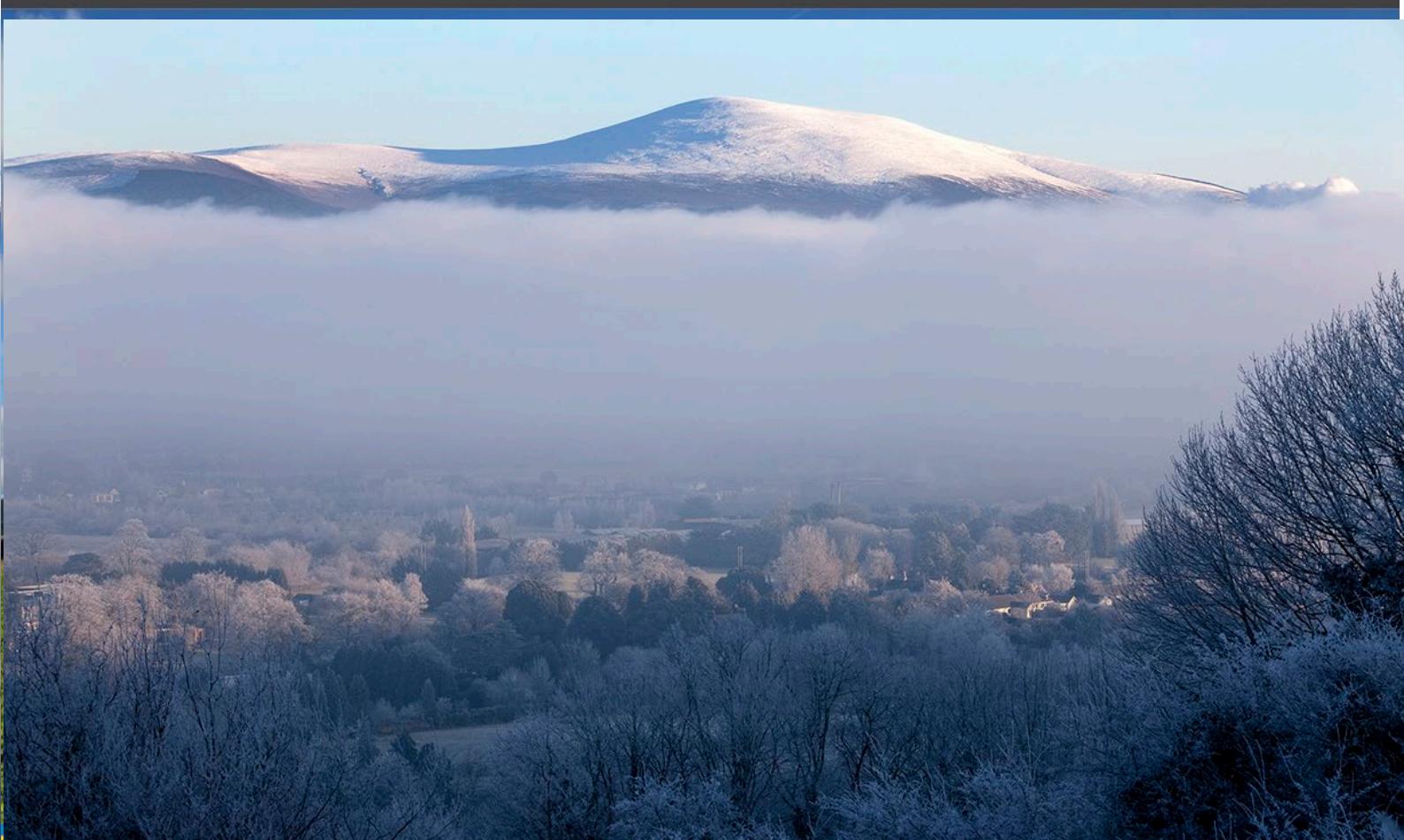




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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



R498 Latteragh Re-Alignment Scheme

Contract Award to Wills Bros Ltd



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

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

Photograph by Odhran Dusie.

Tipperary County Council is pleased to announce that a contract has been awarded to **Wills Bros Ltd** for the construction of the R498 Latteragh Realignment Scheme. The scheme involves the improvement of a 4.3km section of the existing

R498 Regional Road between Nenagh and Thurles, at Latteragh, approximately 7km south-east of the M7 Nenagh Bypass. RPS Group Consultants were employed to carry out the detailed design and will supervise the works on



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behalf of Tipperary County Council. This scheme represents an investment of approximately €35m which is being provided to Tipperary County Council by the Department of Transport. The new road cross-section will be a single carriageway with a shared footway/cycle track along the length of the scheme. The existing three junctions will also be improved as part of the scheme.

Access to all properties will be maintained throughout the 18-month period of the works. Works of this nature will cause some disruption, but it is the intention of Tipperary County Council and our contractor to minimise this as far as possible.

Liam Brett, Director of Services, Tipperary County Council, stated that “this is a significant scheme and investment in roads infrastructure in Tipperary which will bring safety, economic, and environmental benefits with enhanced linkage between the north and south of the county. The scheme supports government plans and policies in relation to transport and spatial development in the Mid-West Region”.

Sinead Carr, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council, signed the contract and said “the Council has been working closely with the Department of Transport to bring this project to construction. I am delighted that the Council has now awarded this contract and I look forward to works commencing in the near future”.

John Carroll MCC, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council stated that “the road re-alignment scheme at Latteragh is a significant investment in the region. The R498 is the most direct route from Nenagh to Thurles and Clonmel. This scheme will serve to enhance this link by reducing journey times and improving road safety”.

Tipperary County Council advises that Traffic Management will be in place from time to time for this project to ensure the flow of traffic, and will keep the public notified through regular communications on www.tipperarycoco.ie and on social media.





New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates

The fourth meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 17th December 2025, and considered the following items:

- Fleet Management & Alternative Fuels
- Roads Capital Projects 2025
- Review of Infrastructure SPC 2025 work programme
- Consideration of Infrastructure SPC 2026 work programme.

The Draft Parking Harmonisation Bye-Laws progressed from the SPC to the December Plenary meeting, where approval to proceed to Public Consultation was received. Public Consultation will commence on 12th January 2026.

The Local Roads Policy 2025 as recommended by the SPC was adopted at the October Plenary meeting.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p>Cahir to Limerick Junction & Oola: Arup appointed Oct 2019 for Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020.</p> <p>Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in September 2020.</p> <p>Phase 2: Preferred Transport Solution announced May 2022. TCC published the Options Selection Report in March 2023. Phase 3: Design Update No. 1 took place on 23rd January 2023. Design Update No. 2 took place on 25th October 2024 and announced a divided road. The Draft Design was announced on 27th May 2025.</p> <p>Waterford to Cahir: Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021.</p> <p>Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021.</p> <p>Phase 2: Options selection commenced 3rd May 2022. The Proposed Transport Solution was announced on 19th January 2024. A non-statutory public display of the Preferred Transport Solution was held from 23rd January to 9th February 2024. Four in-person public displays were held in Carrick, Clonmel, Cahir and Mooncoin.</p>	<p>Cahir to Limerick Junction: Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation is 75% complete. This will define land take required for the preferred option. Phase 3 is now programmed for completion Q2 2026 after which the next step is application to An Coimisiún Pleána.</p> <p>Waterford to Cahir: Phase 2 – The Options Selection Report was due to be published before the end of 2024. TII provided a 2025 allocation of €80k whereas €2.5m was required, and therefore the project has made no progress. Funding of €3m in 2026 is required for the project to progress to Phase 3.</p>
Capital Programme	Implementation of Programme	2025 programme completed. 2026 Allocations awaited.



Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme	Implementation of Programme	2025 RLR programme completed. 2026 Allocations awaited.
Rural and Community Schemes: Community Involvement Scheme Local Improvement Scheme	Implementation of Programme   	2025 Programmes completed. 2026 funding allocations awaited. LIS to be advertised for applications in Q1 2026 for the period 2026-2027.
Consultation	Consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.	Annual Meeting with TII was held on 18 th November 2025.
Consultation	Consultation with Minister for Transport and his Department	A meeting with the Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien TD was held on 16 th December 2025 at which funding issues and NDP projects for Tipperary County Council were discussed. The meeting was attended by the Chief Executive Sinéad Carr, Director of Services Liam Brett, Senior Engineer John Nolan, John Carroll, Cathaoirleach, District Cathaoirleach and Oireachtas Members.
Speed Limit Review - update	<p>The Department of Transport carried out a Review of Speed Limits nationally and this has resulted in changes to the default speed limits for roads in Ireland. These changes were signed into law in April 2024. The changes to the legislation will reduce the <u>default</u> speed limits on some road categories including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60km/hr on Rural Local Roads (reduction from 80km/hr) • 80km/hr on National Secondary Roads (currently 100km/hr) • 30km/hr in Urban Areas (currently predominantly 50km/hr). <p>The implementation of the reduction of a default speed limit on local roads to 60km/hr is complete. Tipperary County Council is awaiting feedback data from the RSA on the impact of this change.</p>	<p>It is proposed by the National Group that implementation of the speed limits will be done in phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 - Rural Local Roads (Complete) • Phase 2 - National Secondary Roads and Urban Areas • Phase 3 - Other Special Circumstances, such as schools. <p>Progress on Phase 2 and 3 stalled for a number of months awaiting publication of national guidance documents. These documents were published in September 2025 and the review process will now commence in January 2026.</p>



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	<p>This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council had received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design. Preliminary design work has stalled since funding has not been provided by TII.</p>	Preliminary design will continue when TII funding becomes available.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	<p>The scheme involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ road pavement improvement works ▪ addressing a number of road safety issues ▪ the renewal and widening of footpaths ▪ the extension of footpaths to speed limit on Portumna side and to R493 Terryglass Road on Borrisokane side of village ▪ public lighting improvements ▪ some public realm improvements. <p>RPS consultants completed Preliminary design. Part 8 planning approval received in October 2024. Advance works (drainage attenuation pond) have been completed.</p>	Procurement of a Consultant to carry out the Detailed Design and procurement of a works Contractor, subject to provision of TII funding.
N52 Ardcroney Village	<p>Preliminary design has commenced for a pavement rehabilitation scheme in Ardcroney village.</p>	It is anticipated that a portion of the scheme will go through Section 38 procedures in Q1 2026. Construction is anticipated in 2027.
Thurles Municipal District		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	<p>Route Selected 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbied extensively for the project to be included in the NDP. On 25th Nov 2025, the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan was announced which referenced the Project.</p>	Request an allocation from TII to progress the project to preliminary design.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	<p>This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 447m of pavement on the N62 road Thurles. It includes changes to the road layout, road rehabilitation, 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.</p>	It is anticipated that design will continue into 2026 subject to the availability of funding.



	Consultants for the detail design were appointed in April 2024 and the detail design has commenced. Complications with TII funding and an Uisce Éireann Surface Water separation scheme have delayed the project. Thurles MD has carried out emergency inlay works in the interim.	
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Directorate Projects (Capital)

Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel	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 Anner Hotel. The scheme was held up due to funding restrictions but went to tender in December 2024. Emergency funding was made available by TII in June 2025.	Works are substantially complete.
N62 Roscrea Bypass at Tulleskeagh	Consultants have been appointed and Preliminary Design for a safety scheme has commenced.	It is anticipated that the scheme will go through a Part 8 in Q1 2026. Construction is anticipated in 2027.
N62 Turtulla Cross Roundabout	Consultants have been appointed and Preliminary Design for a roundabout at Turtulla Cross has commenced.	It is anticipated that the scheme will go through a Part 8 in Q1 2026. Construction is anticipated in 2027.

Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District

Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works are substantially completed and remediation repairs have been recently carried out.	Maintenance period is completed in December 2025.

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District

Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves the N74 Fr Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. Preliminary and detailed design stages are completed, GLAS Civil Engineering was appointed to carry out the works, which commenced on April 29, 2024. Construction works are substantially completed.	Snagging.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. The Contract was awarded to Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Contractors Ltd., and commenced on site in February 2025, continuing to November 2025. Works are substantially completion.	12 months maintenance period commenced in October 2025, minor snagging works to be carried out.



Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	Tramore House RDO preparing the preliminary design to obtain TII approvals and for Planning Submission.	Tramore House to progress design for Planning Phase.
N24 Knockagh to Derrygrath Pavement Scheme	Approximately 3.5km of overlay - TII have approved the preliminary report.	Preparation of detailed design and Contract Documents. Funding requested for construction in 2026.
Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	<p>The CPO was published in August 2020.</p> <p>An Oral Hearing was held on 1st & 2nd December 2020.</p> <p>The CPO was confirmed on April 16th, 2021 without modifications.</p> <p>The detail design was substantially completed in 2024. Advance works were completed in 2024. Archaeological investigations were completed in 2025. The Main Works commenced in November 2025.</p>	It is anticipated that the Main Works will take 18 months to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	<p>Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with:</p> <p>a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction;</p> <p>a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access;</p> <p>50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir;</p> <p>public lighting;</p> <p>flood alleviation works along the River Suir.</p> <p>This scheme is in the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to new store.</p> <p>Business case and related documents have been submitted to the Department. The Brief for appointment of a Consultant is in preparation.</p>	<p>DoT approval is required to proceed to Detailed Design and Construction.</p> <p>Preparation for Procurement of a Consultant.</p>

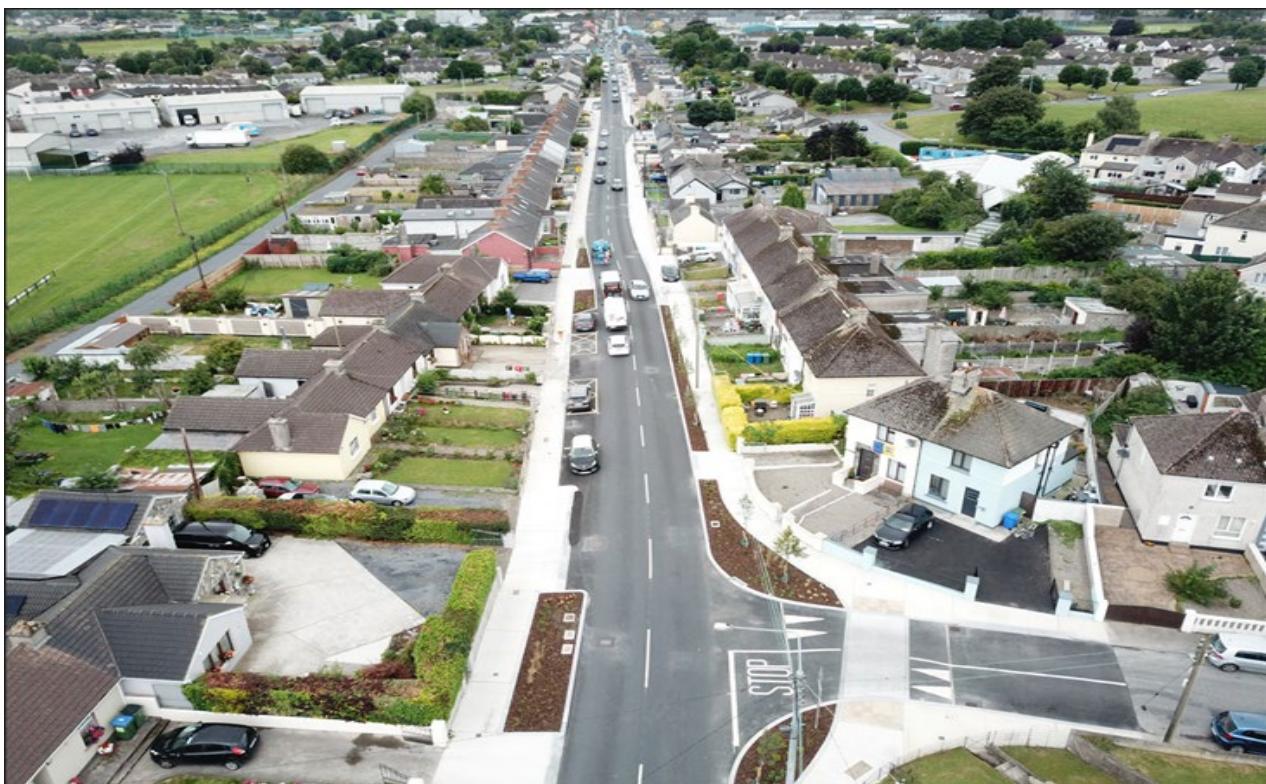


N74 Fr. Mathew Street, Tipperary Town

Before picture of the N74 at Fr. Mathew Street in Tipperary town, prior to works being carried out.



Picture of the completed works at Fr. Mathew Street in Tipperary Town.





GREENWAY PROJECTS

Greenways 2025 Total Allocation: €625,000	Current Update
Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report received formal TII Gate Approval to progress to Phase 2 Options Selection on 3 rd October 2025. TCC are preparing for the Public Consultation to display the various route options in early 2026.
Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer	Phase 2 Options Selection Report was submitted to TII for review on 27 th Sept 2024 and TII returned comments in Nov 2024. TCC and their Technical Advisor are reviewing each option thoroughly to assess a possible preferred route and preparing responses to TII extensive comments.
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	TII have not given an allocation for this project in 2025. TCC are self-funding the Phase 3/4 Planning stage of this project and have requested the Consultants to update the Environmental Assessments, the Route Options Report and prepare the Planning Package for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála in Q1/Q2 2026.
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel	An Bord Pleanála approved permission for this project on 15 th April 2025. Funding options are now being examined by TCC to progress to Phase 5 Detailed Design and Tender.
Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report received formal TII Gate Approval to progress to Phase 2 Options Selection on 3 rd October 2025. TCC are preparing for the Public Consultation to display the various route options in early 2026.
Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	TCC are preparing Tender Documents for a new Technical Advisor for this project to take the project through Phase 2 (Route Option Selection), Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation) and Phase 4 (Statutory Process). Waterford CCC have expressed an interest in leading this greenway project in 2026 as the majority of the scheme is in County Waterford.



CFRAM FLOOD RELIEF SCHEMES

Flood Relief Schemes	Current Update
Ballina FRS	<p>The first consultation with the public and stakeholders took place online from 8th November – 6th December 2021. The second public consultation day was held 12th June 2025 during which the community was presented with five options developed to alleviate flooding including the emerging preferred option.</p> <p>Significant requests for further information and amendments to the scheme were made by attendees. The design team are currently undertaking a high-level review taking these submissions into consideration.</p> <p>Upon selection of the emerging preferred option, the scheme would then proceed to Stage II, the planning process, where the preferred option would be developed and an application would be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.</p>
Golden FRS	<p>The Golden FRS failed the Scheme Viability Review Report (SVR) which concluded that there is no potentially economical scheme that could be taken to full Flood Relief Scheme project stage.</p> <p>Tipperary County Council requested that the OPW reconsider this decision and allow the Golden Scheme progress through to Stage 1 Option Selection allowing a more detailed analysis of the options that can be undertaken, and more certainty be obtained in relation to the cost estimates.</p>
Holycross FRS	<p>Stage I Option Selection for Holycross FRS is complete. The proposed Capital Flood Relief Scheme was not accepted by the benefitting property owners.</p>
Knocklofty FRS	<p>In July 2024 the OPW approved the Preferred Option in the Options Report, which enabled progression of the Knocklofty FRS. The Preferred Option is to construct raised defences on the River Suir to prevent flooding with stormwater drainage behind the defences. Total budget of €1.1m.</p> <p>This option was presented to the public for feedback on 17th April 2025 during the second Public Consultation Day for the scheme. The scheme received largely positive feedback and issues raised by the public have been taken into consideration. This project is currently in Stage II, the planning process, where the preferred option is being developed and an application will be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála in 2026.</p>



Flood Relief Schemes	Current Update
Marlfield Lake FRS	<p>The ground investigation for the scheme has commenced and is due to be completed early 2026. The results of the ground investigation will facilitate the Design Team in selecting the most appropriate design options for the Marlfield Flood Relief Scheme. Upon selection of the emerging preferred option, the scheme would then proceed to Stage II, the planning process, where the preferred option would be developed and an application would be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.</p> <p>In parallel with the Capital FRS in Marlfield, work is continuing with the interim dam rehabilitation protection works involving various measures that will protect the existing dam and the surrounding area. Undertaking work in Marlfield Lake area is complex with many environmental and statutory constraints, however we have been engaging with the relevant stakeholders and significant progress has been made.</p> <p>All of the above is subject to OPW funding and approval.</p>
Nenagh FRS	<p>The scope and complexity of the Nenagh Flood Relief Scheme has evolved significantly, and the scheme was formally reclassified in September 2023 from a 'small project' to a major flood relief scheme. This decision reflects the scale of works required, the inclusion of critical infrastructure, and the need for robust governance and resources for a capital project of such magnitude.</p> <p>Preparatory work by the OPW has been ongoing with preliminary site surveys (topographical and CCTV) recently completed. A Steering Group has been established to oversee delivery of the Nenagh FRS.</p> <p>Tender documents for the procurement of consultants to progress both the engineering and environmental elements of the scheme are currently being prepared.</p> <p>Stage I – Option Identification & Preliminary Design will commence following the procurement and appointment of the Design Team. This is expected to progress in 2026 subject to OPW approval.</p>



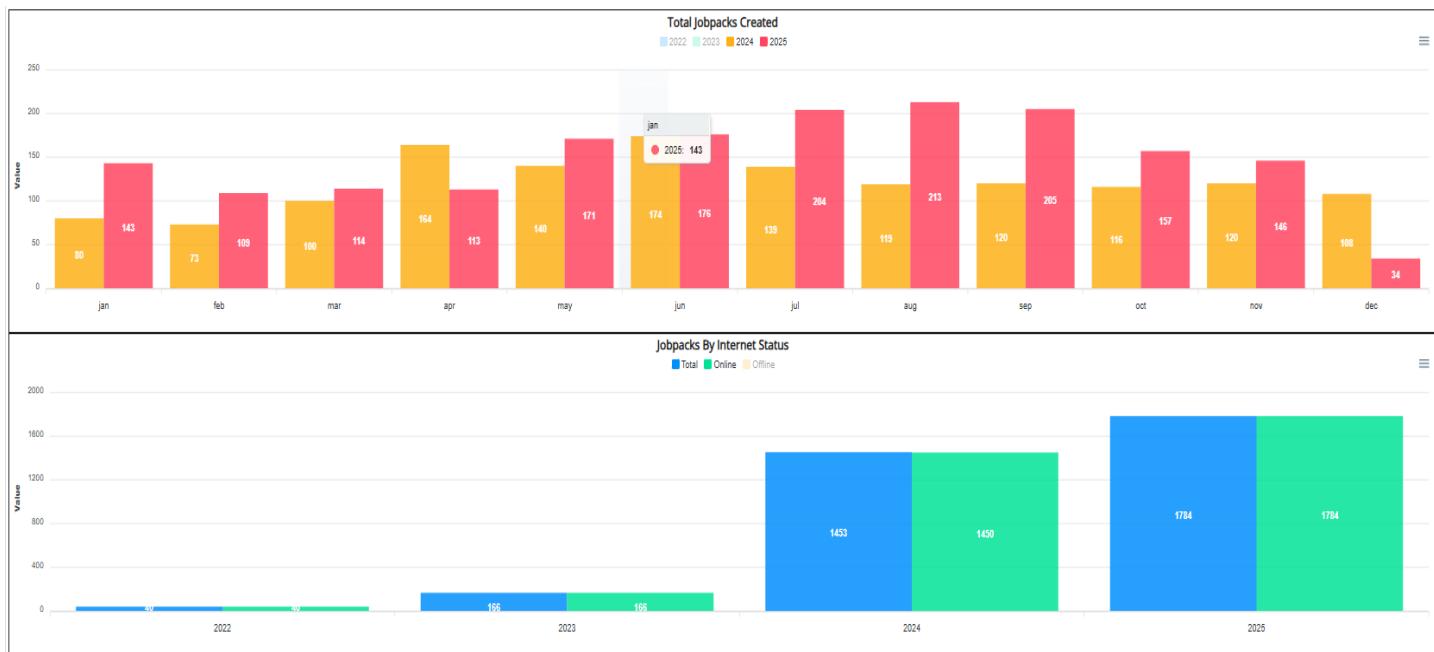
Digital Transformation – Roads Operational Management

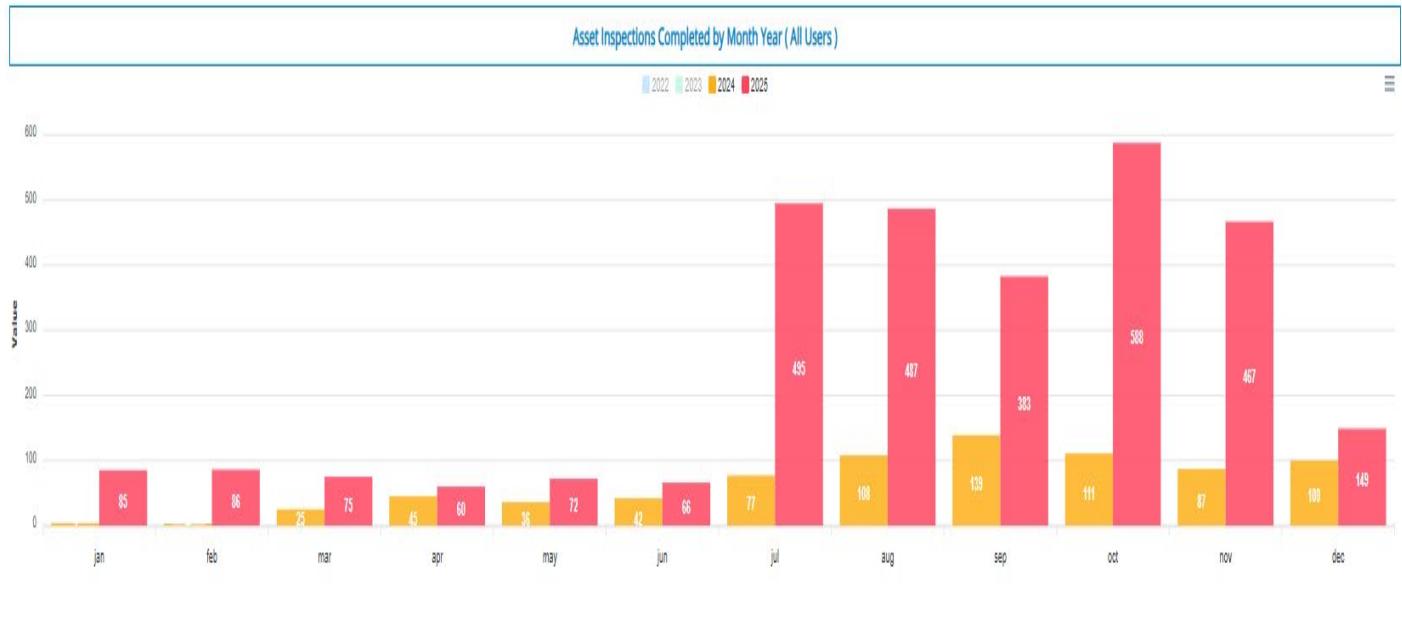
The Roads Directorate progress on the digital transformation of operations and asset management through the rollout of the ProWork software continues.

One to one training is ongoing with GSS' and relevant staff. The system manages and records:

- Job details linked to the Safety Management System (SMS) Tasks
- TTMP – Temporary Traffic Management Plans
- SSWP – Safe System of Work Plan - linked to SMS Tasks
- TBT – Tool Box Talks - delivery and record management
- Staff Department and Area
- Staff PPE management (Thurles commencing pilot)
- Staff Training management (School Wardens, CPC and National Licences currently transferring to system)
- Equipment management and service record
- Plant and Vehicle Management and service record
- Asset Inspection and action management
- HSQA Inspection and action management.

In 2025, 1,800 Jobpacks and 3,900 reports were completed on the system. The system will allow review of operations, reduce administrative time, delivery of safety information, activity review and ease of audit for our Safety Management System and ISO 45001. It will also identify opportunities for efficiencies and improvement.





PUBLIC LIGHTING

For the assistance of members, if you need to report a public lighting fault, please contact the Customer Services Desk on 0818 06 5000, and they will log the fault.

Alternatively, you can log on via the links hereunder:

[Public Lighting Fault Reporting | Tipperary County Council](#)

<https://www.deadsureapp.com/Inventory>

When the fault is logged in this format it will go straight to the hand-held device of our Public Lighting Contractor's electrician for the area. When reporting the fault, the following information should be provided:

- The town/village/estate or street name
- The number on the pole (identified in black located on a white background at eye level on the pole)
- The location of the light (for example, outside house number 5)
- A name and contact number.



FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service

SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	Tipperary County Council has continued to Chair both the regional steering & working groups and also co-chaired the VES group.	Coordinate and administer this function with other Response Agencies in the Mid-West Region for 2026
Building Control	Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.	Complete annual inspection programme for 2025 reaching Dept. guideline targets
Quality, Health & Safety	Onsite inspections ongoing Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in Jun 2025 – successfully certified to both standards	Implement annual objectives as per service delivery plan
Fire Safety	Continue to deliver Primary Schools and TY Class Fire Safety Programmes along with Station visits by schools. Continuing Home Fire Safety Visits with Smoke Alarm Installations. Open days and Community Engagement Events held to promote Fire Safety Week and ongoing Fire Safety Social Media campaigns	Continue to complete Primary School and TY programme and Home Fire Safety Visit Programme along with the TY Programme. Continue to offer Fire extinguisher training to vulnerable groups.
ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES		To 31 st December 2025
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	2072	
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	133	
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	87	
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	91	
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	60	
Number of Commencement Notices Received	339	

Civil Defence

Activities	
Training & Education Day	<p>Training of our volunteers in on going in various disciplines. A Full day of training took place on the 30th November involving more than 40 volunteers. The day saw volunteers participating in Drone Operations, familiarization of our mapping & communications systems, a workshop on accident & incident reporting. The volunteers also participated in a search skill workshop delivered by Clare Civil Defence Officer, Stephan Hayes . The day was very informative and very beneficial to all volunteers that attended</p>  
Searches for missing persons	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence continues to provide support to An Garda Siochanna in the search for missing persons. The last few months has seen our response to the search for two missing persons in Mullinahone and Clonmel. Specialized ground crews, drone operations, K9 support and swift water teams, under the guidance of our search managers attended at both locations. The searches have been concluded. Sincere condolence to the families of both persons.</p> <p>Many thanks to the wonderful support of neighboring Counties for the ongoing support</p>  

Health & Safety	<p>Civil Defence is currently reviewing Risk assessments for our activities. Facilities. Instructors and senior volunteers are actively engaged in this process. It is hoped to have a new working group for Health & Safety up and running early in the New Year.</p>
Community Support & Duties	<p>We have had an exceptionally busy period in the run up to Christmas. Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of First Aid and ambulance cover at an array of events over the last few weeks including, Christmas Festivals, assistance to GardaI with Young at Heart Christmas party in Clonmel, and numerous fund raisers events. Volunteers provide medical support on St Stephens Day for the 4-mile run in Clonmel and the Water Based Safety Cover Christmas Swim in Holycross.</p>  



**Volunteer
Awards &
Medal
Presentation**

Following the volunteer training day, a ceremony was held to acknowledge the tremendous dedication of volunteers and the large volume of training that has taken place. Some Volunteers were presented with Long Service medals for 10- and 20-years' service by Sinead Carr, Chief Executive. In her address she acknowledged the dedication & commitment of volunteers and expressed the gratitude of Tipperary County Council for the ongoing support of Civil Defence Volunteers. Volunteers also received a specially commissioned medal to celebrate 75 years of Civil Defence in Ireland. These medals were presented by Paul Brophy, Department of Defence. Certificates of achievements for recently completed training was presented by Pat English, Major of Clonmel & Cllr Mark Fitzgerald Leas Chathaoirleach Tipperary County Council





PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Residential Zoned Land Tax (reviewed and updated annually)	<p>Final maps are being prepared having consideration to the Draft Maps, Determinations / Evaluations and appeal decisions.</p> <p>Draft Maps for 2027 being prepared.</p>	<p>In June 2025, the Council issued 14no. Determinations in respect of landowner submissions on the Draft Map for 2026; and 6no. Decisions on Rezoning Requests in respect of the Final Map 2025.</p> <p>Three appeals determined by An Coimisuin Pleanala. Decision of TCC upheld in each case.</p>	<p>The Final Maps for 2026 will be published on 31 January 2026.</p> <p>The Draft Maps for 2027 will be published on 01 February 2026 with a 2-month consultation period (1 February to 1 April 2026).</p>
Variation (No.1) to the Tipperary County Development Plan	Environmental Consultants being procured. Variation being drafted for publication, having regard to stakeholder engagement, data collection and members workshop.	<p>Chief Executive report on existing land use zoning provided to members.</p> <p>Stakeholder meetings, data collection, map preparation ongoing, procurement drafts for environmental services.</p>	<p>Publication of the Variation to the CDP in the new year, with a 4-week consultation period.</p> <p>A CE Report will subsequently be prepared and provided to elected members for their consideration.</p> <p>Decision on making or amending Variation at Plenary Council.</p>
The Planning and Development Act 2024	The Act is being enacted in blocks with the relevant correlating sections of the P & D Act 2000 been repealed in parallel. The Department has published an	Sections which relate to the NPF, National Planning Statements (formerly s28 guidelines), and the regional strategies enacted on 02 October 2025.	The remaining sections of Part 3 of the Act (which relate to County Development Plans and other Area Plans) expected to be enacted in December 2025.



	Implementation Plan setting a timeline for these events.		
Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)	Southern Regional Assembly (SRA) must commence the review process for the RSES by 02 April 2026	Commencement of sections of the 2024 Act require RSES review to commence.	SRA to outline their approach to undertaking the review of the RSES.

<u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Town Centre First Policy	Carrick on Suir - Funding confirmed for new TCF Plan Draft Newport TCF Plan . Nenagh TCF Plan to be prepared. Thurles Renewal Strategy to be updated to TCF Plan TCF Suite of Funding supports for towns < 10,000	Complete Finalise draft Draft plan complete Draft plan in progress Complete	Progress actions identified in plan . Publication in Q1 2026 Publication in Q1 2026 Publication in Q1 2026

<u>National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Thurles Market Quarter -Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers	Works commenced on site early August, 2024 and are at an advanced stage. Procurement of a café tenant is complete and Section 183 approved by Thurles MD Councillors.	Complete construction works by end of January, 2026.



<p>Carrick -on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition' Category 1</p>	<p>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park- Completed. Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay – Final Business Case completed and Approval to Proceed with the works obtained from the Department. Contractor appointed on 1st. December, 2025. Phase 3 Digital Hub – Contractor appointed on 18th. November, 2024. Works commenced December, 2024 and are at an advanced stage. Phase 4a - Stable Lane Car Park – Part 8 Planning documentation under preparation. Phase 4b – Main Street – Detailed design under review.</p>	<p>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park – Completed. Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay – Commence works in January 2026. Phase 3 Digital Hub – Complete works in Q1 2026. Phase 4a Stable Lane Car Park – Complete Part 8 Planning process in Q1 2026. Commence detailed design. Phase 4b - Main Street – Complete detailed design in Q1 2026. Tender for construction stage in Q2 2026. Commence works in Q3 2026.</p>
<p>Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy – Category 1</p>	<p>Phase 1a Car Park Site –Demolition and enabling works contract completed. Phase 1b Car Park Construction– Works commenced on 14th July, 2025 and are in progress. Phase 2 Library- Contractor appointed on 9th. October, 2025. Works commenced on site on 28th October, 2025 and are in progress. Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works- Contracts signed on 12th. June, 2025. Works are in progress. Phases 4, 5 & 6 Public Realm Works – Tender documentation under preparation.</p>	<p>Phase 1a Car Park Enabling Works – Completed. Phase 1b-Car Park Construction– Complete construction works by end of Q1 2026. Phase 2-Library- Complete works in Q3 2026. Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works - Works commenced in September with anticipated completion in March, 2026. Phases 4, 5 & 6 Public Realm Works – Complete tender documents and proceed to tender in Q1 2026.</p>
<p>Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea</p>	<p>Design team appointed on 13th. May, 2025. Bi monthly progress meetings taking place. Preliminary design is completed. Engagement with Utility providers is ongoing. Stakeholder and landowner consultations are ongoing. Surveys are being undertaken to inform the detailed design. Detailed design is in progress.</p>	<p>Appoint Archaeologist. Complete all required surveys and detailed design in Q1 2026.</p>



<p>Tipperary Town - Social, community and heritage led regeneration of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell</p>	<p>Dan Breen - Procurement process completed. Court House - Tender documents completed and under review.</p>	<p>Dan Breen House – Prepare Final Business Case and obtain Approval to Proceed with the works from the Department. Courthouse- Issue tender documents to contractors entered on the Protected Structures Framework. Assess tenders received. Prepare Final Business Case and obtain Approval to Proceed with the works from the Department.</p>
<p>The Transformational Regeneration of Roscrea: A Town Centre First Approach</p>	<p>Approved for funding under Call 4, Category 2, RRDF, on 10th. October, 2025. Approval in Principle received from the Department on 25th. November, 2025.</p>	<p>Complete review of all in costings and complete Verification Tables for the Department by 19th. December, 2025. Sign Funding Agreement.</p>
<p>Goldcrop Rehabilitation & Regeneration</p>	<p>Approved for funding under Call 4, Category 2, RRDF, on 10th. October, 2025. Approval in Principle received from the Department on 25th. November, 2025.</p>	<p>Complete review of all in costings and complete Verification Tables for the Department by 19th. December, 2025. Sign Funding Agreement.</p>

<p><u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u></p>		
<p><u>Project</u></p>	<p><u>Progress in Previous Months</u></p>	<p><u>Next Stage</u></p>
<p>Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme - Phase 2</p>	<p>Phase 2 Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach roads - Successful/Unsuccessful letters issued for engagement of a design team to prepare detailed design and oversee the construction stage. Design team appointed in December, 2025.</p>	<p>Phase 2 – Commence detailed design in early Q1 2026.</p>



A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre	Ongoing progress meetings being held with the design team. Extensive stakeholder engagement is in progress. Project Steering Group meetings and District Delivery Group meetings in progress. Works are ongoing on the preliminary design.	Complete stakeholder engagement. Complete preliminary design by Q1 2026. Complete Part 8 Planning in Q2 2026.
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Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Funds: Projects completed to date

The following projects are delivered.

- Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration – Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub
- Tipperary Town Regeneration: Market Yard and River Ara Walkway
- Fethard Town Park
- Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Category 2
- A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter - Category 2
- Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan – Category 2
- Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement -Phase 1 New Car Park and Eastern end of Liberty Square
- Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh – Category 2
- Templemore Town Hall Enterprise & Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

Kickham Barracks Regeneration was announced the winner in its category (Urban Regeneration) at the recent Irish Planning Institute Awards. The application for the award was a joint submission between Tipperary County Council & the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Kickham Barracks Winner in Urban Regeneration Category of IPI Awards





Kickham Barracks Plaza



Clonmel Regional Sports Hub



Templemore Town Enterprise & Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza





Thurles Market Quarter



Liberty Square Phase 1 (Eastern End of Square and new Car Park)





Fethard Town Park



Carrick on Suir (Ormond Park, Suir Blueway and Digital Hub)





Tipperary Town Market Yard and River Ara Walkway



Cahir (Car Park)



Active Travel – Update at 2025 Year End

2025 Total NTA Allocation: €4,500,000

Project Name 2025	Current Update
SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	Project complete.
R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	Project complete.
Active Travel Staff Costs	Ongoing and seeking to appoint new staff to vacant Executive Engineer position.



Ardfinnan Bridge	The preliminary business case submitted is substantially complete and ready to be submitted to the NTA for consideration and gateway 3 approval.
Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	Part 8 planning granted in November 2025. The design team will now progress the detailed design for the scheme.
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	Phase 2 works near completion with minor works to complete in 2026. The permeability link at Chestnut Avenue now also complete.
Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir	Finalising Part 8 planning pack and stakeholder engagement.
Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	Expected construction tender pack will be published in January 2026.
SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	Finalising design to allow the scheme progress to Part 8 planning.
SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	OSC appointed as design team to develop the project through phases 2 to 4.
SRTS (R2) St Marys Central National School, Killenaule	Expected construction tender pack will be published in January 2026.
Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel (Previously TCC/21/0014)	Part 8 planning has been secured and FTC appointed as design team to progress the scheme through phases 5 to 7.
Nenagh Urban Greenway (Previously TCC/21/0006)	The Design team are currently finalising the planning documents to submit a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanáil in Q1 2026.
Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina (Previously TCC/21/0014)	The current design layout is under review.
Emly Village Footpaths (Previously TCC/22/0013)	Project complete.



Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles	Works contractor appointed and works to start in January 2026.
Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	Finalising Part 8 planning pack.
SRTS Inch National School (Previously TCC/22/0015 - TCC/22/0013)	Project complete.
SRTS (R3) HSRR Presentation Secondary School – Ballingarry Lower, Ballingarry	Site inspection completed by the SRTS team in An Taisce
SRTS (R3) HSRR Mount Bruis NS – Mt. Bruis	Site inspection completed by the SRTS team in An Taisce
SRTS (R3) HSRR Tankerstown NS – Tankerstown	Site inspection completed by the SRTS team in An Taisce
SRTS (R3) HSRR Scoil Mhuire – Kilvemnon	Site inspection completed by the SRTS team in An Taisce
SRTS (R3) HSRR Poulacapple NS – Poulacapple East, Poulacapple	Site inspection completed by the SRTS team in An Taisce
Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams	
Bus Stop Enhancement Programme 2025	Works complete or near completion on bus stops in: Clonmel, Cloughjordan, Dromineer, Obama Plaza, Abbey Street Roscrea, Ballycahill, Horse and Jockey, Ballynonty and The Commons.

2025 Active Travel Project at Construction Stage

Cashel Road Clonmel





Chestnut Avenue (before and after completion of works)

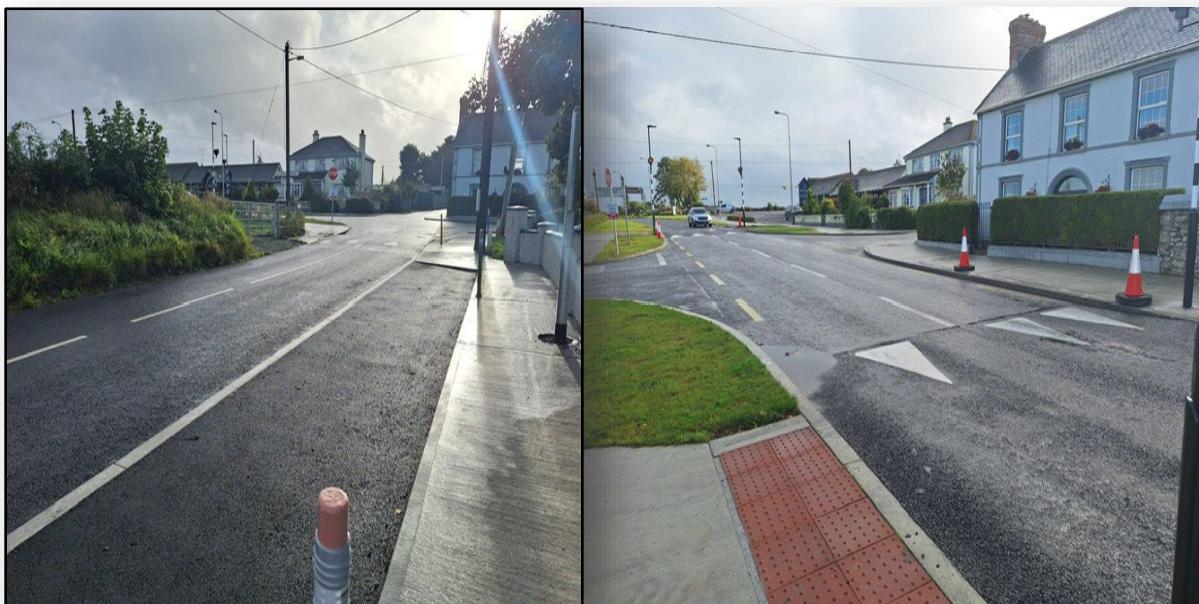




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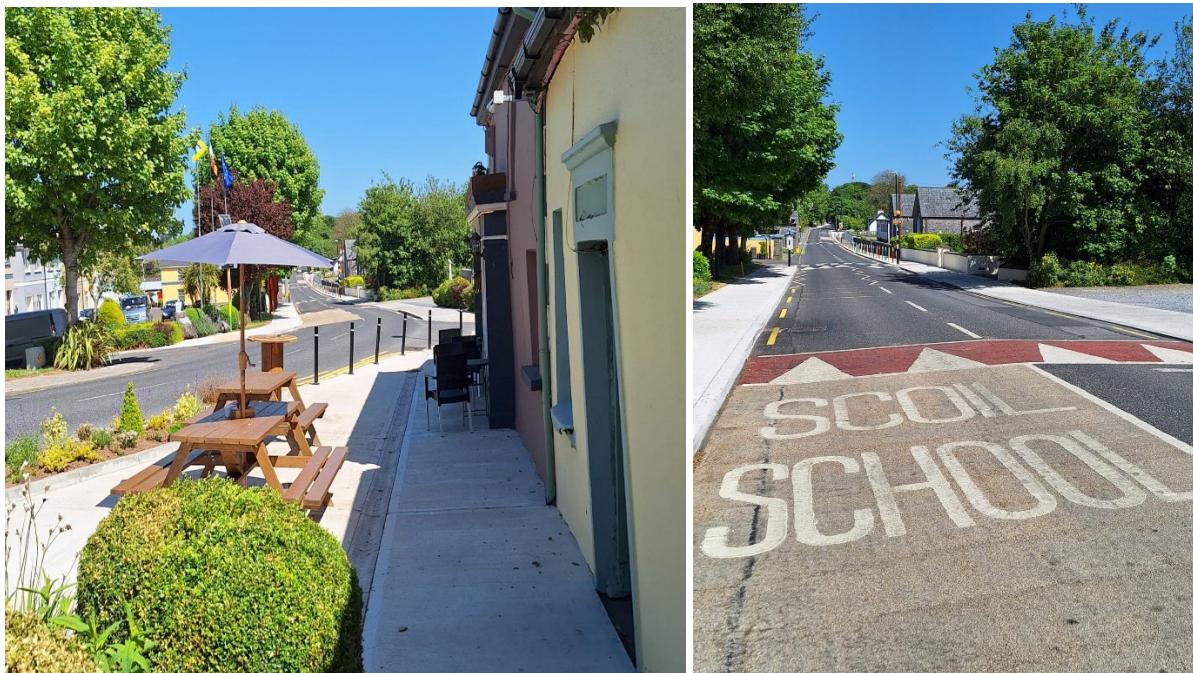


Inch, Thurles





Emly Village



Bus Stop Enhancement Works:





ZEVI (Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland)

Development of an EV Infrastructure Strategy for Region 5 of the Regional and Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan.

As part of the Regional and Local EV Charging Network Plan 2024 -2030 Tipperary County Council as lead authority has appointed Ove Arup & Partners Ireland Ltd, T/A Arup as the Consultant for the development of an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy for Region 5 of the Regional and Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan in December 2024. Tipperary County Council as lead Authority for Region 5 is developing the strategy in collaboration with the local authorities of Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford.

The Strategy Inception Meeting convened in January 2025 and senior officials from each local authority were in attendance. We hosted an Informational Webinar in February 2025 for the Elected Members and Local Authority officials from the five Local Authorities, to provide information on the objectives of this plan and on the project lifecycle.

A Public Consultation was completed in May (Public Consultation ran from May 01st 2025 until May 30th 2025 at 4pm) whereby residents, stakeholders and the general public were invited to share their views on the future of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in their areas. A significant number of individuals and groups participated in this Public Consultation and provided their views to help shape the final strategy.

We hosted a further Informational Webinar in December last for the Elected Members and Local Authority Officials from the five Local Authorities to provide information on the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Draft Strategy in advance of the Public Consultation being launched in January 2026.

We expect that the development of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy will be finalised in Quarter 1 2026.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2026

Historic Structures Fund 2026 - Closing Date is 16/01/2026

The Historic Structures Fund will invest essential capital in our valuable built heritage and help the owners and custodians of historic structures to safeguard them into the future for the benefit of communities and the public. For 2026, The Historic Structures Fund will offer grants from €50,000 up to €200,000 only, and focus on larger enhancement, refurbishment or reuse projects involving heritage structures, where:

- A clear community or public benefit has been demonstrated, or
- A clear residential benefit has been demonstrated (such projects must be advanced through the planning process as necessary).

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2026 – Scheme Now Closed



The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, announced the continued implementation of the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2026, **which includes revised timeframes and criteria to incorporate elements of Historic Structures Fund (HSF) Stream 1.**

€367,285 has been allocated to Tipperary under the scheme for 2026. Grants of up to €50,000 are available to cover the cost of repair and conservation of protected structures. Only one application can be considered per historic structure.

The closing date for submission of completed applications was **4.00pm on Friday 26th September 2025**. Tipperary County Council received 56 applications and have now issued our recommendation to the Department for 44 projects to receive funding. As soon as we hear back from the Department, we will advise successful applicants.

BHIS Historic Thatch Buildings Stream 2026 – Scheme Now Closed

The purpose of the scheme is to protect the heritage value of historic thatched roof buildings across Ireland, including dwellings and other structures.

Any historic thatched structure built before 1970, including domestic or commercial properties, is eligible to apply for grant funding under this scheme. €21,376.70 has been allocated to Tipperary under the scheme for 2026.

The closing date for submission of completed applications was **4.00pm on Friday 26th September 2025**. Tipperary County Council received 7 applications and we have recommended that all 7 projects receive some funding. As soon as we hear back from the Department, we will advise successful applicants.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/1/25 to 30/11/25

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	183	175	8	9	9
Housing Development	20	19	1	4	0
NIA/EIA	7	7	0	1	1
Other Applications	804	780	24	28	3
Total	1014	981	33	42	13



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

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



The e-Planning project is a national portal which enables the submission of planning applications (over 80% in Tipperary), submissions/objections (over 50% in Tipperary) to planning applications and all subsequent correspondence from the planning authorities is via the portal. In addition all part 8's (Local Authority own Development) are made available 100% in Tipperary via the portal all subsequent correspondence (if people make submissions online) is via the portal. Professional agents/architects in the business only need one account to apply to any of the 31 Planning Authorities.



Local Government Ireland Planning System

Make and Manage Planning Applications

Register or login to your account to make a planning application or to manage an application that has been lodged

[Planning Dashboard](#)

Make a Submission

Make a submission in relation to a Planning Application

[Make a submission](#)

View/Make Submissions on Part 8 Schemes

Where a project is being progressed by a Local Authority, planning permission is applied for under Part 8 of Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). Click below to view and/or make submissions on Part 8 Schemes

[Part 8 Schemes](#)

<https://planning.localgov.ie/>

Reminder that members of this Local Authority can make free submissions on any planning application made to Tipperary County Council with the statutory time frames by registering using the above link. Benefits are immediate notification when significant further information is received and immediate notification when decision issues

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 229 complaints received from the 1st January to the 30th November 2025. During this period 179 Warning Letters and 85 Enforcement Notices were issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

Information based on the period of 1st January 2025 to 9th December 2025

Applications Being Processed	DPI Developments	Taken-in-Charge in 2024	Taken-in-Charge To-Date in 2025	With District & Awaiting Approval	Applications Received in 2025
36	20	2	5	1	5

- 5 developments (207 housing units) have been taken-in-charge to-date by Tipperary County Council in 2025
- 1 housing estates is currently with district for approval
- 2 housing estates to go to the MD Borough meeting for completion.
- 5 taking-in-charge application has been received to-date in 2025.
- There are currently 20 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.



Planning & Emergency Services SPC

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

Town Centre First

There are Town Teams established under Town Centre First principles in Carrick On Suir, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Nenagh and Newport. In addition, there are plans to create additional Town teams in other towns throughout the county, there will be a focus on Cashel, Ballina and Tipperary Town for 2026, with the longer term ambition to have a Town team in place for every town in the county.

- We have Town Centre First (TCF) plans in place for Roscrea, Clonmel and Carrick On Suir with associated action plans being pursued by Town Teams.
- Work is underway to create a TCF plan for Nenagh and Thurles and a consultant has been appointed to assist with this process. We envisage that the process will be complete by Q1 2026.
- The TCF Plan for Newport is progressing with actions to be brought to the Nenagh MD for review.

Vacancy and Dereliction Team

- A second Vacant Homes Officer has been appointed and based in Clonmel.
- The Derelict Sites officer is vacant and the Staff Officer posts has been filled.



Croí Cónaithe fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

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

Derelict Sites

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

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

The team have commenced two CPO processes and aim to increase the level of interaction with property owners to increase the awareness of the focus on vacancy and dereliction countywide.

URDF Call 3

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

There are 85 properties on the list divided between the URDF designated towns of Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles. We are in the process of adding additional properties to the list as they are identified. To date approximately 60% of these properties are in the process of being brought back into use.

Library Service

Capital Projects



- Minister of State for Community Development, Charities and Rural Transport, Jerry Buttmer TD visited Cahir on 29th October to officially start the construction works on the new Cahir Library at the Craft Granary. Minister Buttmer ceremonially launched the project by wielding a sledgehammer to break through the first internal wall, symbolising the start of the alteration works for the new Library. Although the Craft Granary Building is almost two hundred years old, it will be transformed into a modern, highly energy efficient and sustainable building. These works will be overseen by Robin Lee Architecture, the project Architect and Mulcahy Construction, the construction company who will carry out all building works. The new Library will be the first in

County Tipperary to provide a suite of new technology solutions to the public. These include a Podcasting Room, a dedicated Makerspace room which has technologies such as Robotics and 3D Printing. In addition, the Library will have a meeting room, Gallery Space and Sensory Room. The landmark project received funding of €1.7 million under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

Children's Book Festival 2025

- The Children's Book Festival is one of Ireland's biggest arts festivals, with hundreds of free events celebrating children's books happening nationwide in libraries. The Festival places a major focus on children's books and emphasises the message that reading is fun, enjoyable, stimulating and inclusive. It is the biggest annual event that Tipperary County Council Library Service runs and is the highlight of the Library events programme. The Library programme included 52 events with 10 different facilitators, including ones covering STEM subjects and sessions 'as Gaeilge.' Over 1370 kids met authors / illustrators and performers this year. The main aims of the festival are:
 - ✓ to encourage children to enjoy the experience of reading and support their reading development
 - ✓ to provide activities and events in collaboration with writers/illustrators/storytellers
 - ✓ to promote children's books and stories
 - ✓ to increase engagement with families and schools and to attract new audiences.



- The Children's Book Festival 2025 was officially launched by Cllr John Carroll, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council in Nenagh Library on 1st October. The occasion marked the beginning of a month-long programme dedicated to promoting literacy and fostering a culture of reading among young audiences. The highlight of the launch was a performance by Arran Towers, appearing in character as the Big Friendly Giant (BFG).
- Nenagh Library hosted a children's archaeological workshop with archaeologist, heritage-educator and ancient craft specialist Frankie Callaghan on 23rd October as part of the Children's book Festival. Participants enjoyed lots of opportunities to get hands-on experience with archaeological artefacts as well having their many questions answered.



- Clonmel Library held a "Writers in School" workshop with the author Richie Conroy on 20th October. Students from Gaelscoil, Chluain Meala enjoyed a varied and interactive workshop. This event was held as part of the Children's Book Festival.
- Thurles Library hosted a Children's Book Festival event with author Sinéad O'Hart, centred on her book *Sword of the Sun*. Students took part in an interactive "Making Mythology" workshop. A total of 23 sixth-class pupils from Presentation Primary School, Thurles, attended.
- As part of the Children's Book Festival, Templemore Library arranged for author Maeve Devoy to visit St. Colmcille's N.S. Boys' School, St. Joseph's N.S., and St. Mary's Primary School. All participants enjoyed an engaging and creative workshop.



- Cashel Library hosted a workshop titled *Our Volcanic Past* with Tina Keating on 3rd October as part of the Children's Book Festival. During the session, fourth-class students from the Presentation School constructed a model of an erupting volcano.



- Tipperary Town Library welcomed author Maeve Devoy for a Children's Book Festival event on 9th October. Students from St. Michael's Girls Ns, Monastery boys NS & Gaelscoil enjoyed an engaging and creative workshop.



- As part of Children's Book Festival author Niamh Donnellan visited Carrick-on-Suir Library on 1st October and held two storytime sessions, one for the Presentation Primary Senior Infants and another for the Gael Scoil 1st class. The children got to hear Niamh read from her book 'Magic Folklore Friends' and then got a chance to then draw their own mythical creatures



- Roscrea Library arranged for artist and illustrator Shannon Bergin to conduct art workshops with two local schools on 23rd October. This programme was delivered as part of the Children's Book Festival.

Library Events / Activities



- Nenagh Library hosted a Media Literacy Workshop on 10th November as part of its *Skills for Life* initiative. Delivered in partnership with Tipperary ETB literacy co-ordinator Ester Mackey, the session featured Tipperary Library staff members Pat Bracken and Greg McDonald. They guided participants through how to identify misinformation, apply critical thinking when navigating online content, and approach the digital world with greater confidence.



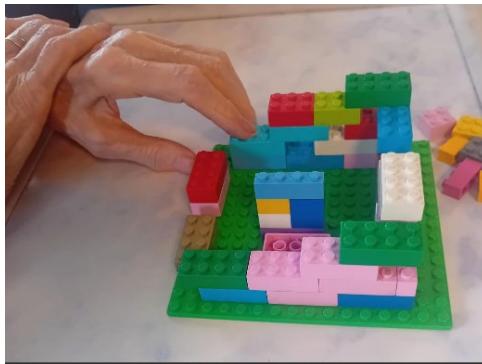
- Clonmel Library hosted an Eco Soap Making Workshop with Aoife Munn on 10th November as part of its *Skills for Life* initiative. The Skills for Life programme is a national initiative delivered through all public libraries in Ireland, offering adults free workshops, events and resources to help them build practical everyday skills.



- Nenagh Library hosted the launch of local author Margaret O'Sullivan's book *Lismore Estate under William Robert Hood Rochfort, 1891–1902, in Counties Cork, Limerick and Tipperary* on 18 November.



- As part of Science Week, Clonmel Library organised a visit by The Nutty Scientist on 10th November who gave a science workshop to the students of Saint Oliver National School, Clonmel.



- Thurles Library organised a Science Festival Outreach Event to Acorn Lodge Nursing Home, Ballykelly, Cashel. Bricks4Seniors Workshop on 8th November. This was facilitated by Play Matters Limited. This hands-on session offered stimulating, engaging experiences that promoted cognitive function, social interaction, memory recall, and problem-solving among the residents. The building process sparked wonderful conversations, laughter, and memories-even leading to a few songs from times gone by!



- As part of the Tipperary Festival of Science, Thurles Library organised an outreach Event for The Men's Shed, Stradavoher, Thurles on 12th November. 15 men from the Men's Shed visited Lúchta Studios which is run by local Wood Craft Artist and Tutor Paul Carew. In this engaging hands-on workshop, the men

explored the science of sound across then, now, tomorrow (Science Week theme for 2025) by designing and building their own passive wooden speakers. Using only reclaimed Irish wood and traditional woodworking techniques-without wires, batteries, or electronics-participants discovered how sound waves have been amplified through history, experimented with sustainable materials, and crafted a functional piece of audio art.



- Templemore Library hosted an October Exhibition of Martin Ryan's Segmented Wood Turning which ran from Thursday 2 October to 31 October 2025 in the first-floor exhibition space. The exhibition was officially opened by Mary Blanchfield, CEO of the Design & Crafts Council Ireland on 2nd October.



- Templemore Library hosted Immersive Play Sessions with local preschools on 29th October. These sessions were facilitated by Joanna Parkes & Tipperary Local Creative Youth Partnership and over 40 children attended.



- As part of Science Week, Cashel Library hosted an exciting family robotics and engineering workshop delivered by Designer Minds on 15th November. This interactive event invited children and adults to work together to build and race their own Sphero-powered chariots.



- As part of Science Week, Cashel Library held a Marine Life workshop delivered in collaboration with The Deanery School and facilitated by Sadhbh Horan of ECO-UNESCO, Ireland's leading environmental education organisation. Sadhbh Horan is an environmental educator and youth officer who works on marine and ecological outreach programmes. The objectives of the workshop were:
 - Understanding Ireland's marine biodiversity, from whales and seabirds to underwater plants.
 - Exploring ocean ecosystems, their layers, and how life interacts within them.
 - Recognising threats to marine environments such as pollution, habitat loss, and climate change.
 - Encouraging young people to take action to protect oceans through individual and community-based solutions.



- Tipperary Town Library held a trad music session with local musicians, John O'Connor and John Coffey on 1st October. This event was held to celebrate Positive Ageing Week.



- Tipperary Town Library hosted a Medical and Healthcare workshop for Children on 3rd November. This event was held as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.



- The Community Garden Project, at Carrick-on-Suir Library continues to make great progress. This project is a collaborative local initiative that includes Carrick Lions Club, and the Carrick Men's Shed. This partnership aims to create a vibrant, sustainable garden space on the library grounds, encouraging learning, wellbeing, and community connection. Work has now commenced to clean the beds for the winter planting programme.



- As part of Science Week, Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a lecture on DNA by Dr Cas Kramer. Dr Kramer gave two interactive lectures to over 150 attendees during which he explained DNA Mapping, and how over 20,000 different variations make us all unique.



- Roscrea Library hosted an Eco Soap Making Workshop with Aoife Munn on 6th November as part of its *Skills for Life* initiative. The Library held two workshops. Aoife The first session was attended by Transition Year Students from Colaiste Phobail Ros Cre and the second was open to the general public



- Killenaule Library held a hand tied bouquet workshop with Róisín O'Connell entitled "The Irish Flower Whisperer" on 2nd October. Participants created beautiful bouquets with autumnal colours and textures



- Roscrea Library hosted a CRAFT Maker Space Team event, facilitated by Mary Immaculate College on 12th November. There were two interactive sessions which were very well attended and enjoyed by all.

[Tipperary Studies](#)



- The Maxwell family of Rossmore donated a collection of books and archival GAA material to Tipperary Studies in October.



- The 2025 Tipperary Historical Society Lecture Series opened with a presentation by public historian David Broderick of Lorrha. David has collaborated closely with Tipperary Studies to revive the stories of two Victorian artists from Portland Park, Lorrha—brothers Charles and Thomas Butler Stoney. Twenty-five people attended his lecture, titled *“From the Golden Age of Illustration to the Great War: The Works of Thomas Butler Stoney (1885–1917).”*
- The November lecture took place on the 18th, where Joanne Hughes delivered an excellent presentation on the archaeology of medieval Cashel in her talk, *“Hidden in Plain Sight: Seventeenth-Century Cashel.”* The event was attended by 44 people.



- As part of Heritage Week 2025, Tipperary Studies partnered with the Clonoulty-Rossmore community on a project to capture and preserve aspects of the area's local heritage. Last August, a heritage recording day was held in Rossmore Community Centre, where Tipperary Studies librarians Jane Bulfin and Stephanie Woods recorded seven interviews with local people. The day was very well attended, with approximately 40 participants. In addition, community members kindly loaned documents, which have been digitised and are now published on our digital archive at: <https://www.tippstudiesdigital.ie/collections/show/172>. A professional recording service was engaged for the oral heritage interviews, ensuring a high-quality audio. These recordings have since been edited in-house and are now available on our YouTube channel. https://www.youtube.com/@Tipp_studies

[Arts Service](#)



- The Artist in Primary School Scheme aims to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist. The school and artist get together to develop a one-off unique project, encouraging creativity and artistic innovation between artist, teachers and children. Pioneering the Artist in Primary School Scheme in Ireland for over 25 years the Tipperary Arts Office has coordinated an impressive 216 artistic projects between artists and primary schools, engaging with thousands of children to date. The scheme is open to applications from all primary schools in Tipperary and invites projects in all art forms i.e. visual arts, music, drama, dance, literature, film, photography, architecture and new media.

Furthermore, schools in the Decarbonising Zone were invited in recent years to develop specific projects that celebrate their natural surroundings in support of sustainable rural development in Tipperary. Through a variety of art projects, pupils in primary schools are introduced to new art forms and develop key skills and competencies that include collaboration, critical thinking and problem-solving. Often, the new creations form the basis of a school exhibition or performance for (grand)parents, family and the community to enjoy. At the same time, the scheme supports Tipperary's professional artists with opportunities to work locally in an educational setting. To mark the 25th year of the scheme and to celebrate the arts in schools, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council Cllr John Carroll presented Boher NS with a certificate of participation. The Cathaoirleach welcomed this "new element of the scheme which recognises the school's work and commitment to the development of creativity and the arts in their school." The beautiful certificate was designed by Tipperary artist Sophie Quin and will be presented to all participating schools from now on.



- The Tipperary Rural Traveller Project Residency which involved participatory work with children and young people in addition to supporting the development of the artists own work concluded in October with the launch of the exhibition *Stories of the Wind* by Francesca Hutchinson and her grandmother Mary Hutchinson in *At 6s & 7s Gallery* in Tipperary Town. The exhibition displayed the work created by the artists as part of the Residency Programme and explored intergenerational connections to the land, expressed through textiles and visual storytelling.
- **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. One of these opportunities was a full-day workshop on digital creativity on 21 October. Artist Michael Fortune got participants to get their phone into action - shooting, editing, and creating short pieces through practical, guided exercises at the beautiful Cabragh Wetlands Centre, Cabragh, showing how digital creativity can enhance an artists' practice!
- The Tipperary Dance Festival 2025 was held in October, and featured an exciting line up of dance performances, residencies, masterclasses for professionals and workshops for dance enthusiasts. Spanning 10 days, the festival offered events across Nenagh, Thurles and Clonmel, attracting many attendees throughout its duration. This is one of only two curated dance festivals nationally. Tipperary Dance Festival is funded by The Arts Council and supported by the Tipperary Arts programme. The international residencies programme and masterclass programmes are funded by The Arts Council and supported by Dance Ireland. More information on the programme can be found on <https://tipperarydance.com/>



- TUS Graduate School and Research Support Office hosted the Connected Innovations event on November 6th, in the Thurles Campus, focusing on university-industry collaboration (UIC) and the rootedness of innovation in people and places. As part of the event, the inaugural TUS Research Awards took place, acknowledging postgraduate researchers, their supervisors and research allies across the university who help to build and instil research culture. Esther Griffin - Van Orsouw received the Limerick School of Art and Design Faculty Postgraduate Researcher of the Year

Award 2025, for her MA studies within an Embedded Cultural and Curatorial Research Scholarship with Tipperary County Council Arts Office under the TUS RISE programme. As part of the MA programme, Esther has been immersed in Tipperary Arts Office from which her main research developed. *A New Look a Visual Art and Practice: The Lived Experience of Tipperary Artists* analyses in-depth biographical interviews to gain a better understanding of work and life for an artist in Tipperary and explores what the Arts Office can learn from this. Esther's academic supervisors are Lucina Russell and Dr Tracy Fahey. They remarked on 'the wonderful alchemy where workplace partners and academia come together. Tipperary Arts Office has provided a supportive, exciting and nurturing workplace environment where Esther has thrived, working on the front line of public engagement in the arts sector in Tipperary.'



Professional Artist Development Programme/Community Arts Project

- *Basking – the Nursery* is a continuation of Tom Meskell's

acclaimed *Basking* series, exploring the majestic presence and gentle mystery of the basking shark through illuminated sculpture and participatory art. This new installation, *The Nursery*, draws inspiration from the early life of the basking shark — a rarely witnessed stage of one of the ocean's most graceful giants. The work brings together science, biodiversity, the arts and community in an immersive, illuminated underwater world. Three local artists received training from lead artist Tom Meskell during the ten days he built the exhibition at the *At 6s & 7s Gallery* in Tipperary Town. Furthermore, Tom worked with a Foróige teenage group and pupils from the Monastery school to create additional objects for display. The official launch of the exhibition was Friday 14 November by Cllr. Marie Murphy and included a short talk by Dr. Ruth Leeney, Interdisciplinary Biologist at UCD. An artist talk was held on Saturday 15 November. An information sheet has been produced to allow pupils from all primary and secondary schools as well as community groups to engage with the exhibition. The exhibition will be on view until 19 December 2025. More information on the project can be found on: www.tipperaryarts.ie/basking



[From L-R:](#) Patrick O'Donovan TD, Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Damien Dullaghan & Melanie Scott

Art in Every Place: Arts Council and local authorities mark 40 years of partnership bringing the arts to every corner of Ireland

- **21 November 2025:** The Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon and Ireland's 31 local authorities marked 40 years of partnership at a special event, Art in Every Place, held in Limerick City Gallery of Art. The reception was attended by Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD, alongside representatives of the Arts Council, the County and City Management Association (CCMA), other local authority representatives, and Arts Officers from across Ireland.

The Arts Council stated: 'The partnership between the Arts

Council and local government began in 1985 with the appointment of the first local authority arts officer in Clare County Council. Today, each of the 31 local authorities in Ireland has an arts office, embedding arts expertise in local government and supporting artists and communities in every city and county. Between the years 2005 and 2025, €2.6 billion was jointly invested in the arts through this partnership, strengthening cultural infrastructure and widening access to the arts in every county. The collaboration has transformed how people experience the arts locally. Through joint investment, local authorities and the Arts Council have supported venues, festivals, youth arts, public art programmes and artist supports across the local government sector.'



Artists' Studios & Collectives:
A Platform to Build your Practice
Online | Thursday 27th November | 11am - 12.30pm
Register on the VAI website



Social Media Presence for Artists
with Emanuel De Sousa
Online | Wednesday 3rd December | 11am - 12.30pm
Register on the VAI website

- Visual Artists Ireland serves as the representative body for professional visual artists in Ireland. This Autumn we continued our online training



provision for Tipperary artists in partnership with Visual Artists Ireland and partner local authorities in Limerick and Clare.

This season, two webinars were offered to artists from counties Tipperary, Limerick and Clare: *Artists' Studios and Collectives*, a webinar that explored the benefits and challenges of working collectively, unpacking how collaborative structures can strengthen artistic development, create opportunities, and foster resilient creative communities, and *Social Media Presence for Artists* with practical tips and valuable insights to transform social media efforts by streamlining workflow and maximising engagement. This workshop is given by acclaimed figurative artist Emanuel De Sousa, who has successfully navigated the digital landscape to build an international profile.

Heritage Service

County Heritage Plan Actions

- The Heritage Office successfully concluded all projects scheduled under the **2025 programme**, marking a significant milestone in the delivery of heritage initiatives across the county. Planning and development activities for the **2026 programme** are now actively underway, ensuring continuity and progression in heritage engagement and conservation.
- The draft Heritage Plan for 2026–2031 has been finalized following extensive research and stakeholder input. This strategic document outlines the vision, objectives, and actions for heritage management over the next five years. The draft will shortly enter the public consultation phase, inviting feedback from community members, heritage groups, and other stakeholders.
- Several Heritage Office projects were successfully delivered during the year, reflecting the Office's commitment to education,

accessibility, and cultural preservation:

- Archaeology Ireland Guide to the Rock of Cashel A comprehensive guide produced in collaboration with Archaeology Ireland, enhancing public understanding of one of Ireland's most iconic heritage sites.
- Oral Heritage Training Programme Designed to equip participants with skills to record and preserve oral traditions, safeguarding cultural heritage for future generations.
- Know Your Locality Training A community-focused initiative enabling participants to explore local history and heritage through practical research and mapping techniques.
- Launch of the Tipperary Heritage Portal on iCAN digital platform providing centralised access to heritage resources, events, and educational materials, improving public engagement and information sharing.

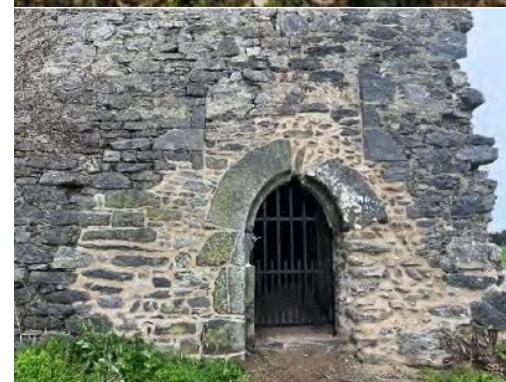


Know your Locality Course field trip to Athassel Abbey with Dr Stephen Mandal

Irish Walled Town Network

- Comprehensive Maintenance Plans have been completed for all four towns within the network: Cashel, Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir, and Fethard.
- A specialized training workshop was held in Fethard in October, focusing on best practices for general site

Community Monuments Fund



Before and after pictures of the east door at Loughloher Castle



St. Ailbhe's Well in Emly

- All projects scheduled for 2025 have been successfully completed, including:
 - ✓ Conservation works at Loughloher Castle and Loughmore Castle
 - ✓ Repair of a damaged underground chamber at Old St. Mary's, Clonmel under Stream 1
- Under Stream 2, a Conservation Management Plan was prepared for Clohaskin Castle. Additional works included:
 - ✓ Wall repairs at Ardcroney
 - ✓ Completion works and stone storage at Kilsheelan
 - ✓ Conservation works at St. Ailbhe's Well in Emly

Creative Ireland



- The Creative Ireland Project Award and Community Grant schemes 2025 were hugely successful with a wide variety of high-quality projects showcasing strong collaboration and delivering significant community benefit. These initiatives along with Cruinniú na nÓg engaged the people of Tipperary with our rich heritage, biodiversity, culture, and creativity. In total 87 projects took place across the county with an impressive 38,549 in audience figures. In total grant funding of over €250,000 was drawn down to support this programme.





- An additional fund of €70,000 was allocated to The Creative Health and Wellbeing project with Helium Arts—delivered in partnership with staff from the HSE, Tipperary County Council, Limerick County Council, Clare County Council, and their respective Healthy Ireland departments—spanned two years and had a profound impact on children and young people with chronic health conditions across the three counties. The programme engaged participants aged 8–12 and 13+ living in the Mid-West through a wide range of creative activities, including painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, clay work, photography, video, animation, design, crafts, collage, model making, 3D construction, and shadow and light play.

Biodiversity Service

- The Heritage Office and Biodiversity office collaborated on a Biodiversity conference which took place on 6th September at the Horse & Jockey Hotel. This event included presentations on Ireland's natural and cultural heritage.

Museum Service

Children's Art Workshops

A series of monthly art workshops for children, facilitated by Evelyn Kelly, were delivered during the fourth quarter:

- 18 October – 15 participants
- 15 November – 15 participants

These workshops provided creative engagement opportunities for young audiences and supported the Museum's educational objectives

Maths Week 2025

From 14–18 October, the Museum hosted a Maths Trail as part of national Maths Week celebrations. Over 250 students from local schools participated, enhancing numeracy skills through interactive heritage-based activities.

Samhain 2025

The Museum marked Samhain with Celtic Art and Design Workshops, delivered by Colin Bolger of Dabulga Design on 24 and 25 October and 8 November. Across multiple sessions, more than 60 participants (adults and children) engaged in traditional craft and design practices.

Guided Tours

Tailored guided tours were provided to a diverse range of groups, including:

- Camphill Community
- National Learning Network
- Irish Wheelchair Association
- Wexford Historical Society
- Multiple local schools

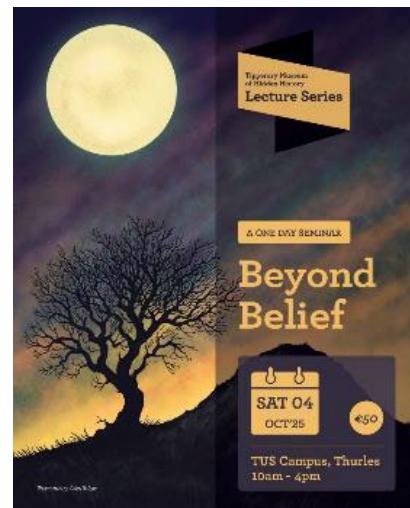


Members of Wexford Historical Society visiting the Museum



- During Science Week 2025, the Tipperary Museum of Hidden History in Clonmel hosted a public lecture on DNA and Genetics, delivered by Dr. Cal Kramer, retired Honorary Associate Professor of Genetics Education (University of Leicester / SETU), on 12 November. The presentation explored recent advancements in genetic research, including gene

testing in elite women's athletics and the application of mitochondrial DNA techniques in disease prevention.



- The 2025/2026 Museum lecture series, entitled "Beyond Belief" continued with a lecture entitled Remembering the Deaf by Michael Fortune on 1st November. This lecture focused on the superstitions, beliefs and practices surrounding death in Ireland.



From L-R. Philip Quinn, Miriam O'Callaghan, Marie McMahon, Damien Dullaghan

- Tipperary Museum of Hidden History was a National Finalist in the National Lottery Good Causes Awards 2025 in the Heritage



category for The “Hands of Heritage” project. This project is now in its fourth year and is a collaborative initiative supported by the Heritage Council’s Heritage Stewardship Grant Scheme and led by Tipperary Museum of Hidden History. The project focuses on preserving and promoting traditional skills through a diverse programme of activities, including artist-led craft workshops in stone carving (Philip Quinn), willow weaving (Lynn Kirkham), and textiles (Leisa Grey). It also incorporates lectures and demonstrations on oral history, vernacular design, and the use of traditional materials, featuring contributors such as Michael Fortune. Community engagement is central to the project, with intergenerational knowledge-sharing in schools and local groups, alongside an emphasis on sustainability and local resources, exemplified by initiatives like community willow planting in Clonmel.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 30th November 2025

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME				NET
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	62,070,348	54,828,212	113%	(7,242,136)	60,323,712	53,219,758	113%	(7,103,954)	(1,746,635)
B	Road Transport & Safety	62,552,884	61,209,737	102%	(1,343,147)	44,388,317	40,638,533	109%	(3,749,784)	(18,164,567)
C	Water Services	12,220,929	13,654,538	90%	1,433,609	10,998,979	13,048,921	84%	2,049,942	(1,221,950)
D	Development Management	23,595,846	24,596,881	96%	1,001,035	11,185,422	11,433,968	98%	248,546	(12,410,424)
E	Environmental Services	44,929,730	58,729,485	77%	13,799,755	25,212,773	37,335,112	68%	12,122,339	(19,716,957)
F	Recreation & Amenity	15,638,440	16,934,762	92%	1,296,322	2,833,969	2,928,265	97%	94,296	(12,804,471)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health &	997,760	1,124,505	89%	126,745	324,793	275,246	118%	(49,547)	(672,967)
H	Miscellaneous Services	15,068,442	17,762,618	85%	2,694,176	19,113,383	21,877,804	87%	2,764,421	4,044,941
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	26,711,562	29,139,885	92%	2,428,323	26,711,561
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	36,050,161	38,943,246	93%	2,893,085	36,050,161
Totals		237,074,379	248,840,738	95%	11,766,359	237,143,071	248,840,738	95%	11,697,667	68,692



Capital Account – Year to Date 30th November 2025

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	40,552,095	38,576,314
B Road Transport & Safety	22,663,687	20,601,512
C Water Services	4,538,091	4,562,707
D Development Management	11,361,473	11,817,649
E Environmental Services	1,779,386	1,093,319
F Recreation & Amenity	2,417,248	1,152,511
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	390,821	124,962
H Miscellaneous Services	1,636,843	1,870,390
Total	85,339,644	79,799,364

Collection Rates	YTD 202511	YTD 202411	YTD 202412
Rates	83%	83%	94%
Rents	96%	89%	94%
Housing Loans	100%	99%	101%



COMMERCIAL RATES

As at 30/11/2025 Rate Accruals for 2025 amounted to **€39,169,752**.

Arrears of **€4,021,231** were brought forward from 2024, giving the total amount to be collected as **€43,190,983**.

Write Offs for Vacancy/Bad Debt have been processed in the amount of **€832,954**.

Receipts of **€35,257,668** were received to 30/11/2025.

RATES PAYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME 2024

2,237 customers benefited from our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme in 2025 to date0, and achieved total reductions in their rates of €390,910.

The terms for our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme for 2025 are: -

- Applied to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €27,500.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 6%, subject to a Maximum of €600, payment of rates must be made in full, by 31st July 2025.
- Customers paying by Direct Debit can avail of the scheme if payment is made by September 2025.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates by the same timelines outlined above, and enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.

Credits under the RPIS will be applied to the bulk of qualifying customers in September.

VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

Commercial Rates remain payable on vacant property. Where a property is vacant on the date of making the rate, owners must notify the local authority and advise that the property is vacant and for letting, or is closed for refurbishment or repair.

Vacancy relief will be applied to qualifying property in accordance with the following scale:

Category	% Relief	% Payment
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000	100%	0%
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	80%	20%
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	60%	40%



RECLASSIFICATION GRANT SCHEME

65 submissions were received under the scheme.

54 Grants were paid, totalling **€271,965**.

This Scheme is now closed.



DIGITAL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IS)

Business and GIS Systems

- New Planning Enforcement System – System development is continuing - Links to I-docs system created.
- CRM Customer Service Desk system upgrade – Analysis ongoing.
- Housing iHouse- Upgraded Live system to version 4.4.3. Installed fix for SSHA Extract. Annual DR Testing took place.
- Electoral Register System - Annual DR Testing took place.
- Document Mgt System (iDocs) – Liaising with LGMA re configuration of iDocs and integration with iHouse. Setting up new iDocs functions and system users to accommodate scanning.

GIS Systems

- Processed AutoCAD Renewals.
- Upgraded GIS layers with data received from external agencies i.e. Tailte Éireann, ESB, Bord Gáis, GeoDirectory, OSI.
- GeoCollect system for rates collection developed on new AGOL.
- Historic Maps imported and added to Planning system in new AGOL.
- Central Property Unit app data migrated, and viewer/digitizer redeveloped in new AGOL.
- Roads application data migrated, and viewer redeveloped in new AGOL.
- Salting route Maps migrated to the new AGOL.
- Vacant Homes Survey Apps migrated to the new AGOL, and new Dashboard created.

Mobile Phones/Billing/General

- Mobile Voice and Data Communications – Prepare new Masterfile for migration of SIMs to Three. Communication plan with council staff underway and identification of defunct mobile SIMS and numbers underway.
- Continued processing mobile phone and telephony billing.
- Continued development of ICT Health and Safety to maintain ISO 45001 status.

Networks, Infrastructure, Phones

- Reduced on-prem Exchange environment to one server in line with mailboxes migrated to 365.
- Segregation of file server complete.
- Migrated the email Archiving system Mailmeter to the cloud.

Video Conferencing

- Upgrade of Thurles Chamber video conferencing completed.
- Begun preparing for migration of Zoom rooms to MS Teams.
- MS Teams licenses assigned to all zoom users and training provided.



Networks

- Secondary Backup site - all Government Network configurations (VRFs) in place at secondary site. Failover connectivity testing carried out.
- Incident Response network being rolled out. SD WAN nodes being procured for Libraries Service approx. 11 sites.



Cloud Data Centre

- Azure pilot complete. Subset of production VMs running in Azure.
- Hybrid cloud sizing business case developed.

Windows 11 Upgrade

- Completed Windows 11 upgrade programme. (Extended warranty put in place).

Cyber Security

- Vulnerability Management across environment progressed.
- Security awareness training continued.
- Carried out Phishing tests.
- Continued to tighten up on privileged access management.
- Cyber recovery solution implementation completed.
- Penetration test to cover Active Directory completed
- Presentation to Senior management team provided.

MS 365

- Migrated mobile devices to new security platform (Intune).
- All Mailboxes migrated to MS 365
- Preparatory work for Teams and OneDrive deployment continuing.
- Preparatory work for SharePoint Online deployment continuing.
- MS Conditional access framework deployed.
- Conditional access policies incrementally being deployed.



- Licenses being provisioned as rollout progresses.
- eLMS procured to support M365 adoption.
- Champions programme being developed to drive adoption.
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Websites and eDevelopment

- Migration process started with Sharepoint Business Systems to MS 365.
- Surveys and data collected on National Digital Strategy target which is to have 90% of relevant services digital by 2030.
- Development of digital platform to support vacant business grant C&E
- Tipperary Tourism Site launched.
- Tipperarysports.ie new site launched.
- Investment & pipeline projects with BI dashboard reports- increase dataset to cover other MDs.
- Developed an Environmental Inspections App in Power App with integrated mapping features.
- All Websites- Ongoing hosting, patching, maintenance, accessibility and development of web services and public consultations

All Teams

- Provided technical support to staff and elected members.
- Continued to manage and support business systems, geographical, social media, phones, desktop, devices.
- Kept our business systems, data, and network safe and secure, and at maximum uptime and performance .
- Performed security patching, application upgrades, system upgrades, systems analysis and end User support.