a Tipperary Newsman, Filmmaker and Adventurer in India and Pakistan from the 1920s to 1950s.



Ambassador of India, Mr. Akhilesh Mishra and his wife Reeti at Nenagh Tourist Office

Tipp FM Outside Broadcast

Fran Curry from Tipp FM broadcast his 'Tipp Today' radio programme from Nenagh Arts Centre on 23rd August 2024 and also paid a visit to Nenagh Tourist Office. He interviewed a number of people including Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD, Cllr. Fiona Bonfield, District Administrator Rosemary Joyce, Dr. Pat Harrold, Ronan Dodd and Joannes Berkery.



Fran Curry with 'Tipp Today' Live from Nenagh

Press Association of Ireland (PPAI) Exhibition

In June the launch took place at the Civic Offices, Nenagh of the exhibition of photographs from the AIB Press Photographer of the Year Award 2024. On the evening the overall winner of the award, Alan Betson, provided a thought-provoking presentation of his works over the years and gave an insight into the approach, challenges and techniques involved. Images portrayed included the overall winner 'Burning City' showing a burning bus on Dublin's O'Connell Bridge during the riots in Dublin City Centre.

A special guest on the evening was Tipperary Rose Tara Brady who spent the day in Nenagh and visited Nenagh Tourist Office, Nenagh Genealogy & Heritage Centre, Nenagh Castle, Nenagh Arts Centre as well as a number of boutiques and cafés in the town.



'Burning City' – winning photograph of the AIB Press Photographer of the Year Award 2024



Alan Betson with Tipperary Rose, Tara Brady and Evelina Vingiene of Tipperary County Council at launch of exhibition

Nenagh Live

In March 2024 Nenagh Live, in conjunction with local production company Spain AV, hosted a programme of festivities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

To kick start the weekend celebrations on Saturday 16th March an afternoon of music and song was arranged in Nenagh Tourist Office where harpist Ciara Kennedy played the harp along with young children from the In Tune for Life traditional music orchestra. On Sunday 17th March a large outdoor concert was held which featured stages in the grounds of Nenagh Courthouse and in Banba Square. There were also musical performances in Nenagh Tourist Office.

This successful initiative also featured an artisan market with a host of local vendors and producers selling their wares, along with local musicians showcasing live music and the many talents of Nenagh and surrounding areas and a display by the Nenagh Fire Service giving young and old the opportunity to view Nenagh from the air using their heist.



Nenagh Ormond Brass Band performing at St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Nenagh

On Sunday 1st December the official switch-on of Nenagh's Christmas Lights took place. As part of an outdoor musical extravaganza an open-air concert in partnership with Nenagh MD featured a symphony of characters, live bands, singers, musicians & performers. The amazing display of the town's Christmas lights was switched on by the Leas Chathaoirleach Cllr Séamus Morris in conjunction with Santa Claus and entertainer, Trudi Lalor.



Switching on of the Christmas Lights in Nenagh

Christmas at the Castle took place from Friday to Sunday 13-14th December. It included a "Santa Visit" where children were greeted on the ground floor by Mrs. Claus and then proceeded to meet Santa and helpful Elf on the first floor of the Castle. Children also met other characters such as Frosty the Snowman, Woody and Donald Duck. Santa also visited children with Enable Ireland on the previous Thursday evening. A special sensory visit was facilitated on the Friday and this included groups from the A-Team and St. Cronan's as well as individual slots for those with special needs.

The weekend event also included a Christmas Market with 30 stalls covering a wide range of local crafts and produce, food vendors and a display of wood-turning. Live musical entertainment was provided and the Ordhán Pastoral Choir performed in the marquee on Sunday in addition to other entertainers.

A spectacular lighting display with accompanying music was another popular feature with Nenagh Castle, the trees in the Castle Field and the Castle Garden adorned with festive display of lights which was also projected onto the two adjacent Churches. The event was co-ordinated by Spain AV/Nenagh Live in conjunction with Nenagh Tourist Office. Large numbers attended over the weekend and there was a lot of very happy children.

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Light displays & projections at Christmas at the Castle event



TV3's Deric O'hArtagáin and Santa Claus at Nenagh Castle

Capital Projects

Newport Town Park

The official opening of Newport Town Park took place on 22nd January 2024 by the Minister for Housing, Heritage and Local Government, Darragh O'Brien. A large crowd was in attendance with Oireachtas Members from Tipperary and Limerick, Members and Staff of Tipperary County Council, representatives of the local community and children from the local schools.



Minister for Housing, Heritage & Local Government Darragh O'Brien officially opening Newport Town Park



Grounds at Newport Town Park



Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) Newport Town Park



Facilities at Newport Town Park

Following the opening of the Town Park Minister O'Brien visited the Newport Courthouse and Bridewell and was advised of the proposals in development in relation to same. He then went on to officially open three housing schemes in Nenagh MD – Mulkear View, Newport; Woodview Close, Nenagh and Portroe.

Discovery Points - Castlelough & The Lookout Portroe

The Discovery Points Plan has been completed and the outputs will now feed into Waterway Ireland/Fáilte Ireland's Signature Points project.

Newport Enhancement Plan/ Town Centre First Plan

Newport Town Team was established in 2024 with 15 members representing a wide range of interests. Their first meeting took place in March. 70 submissions were received on the Newport Town Centre First Plan. Submissions were reviewed by Consultants Nic De Jong in November and a meeting with the Town Team will take place in advance of bringing the Town Centre First Plan back to the District Members.



Members of Newport Town Team

Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024

In 2024 Newport was allocated €45,000 under the Project Development Measure of these supports. The project will examine the development of a connection between the historic Ball Alley site and the Town Centre through the provision of a footbridge and ancillary public realm and amenity works. Project elements include the engagement of a multidisciplinary team to complete detailed design, planning and a topographical survey.

Newport Courthouse & Bridewell

In 2024 Scroope Design completed a Feasibility Study based on the potential future uses for these buildings. Tenders were sought for consultants to prepare Designs and Part 8 Planning Application. Robin Lee Architects were appointed as Integrated Design Team. Preliminary designs have been drafted and Part 8 application is due to be submitted in Quarter 1 2025.



Newport Courthouse & Bridewell

Ballina Access Promenade & Viewing Area

This project, which will improve accessibility from the Ballina Riverside Park allowing pedestrians and cyclists to progress directly onto the Bridge Area without the need to access via the Washerwoman's Bridge and Main Street, went out for tender in 2024. Nevilles Civils Works were appointed as the contractors to undertake works to the promenade. Works are currently progressing and project is expected to be completed in Quarter One 2025.



Concept drawing for Ballina Access Promenade & Viewing Area

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter

In January 2024 Part 8 planning consent was secured for various concepts in the Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter based on Category 2 funding through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) under Project Ireland 2040. The areas covered included the Gaol Complex, Nenagh Castle, Banba Square and other public realm works in the vicinity including O'Rahilly St.

An application for funding under Category One of the RRDF Programme was submitted in February 2024 however, unfortunately, this was not successful. Likewise, an application for funding in respect of the three-storey gaol block under the THRIVE programme funded through the Southern Assembly under the European Regional Development Fund was also unsuccessful, primarily due to accessibility issues.

Grant funding was secured under the Historic Structures Fund to enable conservation works to be carried out to the roof of the Governor's House. Works were completed by Frank Murray & Sons Construction.



Works in Progress on Governor's House

Rialto Business & Enterprise Hub

Part 8 consent was granted by Nenagh Municipal District at a special meeting on 31st January 2024. A Disability Access Certificate and Fire Safety Certificate was granted by Building Control subject to conditions. Work is progressing on exploring potential funding sources based on the proposed use of the Rialto.

The Integrated Design Team for this project is led by Robin Lee Architecture and funding to bring the proposals through design and planning was secured under Category 2 of the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) as part of Project Ireland 2040.



Conceptual Drawing of The Rialto

Nenagh Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy

Six companies from Phase One of the procurement process were invited to submit tenders. Four tenders were received. Henry J Lyons Architects were appointed as the Integrated Design Team for the project in May 2024. Phase 1 Stakeholder Engagement was completed. Phase 2 engagement commenced towards the end of 2024 and is ongoing. Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the Integrated Design Team will review the findings from the stakeholder engagement and it is hoped that the project will go to planning under a Part 8 by the end of 2025.

This project has secured funding under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) as part of Project Ireland 2040.



Conceptual image for Centre of Excellence

Platforms for Growth - Dromineer

In 2024 Ailtirí Architects were appointed as consultants to prepare the tender documentation for the demolition of the existing Toilet Block in Dromineer and the construction of the new Facilities Centre for water sports activities. The appointment of the contractors will be finalised in Quarter One 2025. An assessment of the accessibility to and from the new facility is being undertaken and separate funding is being sought for these measures.

This project is one a number of projects funded across the country by Fáilte Ireland who have provided an exemplar design for the facility.



Design Plan for Platforms for Growth Project - Dromineer

Designated Bathing Area

In 2024 an application was submitted to the EPA for the designation of a bathing area in Dromineer. The provision of Lifeguards and lifeguards' facilities will be explored in 2025.



Harbour at Dromineer

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan - One Way System

The new Nenagh One Way System came into effect on Thursday 11th April, 2024. Measures introduced included changing Pearse Street, Mitchel Street, Emmet Place and Kickham Street to two-lane, one-way streets. Traffic flows on Silver Street and Emmet Place were reversed to align with the clockwise direction of the one-way system. Traffic Lights were removed from the Market Cross and a number of well-lit Pedestrian Crossings were installed.



One Way System at Emmet Place



New Traffic Island at Market Cross Junction



Raised Pedestrian Crossing on Pearse Street

Development Land at Lisbunny

Following on from assessment of proposals received by applicants who expressed an interest in the development land at Lisbunny, the Elected Members approved disposal of land to Apex Aviation and Banaghan & Co (Stationery) Ltd.



Aerial view of Lisbunny Industrial Estate

Nenagh Town Centre First/Town Team

In 2024 Nenagh Town Team was established and comprises of a diverse range of stakeholders representing the business, retail, sporting, community, voluntary, youth and education section in the town.

An application for THRIVE Strand 1 funding in the amount of €200,000 was approved. This will cover consultancy costs for the creation of an integrated urban strategy, project identification and bringing projects to “shovel ready” stage.



Tender documentation has been prepared for the appointment of consultants from a framework to work with the Town Team on creation of the Town Centre First Plan. Appointment of consultants is expected in January 2025.



Nenagh Town Team

Clár Funding

Following an announcement in January 2024, Aglish was one of seven projects successful in receiving funding of €49,950 under Measure 1 of the 2023 Clár Programme. The funding was used to upgrade playground equipment and development of a sensory garden. The project was led by Aglish Village Committee and the playground is located on lands leased from Tipperary County Council.

Garrykennedy Inner Harbour Upgrade

Under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme - Project Development Measures €49,500 was awarded to the Garrykennedy Inner Harbour Upgrade Project. An Integrated Design Team led by DRA Consulting were appointed to undertake the planning and design work. Ecological and Archaeological Impact Assessments will need to be undertaken. Consultation with local stakeholders in advance of planning has commenced.

Public Consultation

Public consultation processes were undertaken and considered by Nenagh MD members in relation to a number of projects, including Roads and District Projects in respect of:

- Draft Town Centre First Plan – Newport
- Part 8 N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme
- Part 8 Birdhill Active Travel
- Part 8 The Rialto
- Part 8 Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter.

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Taking in Charge

The following estate was taken in charge during 2024:

- Millersbrook, Nenagh (part of)

Casual Trading

A total of ten applications were received for Casual Trading Licences for 2024. Ten licences were issued – three for Dromineer, two for Garrykennedy, one for Castlelough, three for Ballina Riverside Park and one for the Clare Glens. One Event Trading Licence was issued for trading at the 2024 St. Patrick’s Day Festival in Nenagh. Licences must be applied for on an annual basis.

Twinning

The AGM of the Ballina-Killaloe Twinning Committee was held at the Lakeside Hotel, Ballina in February 2024. The Ballina-Killaloe Twinning Committee have a twinning partnership with the Comité de Jumelage de Basse-Goulaine in France since 2016. The aim of the Committee is to progress various initiatives that help to develop the relationship between the two centres in areas of common interest. This includes activities such as music, soccer, tennis, arts and culture. Links between schools are also being advanced and a number of exchanges took place in 2024.

The Lough Derg Football Club participated in the Europ’foot International Competition during 2024. 24 teams took part and the LDFC attended with one team of 16 boys, plus 2 coaches and 2 parents. They were hosted by families in Basse-Goulaine and attended many welcome and cultural events. The Twinning Committee provided assistance to the club to facilitate their attendance.

The Twinning Committee is supported by Tipperary County Council and Clare County Council.

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Thurles Municipal District

1. Cathaoirleach

The Annual Meeting of Thurles Municipal District was held on 24th June 2024. Councillor Michael Smith was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Mich      Lowry was elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Thurles Municipal District Members 2024



The following members sit on Thurles Municipal District Councillors • Kay Cahill Skehan, • William Kennedy, • Shane Lee, • Miche      Lowry, • Eddie Moran, • Jim Ryan, • Sean Ryan, • Michael Smith • Peggy Ryan.

2. Schedule of Municipal Works

On the 25th March 2024 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal Works for Thurles Municipal District.

Total expenditure of   10,886,175 was provided for and allocated to Roadworks, Housing Maintenance, Playground Maintenance, Amenities/Open Spaces, projects undertaken under the General Municipal Allocation, Drainage, Tourism Promotion and Maintenance of Public Conveniences.



Main programmes benefitting from funding include:	
Housing Maintenance	��778,889
Roadworks	��8,012,596
Development Levy Projects	��255,704
Drainage	��52,512
Street Cleaning	��450,879
Burial Ground Maintenance	��209,500
Public Conveniences	��49,791
Amenity Area Maintenance	��727,489
General Municipal District Allocations	��211,815
Town Christmas Lighting	��80,000
Tourism Promotion	��57,000
��10,886,175	

The following infographic shows how this schedule of work was delivered at the end of the year.



Comhairle Contae Thobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

Thurles Municipal District 2024 Programme of Works



Road Improvement Works

- 40km – €4.5m



Red Roads

- €137,000



Climate Adaption Projects

- Blackcastle Road Riverwall and Footpath €113,000
- Cooga Bog Road €77,000



Road Maintenance Works

- 32km – €1.048m



TII Geo App funding Projects

- N62 Brittas Road
- N62 Bridge Surface Shanakill



Development Levy Projects

- Slievenamon Road Carpark - New entrance and parking spaces
- Bohemacrusha Junction - Speed reduction measures
- Ballycahill Village - Speed reduction measures and installation of footpaths
- Bormisoleigh National School - Speed Reduction measures



Low Cost Safety Scheme

- Abbey Road Thurles - Installation of Pedestrian Crossing and footpaths
- Completion of Phase 1 Ragg Junction
- Realignment and pedestrian safety measures.



LIS Scheme

- 12 Schemes completed totalling €413,000



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- Castleliney Village Carpark Works €19,000



CIS SCHEME

- 5 Schemes completed totalling €157,000



Built Heritage Investment Scheme Grant

- Cleaning and maintenance of Bishop Croke Statue, Liberty Square



Bridge Refurbishment/Replacement Works

- Ladies Well, Drish River
- Pallas, Clodagh River



Part 8 Approvals for

- Mill Road Footpath, Thurles,
- Roscrea Skate Park,
- Liberty Square Phase 2
- New pedestrian and vehicular entrance - Emmett Street, Thurles



New Hare Mural by Dan Leo installed in Roscrea



Just Transition Fund

- Procurement of Design Consultants for the Redevelopment of Castle Street, Roscrea



Drainage Works at Fanure Roscrea

- Substantial upgrade of drainage system at a cost of €70,000



Village Signage

- New Welcome To Signage installed in 4 villages in Thurles District



Completion of Templemore Town Hall



Completion of Phase 1 Littleton Labyrinth Walking Trail



Commencement of Thurles Market Quarter redevelopment



Bus Stop Seating Installation

- Horse and Jockey
- Roscrea
- Moneygall
- Ragg
- Littleton
- Templemore
- Ballycahill

3. General Municipal District Allocation

The General Municipal Allocation is discretionary funding allocated by the Elected Members and is essential in funding many projects including grant schemes, Christmas Lighting Contributions and Village Enhancement Works across the District.

In 2024 the GMA amounted to €211,815 and was used to fund the following projects -

Village Enhancement Works – Clonmore	€ 17,000
Village Enhancement Works – Ballycahill	€ 20,000
Village Approach Road signage in the Thurles MD	€ 8,000
Town Centre Presentation Initiative – Thurles	€ 9,000
Town Centre Presentation Initiative – Templemore	€ 9,000
Town Centre Presentation Initiative – Roscrea	€ 9,000
Christmas Lighting Contributions	€ 15,500
Festival & Events Grant Schemes	€ 13,315
Residents Associations Grant Scheme	€ 15,000
LPT Monies	€ 96,000
TOTAL GMA 2024	€211,815



New Signage Littleton, Toomevara, Moynes

Town Centre Presentation Initiative

Historically, 22 villages across the District had benefitted from GMA Village Enhancement Funding totaling €525,000 from 2015 to 2022

In 2024 it was agreed by the Elected Members to take a different approach to the GMA allocation of €75,000 which had previously been spent in villages in the District.

It was agreed that an allocation of €16,500 would be given to each of the three main towns in order to improve the Attractiveness & Liveability of our 3 Town Centres in line with Town Centre First principles

In conjunction with the Tidy Town committee's in each of the towns a programme of works was compiled.

In each of the towns, projects focused on new signage, planting and painting.

In 2024 each of our main towns received their highest scores to date in the National Tidy Town competition.



New Mural Roscrea



Bus Stop Seating Roscrea



Bus Stop seating Littleton



Mural Slievenamon Road Car Park

4. Working with the Community

a) Tidy Towns Grants

Thurles Municipal District awarded grants to 25 Tidy Towns committees in 2024. All Tidy Towns Committees in the Thurles District delivered an impressive programme of works.



Roscrea Tidy Towns Committee	€10,500.00
Refresh Thurles Tidy Towns Committee	€1,100.00
Gortagarry Development Committee	€1,100.00
Drombane Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Borrisoleigh Community Development Committee	€1,100.00
Templetuohy Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Castleiney Tidy Village Committee	€1,300.00
Gorthnahoe Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Ballycahill Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Rathmoy, Borrisoleigh Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Shevry Development Association	€1,100.00
Holycross Tidy Village Committee	€1,300.00
Killea Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Two Mile Borris Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Knock Tidy Village Committee	€1,300.00
Loughmore Tidy Village Committee	€1,300.00
Upperchurch Development Association	€1,300.00
Inch/Bouladuff Tidy Village Committee	€2,000.00
Ballysloe Tidy Village Committee	€1,300.00
Clonmore Development Committee	€1,100.00
Templemore Tidy Towns Committee	€2,525.00
Drom Tidy Village Committee	€1,300.00
Horse & Jockey Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Littleton Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00
Clonakenny Tidy Village Committee	€1,100.00



b) Burial Ground Grants 2024

Thurles Municipal District awarded grants to 59 burial grounds in 2024.

Rathnaveogue Burial Ground	€700.00
Upperchurch New Burial Ground	€700.00
Corbally Parish C.O.I.	€700.00
St Marys Church Littleton Burial Ground	€700.00
Drom Old Burial Ground	€700.00
Cooleeney Graveyard	€700.00
Gortagarry Church Burial Ground	€700.00
Moycarkey Old Burial Ground	€700.00
Galboola Littleton Burial Ground	€700.00
Templeree Graveyard	€700.00
Ballymoreen Burial Ground	€700.00
Loughmore Old Cemetery	€700.00
St Burchins Burial Ground	€700.00
Aglisn Graveyard	€700.00
Killea St James Burial Ground	€700.00
Killea St Aodhs New Burial Ground	€700.00
Annameadle Burial Ground	€700.00
Fennor Burial Ground	€700.00
Rahealty Burial Ground	€700.00
Moycarkey St Peters Burial Ground 2	€700.00
Moycarkey St Peters Burial Ground 1	€700.00
Littleton St Kevins Burial Ground	€700.00
Inch Old Graveyard	€700.00
St Michaels Bouladuff Burial Ground	€700.00
Quaker Burial Ground	€700.00
Courageneen Old Burial Ground	€700.00
Courageneen New Burial Ground	€700.00
Clonakenny Cemetery	€700.00
Boggaun Graveyard	€700.00
Two Mile Borris Graveyard	€700.00
St Cronans C.O.I.	€700.00
Upperchurch Old Burial Ground	€700.00
Durlas Eile - St Marys Thurles	€700.00
Killinan Burial Ground	€700.00
Kyleanna Burial Ground	€700.00
Templetuohy Burial Ground	€700.00

Moyaliffe Graveyard	€700.00
Moyne Old Cemetery	€700.00
Timoney Graveyard	€700.00
Ballycahill Burial Ground	€700.00
Moyne New Cemetery	€700.00
Toomevara Church of Ireland	€700.00
Latteragh Graveyard	€700.00
Boullick Burial Ground	€700.00
Knock Graveyard	€700.00
St Joseph's Templemore	€700.00
Kilfithmone Graveyard	€700.00
St Cronans Graveyard	€700.00
Camblin Burial Ground	€700.00
Kilcooley Union of Parishes	€700.00
Shyan Burial Ground	€700.00
St Brigids Borrisoleigh Burial Ground	€700.00
Templebeg Graveyard	€700.00
Temple Seacht Sean Borrisofarnye B G	€700.00
Toome Old Abbey Graveyard	€700.00
St Josephs Church Graveyard Toomevara	€700.00
Glenkeen Burial Ground	€700.00



c) Amenity Grants

Thurles MD awarded grants for maintenance and improvement works in housing estates to 37 Residents Associations in 2024

Marlstone Manor Residents Association	€650.00
Kiltillane Court Residents Association	€250.00
Cluain Airne Residents Association (1 - 17)	€350.00
Ashgrove Residents Association	€425.00
Carraig Duin Residents Association	€200.00
Windsor Grove Residents Association	€400.00
Oakdale Park Residents Association	€300.00
Ardleigh Residents Association	€250.00
Ard Carraig Residents Association	€400.00
Loughtagalla Residents Association	€500.00
Castlecourt Residents Association	€200.00
Willowmere Drive Residents Association	€700.00
Sliabh Na Mban Meadows Residents Association	€250.00
Sli na Suire Residents Association	€700.00
Orchard Residents Association	€200.00
Hazelwood Residents Association	€700.00
Patricks Gate Residents Association	€250.00
Rosslands Residents Association	€300.00
Orchard Court Residents Association	€300.00
The 4 Estates /Beechwood Lawns Residents Association	€550.00
The Willows Residents Association	€800.00
Church View Residents Association	€200.00
Caislean Cuirt Residents Association	€250.00
Cluain Airne Residents Assoc (2 Cul De Sac)	€350.00
Elmwood Residents Association	€625.00
Moyne Road Residents Association	€500.00
Ikerrin Court Residents Association	€500.00
Parkmore Manor Residents Association	€300.00
Castlepark Residents Association	€300.00
Ma Teine Residents Association	€250.00
Cluain Glas Residents Association	€800.00
Dun Muilleann Residents Association	€250.00
Croke St Residents Association	€300.00
Rosemount Residents Association	€500.00
Dun Lia Residents Association	€500.00
Templemore Retirement Village	€300.00
The Glebe	€300.00



d) Sports Grants

Thurles MD awarded grants to 71 Sports Clubs in 2024

Moycarkey Coolcree AC	€350.00
Gortahoola Racquetball Club	€350.00
Thurles Rugby Club	€750.00
Holycross Ballycahill Camogie Club	€350.00
Knock GAA	€350.00
Tipperary Knights	€350.00
Tipperary Warriors Multisports Club	€350.00
Thurles Sarsfields Camogie Club	€650.00
Drom Inch GAA Club	€350.00
Holycros Ballycahill LGFA	€350.00
Borroway Rovers F.C.	€350.00
Durlas Og Juvenile GAA	€750.00
Moyne Templetuohy Camogie Club	€350.00
Moyne Templetuohy Ladies Football Club	€350.00
Templemore Ladies Football Club	€450.00
Loughmore Castleiney GAA	€350.00
Killea GAA	€350.00
Templemore & District Gun Club	€500.00
Moycarkey Borris Camogie & Ladies Football	€700.00
Roscrea Rugby Club Girls & Ladies	€350.00
Clonakenny GAA	€350.00
Clonakenny GAA Juvenile Club	€350.00
Roscrea Hurling Club	€350.00
Toomevara GAA Club	€350.00
Templemore Athletic Club	€750.00
Killavilla United AFC	€350.00
Roscrea Rugby Club	€350.00
Upperchurch Drombane Juvenile GAA	€350.00
Thurles Special Olympics Club	€350.00
Templemore Active Retirement	€350.00
Slieve Felim Raparees Ladies Gaelic Football & Camogie Club	€350.00
Blackcastle Templemore Harps	€750.00
Templemore Golf Club	€350.00
Moneygall GAA	€400.00
Borrisoleigh Camogie Club	€350.00
Roscrea GAA Juvenile Club	€350.00

Thurles Gaels Ladies Football & Camogie	€350.00
Tipp Talons Basketball Club	€350.00
Templemore Badminton Club	€350.00
Two Mile Borris St Kevins FC	€500.00
Thurles Gaels GAA	€650.00
Drom Inch Juvenile GAA	€350.00
Moyne Athletic Club	€350.00
Grange Badminton Club	€350.00
Sallypark St Odhrans FC	€350.00
St Cronans Camogie Club Roscrea	€350.00
Holycross F.C.	€450.00
Lakeside Pitch & Putt	€600.00
Peake Villa FC	€600.00
Thurles Crokes Athletic Club	€750.00
Thurles Community Games	€350.00
Upperchurch Drombane Community Games	€350.00
Thurles Badminton Club	€350.00
Toomevara Camogie Club	€350.00
Thurles Sarsfield LGFA	€350.00
Gortnahoe Glengolle Juvenile GAA	€350.00
Thurles Gaels Mothers & Others Football Club	€350.00
Mid Tipp Hillwalkers	€350.00
Kingfisher Swim Club	€350.00
Thurles Gaels Juvenile Club	€350.00
Thurles Sarsfield GAA Club	€350.00
Thurles Squash Club	€400.00
Clodagh Rangers FC	€350.00
Thurles Tennis Club	€350.00
Thurles Mothers and Others	€350.00
Drom and Inch Community Games	€350.00
Loughmore Castleiney LGFA	€350.00
Country Club Badminton	€350.00
Lorrha/Dorrha GAA Club	€350.00
Moycarkey Borris GAA Club	€350.00
Gortnahoe Glengoolie LGFA	€350.00



e) Painting and Enhancement Schemes 2024

The Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme. This scheme provided grant aid to properties in the main retail areas of Thurles, Templemore & Roscrea to improve the streetscape.

34 applications were approved under this scheme in 2024

One 19 Coffee C/O Paddy Cadell	€500.00
Lua Fitzpatrick	€500.00
Mocklers Pharmacy Templemore	€500.00
Marcus Wilson	€500.00
Mary O'Shea, Hair Salon	€400.00
The Physio Clinic, Templemore	€250.00
Premier County Physio Templemore	€350.00
Tom Maher	€500.00
The Convenience Store	€500.00
Brigid O'Gorman	€150.00
Templemore Arms Hotel	€500.00
Templemore Veterinary Centre	€500.00
JD Sports Therapy Clinic	€500.00
Breda Cummins	€500.00
Carry Out Off Licence T'more	€500.00
Whitethorn Commercial	€500.00
The Old Malthouse	€500.00
Glorious Hair	€500.00
Templemore Voluntary Hsg Assoc.	€500.00
McHugh Glynn & Associates	€415.00
The Mall Curios	€500.00
Patrick Stakelum	€500.00
Morans Menswear	€500.00
Tomas Ryan Physiotherapy	€250.00
Elaines Hair Salon	€500.00
Premier County Physio Thurles	€355.00
Patricia Kenny	€500.00
Dragon Inn	€500.00
The Home Centre Roscrea	€130.00
Pattersons Roscrea	€350.00
Burgoo Pizza	€400.00
Roscrea Scout Hall	€390.00
Michael J Breen & Co. Solrs	€500.00
Healthy Vision	€500.00



Glorious Hair Templemore



Pattersons Hardware Roscrea



f) Upgrades to our Roads
Infrastructure in our Community



Works at Bohernacrusha which included junction tightening, installation of slip form kerbing, installation of a raised table and road resurfacing.



Low-Cost Safety works in The Ragg included junction tightening, narrowing of the carriageway, installation of slip form kerbing, installation of bus stops, installation of raised crossings, resurfacing of the junction, installation of drainage and landscaping works.



Works in Ballycahill Village included a new footpath connecting the carpark with the school, shop & community centre, a set down area for school drop off, a raised crossing at the school, a raised table at the junction, landscaping, and road resurfacing.

5. Playgrounds & Amenities

The following playgrounds and outdoor exercise facilities fall under the remit of Thurles Municipal District:

		Playground	Gym	MUGA	Skatepark
Roscrea Area	Gleann Glas	✓			
	The Glebe	✓			
	Clonakenny	✓			
Templemore Area	Templemore Town Park	✓	✓		
	Templetuohy	✓			
	Borrisoleigh	✓			
Thurles Area	Thurles Town Park	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Monakeeba		✓	✓	
	Loughtagalla	✓	✓		
	Cabra Court	✓			

These recreational facilities are inspected weekly by Thurles Municipal District staff along with annually by an expert independent specialist to ensure the long-term safety of the site, equipment and ancillary items.

The maintenance budget for 2024 for these recreational facilities amounted to: €30,935.



Playgrounds not only promote free-play, spark imagination and get children active for longer periods of time but also give parents and caregivers the opportunity to relax and spend quality with their children. The outdoor exercise equipment and playgrounds are well used facilities within the community.

Festivals & Event

Thurles MD aims to promote and support local festivals and events that have an artistic, community, heritage, sporting, or tourism focus and which contribute significantly to quality of life.



Grants were approved for a number of organisations and groups across the municipal district in 2024. The following is a list of festivals that took place.

Municipal Category:	
The Purcell Picnic Cultural Festival	€1,500.00
Taste of Christmas Roscrea	€5,000.00
Holycross Abbey Jubilee	€1,500.00
Thurles Circling the Square 2024	€6,000.00
Thurles Halloween Arts Festival	€4,000.00
Fair in the Square	€3,000.00
Roscrea Halloween Festival	€3,000.00



Community Category :	
Littleton St Patricks Day Parade	€1,000
Ceiliuradh la Fheile Padraig – St Patricks Day Event	€2,300
International Remembrance Sunday	€300
Moyne A.C. Open Cross Country Race	€300
Dancing at the Crossroads	€750
Roscrea St Patricks Day Parade	€2,500
Thurles Christmas Skyfest	€1,000
Thurles St Patricks Day Parade	€2,500
Holycross Historical Group	€300
Gortnahoe Halloween Festival Group	€250



Christmas Events & Initiatives

Christmas Lights Grant

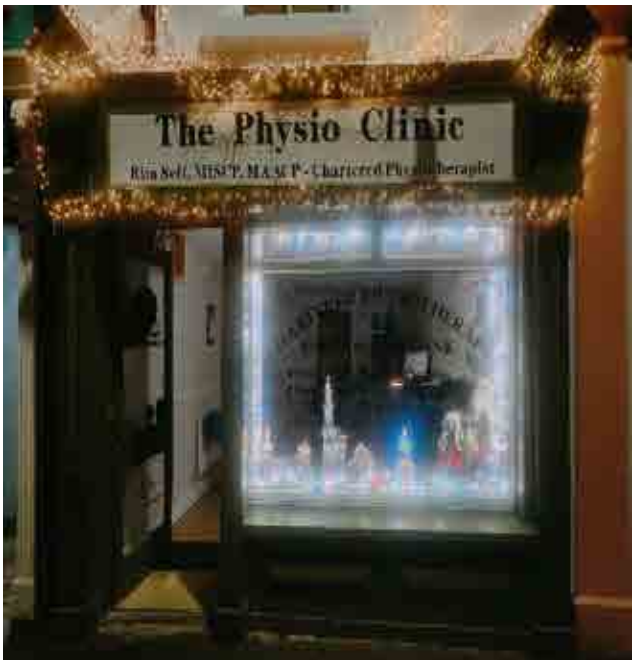


Thurles Municipal District awarded funding to 10 towns and villages toward the funding of Christmas Lights.

Roscrea	€9,000
Borrisoleigh	€1,000
Littleton	€1,000
Clonmore	€700
Moyne	€700
Holycross	€500
Gortnahoe	€500
Two Mile Borris	€500
Horse & Jockey	€300
Ballysloe	€300

Christmas in Thurles MD supported Thurles Chamber to turn on the Christmas lights in Thurles town.

Santas grotto was open every Saturday from 7th December, 2024 from 2-4pm at the Tourist Office, Slievenamon Rd, Thurles.



Christmas Window Display Grants

7. Economic Development/Capital Projects

Project Ireland 2040: Regeneration and Development Funds

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

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

The following projects have been successful in being awarded funding and are currently being delivered or have recently been delivered under these Schemes.

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



The project was a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with the Garda Training College, Templemore, College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and Tipperary Energy Agency.

Total approved project costs amounted to €4,014,746 and funding of €3,011,060 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Works were substantially completed in early December with the exception of the approved additional external public realm works. The official opening of the facility was undertaken by Minister Heather Humphreys on 3rd December, 2024.



Minister Heather Humphreys at the official opening of Templemore Library & Enterprise Centre.



Completed Works on the inside of Templemore Library & Enterprise Centre

Phase 2 Liberty Square



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

Phase 1 works are completed on the new car park and the Eastern end of Liberty Square.

Phase 2 works comprising of the Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach roads–Draft Design Report & Feasibility & Options Report completed. Preliminary design completed. Part 8 planning approved. Consultations with statutory bodies are ongoing. Next stage is to procure Consultants to carry out detailed design



Thurles Market Quarter:

Regeneration, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion's Club, and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated multi-functional space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists, and performers and will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. The total approved project costs amount to €3,825,700 and funding of €3,443,130 has been secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Tendering process for the construction stage completed in April 2024. The contractor was appointed in June, 2024 and works commenced in August, 2024 with estimated completion in Q3 2025.



Works in Progress at Thurles Market Quarter

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

This project will deliver a transformational change to the public space around Gantly Road and promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The project will be the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area.

The works will involve

1. the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles
2. the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths
3. extensive bio-retention rain gardens
4. the provision of water service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Street Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imaging of Gantly Road is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood Masterplan area into the future which will transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town.

Total project costs amount to €6,174,648 and funding of €4,939,719 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Offer of Approval in Principle issued by the RRDF Unit in June, 2024. Tender documents prepared for the engagement of a design team. Request for tenders advertised on e-Tenders in November, 2024 with closing date for receipt of tenders on 17th January, 2025. The next stage is to award the successful Consultant to carry out detailed design.



8. Tourism & Recreation

Littleton Labyrinth



The project was funded by EU Just Transition Fund and Tipperary County Council. This Littleton Labyrinth walkway and cycleway, running through Littleton Bog where a 3m wide trail, 7.2Km long was constructed on the old peat rail line, linking Lough Derryville and Derrynaflan, with a new car park located beside the former Bord na Mona Factory. The trail provides a safe place for people to enjoy recreational activities while connecting with nature and heritage. The Project commenced in November 2023 where Bord na Mona carried out the construction works and is now completed.



A reimaged Castle Street Roscrea

Roscrea was amongst just twenty-six towns across Ireland and the only town in Tipperary to be selected in February 2022 to participate in Ireland's inaugural nationwide Town Centre First policy initiative. The Town Centre First (TCF) Plan is a strategic approach to town regeneration that aims to create town centres that function as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit, while also functioning as the service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community. The TCF plan mapped out potential development and established a vision for Roscrea's future. It has a focus on tackling dereliction and vacant properties and making the town centre a more attractive place to live, work, socialise and run a business.

The project to reimagine Castle Street in Roscrea is one of a number of projects in Roscrea's Town Centre First Masterplan. The re-imagined Castle Street will include substantial green / blue infrastructure to create a relaxing and sheltered town centre space, which manages surface water on site.

In April 2024, funding of €581,687 was secured from Fáilte Ireland for the preparation of a detailed design and planning for the regeneration of Castle Street.



Town Centre First - Project Development Measure: Glebe Park, Roscrea



Funding was secured under TCF – Project Development Measure to procure consultants to produce a detailed universal/age friendly design with costings, prepare planning suite of documents and feasibility reports for **Glebe Park, Roscrea** development, which aligns with the community-led vision for the area.

Roscrea Town Centre First Report has recognised the requirement to modernise and transform ‘The Glebe Park and Playground’, with the vision of improving the public realm and civic spaces of Roscrea thus creating an accessible, pedestrian-friendly and bio-diverse town.

The design brief will require inclusion of the following criteria:

- Design a modern, inclusive community park space at Glebe Park while also encompassing a biodiverse habitat supporting wildflowers and fauna.
- Create integrated playing spaces in Glebe Park immersed within the natural environment.
- Provision of a communal garden, seating areas and a diversity of outdoor spaces for all to enjoy.
- Include sustainable urban drainage systems in Glebe Park to alleviate flooding risk.
- Make Glebe Park a space that can be enjoyed all year round, in all weather conditions.



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Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2024 - Archbishop Croke Monument

Grant funding was secured under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2024 to undertake conservation works to the Bishop Croke Monument in Liberty Square Thurles. Works included cleaning the carved stone and the bronze statues by hand and poultice means, grouting and pointing of stonework and limited repair to any damaged area. Grant funding in the sum of **€9,480.25** was secured and match funding was provided also by Tipperary County Council.



under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2024 conservation works to the Bishop Croke Monument in Liberty Square Thurles were undertaken

Capital Grant Scheme for Play and Recreation 2024

Loughtagalla Playground - Inclusive Play



Loughtagalla Park has been in existence since 1963 and thanks to the dedication and support of Loughtagalla Park and Residents' Association, Tipperary County Council and North Tipperary Development Company the park has experienced an extensive overhaul in the last number of years. The park now contains a soccer pitch, MUGA, outdoor exercise area, seating areas, 1km walking path, sensory garden, biodiversity natural trail and children's playground.

The addition of the sensory garden has been hugely beneficial, particularly to children and young people with intellectual, sensory and special needs. The garden promotes social inclusion and is the first of its kind in Thurles.



Thurles MD were successful in obtaining the Capital Grant Scheme for Play & Recreation 2024 to install additional inclusive and sensory play elements into the playground.

Improvement works included the installation of a music play panel, inclusive bucket swing seat and an inclusive roundabout.

Total cost of works amounted to **€24,000** which included grant funding from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth along with match funding from Tipperary County Council.

Clár Funding 2023 (Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities And Amenities) -

Enhancement works at Castleiney Village Car Park

Tipperary County Council successfully secured grant funding under Measure 1 of the CLÁR 2023 Scheme which is provided by The Department of Rural and Community Development.

Project details are as follows:

1. Castleiney Village Car Park	€19,423	Resurfacing and enhancement works
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By upgrading the car park, it ensured that all visiting and attending parish events have a safe and suitable location to park their car. The village car park is within walking distance of the church, river viewing area and community hall. The car park was re-surfaced and re-lined and designated wheelchair parking and pedestrian walking path have been identified.



The Department of Rural and Community Development, in October 2024, announced the project's successful in securing 2024 CLÁR funding. Thurles MD applied for funding to undertake enhancement works at Upperchurch Village Car Park and Toomevara Layby which were both successful. These works will be completed in 2025.

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Thurles MD were successful in obtaining Capital Grant Scheme funding for Play & Recreation 2024 to install additional inclusive and sensory play elements into Loughtagalla playground

Civic Receptions :



The Cathaoirleach and members of Thurles Municipal District awarded a Civic Reception on Friday, 5th April, 2024 to the following recipients in recognition of their outstanding achievements in their various categories :

1. Fr. Tom Fogarty, P.P. Moycarkey Borris & Littleton to recognise his work in the community.
2. Presentation Secondary School Thurles, Under 20 Senior Soccer Team to recognise their soccer achievements.
3. Brendan Maher to recognise his hurling achievements.
4. Durlas Eile Eliogarty Memorial Committee to recognise your investment in supporting historical awareness & tourism in Thurles.
5. Knock Tractor Run to recognise their work in the community.
6. John Kenehan to recognise his work for the Thurles St. Patricks Day Parade.
7. Brian Kiloran, C.E. of Immigrant Council of Ireland to recognise his work with the Immigrant Council of Ireland.
8. Loughtagalla Residents Association to recognise their work in the community.
9. Michael & Lily O'Brien to recognise their work in the community.



9 Health & Safety

Thurles MD continues to hold a high standard in occupational health and safety. A National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) Recertification Audit was undertaken in May 2024 to assess closure of audit findings from any previous audit, management review actions, complaint handling, changes to the organisation and management system, internal audits, continual improvement, legal compliance and operational control.

The assessment was based on a review of the organisation's documented system and a sample of records, activities and personnel.

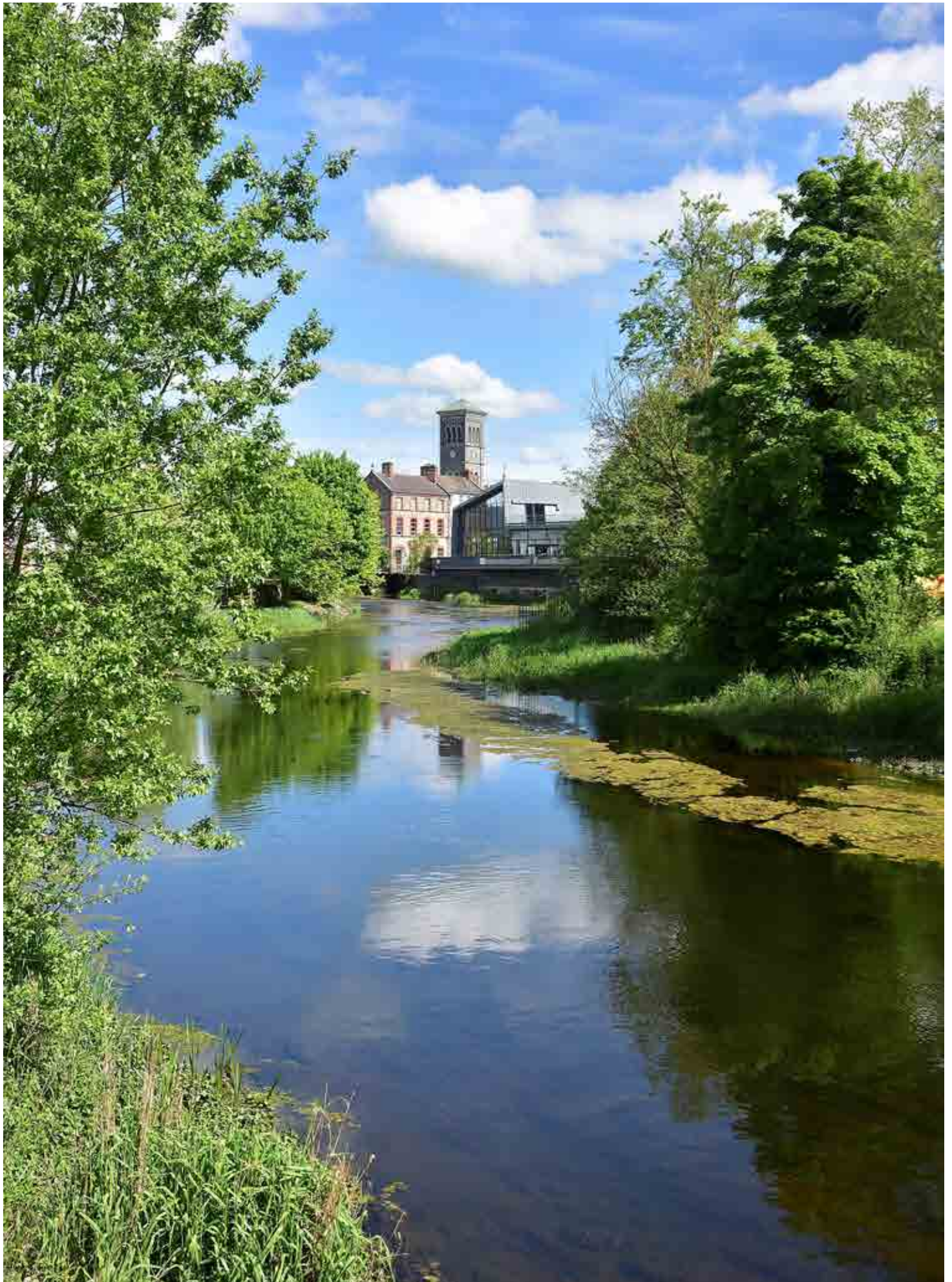
Thurles MD were again successful in receiving NSAI 45001 accreditation.



Templemore Park



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Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District



CORPORATE

May Monthly Meeting of Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District & Retirement of Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald.

Tributes honouring Councillor Michael FitzGerald, Tipperary's longest-serving public representative, were expressed as he attended his final Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal Meeting on Monday, 27th of May 2024. In attendance at the reception were Elected Members, Tipperary County Council Staff, and Councillor Michael FitzGerald's family, which included his wife Mary, son Michael, and siblings Councillor John FitzGerald, Tom, Anne, and James.

Elected Members, and staff members paid tribute to Councillor FitzGerald's long career in Tipperary County Council, including serving as the first Cathaoirleach following the amalgamation of north and south Tipperary. Recognised as a champion of local government, Elected Members and staff commended Councillor FitzGerald for his outstanding commitment spanning 45 years. Attendees also emphasized his exceptional ability for connecting with individuals from all walks of life and how he represented the people of Tipperary in a most magnificent manner. All present wished Councillor FitzGerald and his family all the best on his retirement.

On behalf of the District, Cathaoirleach Declan Burgess presented an award to Councillor FitzGerald which he said exemplified "the high regard in which you hold the Local Authority as a third generation elected official." This was signed by Councillor Declan Burgess Cathaoirleach of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD, Sharon Kennedy Director of Services and Anselm McGowan District Administrator of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District.

Photos below



Back Row from left:- Clara Fitzell, Mairead Bradshaw, James Swords, Anselm McGowan, Máiread Moloney, Alice Roche, Michael Fitzgerald, Declan Burgess, Sharon Kennedy, Michael Begley, John Redfern, Deirdre Hayes & Mary Corcoran.

Front Row from left:- Camille Donovan, Annette Heskett, Sharon Heffernan & Verena McGrath.



Members elected to Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District in 2024

The Local Elections held on Friday 7th June, the following 11 members were elected to Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District.

- 1. Micheál Anglim, Ballylaffin, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
- 2. Liam Browne, Rosegreen, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
- 3. Declan Burgess, 1 Moore Lane, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
- 4. John Crosse, Donohill Cross, Donohill, Co. Tipperary
- 5. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Parkview House, Tipperary Road, Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary
- 6. Roger Kennedy, Camus, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
- 7. Andy Moloney, Knocknaquil, Poulmucka, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
- 8. Máirín McGrath, Garrencasey, Newcastle, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
- 9. Marie Murphy, Kilballyboy, Clogheen, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.
- 10. John O’Heney, Lisduff, Lattin, Co. Tipperary
- 11. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), “The Oaks”, Cordangan, Tipperary

The Annual Meeting of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District was held on 24th June, 2024 Councillor John Crosse was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Roger Kennedy was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Photo Below



From Left; Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Leas-Cathaoirleach & Cllr. John Crosse, Cathaoirleach.

Photo below



Back row from left:- John O’Heney, Declan Burgess, Mary Hanna Hourigan, Andy Moloney, Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), Liam Browne, Micheál Anglim, James Swords, District Engineer.

Front Row from left:- Marie Murphy, Anselm McGowan, District Administrator, Sharon Kennedy, District Director, John Crosse, Cathaoirleach, Roger Kennedy & Máirín McGrath.

Civic Reception, Cathaoirleach's Welcome & Cathaoirleach's Awards

A Cathaoirleach's Award & opening of the River Ara Walking was hosted by the Cathaoirleach and District Members during the year.

These included the following;

- The official Opening of the River Ara Walkway in Tipperary Town
- The Cathaoirleach's Award, Cahir House Hotel, Co. Tipperary.

The Official Opening of the River Ara Walkway in Tipperary Town

On Thursday 6th June the River Ara Walkway was officially launched by Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District. The event was attended by the public and a host of local community and voluntary groups. Attendees were welcome to explore the impressive amenity before Councillor Declan Burgess unveiled a specially made plaque to mark the occasion.

The River Ara Walk originated as a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Tipperary Tidy Towns and Tipperary Town Chamber of Commerce, who were awarded LEADER funding from South Tipperary Development Company to develop the concept and design for the project in 2018.

Photo Below Some of the Invited guests pictured at the official opening of the River Ara Walkway



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River Ara Walkway is a very popular biodiverse amenity greatly enjoyed by both locals and visitors

The Cathaoirleach’s Award

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD honoured the contribution of local clubs and associations at the Cathaoirleach Awards 2024 in Cahir House Hotel on the 28th of November at 6:30pm.

Cathaoirleach Councillor John Crosse and the Elected Members were delighted to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of the following groups:

- Bansha Tidy Towns
- Cahir Meet and Train Group
- Cappawhite Tidy Towns
- Cashel King Cormac’s Premier Intermediate Hurling Team
- CJ Kickham Band
- Dr. Martin Mansergh
- Mr. Tom Lewis and the Southern and District League
- Myles Butcher Shop Ardfinnan
- Peers Standing Strong Together / U Matter
- The O’Brien Family
- Tipperary Hills Pitch and Putt

Councillor John Crosse emphasized how these organisations transcended politics and institutions, and deliver real value to the lives of ordinary people in a very meaningful way. Tipperary County Council were proud to support the efforts of these local individuals and groups who enrich lives through their range of activities.

Paul Collins of Ballywire Media was the MC for the evening, presenting video interludes that showcased the achievements of each nominee.

Photo below of events



The European Charter of Rural Communities

The annual meeting of the European Charter took place in July 2024 in Nagycenk Hungary.

Cllr Roger Kennedy, Liz Bourke, Liz Ryan, Richard Allison, Patrick Quinlan and Sean Quinlan represented Cashel and Ireland.

Photo Below



Europe Day

Celebrating Europe Day on Cashel Plaza, 9th May 2024. Cllrs’ Declan Burgess, Roger Kennedy and Cashel Friends of Europe Chairperson Ciara Quinlan with local school.



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Cashel continues to retain it’s close links with the European Charter of Rural Communities

Schedule of Municipal District Works

In February 2024, the members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

This provided for a total expenditure in excess of €12 million in respect of housing maintenance; road improvements; street cleaning; maintenance of burial grounds and maintenance of amenity areas including playgrounds together with undertaking capital projects.

The main projects and programmes which benefited from funding were:

- Significant road strengthening, surface dressing and drainage works across the District.
- Bridge Rehabilitation works at
 - Cumask Bridge
 - Philipstown Bridge
 - St Marys Road Retaining Wall
 - Ballyporeen Bridges
- Roads safety Improvement Schemes at
 - Cappawhite Road Dundrum
 - Main Street Cashel
 - Ardfinnan Road Clogheen
- Outdoor recreation improvements at
 - Tobar losa
 - Clogheen Link Walk
 - Limerick Junction Trail

The Elected Members continue to financially support a broad programme of community endeavours

TIPPERARY CAHIR CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT 2024 Programme of Works



Christmas Lights

Tipperary Cahir Cashel Christmas Lights Investments €15,000

The District benefitted from Road Improvement Works of €14m

Road Works





Painting Enhancement Scheme

Tipperary Town, Cahir Town, Cashel Town and Dundrum Village Painting Enhancement Scheme

Cahir Inch Field retained its Green Flag for 2024

Green Flag





Festival & Events Grant 2024

Municipal Grants €43,800 to 10 groups
Community Grants €35,050 to 46 Groups

Tidy Towns Grants - €56,450 to 40 groups
Burial Ground Grants - €57,668 to 69 groups

Tidy Town & Burial Grants





RRDF Funding Cahir Town

Work on the RRDF funded project - Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration has commenced.

Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse received RRDF funding of €7.9m

RRDF Funding Tipperary Town





Official Opening

On 6th June the River Ara Walkway was officially launched by Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD.

The Cathaoirleach Awards were held on the 28th November and recognised 11 individuals / community groups

Cathaoirleach Awards



Oris Funding Project

Work has been completed on the ORIS funded project totalling €34,000 to widen and resurface the existing track at Caherabbey Upper, Cahir.

This provides an alternative route to users to safely complete the 4.5 km loop and avoid the busy Tipperary Road roundabout. This project also provides improved accessibility to the pre Christian Tobar Íosa Well. The holy well consists of a natural spring and is regularly visited by local people and tourists. Traditionally on Pattern Day which is Christmas Eve people would visit where they would complete the “rounds” and three pebbles were taken from the upper well in remembrance of devotions made. Special thanks to Cahir Tidy Towns and the Tobar Íosa Well Committee who continue to maintain this tranquil amenity area.



Before

After



Before

After



Working With The Community To Enhance Towns & Villages

Tidy Towns Grants 2024

The Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District Members awarded 40 grants as follows;

TIDY TOWNS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GRANTS 2024		
NO.	NAME	ALLOCATION 2024
1	Ardfinnan Tidy Towns, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€2,200
2	Aherlow Road Residents Association, Co. Tipperary.	€2,100
3	An Duiche Residents Association, Scallagheen, Co. Tipperary	€1,000
4	Ballylooby Community Council Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€900
5	Ballyporeen Community Council, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€1,200
6	Bansha Tidy Towns, Co. Tipperary	€1,200
7	Burncourt Community Council, Co. Tipperary.	€1,200
8	Cahir Tidy Towns, Co. Tipperary.	€5,000
9	Cappawhite Tidy Towns, Co. Tipperary.	€1,200
10	Cashel Tidy Towns, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.	€5,000
11	Churchview Residents Association, Lattin, Co. Tipperary.	€750
12	Clogheen Tidy Towns, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.	€1,200
13	Clonoulty Tidy Towns, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	€1,200
14	Crescent Court Residents Association, Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary.	€1,000
15	Donohill Tidy Towns, Co. Tipperary	€1,200
16	Duhill Community Council, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.	€1,200
17	Dun Chormaic Residents Association, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.	€1,000
18	Emly Tidy Towns, Emly , Co. Tipperary.	€2,000
19	Goatenbridge Tidy Towns, Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary	€1,200
20	Golden Tidy Villages, Golden, Co. Tipperary.	€1,200
21	Grange Tidy Towns, Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary.	€1,200
22	Highfield Residents Association, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€600
23	Kilmananagh Residents Association, Co. Tipperary.	€1,000
24	Kilross Tidy Towns, Co. Tipperary.	€1,200
25	Lattin Tidy Town, Lattin , Co. Tipperary	€1,200
26	Murgasty Residents Association, Tipperary Town.	€1,000
27	New Inn Tidy Towns, New Inn, Co. Tipperary	€1,000
28	Newcastle Tidy Towns, Newcastle, Co. Tipperary.	€1,200
29	Rockview Residents Association, Cashel	€1,000
30	Rockwood Residents Association, Cashel	€1,000
31	Rosemount Residents Association, Cahir	€600
32	Rossmore Tidy Towns, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.	€1,200
33	Spafield Family Resource Centre, Co. Tipperary.	€1,000
34	Summercove Residents Association, Co. Tipperary.	€1,000
35	The Rhododendron Walking Festival, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.	€1,100
36	The Steeples Residents Association, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.	€1,000
37	Thomastown Tidy Towns, Thomastown, Co. Tipperary	€1,200
38	Tipperary Town Tidy Towns, Co. Tipperary.	€5,000
39	Woodlawn Residents Association, Cashel	€500
40	Rocksprings Residents Association, Co. Tipperary.	€500
		TOTAL €56,450

Photos of Tidy Towns Works

Aherlow Road Residents Association, Aherlow, Co. Tipperary

Before Photo



After Photo



Cappawhite Tidy Towns - Works done in Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary



Cashel Tidy Towns - Works done in Cashel, Co. Tipperary



Kilross Tidy Towns - works done in Kilross, Co. Tipperary



Cahir Tidy Towns

- continued to plant more Chestnut trees at Cahir Park to replace the ones that are in serious decay, this is an ongoing process as you would appreciate
- planted Silver Birch and Chestnut trees in the Inch field to enhance that area by replacing and renewing the tree stock.
- have also extended the Pétanque area also in the Inch field to include disability facilities
- General up keep of the town, again another ongoing process where we deal with whatever needs to be done to keep Cahir looking as good as possible.
- Repairs / Petrol for our Strimmer's, Hedge Cutters and Power Washers which we use throughout the year.

Flowerbeds / Tubs



Flower tub in the Square, Cahir



Flowerbed at Clogheen Road



Flowerbed at Clonmel Road



Flowerbed in the Castle car park



Keeping the hedges tidy in Castle car park



Weeding on the Cork road



Painting the fence at the Mall



Painting wall on the Ardfinnan road



Weeding on cork road



Weeding on the Tipperary road



The Inch Field with new trees



The Sensory Garden Cahir after weeding and clean-up of stonework



A dead chestnut tree that needs to be replaced

The Inch Field



Petanque Area



The pétanque area in the inch field with new wheelchair access



Biodiversity strip at Erasmus Smith



The Lacka, Cahir



New trees in Cahir Park



Cahir Youth Tidy Towns

Cahir also started a Cahir Youth Tidy Towns in July which proved to be a brilliant idea, as Cahir have a team of very dedicated and enthusiastic youngsters who love to help make Cahir look good, here are some photos of them at work around Cahir. We are delighted with their enthusiasm and hard work.



Cashel Tidy Towns

- Put up 100 flower baskets
- Clean & maintain flower pots.
- Set 15 flower beds.
- Clean / weed & grass off footpaths.
- Litter picking
- Edging grass along footpaths.

Photos Below of works





Team Tipp County Clean-up Launch in Cashel

To raise awareness of the blight of roadside litter, Tipperary County Council is supported a Countywide Clean-up from October 11 to 13.



Photographed at the launch in Cashel on September 13, with members of Cashel Tidy Towns are L to R: John Ryan, Paddy Downey, Aidan Downey, Tipperary County Council Cathaoirleach, Declan Burgess; Fiona Flynn (Staff Officer, Environment and Climate Action, Tipperary County Council); Tom Power, and Pat Buckley.

Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition

The national SuperValu Tidy Towns competition is an annual contest organised by the Department of Rural and Community Development and supported by other organisations including Tipperary County Council. SuperValu Tidy Towns awards ceremony held in Croke Park on Friday 1st November.

A total of 12 medals were awarded to towns and villages across the County with Emly Tidy Towns receiving the South East Regional Award. Scoil San Isadoir, Cashel was worthy winner of the South East Region School Award with special awards going to Cahir.



Photo above of Emly Tidy Towns attending the National Award Ceremony in Croke Park Dublin this year.

Kilross Tidy Towns

This year Kilross Tidy Towns installed a figurine in their garden commemorating Spring. They put solar lights around the bog oak on the main road. Planted flowers throughout the summer and obtained a new bicycle at the pump area.

Photo below of works done



Burial Ground Grants 2024

Grants were allocated to 69 burial ground committees to assist with the maintenance of burial grounds as follows:

Burial Ground Grant Allocations 2024

Grant Recipient	Allocation	Grant Recipient	Allocation
1 Annacarty-Kilpatrick Burial Ground	€1,670	37 Loughkent Burial Ground Committee	€735
2 Ardfinnan Burial Ground Committee	€935	38 Loughloher Burial Ground Mtce Committee	€735
3 Ardmayle Burial Ground	€935	39 Monard Church of Ireland Burial Grounds	€665
4 Ballinacourty Burial Ground	€935	40 Mortlestown Burial Ground Committee	€665
5 Ballinatemple Burial Ground	€887	41 Mullough Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€665
6 Ballybacon Burial Ground Committee	€887	42 Neddans Graveyard Ardfinnan	€665
7 Ballydrennan Burial Ground	€665	43 New Inn Graveyard Parish Committee	€887
8 Ballysheehan Burial Ground	€735	44 Newcastle New Burial Ground Committee	€665
9 Bansha Old Burial Ground	€887	45 Newcastle Old Burial Ground Committee	€887
10 Blessed Sacrament Golden	€735	46 Old Church Street Cahir	€887
11 Cahir Abbey Burial Ground	€735	47 Old Donohill Burial Ground Committee	€735
12 Cahir New Burial Ground	€935	48 Outrath Burial Ground Committee	€887
13 Cahir Quaker Burial Ground Committee	€735	49 Protestant Burial Ground, Ardfinnan	€665
14 Cappawhite Old & New Burial Ground	€1,822	50 Rossmore Church Grounds, Rossmore	€665
15 Cashel Cathedral Burial Ground	€887	51 Shanrahan Burial Ground Maintenance	€1,552
16 Clonbeg Church St. Sednas Glen of Aherlow	€665	52 Shronnel Graveyard Committee	€665
17 Clonoulty Old & New & Clogher Burial Ground	€2,335	53 Solohead Burial Ground Committee	€887
18 Cullen Graveyard Committee	€735	54 St John the Baptist Graveyard, Cashel	€665
19 Dangan-Dargan Maintenance	€735	55 St Mark's Famine Graveyard, Cashel	€665
20 Derrygrath Burial Ground Committee	€735	56 St Mary's Church of Ireland Tipperary Town	€665
21 Duhill / Castlegrace Community Council, Clogheen	€665	57 St Senan's Burial Ground Committee	€935
22 Duhill Burial Ground, Duhill, Cahir	€887	58 St. John the Baptist Graveyard, Clonoulty	€665
23 Emily Old/New Burial Ground Committee	€1,600	59 St. Johns Famine Graveyard, Tipperary	€665
24 Garranlea Burial Ground Committee	€665	60 St. Mary's Church Dundrum	€665
25 Grange New Cemetery	€935	61 St. Paul's Churchyard, Cahir	€735
26 Hollyford Burial Ground Committee	€1,235	62 Templenoe Burial Ground Committee	€735
27 Kiladriffe Burial Ground	€735	63 The Reigh Famine Burial Ground	€887
28 Kilcommon Cemetery, Cahir	€665	64 Toem Burial Ground, Cappawhite	€665
29 Kilfeacle Burial Ground	€887	65 Tubrid Burial Ground, Cahir	€735
30 Kilshane Burial Ground	€735	66 Tullaghmeelan Graveyard Committee	€735
31 Knockgraffon Burial Ground	€735	67 Tullameelan Churchyard, Newcastle	€665
32 Kyle Burial Ground Committee	€665	68 Whitechurch Ballylooby	€735
33 Lady's Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€735	69 Mount Buis Burial Ground Committee	€735
34 Lagganstown Burial Ground	€735		
35 Lattin New Burial Ground	€935		
36 Lena Rice Graveyard Parish Committee	€200		
		Total	€57,668

Maintenance Photos Of Burial Grounds

Bansha Old Burial Ground



Clonbeg Church, St. Sednas, Glen of Aherlow



Tipperary Festival & Events Grants Scheme 2024

Grants were allocated to 56 organisations and groups across the Municipal District in 2024 under the scheme.

COMMUNITY GRANTS			
No	Event	Applicant/Group	Awarded 2024
1	Cahir Community Old Folks Party	Cahir Community Alert	€200
2	Glen of Aherlow Winter Walking Festival 2024	Glen of Aherlow Failte Society	€650
3	The Plough and The Stars	The Forge Players	€650
4	International Yoga Day, Vinayaka Festival, Community Fare, Diwali Festival	Federation of Indian Communities Ireland- Tipperary Branch	€1,000
5	Burncourt Annual Pumpkin Festival	Burncourt Community Council CLG	€1,200
6	The Gathering Tennis Tournament	Larkspur Tennis Club Cashel	€500
7	Trathnona Bealtaine	Annacarty Donohill Active Retirement	€500
8	Happy Harvest Evening	Annacarty Donohill Active Retirement	€500
9	Donohill Festival of Soccer	Donohill & District Soccer Club	€500
10	St Declan's Way Walking Event	Knockmealdown Active	€500
11	The Ramble 2024	Hillwalking Radio Club	€300
12	Solohead Parish Heritage	Solohead Parish Heritage Group	€700
13	Community Christmas Night	Knockavilla Community Council	€400
14	Multeen Players Drama Night	Multeen Players Drama Group/ Knockavilla Community Council	€650
15	St Patricks Day Parade	Cahir Developments Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	€2,000
16	Heritage Fun Sunday	Cahir Developments Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	€1,000
17	Christmas Grotto	Cahir Developments Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	€1,000
18	Vee Valley Festival	St Pauls community council	€1,300
19	Aherlow Kilross Community Christmas Market	Aherlow Kilross Community Council Clg	€400
20	Ardfinnan Family Funday Event	Keith Savage: Ardfinnan Community Council	€2,800
21	Skeheenarinky Gala Day	Skeheenarinky Parents Association	€800
22	Ballybacon Grange Hurling and Camogie Club Sports4all	Rosaleen O'Leary	€800
23	Winter Festival	Duhill Community Council	€650
24	Spring Concert	Duhill Community Council	€650
25	Pilates Biodiversity Courses	Cappawhite Active Retirement Group	€350
26	Emly Festival entitled 'Leave Nobody Behind'	Emily Tidy Towns	€1,500
27	Cashel St Patrick's Day Saint Patrick on The Plaza	Cashel Saint Patrick's Day Committee	€2,000
28	Big Splash Small Fish	Suir Productions	€650
29	Third Tipperary Brigade Commemorative Event	Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration	€800
30	Boherlahan Community Association Senior Citizens Christmas Party	Boherlahan Community Association	€400

No	Event	Applicant/Group	Awarded 2024
31	Boherlahan Community Association Sports	Boherlahan Community Association	€400
32	Rhododendron Walking Festival St Bridgets Bank Holiday Walk	Rhododendron Walking Festival	€400
33	Rhododendron Walking Festival Winter Solstice Walks	Rhododendron Walking Festival	€400
34	Aherlow Kilross Senior Citizens Gala Christmas Party	Aherlow Kilross Senior Citizens Committee	€200
35	Easter Treasure Trail 2024	Friends of the playground Cahir	€500
36	Ballylooby Community Day	Ballylooby Community Council	€600
37	Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2024	Ballylooby Community Council	€200
38	St Patricks Day Parade	Ballylooby Community Council	€500
39	Culture at the Castle	Cahir Social & Historical Society	€1,200
40	Triple CCC – “Cahir, Craic & Ceol”	Rockwell Orchestra	€700
41	Galtee Challenge and Half Crossing	Galtee Walking Club	€500
42	Aherlow Fáilte/ Kilross Community Council- Glen 5k and Family wellness fun day	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte CLG in conjunction with Aherlow Kilross Community Council CLG(AKCC)	€900
43	Grange Field Evening	Grange Community Council Ltd	€500
44	Golden Kilfeacle Festival on the Suir	Golden-Kilfeacle Festival Committee	€1,500
45	Drama	Clogheen Drama Group	€400
46	Scare in Cahir Samhain Festival 2024	Friends of the playground Cahir	€800
Total			€35,050

MUNICIPAL GRANTS

No	Event	Applicant/Group	Awarded 2024
1	Tipperary Festival	Tipperary Festival	€1,500
2	Donohill Fun Festival	Donohill Development Council LTD	€1,000
3	Cashel Arts Festival	Cashel Arts Festival	€14,000
4	Ras Taitleann Cycling- Stage Finish	South Tipp Cycling Club	€3,000
5	Seán Treacy Commemorative Festival	Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee	€3,000
6	Rhododendron Walking Festival	Rhododendron Walking Festival	€2,500
7	Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival	Ballyporeen Community Council CLG	€4,000
8	Queen of the Castle	Rathkeevin Macra na Feirme	€4,000
9	Cahir Trad Fest	Cahir Comhaltas	€3,300
10	Tipperary Town St. Patricks Day Festival	Tipperary Town Revitalisation CLG in collaboration with Tipperary Town St. Patricks Day Committee	€7,500
Total			€43,800
Overall Total			€78,850

Glen of Aherlow Winter Walking Festival - Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society

The Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society, in association with the Galtee Walking Club, embarked on its annual Glen of Aherlow Winter Walking Festival in Tipperary over the weekend of January 26th to January 28th. The hikers enjoyed the winter walking with corrie lakes, open mountain, woodland trails and forest tracks led by experienced guides from the Galtee Walking Club. The festival hosted seven guided walks over 3 days.

Photo of Event



The Municipal District is abundant in rich culture & diversity which is reflected in the Festival & Events Grants system

International Yoga Day - Federation of Indian Communities Ireland - Tipperary Branch.

The Federation of Indian communities in Ireland, in association with Tipperary County Council, held its third International Yoga Day on Saturday, June 22 at Cashel Rugby Club, Cashel, from 10 am to 2 pm.

This event was free and consisted of a series of yoga and meditation session by trained instructors with a flavour of Indian and Irish cultural performance.

The event was launched by the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District, Cllr. Declan Burgess in Cashel on Tuesday May 28

Photos of Event



The Tipperary Branch of the Federation of Indian Communities Ireland enjoyed their second year of yoga events in Cashel

St. Declan's Walking Event - Knockmealdown Active

The annual 115km St. Declan's Way Walk from the Rock of Cashel to Ardmore attracted a record number of hikers. The epic five -stage trek began in Cashel during the St. Patrick's Weekend and finished on the May Bank Holiday Weekend of April 29th and 30th with the completion of the final two stages.

Photo of Event



Ras Taitleann Cycling- Stage Finish - South Tipperary Cycling Club

- Cahir Town hosted a Stage Finish of the Rás Tailteann on 26th May.
- Irish international Cormac McGeogh wins stage 3 of Rás Tailteann.

Photo below



(Photo: Lorraine O'Sullivan)

Tipperary Town St. Patrick's Day Festival - Tipperary Town Revitalisation CLG in collaboration with Tipperary Town St. Patrick's Day Committee

Tipperary Town St. Patrick's Day was held on Saturday, March 16th. This event was held a day earlier than usual to facilitate the visit of the University of Missouri 'Marching Mizzou' who thrilled the huge crowd with an exhilarating closing performance on Main Street.

Mistress of Ceremonies Dee Morrissey brought great energy to proceedings as the event got underway at 11 am with the ONE Tommy Halligan Branch Colour Party and the local CJ Kickham Band leading out a colourful town parade that had over 30 groups participating from Irish Dancing Groups, Sports Clubs, Community Groups, Businesses, Mountain Rescue and the local Fire & Rescue Services.

Guest of Honour Cara Darmody chose Moorehaven & Doon Vintage Rally and Irish Trikes and the Rock Marshals M.C.C. Motorcycle Group as joint winners of the 'Best Float' award. The Committee also recognised Julies Children's Wear on Main Street as the best Window Display.

The highlight of the day was the performance of the 300-strong 'Marching Mizzou' who marched five across from Tipperary Town Plaza to Main Street before performing several of their signature songs including 'Every True Son' which is to the tune of the world-famous 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' accompanied by the CJ Kickham Brass & Reed Band. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the performance, which created a real carnival atmosphere in the town.

The Mizzou expressed an interest in visiting Tipperary during 2023 and plans were finalised in January 2024 when the Tipperary Town St. Patricks Day Committee, Tipperary Town Revitalisation and Tipperary County Council agreed to work together to make the event happen. The Band Director Dr Amy Knopps was presented with two handmade hurleys provided by Shanahan Hurleys to commemorate the event, along with commemorative scrolls designed and printed by Fitzpatrick's Printers and jerseys presented by local teams Arravale Rovers and Clanwilliam RFC.

The organising committee have expressed their sincere thanks to everybody involved in the event including all of the fifty volunteers and stewards who helped on the day, An Garda Síochána, Tipperary Coop, Tipperary Racecourse, Tipperary Town Plaza, Canon Hayes Recreation Centre, Tipperary Credit Union, MJ Ryan. Pádraig Culbert and all of the local businesses who made generous donations towards the running of the day, along with the local clubs and schools who made their car parks available to facilitate the event.

Cathaoirleach Declan Burgess expressed a warm welcome to the Mizzou and added that Tipperary Town would love to host the band again on their next trip to Ireland.

Photos of event





Christmas Events & Initiatives

Contributions of €5,000 each were provided towards the provision of Christmas lights in Tipperary, Cahir & Cashel towns. Also, a contribution of €1,500 each were provided to Cahir & Cashel Town towards Town Voucher Schemes.

Photo's of the Towns at Christmas



Photo below of Mrs. Claus, Martin Quinn, Peace Commissioner & Santa at the Christmas Lights Parade, Tipperary Town.



Photo below of Santa at the Christmas Lights Parade, Cahir Town

In Cooperation with Cashel Chamber of Commerce, Cahir Development Association & Tipperary Town Festival, Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal provided a package of measures to promote the Towns in the lead up to Christmas with the following supports;

- A marketing campaign to promote shopping local through radio, social media & print media.
- A Town Voucher Scheme which involved the Council co-funding vouchers to be given to customers as prizes in the lead up to Christmas as part of the marketing campaign.
- Tipperary Town - Free parking in all Public Car Parks from 10.00 a.m. for the month of December, starting 30th November. 1 hour free parking on-street from 10.00 a.m. to 6 p.m. in December.
- Cahir Town - Free parking in all Public Car Parks each Saturday in December, starting 30th November. Free parking was available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Cashel Town - Free parking in all Public Car Parks each Saturday in December, starting 30th November. Free parking was available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Below photo of the revived Wren Tradition, taken on Stephen's Day on the revamped plaza, Cashel Town.

Economic Development

Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme 2024

The Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme provided grant aid to assist owners or occupiers of properties situated in the primary retail areas of Tipperary, Cahir, Cashel towns to improve the streetscapes through:

- Removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and replacement with shop fascia signage, with an emphasis on hand painted signage;
- Painting and general improvements to existing shop fronts;
- Erection of planters, floral hanging baskets and other environmental improvements.

A total of 18 properties were approved under the scheme during 2024. The grant approved was up to a maximum €500 or 50% of the approved cost of the works. A total of €7,767 was paid by the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District towards this scheme.

DNG O' Grady Auctioneers, 12 Main Street, Tipperary.

Before



After



Lava Rock, Pearse Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary

Before



After



Bank Place Cashel

Before



After



Dundrum villages Enhancement & Painting Grant Scheme 2024

The Dundrum Enhancement & Painting Grant Scheme improved the streetscape & public realm of the village.

A total of 4 properties were approved under the scheme during 2024. The grant approved was up to a maximum €300 or 50% of the approved cost of the works. A total of €1,412 was paid by the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District towards this scheme.

Photo before & after work

Main Street, Dundrum, Co. Tipperary.



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Each year in addition to the 3 primary towns, two villages are selected within the Municipal District for the Villages Enhancement Grant Scheme

Playground & Amenities

Playgrounds

The following playgrounds and outdoor exercise facilities fall under the remit of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District.

- Tipperary 3 Drives
- River Ara Walkway, Tipperary Town
- Canon Hayes, Tipperary Town
- Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary
- Glenview, Tipperary Town
- Cashel Town, Cashel
- Cashel MUGA, Cashel
- Clonoulty, Cashel
- Donohill, Co. Tipperary
- Cappawhite Outdoor Gym, Co. Tipperary.
- Ballporeen, Co. Tipperary
- Clogheen, Co. Tipperary
- Cahir, Co. Tipperary
- Newcastle, Co. Tipperary.
- Ardfinnan, Co Tipperary

These recreational facilities are inspected weekly by Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District staff along with annually by an expert independent specialist to ensure the long-term safety of the site equipment and ancillary items. The maintenance budget for 2024 for these recreational facilities amounted to €34,384.



Green Flag Awarded to Cahir Inch Field

The Inch field in Cahir is the only public area in County Tipperary to secure a Green Flag for Parks in 2023/24 – 101 such awards were made in Ireland by An Taisce who administer the Green Flag Award for Parks. The Green Flag Award scheme aims to encourage the provision of good quality public parks and green spaces that are managed in environmentally sustainable ways.

Cahir Inch Field was successful this year in its application to renew the Green Flag Award for 2024-2025 on the 8th of November in the category of formal public Green Flag Park sites. This is further recognition of the great work that has been undertaken in Cahir with the support of Cahir Tidy Towns volunteers, other organisations and businesses in the town. The visiting judges for the Green Flag Award were impressed with Cahir Inch Field and paid tribute to the commitment shown by the Tidy Town volunteers, local community, business groups and Tipperary County Council.

Photo Below



From Left:- John O Meara, Anselm McGowan & Councillor Andy Moloney

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Cahir Inch Field continues to be the only Green Flag Award recipient within the County

Seán Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool

The Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool is a Council run facility in Tipperary Town which adjoins the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre. The pool is open to the public from 10.00am to 8.45pm Monday to Friday and from 10.00 am to 2.30pm on Saturday and Sunday. It offers swimming lessons to children on a group basis.

In recognition of Claire O’Connell’s outstanding sporting accomplishments including breaking the Irish Master records in the 50m and 100m breaststroke and winning 6 Gold Medals at the 2023 European Masters Games in Finland, Brendan O’Dwyer, Pool Manager presented her with free membership at Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool for the year.

Claire has been a member of Sean Treacy Swimming Pool for many years and trains 5-6 times a week in preparation for competitions both nationally and internationally. She will be representing Ireland in the World Masters Swimming Championships in Doha in February, 2024. This event is self-funded therefore, Sean Treacy Swimming Pool presented her with free membership to help with her training. She swims with the Kingdom Master Swimming Club in Tralee, Co Kerry and has previously represented Ireland at Minor and Masters level.

Photo below



Sean Treacy Swimming Pool Offer Support To Emly Woman Ahead Of World Championships

Casual Trading

The Casual Trading Byelaws in Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District were adopted in 2021. These byelaws were for traders interested in obtaining casual trading licences to operate at designated locations throughout the district.

A total of 15 licences were issued in 2024 for the following areas

- Market Yard Canopy Area Tipperary – 3 Traders
- Market Yard Carpark Area Tipperary – 2 Traders
- Cahir Granary Carpark – 1 Trader
- Cahir Park – 4 Traders
- Castle Carpark – Farmers Market Saturday Morning
- Cashel Friar Street Car Park – 1 Trader
- Ardfinnan The Green – 1 Trader
- Carpark Overlooking The Vee – 1 Trader
- Christ The King Carpark Aherlow – 1 Trader

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*Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel
Municipal District wish Claire
O Connell continued success
in her swimming career*

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Tipperary Town Revitalisation

Tipperary Town Social, Community and Heritage led Regeneration

In May 2024 the Department of Rural and Community Development announced that they are making approximately €8m available to Tipperary County Council for the refurbishment of the former Civic Offices at Dan Breen House and the former Courthouse & Bridewell on Michael Street.

The funding is being awarded under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund and will see Dan Breen House reimagined as a Youth and Further Education and Training Centre in partnership with Youth Work Ireland Tipperary and Tipperary Education and Training Board, while the former Courthouse will be transformed into a day service location for adults with intellectual disabilities in partnership with Moorehaven

These are priority actions identified by the Tipperary Town Revitalisation Strategy and Action Plan to 2035, incorporating a Town Centre First approach to the revitalisation of Tipperary Town. Pillars 1 and 2 aim to reduce long-term unemployment, increase access to further education and training, reduce social disadvantage, reduce vacancy, enhance historic buildings and improve quality of life.



Tipperary Courthouse & Bridewell

Tipperary Town Revitalisation members would like to thank all of the partners and everyone who contributed to the application, the elected members and the staff of Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District who oversaw the development of the planning and design phases, along with South Tipperary Development Company who supported the business case under the LEADER programme.

Works are expected to commence on both projects in Q2, 2025



Dan Breen House

Tipperary Town Energy Fair - January 2024

A crowd of over fifty people attended the recent Community Energy Fair in Tipperary Town to hear about the Tipperary Town Community Energy Plan, and the supports and grants available to homeowners, businesses, and community groups to implement climate adaptation projects. The event was held in Tipperary Excel Centre on Thursday January 18th at 7pm and was organised by Tipperary Town Revitalisation and Tipperary Tidy Towns, who jointly commissioned the Town Energy Plan under the SEAI funded Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) Programme.

Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District Cathaoirleach Declan Burgess opened the event by underlining the importance of towns and communities tackling the energy issue, and by commending everyone involved in the event. Dan Fennell of ORS Consultants took attendees through the Plan which found that the town had an estimated annual energy spend in excess of € 30m, and that there are over 2,000 homes in and around the town that would be suitable for deep retrofitting. This would keep a significant sum of money in the local economy, while contributing to climate mitigation and addressing fuel poverty issues.



Back L-R, Dan Fennell ORS, Ita Horan LEO Tipperary, Declan Burgess Cathaoirleach Tipp Cahir Cashel MD, Michael Begley Tipperary Town Revitalisation

Front L-R: Gearóid Fitzgibbon SEAI Mentor, Ruth Buggie SEAI, Marie O'Donnell TCC Community Climate Action Officer.

Community Bus service launched in Tipperary Town - Dec 2024

A new Community Bus service was launched in Tipperary Town in December 2024. The initiative is being led by An Garda Síochána in collaboration with Tipperary Town Revitalisation and Knockanrawley Resource Centre.

The 17-seater bus will be driven by Gardai from Tipp Town Station and made available to community and special interest groups on a book-ahead basis. The service will focus primarily on disadvantaged groups and is expected to be of huge benefit to many local organisations, as well as playing an important role in Community Policing.

The project partners were granted € 55,000 towards the purchase of the vehicle by Tipperary County Council and the Department of rural and Community Development under the Community Recognition Fund, with the balance of the cost of the vehicle raised through philanthropy.



L-R Fiona Crotty, Tipperary County Council, Alan Manning, Ceola Ryan, Michael Begley Tipp Town Revitalisation, Emer Duggan Knockanrawley RC, Kathleen Vickers South Tipp Development Company, Maria Minguella TTR, Valerie Carthy Tipp County Council, Anselm McGowan, Tipp County Council, Cllr. John Crosse, Cathaoirleach Tipp Cahir Cashel MD, Superintendent Edmund Golden, Sergeant Ray Moloney, Garda Elaine Bolger, Garda John O'Connor and Inspector John Cleary

**Cllr. John Crosse, Cathaoirleach,
Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District stated,**

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It is wonderful to see this service launched, and I know it will be of immense importance and benefit to the local community in the coming years. I would like to acknowledge the efforts made by the project partners in working together to make this initiative a reality and I wish them every success.”

Community groups can enquire about the use of the bus by contacting Tipperary Town Station at the dedicate email address CTTipperaryCentral.CommunityPolicing@garda.ie

Nephin Renewable Gas launch new Biogas Operation at Tipperary Innovation Engine Digital Hub

Nephin Energy announced the creation of its renewable energy company Nephin Renewable Gas (NRG), which will have its operational headquarters in Tipperary Town at Tipperary Innovation ENGINE Digital Hub.

The Digital Hub is a project supported by Enterprise Ireland, Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Town Revitalisation, with a major refurbishment of the building completed in late 2022. The project was funded by Enterprise Ireland under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) with Matching Funding provided by Tipperary County Council.

NRG moved into the building in late 2023. Their ambition is to become the leading producer and supplier of Biomethane in Ireland. The Company held their official launch event in February 2024, with a keynote address from the then Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment Simon Coveney TD.

The Company initially employed 11 people at the Tipperary Town offices, with numbers expected to grow substantially in the coming years.



Some of the NRG Team at their new Tipperary Town Offices



Former Minister Simon Coveney TD speaking at the event

Canon Hayes Recreation Centre & Sean Treacy Swimming Pool Business Case Commissioned



Tipperary Town Revitalisation in collaboration with Sean Treacy Swimming Pool and the Board of Directors of Canon Hayes Recreation Centre has commissioned a Business Case for the full refurbishment and modernisation of both facilities.

The Business Case is being developed by Raymond Burke Consulting. The initial step involved a community and stakeholder survey which was completed by over 400 members of the public and over 30 clubs and organisations that use the facilities. This shows a very high level of interest and a strong commitment to the facilities from the local community.

It is hoped to progress the project to design and planning in 2025 once the Business case has been completed and appropriate funding streams have been identified.

Two new Wood Sculptures erected on James Street

The Tipperary Town Revitalisation worked with Will Fogarty Fear na Coillte Chainsaw Sculptures to deliver two incredible wood sculptures to Tipperary Town. The project celebrates prominent local women and was led by the Heritage Subgroup with funding provided by Tipperary Heritage Office under Creative Ireland Tipperary.

The first sculpture depicts Aleen Cust who was born in Cordangan in 1868 and was the first female veterinary surgeon in Ireland and Britain, while the second recognises Cumann an mBan and their contribution to Irish Independence. The sculptures have been put in place behind the old Tipperary Post Office on the way in to James Street Car Park with permission from An Post



At the installation: L-R Ray Coleman, Sylvia Greene, Martin Quinn, Mary Alice O'Connor, Margaret McCoy (An Post) and Will Fogarty

The committee that worked on this project was Sylvia Greene (Project Lead), Martin Quinn Mary-Margaret, Katherina Ryan Jacqui Kinahan Finnan Annemarie Ryan Cllr & Mary Alice O'Connor (Chair)

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Tipperary Town Revitalisation
Committee enjoys ever more
success in its project collaboration
with the Municipal District

New Tipperary Town Directory of Services Launched - Dec 2024

A new Tipperary Town Directory of Services was launched in Tipperary Town in late December 2024. The initiative was led and compiled by Tipperary Town Revitalisation Team between 2023 and 2024. This project was carried out in collaboration with the SICAP Programme in Knockanrawley Resource Centre and South Tipperary Development Company, the Tipperary Local Development Committee, CYPSC Tipperary, and Ecovision, all of whom funded the printing of this Directory of Services. Many of the statutory and non-statutory organisations, agencies and community groups in Tipperary Town and County were also involved.

The Tipperary Town Directory of Services is being distributed to all households in Tipperary Town and its surrounding areas, and provides information on many of the statutory, community and some business services available to Tipperary Town, some of which are outside of the town. There is information on each service, with contact phone numbers, websites and e-mails included.



Tipperary Town Directory of Services launch event in December 2024

The aim of the Directory is to make it easier for individuals and families in Tipperary Town and surrounding areas to access essential information and supports in the local community.

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The Tipperary Town directory
is a valued resource for all
the towns citizens

Cahir Town Centre Redevelopment - Phase 1a - Demolition and Enabling works at Cahir Town Centre Car Park.

Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Contractors were appointed in January 2024, works commenced in February 2024 and completed in July 2024. See photos below for the works completed.



The site of the former Castle Court Hotel and adjoining site now in the ownership of Tipperary Co Co, location for the future Cahir Car Park.



The façade of the former Castle Court Hotel pre demolition



Demolition works complete, site enabling works underway.



Project complete and site ready for car park construction works

Cashel Town Wall Walk

V Plant Construction were appointed to complete this project in March 2024, works commenced in April 2024 and were completed in May 2024. The project opens up a previously inaccessible area of the historic Cashel Town Wall to the public, linking Buckley's Car Park to Hogan Square. See photos below.



Works underway



The completed walkway and access point to Buckley's Car Park



The Cashel Town Wall Walk together with the previously developed Bishop's Walk provides improved links from the town centre to the Rock of Cashel

Tipperary Town to Limerick Junction Walkway Upgrade Works

English Tarmac were appointed in March 2024 for the upgrade works to the existing Tipperary Town to Limerick Junction Walkway. The works commenced in March and were completed in April 2024. Works included widening of the walkway, drainage, safer junction points, re surfacing to the walkway. V Plant Construction were appointed in April 2024 for the replacement of footpaths along the Limerick Junction Road. Works commenced and were completed in May 2024. See photos.



Walkway condition pre works



Footpath renewal works underway



Works underway at the walkway



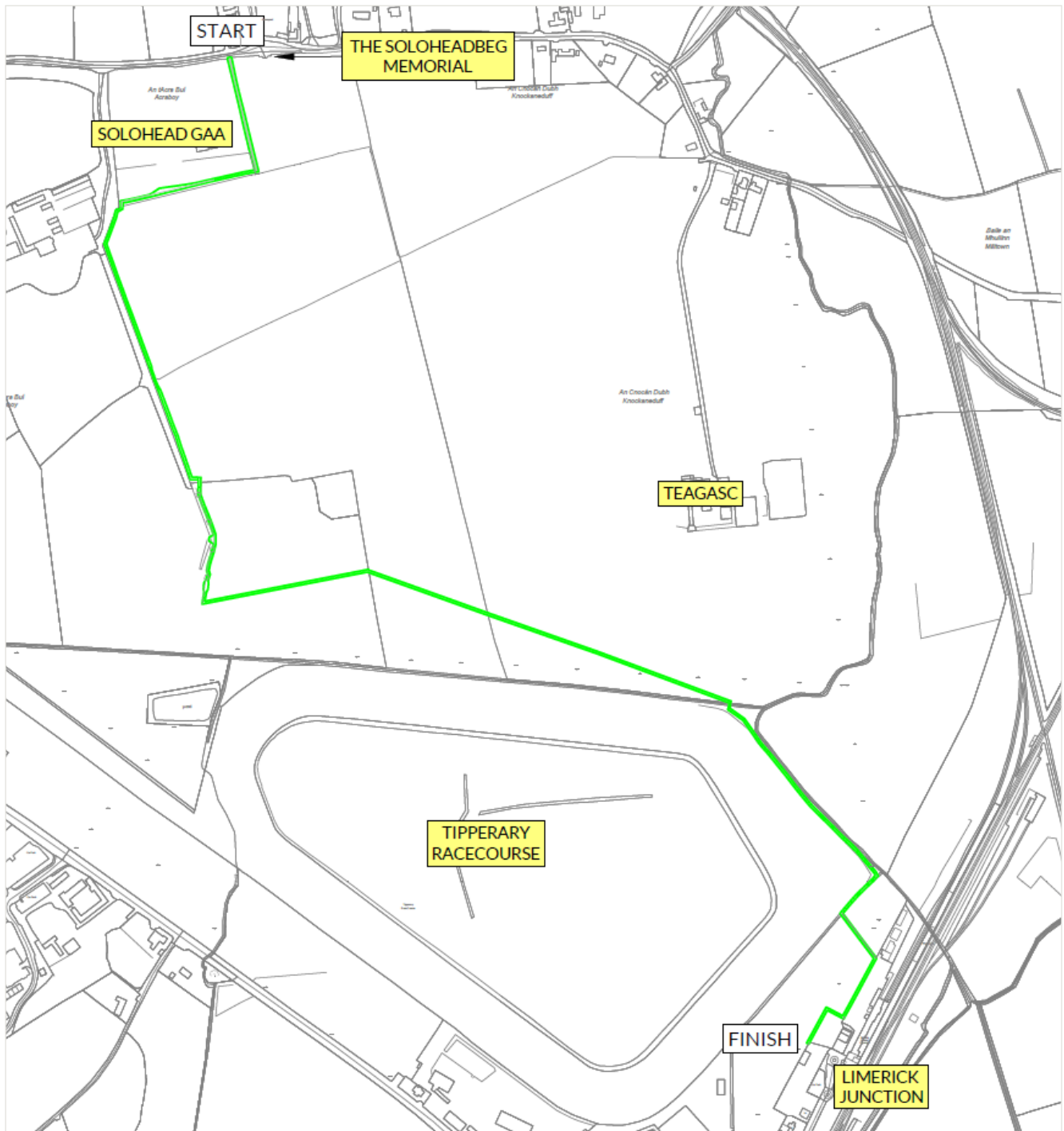
Walkway resurfacing works complete



Footpath renewal works complete.

Soloheadbeg to Limerick Junction Walkway - Design and Part 8 Planning

Tobin Consulting Engineers were appointed design team for the Soloheadbeg to Limerick Junction Walking route design and planning in November 2023. In May 2024 we advertised the Part 8 Planning Application for the scheme. The scheme was granted planning permission in September 2024 with adaption of the Chief Executive's Recommendation that the walkway terminate at Limerick Junction Stain Station as shown in the picture below.



The planning approved Soloheadbeg Limerick Junction Walking Route

Cashel Plaza Public Realm Upgrade Works

In October 2024 English Tarmac were appointed for the Cashel Plaza Public Realm Upgrade Works. Works included renewal of existing paving, public lighting renewal, new natural stone and concrete brick pavements, landscaping, street furniture, drainage and canopies to the Plaza. See photos below.



New Pavement Installation



Newly Landscaped area to the Plaza



Installation of the Limestone Seating



Pavement Renewal at The Plaza



Picture of Canopies at Plaza

Tipperary Hills - An Choill Bheag & Historical Signage Installation

In April 2024 Tipperary Co Co engaged with St Annes School and An Taisce's An Choill Bheag project in late 2023 and in April 2024 200 trees were planted by the students of St Annes under guidance from the coordinators of the An Choill Bheag Scheme. This project follows on from the recent projects undertaken in the Inch Field Cahir and The River Ara Walkway Tipperary Town. See photos below.



Also in May 2024 8no historical signs were erected in the Tipperary Hills. The signs tell the story of the Hills throughout the ages. The historical content for the signs was put together by Des Marnane and Fitzpatrick Printers.



Retirements

- Pat English, General Operative, Tipperary Town.
- Paddy Nolan, General Operative, Cappawhite
- Michael Ryan, General Operative, Cappawhite.
- Mary Corcoran, Clerical Officer.
- John Ryan, General Services Supervisor in Cashel.

Photo of Retirement of Pat English



Photo of Retirement of Mary Corcoran



Photos of John Ryan's Retirement



Financials



Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for the overall control and management of the Council's finances, both Revenue and Capital. It is responsible for the short, and long-term financing of the Council's operations.

Included among the wide range of services provided by the Finance Department are:

- Financial Control, Cash Flow and Treasury Management
- Preparation of the Draft Annual Budget
- Preparation of the Annual Financial Statement
- Collection of Commercial Rates
- Collection and management of Housing Loans
- Non-Principal Private Residence - NPPR charge
- Administration and maintenance of the Financial Management System – Agresso
- Administration of central gov grants (ICOB & Power Up) that assist businesses struggling with the increased cost of doing business
- All payments, including loan repayments and insurance premiums
- Monitoring the recoupment of government grants and subsidies
- Guidance in procurement to all sections
- Guidance in Green Public Procurement (GPP) to all sections
- Maintenance of financial records and the making of various reports and returns
- Internal Audit and checking section
- Motor Taxation

In the course of its work, the Finance Department liaises with all sections of the Local Authority.

Main Sections within Finance:

Financial and Management Accounting

Financial Accounting involves the preparation of the Annual Financial Statements (AFS), other statutory returns, reporting to external agencies and dealing with the Local Government Audit process.

Management Accounting involves the preparation of quarterly management reports to assist with budgetary control and the decision-making process within each directorate.

The Annual Budget process is managed in this section, in consultation with all the service divisions.

Treasury management, bank reconciliation, debtor management, monitoring of the Capital Account and ensuring draw down of grants are some of the other activities carried out by this section.



Income & Debt Management (Revenue Section)

In 2024, the Income & Debt Management Section (Revenue Section) mainly dealt with the collection of Commercial Rates, Housing Loans and the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge, as well as administering the ICOB and Power Up Grants.

A total of €34,453,045 was collected in Commercial Rates during 2024.

The Housing Loans Team, based in the Revenue Section, Civic Offices Clonmel, continue to work closely with all local authority borrowers who are encouraged to engage with us at all times. In particular, where borrowers are in an arrears or in a pre-arrears situation, the team are available to discuss options to try to avoid an escalation of the problem. The team will meet with borrowers to review their financial situation in order to determine the best possible solution. All loan accounts are monitored on a monthly basis or as required. We endeavour to communicate with all borrowers in a fair and reasonable manner.

- Non Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charges totaling €124,135 were collected during 2024.
- 978 Certificates of Discharge/Exemption were issued in 2024.
- NPPR will be repealed in its entirety on the 31st March 2025.

Liability for NPPR charges and late payment fees and any associated charge on a property will expire completely after 31 March 2025. A vendor will no longer have to provide a Certificate of Discharge or Certificate of Exemption to sell their property, beyond March 2025.

Revenue Collection

Debtor type	% Collected
Rents	94%
Housing Loans	101%
Rates*	94%

* As per Draft Annual Financial Statement (AFS), 2024 - Appendix 7, after allowing for specific doubtful arrears relating to:

- Vacancy applications pending or criteria not met, and
- Accounts in examinership / receivership / liquidation, and no communication regarding likely outcome.

Grant Payments

- A total of €7,373,648 was paid out to 4,067 Customer submissions for the ICOB Grant during 2024.
- Power Up Grants were paid to 1,509 customers in the amount of €7,216,000.

Accounts Payable

All invoices are certified for payment by the relevant sections of the Council and forwarded to the Finance Department. These include payments for goods and services provided to the Council for both revenue and capital purposes. The payments are then processed and paid by the Finance Department. Checks are carried out for Tax Clearance Certificate or Sub-Contractor's Certificates as appropriate. Withholding Tax is deducted at the prescribed rate from payments in respect of 'Professional Services' and paid over to the Revenue Commissioners.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 which came into effect on the 1st of January 1998, requiring local authorities to pay interest on payments which are not paid within the prescribed period.

Tipperary County Council has strong procedures in place to safeguard against possible invoice fraud.

Invoice No of Invoices processed in 2024		Statistics
Quarter	Quantity	Value
Quarter 1	12452	€ 29,076,174.38
Quarter 2	11985	€ 38,116,239.87
Quarter 3	12621	€ 43,620,384.38
Quarter 4	12739	€ 44,265,246.27
Totals	49797	€ 155,078,044.90

Internal Audit

The role of internal audit is to provide independent assurance that the organisation's risk management, governance and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Internal Audit objectively examine, evaluate, and report on the adequacy of internal controls as a contribution to the proper, economic, effective and efficient use of resources.

During 2024, the Internal Audit section undertook a number of audits and the findings and recommendations from each audit were reported to management and the Audit Committee. Internal Audit continued to review the implementation of the recommendations from previous audits.



Procurement

The Procurement Section has a role in ensuring that Tipperary County Council has good purchasing practices in place. Procedures are designed to maximise value for money and to provide that all potential suppliers have a fair opportunity to tender. The general principles used in all elements of procurement are: equality of treatment, transparency, mutual recognition and proportionality. The procurement section works to provide high standards of openness, transparency and compliance with all relevant public procurement guidelines and legislation.

The Procurement section works with all sections to initiate Green Public Procurement (GPP), defined as: 'A process whereby public authorities seek to procure goods, services and works with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle when compared to goods, services and works with the same primary function that would otherwise be procured,' as required by government policy.

It is government policy that all contracts above €50,000 for Goods, Services and Works Related Services, and contracts over €200,000 for Works are formally advertised on eTenders. www.etenders.gov.ie is the key national website where potential suppliers and service providers need to be registered in order to be kept informed of upcoming tenders. There is a range of guides on the www.tipperarycoco.ie website to assist potential suppliers find where to register and maximise their opportunities to tender for public sector contracts.

Agresso Financial Management System

The Agresso Support Team maintains the Council's Financial Management System, Agresso, helping to ensure proper control over the Council's financial records (an essential feature in the Council's system of Internal Control). The Agresso system was implemented in 2001, was upgraded to Agresso Milestone 7 (MS7) in October 2022, and further significant upgrades will commence in 2025 which will see the system migrating to the Cloud.



Motor Taxation

Receipts – Civic Offices Clonmel & Nenagh	€	%
Private cars and motor cycles	3,924,234	57.41
Goods and other vehicles	2,359,555	34.52
Miscellaneous	551,763	8.07
Total Revenue 2024	6,835,552	100.00

Discs Issued – Civic Offices & Online	€	%
Number of tax discs issued by Clonmel & Nenagh Motor Tax Offices 2024	41,160	19.29
Number of tax discs issued On-Line	172,222	80.71
Total Number of Tax Discs Issued 2024	213,382	100.00

Postal Transactions	No.	%
Percentage of applications which are postal (Motor Taxation Transactions)	9,376	4.39%
Average number of postal applications and percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions) from receipt of application		
(a) on the same day	9,294	99.12%
(b) on the 2nd or 3rd day	47	0.50%
(c) on the 4th or 5th day	5	0.06%
(d) over 5 days	30	0.32%

M.1 Percentage of motor tax transactions which:	2021*	2022	2023	2024
Are dealt with over the counter	4.33%	14.59%	15.12%	14.9%
Are dealt with by post	11.76%	5.71%	5.04%	4.39%
Are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online)	83.91%	79.70%	79.84%	80.71%

M.2 Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions issued) from receipt of application	2021*	2022	2023	2024
(a) on the same day	22,711	11,354	10,280	9,294
(b) on the 2nd or 3rd day	470	88	41	47
(c) on the 4th or 5th day	16	9	9	5
(d) over 5 days	105	39	16	30

M.3 Public Opening Hours	2021*	2022	2023	2024
Average number of opening hours per week	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00

*The public counter was closed during Level 5 Covid-19 restrictions

Motor Tax On-line

Tipperary County Council is continuing its policy of promoting the online motor tax facility www.motortax.ie.

The total number of tax discs issued to the 31st December 2024 amounted to 213,382. In percentage terms, the amount of discs issued on-line as of this date was 80.71% thereof. A percentage of 79.84% was reflected for the equivalent period in 2023 and 79.70% in 2022.

In addition, the Council also has offices located in Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary and Thurles Municipal Districts and these outlets cater for persons who do not have a Visa Debit/Visa Credit Card available to them but wish to renew their motor tax on-line. Payments are accepted in Cash or Postal/Money Order and the on-line renewal transaction is carried out by a member of staff. A total number of 845 transactions have been carried out by the three Municipal Districts from the 1st of January to 31st December 2024, compared to 763 in 2023 and 683 in 2022.

Facilities are also available for use by members of the public wishing to tax on-line at Libraries in the County.

Main Reports Produced by Finance

The Annual Budget

The Finance Department prepares the overall Draft Revenue Budget in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Management Team.

The budget is presented to the Corporate Policy Group and to the Elected Members for adoption at the Annual Budget Meeting.

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

Each local authority is required to prepare an Annual Financial Statement (AFS) by the end of March of the following year and to publish it by the end of June.

The AFS is presented to members at a Council Meeting, and undergoes an independent audit by the Local Government Audit Service.

The AFS details the income and expenditure for the financial year for both revenue and capital. The Balance Sheet shows the assets and liabilities of the County Council at the end of the year.

Council & Management Reports

The management reports provide details of the income and expenditure for the various services provided by the Council, and is compared with the adopted Budgets for purposes of ensuring proper and ongoing budgetary control.

Management reports are provided to the Management Team on a monthly basis and to the Council on a bi-monthly basis.

Department Quarterly Reporting

All Local Authorities report financial performance on a quarterly basis to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). These reports consist of a quarterly Income and Expenditure Report, a General Government Balance (GGB) Report which essentially consists of an abbreviated Balance Sheet, a Capital Account report and a Debtors report.

In addition, various reports are produced for budget holders in Tipperary County Council relating to all aspects of the Council's activities.

Public Spending Code

All Irish public bodies are obliged to treat public funds with care, and to ensure that the best possible value-for-money is obtained whenever public money is being spent or invested. The Public Spending Code is the set of rules and procedures that apply to ensure that these standards are upheld across the Irish public service.

The Public Spending Code Quality Assurance Report for Tipperary County Council for 2023 was published, and submitted to the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) in May 2024.

Financial Statement

The **Revenue Account** (in effect our Profit & Loss account), details monies spent and received on day-to-day items such as payroll, insurance, loan repayments, the purchase of materials and the maintenance of roads, housing, landfill sites, burial grounds, and so on.

There are four principal sources of Revenue Income for local authorities:

- i. Commercial Rates;
- ii. The provision of Goods and Services, e.g. Planning Fees, Rents;
- iii. Local Property Tax and
- iv. Other Grants e.g. Road Grants.

The Council's **Capital Account**, on the other hand, relates to the Council's activities in terms of creating assets, and various Projects having a multi-year timeframe. These include the building of Council houses and road construction. When such schemes are completed, the day-to-day receipts and expenditure incurred in their maintenance is accounted for in the Revenue Account. The monies spent by Tipperary County Council on capital projects are recouped by means of State Grants. Occasionally, the Council borrows money for such projects. Housing Loan Redemptions and Planning Contributions are also credited to the Capital Account.

Draft Revenue Account 2024 (Income & Expenditure Account)

	Expenditure €	Income €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
Housing & Building	56,571,339	58,136,838	(1,565,500)
Roads Transportation & Safety	63,082,981	43,181,990	19,900,992
Water Services	14,030,254	13,742,943	287,311
Development Management	32,748,696	23,504,449	9,244,247
Environmental Services	38,652,022	20,716,896	17,935,125
Recreation & Amenity	15,391,749	2,954,111	12,437,637
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	1,972,489	1,295,308	677,181
Miscellaneous Services	11,871,402	19,794,167	(7,922,765)
Rates		36,243,076	(36,243,076)
Local Property Tax		28,556,840	(28,556,840)
Total Expenditure/Income	234,320,931	248,126,619	(13,805,687)
Transfers from/(to) Reserves			(13,801,472)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			4,216
General Reserve @ 1st January 2024			5,584,803
General Reserve @ 31st December 2024			5,589,019

Draft Capital Account 2024

Programme	Expenditure €	Income €
Housing & Building	45,465,295	43,721,000
Road Transportation & Safety	23,576,877	19,062,954
Water Services	4,757,352	5,185,436
Development Management	20,638,509	25,518,307
Environmental Services	1,982,690	4,455,750
Recreation & Amenity	2,944,913	5,469,894
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	298,022	281,155
Miscellaneous Services	4,126,246	5,913,018
Totals	103,789,903	109,607,513

Statement of Internal Financial Control (SIFC)

Introduction

I, Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive (CE) of Tipperary County Council am responsible for the Annual Financial Statement (AFS), prepared by the Director of Finance, in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

I certify that the financial statements of Tipperary County Council for the year ended 31 December 2024, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Minister of Housing Local Government and Heritage.

The AFS is subject to external audit, by an auditor of the Local Government Audit Service, whose purpose is to form an independent opinion of the accounts and state whether the annual financial statement presents fairly the financial position of the local authority and of its income and expenditure for the period in question, and whether the transactions of the audited body conform with the statutory or other authorisation under which they purport to have been carried out.

The AFS reports on the day-to-day activity of Tipperary County Council in the form of the Statement of Comprehensive Income & Expenditure, summarised by Division. The Statement of Financial Position outlines the Tipperary County Council overall financial position as of the 31st of December 2024.

The *Statement of Comprehensive Income* represents expenditure and income on the day-to-day running of Tipperary County Council.

Both expenditure and income in 2024 have increased compared to 2023. This mainly arises due to a combination of rising inflationary costs, increased operational activity levels and additional funding for Capital projects provided though Commercial Rates.

	Current Year	Previous Year
	€	€
Income	248,126,619	214,347,988
Expenditure	-234,320,931	-200,022,222
Transfers to/from Capital	-13,801,472	-14,318,364
Surplus for the Year	4,216	7,402
Opening Revenue Reserve	5,584,803	5,577,401
Closing Revenue Reserve	5,589,019	5,584,803

Income for the current year exceeded expenditure and transfers to/from capital resulting in a small surplus of €4,216.

The key sources of income for Tipperary County Council are as follows:

	Current Year	Previous Year
	€	€
Goods & Services	46,616,672	49,091,081
Grants & Subsidies	133,859,909	99,473,241
Rates	36,243,076	36,494,604
Local Property Tax	28,556,840	26,986,309

The *Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)* represents the total financial activity of the council for the year together with comparative year figures as appropriate.

The statement includes assets and liabilities as follows:

- Assets both recently constructed/purchased and historical assets
- Work in progress and preliminary schemes- mainly roads and housing
- Long Term Debtors – housing loans
- Current Assets- including Stock, Debtors, Cash at bank
- Current and long term liabilities- mortgage and non-mortgage loan borrowings
- Various Reserves/Balances

The Net Assets of Tipperary County Council at the end of 2024 total €4,048m and are as follows:

	Current Year	Previous Year
	€	€
Fixed Assets	3,957,863,345	3,926,937,428
Work in Progress	8,918,970	5,901,226
Long Term Debtors	102,958,903	84,822,582
Current Assets	109,822,952	113,990,915
Current Liabilities	-35,498,271	-37,802,951
Net Current Assets/ (Liabilities)	74,324,681	76,187,964
Creditors (Amounts greater than 1 year)	-96,382,817	-88,662,695
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	4,047,683,082	4,005,186,504

A *Statement of Funds Flow* was introduced as part of AFS 2011. While the guidance of International Accounting Standard 7 Statement of Cash Flows has been followed, the business of local authorities is substantially different to most private sector organisations and therefore some minor changes to the format have been agreed to ensure the data displayed is meaningful and useful within the local government sector.

System of Internal Financial Controls

As Chief Executive of Tipperary County Council, I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by the Council. This responsibility is exercised in the context of the resources available to Tipperary County Council. Also, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely manner. Maintaining the system of internal financial controls is a continuous process and the system and its effectiveness are kept under ongoing review.



Financial Control Environment

As Chief Executive of Tipperary County Council, I confirm that a financial control environment containing the following elements is in place:

- Financial responsibilities have been assigned at management level with corresponding accountability.
- Reporting arrangements have been established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned.
- Formal procedures have been established for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action.
- There is an Audit Committee which as part of its work programme regularly review the internal financial control system.
- Procedures for all key business processes have been documented.
- There are systems in place to safeguard the assets.

Administrative Controls and Management Reporting

As Chief Executive of Tipperary County Council, I confirm that a framework of administrative procedures and regular management reporting is in place including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability and, in particular, that:

- procedures for key business processes have been documented
- there are systems aimed at ensuring the security of the ICT systems
- there are systems in place to safeguard the assets of the local authority and
- there are appropriate capital investment control guidelines and formal project management disciplines in operation.

Procurement Compliance

Tipperary County Council ensures that there is an appropriate and ongoing focus on good practice in tendering and purchasing and that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with all relevant procurement guidelines.



Internal Audit and Audit Committee

As Chief Executive, I can confirm that Tipperary County Council has an Internal Audit function with appropriately trained personnel, which operates in accordance with a written charter. Its work is informed by analysis of the financial risks to which Tipperary County Council is exposed and its annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. I am satisfied that there are procedures in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up.

I can confirm that Tipperary County Council has an effective Audit Committee which carries out an annual effectiveness review of their activities. I can also confirm that an Audit Committee is in place in accordance with the requirements of Section 122 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The statutory functions of Audit Committees as set out in section 59 and 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 are as follows:

- I. to review financial and budgetary reporting practices and procedures within the local authority that has established it;
- II. to foster the development of best practice in the performance by the local authority of its internal audit function;
- III. to review any audited financial statement, auditor's report or auditor's special report in relation to the local authority and assess any actions taken within that authority by its chief executive in response to such a statement or report and to report to that authority on its findings;
- IV. to assess and promote efficiency and value for money with respect to the local authority's performance of its functions; and
- V. to review systems that are operated by the local authority for the management of risks.

I recognise that the Audit Committee plays a crucial role in the governance framework of local authorities, particularly in the context of increased public sector accountability. They have an independent role in advising the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters as part of the systematic review of the control environment and governance procedures of the local authority.

I acknowledge the Audit Committee's role in the risk management process and in the continuing review of the control environment and governance procedures in Tipperary County Council.

Risk and Control Framework

Tipperary County Council has implemented a risk management system which identifies and reports key risks and the management actions being taken to address and, to the extent possible, mitigate those risks.

A corporate risk register is in place which identifies the key risks and evaluates and grades them according to their significance. The register is reviewed and updated by the Management Team on a regular basis. There is also a risk register in place for each service division and these are also reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources to ensure risks are managed to an acceptable level. The risk register details the controls and actions needed to mitigate risks and responsibilities for the operation of controls are assigned to specific staff.

As Chief Executive, I confirm that key risks and related controls have been identified and processes have been put in place to monitor the operation of those key controls and report any identified deficiencies.

Sinéad Carr
Chief Executive
 6th May 2025

Governance Statement

Purpose

The purpose of this governance statement is to provide relevant information on the governance structures and governance arrangements within the local authority including on council, committees, senior management and related areas. It demonstrates our commitment to effective governance, recognises key legislative and good governance requirements and affirms the Council's compliance with the Local Government Code of Governance obligations.

Good Governance

Fundamentally, good governance in the local government sector and wider public sector is about delivering priorities, achieving objectives, behaving with integrity and acting in the public interest, in ways that are consistent with legal, regulatory and government policy obligations. Governance refers to the framework of rules, relationships, systems and processes by which the local authority is directed, controlled and held to account and whereby authority within an organisation is exercised and maintained. It encompasses authority, accountability, stewardship and leadership, direction and control.

Good Governance Principles

CORE PRINCIPLE 1 -

Good governance means focusing on the purpose of the authority, on outcomes that deliver sustainable economic, community and wider societal benefits and on implementing a vision for the local authority.

CORE PRINCIPLE 2 -

Good governance means promoting and demonstrating public service values through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour.

CORE PRINCIPLE 3 -

Good governance means members and officials working together to achieve a common purpose within a framework of clearly defined functions and roles.

CORE PRINCIPLE 4 -

Good governance means developing the organisational capacity and the leadership capability and competencies of members and officials to operate effectively and fulfil the purpose of the organization.

CORE PRINCIPLE 5 -

Good governance means taking well-informed and transparent decisions and managing risks and performance.

CORE PRINCIPLE 6 -

Good governance means engaging openly and comprehensively with local people, citizens and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability.

CORE PRINCIPLE 7 -

Good governance means actively contributing to the furtherance and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by delivering on the priorities and actions within the Climate Action Plan and the provisions of the Climate Act.

Our Commitment to Good Governance

As the Cathaoirleach/Mayor and Chief Executive of the council, and on behalf of the elected members, management and staff we confirm that;

1. We have adopted the governance principles as the fundamental bedrock and philosophy on how we operate as a governing body and as an executive.
2. The Local Government Code of Governance has been adopted and the extent to which the Council is in compliance with the Code has been reviewed and assessed.
3. The Statement of Internal Financial Control is submitted by the Chief Executive to the Elected Members and to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee reviews the SIFC and provides an assurance on an annual basis to the Elected Members. Mechanisms are available to the Audit Committee to notify the Elected Members of any issues that arise outside of the normal annual reporting.
4. Compliance with legal and regulatory obligations are acknowledged and adhered to.
5. There is clarity of roles and responsibilities based on the reserved and executive functions and based on committee terms of reference.
6. Codes of Conduct and ethics declarations for members and employees are in place.
7. Procedures are in place for the making of protected disclosures in accordance with section 21(1) of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 and confirmation that the annual report required under section 22(1) of the Act has been published.
8. The Council and Committees review their own performance on a periodic basis.
9. We have instituted appropriate governance oversight arrangements in respect of subsidiary, associated and related companies.
10. As part of our commitment to effective oversight and accountability, we have developed and continue to enhance our overall assurance framework utilising external and internal assurance sources to ensure good performance as part of our governance culture.

Declan Burgess
Cathaoirleach/ Mayor

Date: **23 December 2024**

Sinéad Carr
Chief Executive

Date: **23 December 2024**

Appendices



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Michael Murphy, Orpen, The Paddocks, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	087-3226699	Michael.murphy@oireachtas.ie	
Ryan O'Meara, 38 Townsfields, Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary	087 9010614	Ryan.omeara@oireachtas.ie	
Seamus Healy, 56 Queen Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	052 6123184	Seamus.healy@oireachtas.ie	





Staff Structure

Directorate: Finance & Information Technology & Thurles Municipal District

Mark Connolly, Director

Finance General

Section Head

- Claire Ryan, Financial Accountant
- Sarah O'Callaghan, Management Accountant

Section Head – Other Grade

- Breda Moloney, Administrative Officer - Finance
- Peter Cleary, Administrative Officer - Revenue
- Geraldine Manning, Administrative Officer – Motor Tax
- Eileen Horgan, Administrative Officer - Procurement

Information Systems

Section Head

Gerard Lynch, Head of IS

IS Project Leaders

- Yvonne Byrne
- Dermot Tobin
- Ruth Maher

Directorate: Roads and Transportation, Active Travel, Health & Safety and Nenagh Municipal District

Liam Brett, Director

Roads

Section Head

- Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer
- John Nolan, Senior Engineer (Capital)
- James Murray, Senior Engineer
- Paddy Crowley, A/Senior Engineer (Active Travel)

Section Head – Other Grade

- Michelle Maher, Administrative Officer
- Martin Dooley Administrative Officer – Regional Training Centre

Health & Safety

Section Head

Liam Quinn, Health & Safety Advisor

Directorate: Planning and Development (including Town Centre First), Fire & Emergency Services/Emergency Planning, Civil Defence, LASNTG & Tipperary, Cahir, Cashel Municipal District.

Sharon Kennedy, Director

Planning	Civil Defence
Section Head	Section Head
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann Marie Devaney - Senior Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dolores Fahey - Civil Defence Officer
Section Head - Other Grade	Section Head - Other Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teresa Kiely, Administrative Officer 	
Fire Services	
Section Head	Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Carroll - Chief Fire Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ray O'Leary - Clonmel Eddie Ryan - Nenagh John Shinnors - Nenagh Gareth McLoughlin - Clonmel
Local Authority Services National Training Group	
Section Head	Section Head
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aine McCarthy, Senior Executive Officer 	

Directorate: Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO)

Anthony Coleman, Director

LAWPRO Senior Management Team

- Margaret Keegan, Regional Coordinator, Midlands & East and Head Office Operations Manager
- Fran Igoe, Regional Coordinator, South East & South West Regions
- Bernadette White, Regional Coordinator, Border & Western Regions
- Jimmy McVeigh, Regional Coordinator, Border Region
- Mairead Whitty, Project Lead, Farming for Water EIP
- Barry Deane, Regional Coordinator South West Region

Catchment Managers	Specialist Support Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cormac McConigley - Western Region Niamh Rogan - South West region Eoin McAleer - Midlands and East Region Gary O'Connell - Border Region Ruth Hennessy - South East 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheevaun Thompson, Funding Lead Joe McNamara, Finance Lead Sadhbh O'Neill, Communications Lead Lynn Ellingworth, IS Project Lead

Directorate: Housing Services and Clonmel Borough District

Jonathan Cooney, Acting Director

Human Resources	Environment & Climate Action
Section Head	Section Head – Other Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shane O'Dwyer, Senior Executive Officer Robert Johnston, A/Senior Engineer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deirdre Flannery, A/Administrative Officer Breda Ryan, A/Administrative Officer Helen Butler, Administrative Officer

Directorate: Environment & Climate Action, Corporate Support Services, Human Resources**Eamon Lonergan, Director**

Human Resources	Environment & Climate Action
Section Head	Section Head
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Murray - Senior Executive Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Moroney - Senior Executive Officer Denis Holland - Senior Engineer
Section Head – Other Grade	Section Head - Other Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ciara Byron, Administrative Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fergal Condon, Administrative Officer Ruairi Boland – Senior Executive Engineer Kieran McKenna – Senior Executive Engineer Colette Moloney – Senior Executive Scientist
Corporate Services	
Section Head	Section Head - Other Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ger Walsh, Senior Executive Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Coleman, Administrative Officer

Directorate: Economic, Community & Rural Development (including Just Transition), Local Enterprise Office, Libraries and Cultural Services/Biodiversity & Carrick on Suir Municipal District**Brian Beck, Director**

Economic	Community
Section Head	Section Head
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anthony Fitzgerald - Head of Enterprise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cora Morrissey Senior Executive Officer
Section Head - Other Grade	Section Head - Other Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Ryan, Senior Economic Development Officer Ita Horan, Administrative Officer - Local Enterprise Office Kathleen Prendergast, Economic Development Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margo Hayes, Administrative Officer Fiona Crotty, Administrative Officer Valerie Kavanagh, Administrative Officer Valerie Coleville, Administrative Officer Elaine Cullinan, Administrative Officer
Libraries	Culture/Arts
Section Head	Section Head
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Damien Dullaghan - County Librarian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melanie Scott - Arts Officer Roisin O'Grady - Heritage Officer
Section Head -Other Grade	Section Head -Other Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat Bracken - Senior Executive Librarian Ann Marie Brophy - Senior Executive Librarian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marie McMahon - Museum Curator

Districts

District	District Director	District Administrator	District Engineer
Nenagh	Liam Brett	Rosemary Joyce SEO	Barry Murphy SEE
Thurles	Mark Connolly	Sharon Scully AO	Thomas Duffy SEE
Clonmel Borough	Johnathan Cooney	Carol Creighton AO	Nicola Keating SEE
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	Sharon Kennedy	Anselm McGowan SEO	James Swords SEE
Carrick-on-Suir	Brian Beck	Marie Cox AO	Denis Power A/SEE

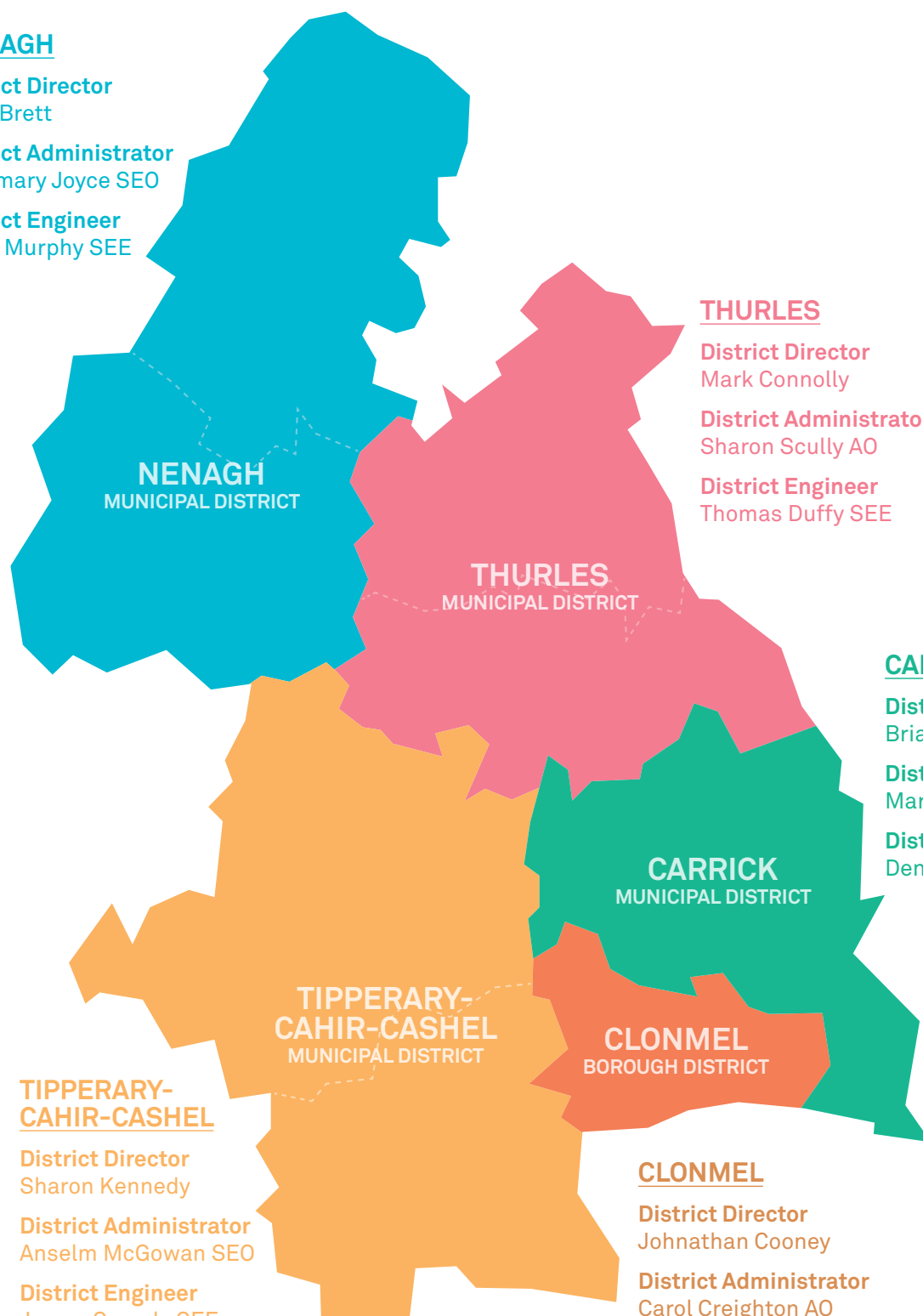
Municipal District Structure & Map

NENAGH

District Director
Liam Brett

District Administrator
Rosemary Joyce SEO

District Engineer
Barry Murphy SEE



THURLES

District Director
Mark Connolly

District Administrator
Sharon Scully AO

District Engineer
Thomas Duffy SEE

CARRICK

District Director
Brian Beck

District Administrator
Marie O’Gorman AO

District Engineer
Denis Power A/SEE

**TIPPERARY-
CAHIR-CASHEL**
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

TIPPERARY- CAHIR-CASHEL

District Director
Sharon Kennedy

District Administrator
Anselm McGowan SEO

District Engineer
James Swords SEE

CLONMEL
BOROUGH DISTRICT

CLONMEL

District Director
Johnathan Cooney

District Administrator
Carol Creighton AO

District Engineer
Nicola Keating SEE

Conference / Training Attended 2024

Date	Conference Details	Location	Councillors in attendance
12th - 14th January	Celtic Conferences - The Finance Act 2023	McKevitts Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	2
25th January	Partners In Transformation	County Arms Hotel, Birr, Co Offaly	1
2nd - 4th February	Celtic Conferences - The Irish Housing Crisis	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	1
23rd - 25th February	Celtic Conferences - The first home scheme	McKevitts Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth	3
20th - 21st September	La Touche Legacy Seminar - 9th Festival of History	Greystones Golf Course, Co Wicklow	4
11th - 13th October	Celtic Conferences - A Practical Guide to Budget 2025	McKevitts Hotel, Carlingford, Co Lough	11
22nd - 24th November	Celtic Conferences - Corporate Governance	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	2
13th - 15th December	Celtic Conferences - Irish Social Welfare System	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	2

Date	Training Details	Location	Councillors in attendance
19th - 20th January	LAMA - Spring Conference	Abbey Hotel, Donegal, Co Donegal	26
27th January	AILG Module 1 - Elected Member Briefing	Greenhills Conference & Leisure Centre, Limerick	12
7th - 8th February	Regions in Focus - Irish Regions Building Capacity to address challenges of changing Ireland	The Woodlands Hotel, Adare, Co Limerick	2
14th - 15th February	AILG - Annual Training Conference	Arklow Bay Hotel, Co Wicklow	23
13th - 14th March	Suck Valley Way Conference	Hannon's Hotel, Athlone road, Co Roscommon	8
21st March	AILG Module 2 - Local Election Preparation	Hotel Kilkenny, Co Kilkenny	1
23rd March	AILG Module 2 - Local Election Preparation	Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone.	4
11th July	AILG - Councillor Induction Training	Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar	1
13th July	AILG - Councillor Induction Training	Radisson Blu, Co Cork	10
18th July	Energy & Farm Diversification Show 2024	Gurteen College, Co Tipperary	8
18th July - 20th July	MacGill Summer School	Glenties, Co Donegal	8
11th - 12th September	AILG - Autumn Training Seminar	Hillgrove Hotel, Co Monaghan	21
26th September	AILG - Overview of Planning System	Horse & Jockey Hotel, Co Tipperary	1
28th September	AILG - Overview of Planning System	The Bridge Hotel, Tullamore, Co Offaly	1
17th - 18th October	LAMA - Autumn Seminar	Newgrange Hotel, Navan, Co Meath	23
2nd November	AILG - Local Authority Finance & Budget	Radisson Blu, Co Limerick	2
14th November	AILG - Guide to the Home Upgrade Grants	Tower Hotel, Co Waterford	3
16th November	AILG - Guide to the Home Upgrade Grants	Claregalway Hotel, Co Galway	4
22nd November	CIF - Mid-West Construct 2024	Castletroy Park Hotel, Co Limerick	1

Councillors Meeting Attendance

1st January to 31st December 2024

Councillor Name	Total Number of Meetings	Total % Rate of Attendance
Ambrose, Siobhán (FF)	30	83%
Anglim, Micheál (FF)	35	83%
Black, Tony (SF)	14	29%
Bonfield, Fiona (LAB)	34	85%
Bourke, Kieran (FF)	32	80%
Brennan, Michael (LAB)	14	100%
Browne, Liam (NP)	14	100%
Bugler, Dr Phyll (FG)	30	87%
Burgess, Declan (FG)	39	95%
Cahill Skehan, Kay (FF)	15	93%
Carroll, John (FF)	45	93%
Coonan, Noel (FG)	14	93%
Crosse, John (FG)	33	88%
Darcy, Ger (FG)	22	91%
Dennehy, Niall (NP)	25	92%
Dunne, David (SF)	31	84%
English, Pat (WUA)	31	90%
FitGerald, John (FG)	28	82%
Fitzgerald, Mark (FG)	31	90%
FitzGerald, Michael (FG)	21	81%
Goldsboro, Imelda (FF)	37	92%
Hanafin, Seamus (FF)	12	92%
Hannigan, Joe (NP)	33	82%
Hourigan, Mary Hanna (FG)	34	85%
Kennedy, Roger (FF)	33	94%
Kennedy, William (FG)	16	100%
Lee, Shane (NP)	30	93%
Lowry, Micheál (NP)	25	88%
McGrath, Hughie (NP)	13	92%
McGrath, John(Rocky) (NP)	16	88%
McGrath, Máirín (NP)	28	86%
Molloy, Richie (NP)	34	91%
Moloney, Andy (NP)	35	100%
Moran, Eddie (NP)	26	100%
Morris, Seamus (NP)	26	80%
Murphy, Marie (FG)	45	93%
Murphy, Michael (FG)	25	84%
O'Heney, John (NP)	15	93%
O'Meara Quirke, Pamela (NP)	14	100%
O'Meara, Kevin (NP)	12	80%
O'Meara, Michael (NP)	33	82%
O'Meara, Ryan (FF)	10	90%
Ryan, Jim (NP)	32	88%
Ryan(Shiner), Ann Marie (NP)	34	94%
Ryan, Peggy (FG)	28	93%
Ryan, Sean (FF)	35	100%
Smith, Michael (FF)	29	90%
Walsh Morgan, Louise (LAB)	14	93%

Strategic Policy Committee Framework Configuration

No.	SPC	LA Members	Agriculture & Farming	Business, Commercial & Tourism	Development Construction	Trade Union	PPN	Other TUS TTCU	Total
1	Economic Development & Enterprise	12	1	2	1		3	1	20
		Chair Cllr Marie Murphy	Pat Carroll	Michelle Aylward	Sean Reidy		Thomas Cooke (Community & Voluntary)	Seamus Hoyne (TUS)	
				Adrien Barlett			Mary Spillane (Social Inclusion)		
							Sean O'Farrell (Environmental)		
2	Housing	10		1	1	1	4		17
		Chair Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan		John O'Shaughnessy	Tom Gallahue	Joe Sherlock (Forsa)	Sarah Bourke (Community & Voluntary)		
							Kate Somerville (Community & Voluntary)		
							To be Nominated (Social Inclusion)		
							To be Nominated (Environmental)		
3	Infrastructure (to include Roads, Transportation)	10	1	1	1	1	3	1	18
			Baden Powell	Dan Egan	Barry Ryan	Michael Crowe (Forsa)	Con Murphy (Community & Voluntary)	Anthony Moroney	
							VACANT (Social Inclusion)		
							Patti O'Neill (Environmental)		
4	Planning & Emergency Services	10	1	1	1		3		16
		Chair Cllr Imelda Goldsboro	Michael J. Tobin	Brid Harrington	John O'Shaughnessy		Gillian Moore (Community & Voluntary)		
							Charles Lamb (Environmental)		
							To be nominated (Social Inclusion)		

No.	SPC	LA Members	Agriculture & Farming	Business, Commercial & Tourism	Development Construction	Trade Union	PPN	Other TUS TTCU	Total
5	Environment & Climate Action	10	1	1			4		16
		Chair Cllr Sean Ryan	Darragh Scott	Sarah Fogarty			Davie Philip (Environment & Climate Action)		
							Charles Stanley-Smith (Social Inclusion)		
							Mary McMahon (Environmental)		
							Brian Pope (Environmental)		
6	Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development	10	1	1			4		16
		Chair Cllr Michael Smith	Joe O'Dwyer	Michael O'Donoghue			Sangeeta Molloy (Community & Voluntary)		
							David Dwyer (Social Inclusion)		
							Kuldeep Joshi (Social Inclusion)		
							Eoin Wolohan (Environmental)		
7	Library Services, Culture & Biodiversity	10	1	1			4		16
		Chair Cllr Andy Moloney	Sean O'Farrell	Aislinn O'Keeffe			Martin Quinn (Social Inslusion)		
							Theresia Gushchlbauer (Environmental)		
							John Conors (Community & Voluntary)		
							Brendan Keogh (Community & Voluntary)		
Total		72	6	8	4	2	25	2	119

Associated Companies Register for Tipperary County Council

Company Name	Company Secretary	"Company Secretary Contact Details"	Directors - Community/ Other Reps	Directors - TCC Nominees	Directors - Councillors
Nenagh Arts Centre					
	John Tooher		Michael Molamphy	Liam Brett	Phyll Bugler
			Suzannah O'Reilly	Melanie Scott	Louise Morgan Walsh
			Sean Crowley	Rosemary Joyce	Pamela Quirke O'Meara
			Tom Moylan	Marcus O'Connor (resigned Mar 2024)	Joe Hannigan (resigned Jun 2024)
			Virginia O'Dowd		Fiona Bonfield (resigned Oct 2024)
Thurles Swimming Pool					
	Sharon Scully	sharon.scully@tipperarycoco.ie		Sharon Scully	Sean Ryan
		052 6166064		Deirdre O'Shea	Peggy Ryan
		087 9275283		Michael Ryan	
				Denis Holland	
Thurles Regional Arts Centre Ltd					
	Sharon Scully	sharon.scully@tipperarycoco.ie	Peter Stocksborough	Mark Connolly	Jim Ryan
		052 6166064	Michael Ryan	Damien Dullaghan	Kay Cahill Skehan
		087 9275283	Aisling Fitzgerald	Eamon Lonergan	William Kennedy
				Melanie Scott	Seamus Hanafin (resigned June 2024)
				Sharon Scully	Peggy Ryan (resigned June 2024)
Roscrea Swimming Pool Ltd					
	Elaine Cullinan	elaine.cullinan@tipperarycoco.ie	Eileen Doherty	Liam McCarthy	Willie Kennedy
		052 6166458	Vacant	Elaine Cullinane	Shane Lee
				Deidre O'Shea	
				Thomas Duffy	
North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Services CLG					
	Rosemary Joyce	rosemary.joyce@tipperarycoco.ie	N/A	Liam Brett	Kay Cahill Skehan
		052 6166416		Rosemary Joyce	Joe Hannigan
		087 4194543		Roisin O'Grady	Phyll Bugler
				Damien Dullaghan	Hughie McGrath (resigned June 2024)
				Marcus O'Connor (resigned March 2024)	Ger Darcy (resigned June 2024)
					Peggy Ryan (resigned Sept 2024)
Clonmel Business Development Park Company Ltd	Anthony Fitzgerald	anthony.fitzgerald@tipperarycoco.ie	Walter Heneghan	Anthony Fitzgerald	N/A
		052 6166212	Michelle Aylward	Jonathan Cooney	
		086 6791757	Paul Blanche	Ger Walsh	
				Carol Creighton	
Shannon Broadband Ltd					
	Jennifer Kearns		Urban McMahon	Ger Lynch	N/A
			Jim Dore		
			Ray O'Driscoll		
			Ray Bell		

Company Name	Company Secretary	"Company Secretary Contact Details"	Directors - Community/ Other Reps	Directors - TCC Nominees	Directors - Councillors
Tipperary Tourism Company					
	Marie Phelan		Isabel Cambie	Joe McGrath	N/A
			Una Ryan		
			Todd McNamara		
			Patrick Matin Killeen		
			Elizabeth Nallen		
			Noreen O'Sullivan		
			John Egan		
			Terry Cunningham		
			Patricia McKeogh		
			Marie Hennessy		
			Sinead Delaney Cash		
Tipperary Energy Agency Ltd					
	Francoise Hickey		Seamus Hoyne	Liam McCarthy	Michael Murphy
			James Owen Lewis	Marion O'Neill	
			Thomas Cooke		
			Isabel Cambie		
			Claire Ryan Walsh		
			Marie Donnelly		
Munster Vales CLG					
	Mary Barry-Guerin		Paul Deegan	Brian Beck	N/A
			Niall Walshe		
			Mary Catherine (Myra) Ryall		
			Aoife Nic Giolla Coda		
			Grainne Moynihan		
			Mary Barry-Guerin		
			Margaret Atalla		
			Aoife Potter Coogan		
Irish Bioeconomy Foundation CLG					
	Liam Brown		Kevin O'Connor	Anthony Fitzgerald	N/A
			Ramesh Babu Padamati		
			Michelle Collins		
			John Morrissey		
Tipperary Technology Park					
	Paul Murray	paul.murray@tipperarycoco.ie	Jacqui Finnan	Ken Conway	John Crosse
		052 6165951	Anne Halligan	Paul Murray	
		087 7974933	Michael Maguire	Anselm McGowan	
Clonmel Community Resource Centre Ltd					
	Cora Gentles		N/A	Ita Horan	N/A

Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

Committee	Councillor
AILG	Cllr. Joe Hannigan Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan Cllr. Phyll Bugler
Southern Regional Assembly	Cllr. Máirín McGrath Cllr. Peggy Ryan Cllr. Michael Smith
IPBMI	Cllr. John FitzGerald
LAMA	Cllr. Micheál Anglim
ETB	Cllr. Pat English Cllr. Máirín McGrath Cllr. Niall Dennehy Cllr. John O’Heney Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh Cllr. Michael Brennan Cllr. William Kennedy Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. Mary Hanna-Hourigan Cllr. Roger Kennedy Cllr. Phyll Bugler
Local Traveller Consultative Committee	Cllr. John Crosse Cllr. Micheál Anglim Cllr. David Dunne Cllr. Shane Lee Cllr. Fiona Bonfield
Audit Committee	Cllr. William Kennedy Cllr. Roger Kennedy
South Tipperary Arts Centre	Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose Cllr. John FitzGerald

Committee	Councillor
Thurles Regional Arts Centre	Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan Cllr. Jim Ryan Cllr. William Kennedy
North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Services	Cllr. Peggy Ryan Cllr. Joe Hannigan Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan Cllr. Fiona Bonfield
Rural Water Monitoring Committee	Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. John O’Heney Cllr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. Michael Brennan
Regional Health Forum South	Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. David Dunne Cllr. Roger Kennedy Cllr. Michael Smith
Regional Health Forum West	Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. J.P. O’Meara Cllr. Phyll Bugler

Committee	Councillor
Local Community Development Committee	Sinead Carr (Chief Executive) TCC
	Brian Beck (Chief Officer)
	John Carroll (Chair) TCC
	Ann Marie Ryan (Shiner) TCC
	Marie Murphy, TCC
	Katie Frazer, Teagasc
	Stephanie O'Callaghan, CYPSC
	Derval Howley, HSE
	Colin Cummins, TETB
	Michael Murray, North Tipp DC
	Michael Geary, PPN
	Isabel Cambie, South Tipp DC
	Derry O'Donnell PPN
	Mike Edwards PPN
	Pat Carroll, Agriculture
	John O'Shaughnessy, Business Pillar
	Elaine Baker, PPN
	Meadhby Gordon, PPN
Local Community Safety Partnerships	Cllr. Andy Moloney
	Cllr. Richie Molloy
	Cllr. Shane Lee
	Cllr. Michael Brennan
	Cllr. Peggy Ryan
	Cllr. Declan Burgess
	Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

Committee	Councillor
Comhairle na nÓg	Cllr. Declan Burgess
	Cllr. Máirín McGrath
	Cllr. Ryan O'Meara
Tipperary Sports Partnership	Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh Cllr. Micheál Anglim
Tipperary Heritage Forum	Cllr. Roger Kennedy Cllr. Marie Murphy
Tipperary Transport Co-ordination Unit	Cllr. Liam Browne Cllr. Ann Marie Ryan Shiner Cllr. Joe Hannigan Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose Cllr. John FitzGerald Cllr. Michael Brennan Cllr. Peggy Ryan
Privilege and Procedure Committee	Cllr. Declan Burgess Cllr. Fiona Bonfield Cllr. David Dunne Cllr. Pat English Cllr. Micheál Lowry Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Michael Smith

Payments to Councillors 2024

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Councillor Name	Representational Payment	Annual Allowance	Local Representational Allowance	Cathaoirteach's / Leas Cathaoirteach Allowance	Borough/MD Chair Allowance	SPC Chair Allowance	Conference Expenses	Training Expenses	Security Allowance	Cathaoirteach Invitations Expenses	Gratuity	Total Amount Paid to Councillors 2024
Kennedy, William	€16,133.12	€3,688.82	€520.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€20,341.94
Lee, Shane	€29,755.58	€7,004.28	€2,469.22	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€700.12	€930.05	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€40,859.25
Lowry, Micheál	€29,755.58	€5,919.60	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€36,635.18
McGrath, Hughie	€13,625.91	€3,333.60	€440.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€72,922.72	€90,322.23
McGrath, John Rocky	€13,625.91	€3,321.18	€440.00	€0.00	€2,759.76	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€22,612.36	€42,759.21
McGrath, Máirín	€29,755.58	€6,928.68	€3,780.23	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€2,600.10	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€43,064.59
Molloy, Richie	€29,755.58	€6,667.20	€4,864.35	€0.00	€5,744.54	€0.00	€703.07	€3,831.37	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€51,566.11
Moloney, Andy	€29,755.58	€6,502.17	€2,949.92	€0.00	€0.00	€6,241.04	€702.17	€3,342.86	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€49,493.74
Moran, Eddie	€29,755.58	€6,243.60	€1,850.36	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€563.37	€371.73	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€38,784.64
Morgan Walsh, Louise	€16,133.12	€3,700.52	€520.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€20,353.64
Morris, Seamus	€29,755.58	€6,667.20	€5,121.30	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€699.72	€3,212.27	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€45,456.07
Murphy, Marie	€29,755.58	€7,112.04	€2,739.88	€0.00	€0.00	€3,230.78	€511.86	€3,209.78	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€46,559.92
Murphy, Michael	€27,434.78	€6,111.60	€3,666.89	€0.00	€5,538.48	€0.00	€0.00	€1,494.32	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€44,246.07
O Heney, John	€16,133.12	€3,887.46	€1,285.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€21,305.58
O Meara, Ryan	€13,928.36	€3,131.21	€1,930.06	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€18,989.63
O'Meara, Kevin	€13,625.91	€3,415.86	€440.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€349.72	€1,218.13	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€19,049.62
O'Meara, Michael	€29,755.58	€6,961.08	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€3,010.26	€703.07	€3,292.49	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€44,682.48
Quirke O Meara, Pamela	€16,133.12	€3,290.11	€520.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€536.67	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€20,479.90
Ryan (Shiner), Annemarie	€29,755.58	€7,047.36	€1,384.44	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€38,187.38
Ryan, Jim	€29,755.58	€6,019.20	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€3,230.78	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€44,165.56
Ryan, Peggy	€29,755.58	€5,969.40	€2,192.82	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€37,917.80
Ryan, Sean	€29,755.58	€5,944.44	€4,425.26	€0.00	€2,780.28	€6,241.04	€703.07	€4,821.04	€2,500.00	€0.00	€0.00	€57,170.71
Smith, Michael	€29,755.58	€6,961.08	€5,160.00	€3,230.78	€0.00	€3,230.78	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€48,338.22
Totals	€1,185,725.24	€264,975.61	€105,519.56	€43,434.29	€29,364.67	€40,677.02	€12,073.86	€68,480.87	€2,500.00	€7,745.11	€303,788.09	€2,064,284.32

Performance Indicators

01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024 (Annual)

Data is draft only for 2024 and final report will be available through NOAC, on publication of Performance Indicator Report 2024, at the end of 2025

Topic	Indicator	Baseline Metric (2024 data unless otherwise stated)
Housing		
H1: Social Housing Stock	A: No. of dwellings in the ownership of LA at start of year	5499
	B. No. of dwellings added to the LA-owned stock (whether constructed or acquired)	115
	C. No. of LA dwellings sold	24
	D. No. of LA-owned dwellings demolished	0
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at year end	5590
	F. No. of LA-owned dwellings planned for demolition under a D/HPLG approved scheme	0
H2: Housing Vacancies	A. The percentage of the total number of LA-owned dwellings that were vacant at year end	2.56%
	No. of dwellings within overall LA stock, that were not tenanted on 31/12/2024	143
H3: Average Re-letting Time and cost	A. Average time taken from date of vacation of dwelling to date when a new tenancy had commenced	39.49wk
	B. Average cost expended on getting the units re-tenanted ready for re-letting	€32,541.94
	No. of dwellings re-tenanted on any date in 2024 (excl. those that had been vacant due to estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	135
	No. of weeks from date of vacation to date of re-tenanting	5331wk
	Total expenditure on works to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€4,393,161.62
H4: Housing Maintenance Direct Costs	A. Expenditure during the year on the maintenance of LA housing, divided by the number of dwellings in the LA stock at year end	€746.51
	Expenditure during the year on maintenance of LA stock, including maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants	€4,172,966.48
	PI 2023:: H1E. No. of Dwellings in Ownership at 31/12/2023	5499
H5: Private Rented Sector Inspections	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of year	6765
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected during the year	1079
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings during the year not compliant with the Standards Regulations	95.51%
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant (including those originally deemed non-compliant) during the year	95
	E. Number of inspections (including re-inspections) undertaken by LA in 2024	1153
H6 Long-term Homeless Adults	A. No. of adults in emergency accommodation long-term as a % of the total number of homeless adults	41.67%
	No. of adults classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on night of the 31/12	96
	No. of those individuals who, on 31/12/2024, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or cumulatively, within previous 12 months	40
H7 Social Housing Retrofit	A.1. Total No. of houses retrofitted in 2004 under Social Housing Retrofit Programme	71
	A.2. No. of houses that achieved a BER rating of B2 or above in 2024 under Social Housing Retrofit Programme	71
	A.3. No. of heat pumps installed in those houses in 2024 under Social Housing Retrofit Programme	71
	B. Total annual energy savings in MWh from houses retrofitted in 2024 under Social Housing Retrofit Programme	1,200.6MWh
	C. Total carbon emission reduction CO2 from houses retrofitted in 2024 under Social Housing Retrofit Programme	337.1

Topic	Indicator	Baseline Metric (2024 data unless otherwise stated)
Roads		
R1: (A) Road KM that have ever received a Pavement Surface condition Index (PSCI) rating	A(a) % Regional road that received a PSCI rating in 24-month period to 31/12/2024	*
	A(b) % Local Primary road that received a PSCI rating in the 24-month period to 31/12/2024	98.17%
	A(c) % Local Secondary road that received a PSCI Rating in the 24-month period to 31/12/2024	95.72%
	A(d) % Local Tertiary road that received a PSCI rating in the 60-month period to 31/12/2024	83.39%
R1: (B) Ratings in Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) – Regional Roads	B(a1) % Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 /Severe Structural Distress	*
	B(a2) % Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 /Surface defects, localised distress	*
	B(a3) % Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 /Surface defects	*
	B(a4) % Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 /No defects or less than 10% defective	*
R1: Ratings in pavement surface condition index (PSCI) – Local Primary Roads	B(b1) % Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	4.52%
	B(b2) % Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	11.05%
	B(b3) % Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	21.42%
	B(b4) % Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	61.17%
R1: Ratings in pavement surface condition index (PSCI) – Local Secondary Roads	B(c1) % Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	9.22%
	B(c2) % Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	15.83%
	B(c3) % Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	37.72%
	B(c4) % Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	32.96%
R1: Ratings in pavement surface condition index (PSCI) – Local Tertiary Roads	B(d1) % Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	26.35%
	B(d2) % Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	10.23%
	B(d3) % Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	33.81%
	B(d4) % Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	13%
R2: Regional Road Grants Work	A1. Kilometres of regional roads strengthened during 2024	21.5km
	A2. Amount expended on Regional Roads (Strengthening)	€5,565,667.26
	A3. Average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€38.37
	B1. Regional roads resealed during 2024	23.2km
	B2. Amount expended on Regional Road (resealing)	€1,038,027.53
	B3. Average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	€6.89
R2: Local Road Grants Works	C1. Local roads strengthened during 2024	132.7km
	C2. Amount expended on Local Roads (strengthening)	€16,873,377.48
	C3. Average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€28.37
	D1. Local roads resealed during 2024	130.7km
	D2. Amount expended on Local Roads (resealing)	€3,694,479.23
	D3. Average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	€5.79
R3: Motor Tax	% of motor tax transactions online	84.03%
R4: Road Opening Licensing and Inspections	A. Total No. of T2, T21, T3, T4s issued by local authority in 2024	1471
	B. Total No. of T5 notifications received from licence holders in 2024	1374
	C. Percentage of licences that have been reviewed by the local authority prior to entering the Guarantee Period	79%
	D. Percentage of licences that have been subject of an inspection prior to entering the Guarantee Period	20%

* Data provided by external body and not available at time of publication

Topic	Indicator	Baseline Metric (2024 data unless otherwise stated)
Water		
Water: W1	% of Private Drinking Water Schemes in compliance with statutory requirements	*
Water: W2	A. The No. of local authority schemes in compliance with statutory requirements	97.30%
	B. How many local authority registered schemes were monitored in 2024	108
	Total No. of registered schemes	111
Waste/Environment		
Waste E1	A. No. households in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2024, (2022 census)	*
	B. % households availing of a 3 Bin Service (based on 2022 census)	*
Environment E2: Environmental Pollution	A. Total number of pollution complaint cases in respect of which a complaint was made	1204
	Number of pollution cases closed during year	1312
	Total number of cases on hand at year end	13
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2023	121
	Total number of cases on hand at 31/12/2023	121
E3: Litter Pollution	Percentage of area unpolluted by litter	4%
	Percentage of area slightly polluted by litter	62%
	Percentage of area moderately polluted by litter	34%
	Percentage of area significantly polluted by litter	0%
	Percentage of area grossly polluted by litter	0%
E4: Green Flag Status	A. The % of schools that have been awarded green flag status	39.78%
	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2024	4
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2024	41
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2023 and don't require renewal until 2025	29
E5: Energy Efficiency	Cumulative % of energy savings achieved by end 2024 relative to baseline year (2009)	*
E6: Public Lighting	A. Total annual consumption of the public lighting system	6819.86MWh
	B. Average wattage of each public light	91.48W
	C. Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent	45.57%
	No. of LED lights in the public lighting system	8269
	No. of non-LED lights in the public lighting system	9875
E7: Climate Change	1a. Does the local authority have a designated (FTE) Climate Coordinator	Yes
	1b. Does the local authority have a designated (FTE) Climate Action Officer	Yes
	2. Does the local authority have a climate action team	Yes

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Planning		
P1: New Buildings Inspected	Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	19.17%
	Total Number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e buildings where a valid commencement notice was served in the period 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 by a builder or developer on the local authority	1664
	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2024 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2018 undertaken by the local authority	319
P2: Planning Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	A. Number of planning decisions subject of appeal to An Bord Pleanála determined by board	69
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (with or without variations) the decision made by the LA	84.06%
	Number of determinations confirming the local authority's decision	58
P3: Enforcement Cases closed	A. Number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the LA during year that were investigated	266
	B. Number of cases that were closed during year	282
	C. % cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or closed because statute barred or exempted development	56.38%
	D. % of cases at B that were resolved to the LA's sanctification through negotiations	0%
	E. % Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	43.62%
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12	341
	No. of cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	159
	No. of cases at B that were resolved to the local authority's satisfaction through negotiations	0
	No. of cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	123
P4: Cost of Planning Service	Cost per capita of Planning service	€27.03
	AFS Programme Data (Forward Planning, Development Mgt, Enforcement) for 2024	€4,538,464.96
P5: Fire Safety Certificates	A.% of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were decided (granted or refused within two months of their receipt	38.83%
	B.% of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	43.69%
	Total no. of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	103
	No. of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were decided within two months of receipt	40
	No. of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were decided within an agreed time period	45

Topic	Indicator	Baseline Metric (2024 data unless otherwise stated)
Fire Service		
F1: Cost of Fire Service	Cost per Capita of the Fire Service (based on census 2022)	€72.44
	Expenditure for operation of Fire Service and Fire Prevention	€12,161,864.85
F2: Service Mobilisation	A. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of Fire	0min
	B. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations in respect of Fire	5.76min
	C. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of non emergency fire emergency incidents	0min
	D. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in part-Time Stations in respect of non emergency fire emergency incidents	5.83min
F3: Attendance Times	A. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 mins	35.94%
	B. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	48.56%
	C. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is after 20 mins	15.50%
	D. % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is within 10 mins	24.60%
	E. % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	47.92%
	F. % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is after 20 mins	27.48%
	Total no. of call outs in respect of fires in 2024	840
	No. of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	262
	No. of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	354
	No. of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	113
	Total no. of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents in 2024	684
	No. of these non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	154
	No. of these non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	300
	No. of these non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	172
Library Service		
L1: Visits, Issues, Registered Members	A. Number of library visits per head of population (based on 2022 population)	2.26
	B. Number of items issued to borrowers during the year	454,161
	C. Library active members per head of population	0.17
	D. Number of registered library members in the year	28,706
	Number of visits to its libraries during 2024 per automatic counters, is used	379,168
L2: Cost of Library Service	A. Cost per capita for library Service (based on census 2022)	€32.16
	B. Annual per capita expenditure on collections in 2024	€1.69
	A. Operation of Library and Archival Service for 2024	€5,400,146.41
	B. Annual expenditure on new stock acquired by library in 2024	€283,386.86
Youth & Community		
Y1: Comhairle na nÓg	Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	83.33%
	Total number of second level schools in local authority area at year end	30
	Number of second level schools from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM in 2024	25
Y2: PPN	No. organisations in the County Register and proportion who opted in to the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	13.01
	Total number of organizations included in the County Register at year end	1699
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2024	127
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College when they registered for the PPN	221

Topic	Indicator	Baseline Metric (2024 data unless otherwise stated)
Corporate/HR		
C1: WTEs	Wholetime equivalent staffing number as year end	1,056.49
C2: Days lost to sickness	Percentage of working days lost due to sickness absence through medically certified leave	4.11%
	Percentage of working days lost due to sickness absence through self- certified leave	0.29%
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within total self-certified sick leave days in 2024	2.5 days
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within total medically certified sick leave days in 2024	506.57
	Staff that have been on long-term sick leave (continuous period of more than 4 weeks)	106
Corporate		
C3: Website & Social Media usage	A. Per capita total page views of the LA website in 2024	14.65
	B. Per capita total number of followers at year end	1.01
	Cumulative total page views of all websites in 2024 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service	2,459,326
	Total number of social media users at 31/12/2024 following the LA on social media sites	169,049
	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	58
C4: Cost of ICT Provision	A. All ICT expenditure in 2024, divided by WTE number supplied under C1 figure	€4,247.50
	Total ICT expenditure in 2024	€4,487,442.37
	All expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	1.90
	Total Revenue expenditure in 2024 before transfers to or from transfers	€236,320,378

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Finance		
M1: Five-year summary of Revenue A/C	Revenue	
	A. Revenue Account Balance 2020	€5,569,307
	B. Revenue Account Balance 2021	€5,573,356
	C. Revenue Account Balance 2022	€5,577,401
	D. Revenue Account Balance 2023	€5,584,803
	E. Revenue Account Balance 2024	€5,589,019
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2024 as a percentage of Total Income from the AFS statement	2.25%
	G. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2024	€1,395.64
	The 2024 Total Income Figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€248,126,619
	The Total Expenditure figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€234,320,931
M2: Collection Levels		
	Commercial Rates	
	A Commercial Rates 2020 % collected	75.2%
	B Commercial Rates 2021 % collected	83%
	C Commercial Rates 2022 % collected	88%
	D Commercial Rates 2023 % collected	90%
	E Commercial Rates 2024 % collected	94%
	Rent & Annuities	
	A Rent & Annuities 2020 % collected	96.9%
	B Rent & Annuities 2021 % collected	97%
	C Rent & Annuities 2022 % collected	90%
	D Rent & Annuities 2023 % collected	92%
	E Rent & Annuities 2024% collected	94%
	Housing Loans	
	A Housing Loans % Collected for 2020	93.7%
	B Housing Loans % Collected for 2021	99%
	C Housing Loans % Collected for 2022	97%
	D Housing Loans % Collected for 2023	99%
	E Housing Loans % collected for 2024	101%
M3: Public Liability Claims	A. Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2024	€13.53
	IPB: No. of notified claims for 2024	161
	IPB: No. of settled claims for 2024	127
	IPB: Total cost of settled claims for 2024	€2,260,381.11
	Total cost of claims settled under excess for 2024	€11,300
M4: Overheads	A. Overall central management charge as % of total expenditure on revenue account	12.91%
	B. Total payroll costs as a % of revenue expenditure	36.02%
	Overall central management charge from local authority FMS and defined in Annual Budget	€30,241,157
	Total payroll costs	€84,394,673

Topic	Indicator	Baseline Metric (2024 data unless otherwise stated)
Economic Development		
J1: No. of Jobs created	A. No. of jobs created with assistance from the LEO during 2024 per 100,000 of population	88.75
	The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the year	149
J2: Trading online vouchers	A. The no. of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in the year per 100,000 of population	57.18
	B. The no. of those trading vouchers that were drawn down in 2024 per 100,000 of population	16.08
	The no of trading online voucher applications approved by the LEO in 2024	96
	The no. of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in the year	27
J3: Mentoring Recipients	A. No of participants who received mentoring from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 per 100,000 of population	396.68
	No of participants who received mentoring from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	666
J4: Tourism	A. Does the Local Authority have a current tourism strategy	No
	B. Does the Local Authority have a designated Tourism Officer	Yes
J5: Economic Development Spend	The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2024 per head of population	€228.29
	The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2024	€38,329,255







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