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Introduction





Cathaoirleach Foreword

Agus muid ag machnamh ar 2022, is onóir agus pléisiúr é an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil seo a chur i láthair thar ceann Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann, a thugann an deis dúinn machnamh a dhéanamh ar ghníomhaíochtaí agus ar ghnóthachtálacha na Comhairle seo thar raon leathan a cuid seirbhíse seachadta. Lean an Chomhairle agus a páirtithe leasmhara ar aghaidh le ról ceannasach a ghlacadh chun forbairt eacnamaíoch, shóisialta agus pobail an chontae a chothú.

Friday 24th June 2022 was a particularly special and proud day for me and my family, in being elected unopposed as the 9th Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, at our Annual Meeting held in St. Paul's Community Centre, Clogheen, my first time representing the people of Tipperary as Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council.

On being elected, my main focus was to help facilitate the ongoing development of Community and Economic Development within Tipperary, two areas close to my heart, so on reflection, it is encouraging to see the increased activity in the areas of job creation, Tourism and community development projects during 2022 notwithstanding the challenges posed for the Council, responding to the post Covid-19 pandemic in addition to the energy crisis, recruitment constraints and the impacts of the conflict in Ukraine. This was achieved with the continuation of remote working for a brief period at the start of 2022 before the introduction of blended working towards the end of the year. Hybrid Council meetings were also facilitated to enable full participation by all Members, staff and others who could link in remotely as required.

The Council continued to enhance the infrastructure, facilities and services which are vitally important in making our everyday lives easier and more enjoyable. Active travel, housing delivery and community/arts supports have been at the forefront of much of that, alongside the ongoing maintenance of the many open spaces, parks, rivers and lakeside amenities which we are lucky to have in the Premier County.

Tipperary County Council continued to organise and support major festivals and events in 2022 in addition to working in partnership with other organisations to showcase the county. I had the privilege to meet communities and individuals across Tipperary and wider afield, and to attend Civil War commemoration events celebrating the past and other events showcasing the rich talents that are in such abundance in our Premier County. My tenure as Cathaoirleach allowed me to see first-hand the tremendous and valuable work that the many voluntary and community-based groups and organisations across the county carry out for the betterment of their communities.

I would also like to compliment the various towns and villages that achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the National Tidy Towns competition celebrating 65 years of transforming communities. The saying 'ní neart go cur le chéile' which means unity is our strength, really sums up what tidy towns is all about and shows the power of community and how collective small actions can make a big difference towards ensuring our communities are more sustainable places to live, work and play for generations to come.

I was also delighted to represent the Council at the IPB Pride of Place awards ceremony in Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin 4 with the Tipperary Town Men's shed winning a special award under the Community Wellbeing Initiative category.

Other Personal highlights attended during the year included;

- The Turning of the Sod for the new Shannon River Crossing Bridge, Killaloe Bypass and R494 Improvement Scheme on 3rd November 2022. The project is a unique opportunity to open up East Clare and North West Tipperary to international and national tourism and compliments the investment in the Lough Derg region as a major attraction in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.
- Honouring a pioneering Tipperary woman, Ms. Aileen Cust as the first Female Vet at Mount Bellew Agricultural college during August 2022
- The launch of the film documentary 'Tipperary Glove Factories Remembered' at the Tipperary Excel which traces the gloving industry in Tipperary Town from its beginning in the early 1890's to the 1970's.
- The visit of the International Rose of Tralee Tour and a delegation of sixteen roses led by Tipperary Rose Aisling O'Donovan to Tipperary on 13th & 14th August shining a spotlight on the premier county as part of their tour of Ireland. The visit secured significant press coverage both within Ireland and internationally.
- The hosting of the GUL World Fireball Championship by the Dromineer Yacht Club Lough Derg Yacht Club Regatta during August 2022
- The Munster Vales five-year anniversary event and launch of a new logo in the Cashel Palace Hotel in October 2022.
- Tipperary Business Awards held in Hotel Minella on 7th October 2022.
- The National Age Friendly Recognition Awards held in Dromoland Castle on 27th October 2022 with the Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO event for Older people winning the Age Friendly Community Innovation Award.

During 2022, the Council had the pleasure of welcoming a number of important dignitaries namely,

- The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall on the occasion of their Royal visit to Tipperary on Friday 25th March 2022 to experience the rich culture, stunning scenery and iconic ancient sites of Cahir Castle and the Rock of Cashel;
- The Dutch Ambassador, Dr Adriaan Palm to South Tipperary on Friday 27th May 2022
- The Moldovan Ambassador, Her Excellency Mrs Larissa Miculeta to Nenagh on Monday 28th November 2022.

Visits were also made by the Taoiseach Michael Martin, Tánaiste Leo Varadkar, Minister for Further & Higher Education Simon Harris and other Ministers of State during 2022.

The Council continued with its new format for the conferral of Civic Receptions to honour those persons or groups that have represented the whole County and have achieved unique national or international success in the field of sport, culture, academe, science, politics or other area and during 2022, the Council were delighted to honour

- Liam Fleming in recognition of his outstanding voluntary contribution to society in founding the Siúl Eile social enterprise programme, helping communities come together to develop a sustainable walking culture in their local community
- Tipperary Minor Hurling Team and Management in recognition and appreciation of the distinction earned in winning the "All Ireland Minor Hurling Championship 2022" and in so doing bringing honour to the County of Tipperary.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, for his guidance and support throughout the year. Finally, thank you also to all the staff of the Council at all levels, indoor and outdoor, for their tremendous efforts in continuing to provide a wide range of services during these challenging times.

Sincere thanks to the team in Corporate Services for their assistance to me in guiding the important work of our Council during the past year.

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

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors in Tipperary County Council for their invaluable support during my term as Cathaoirleach. A special word of thanks to my Leas-Cathaoirleach, Noel Coonan, and Councillor Marie Murphy who presided as the previous Cathaoirleach.

Go leanfaimid ag obair le chéile a chuirfidh le dul chun cinn Thiobraid Árann anois agus amach anseo.

Cllr Roger Kennedy,
Cathaoirleach.



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Message from Chief Executive, Joe MacGrath

I am pleased to join with the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Roger Kennedy in presenting this Annual Report, which is the Council's ninth report since the establishment of Tipperary County Council in mid 2014.

The year under review presented many challenges including the post-COVID pandemic, an energy crisis which resulted in escalating costs across all our services and the need to provide safe and secure accommodation for those arriving in our county due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and other locations. This report highlights the Council's efforts to deliver major projects, provide essential services, maintain vital infrastructure and work towards improving quality of living in our towns and villages. Prioritising community engagement and civic leadership were key to achieving outcomes during the year.

This Annual Report presents the Council's achievements across our strategic themes of Economy, Environment, Community and People, all of which contribute to making Tipperary an attractive, inclusive, and inviting place in which to live, work, invest, and visit. We continue to seek to realise our vision for the County, to build a more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive Tipperary, to address climate change whilst also meeting the demands of a growing population and to stimulate local economic growth. Tipperary County Council has needed to be innovative in how we deliver the best possible outcomes for our communities within an ever-changing environment and in terms of demonstrating our civic leadership.



Working with our public and private sector partners, I am pleased to report on the many achievements across our four strategic themes, in particular:

OUR ECONOMY

- The adoption of the first all-county Tipperary Development Plan, a major six-year strategy for the period 2022-2028.
- Significant progress on projects funded under Project Ireland 2040: Regeneration and Development such as the Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration plan, Liberty Square Enhancement scheme, Nenagh Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, Tipperary Town Regeneration River Ara Walkway, Fethard Town Park and Templemore Town Hall Enterprise & Cultural centre;
- €30.8 million allocated to three Tipperary towns, Carrick-on-Suir, Cahir and Roscrea, under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF);
- Appointment of a Town Regeneration Officer to deliver a Town Centre First plan for Roscrea;
- Approval to the development of an integrated College of the Future within the vacated Kickham Barracks site in Clonmel;
- Tipperary is one of 6 Regional Hubs funded through the European Research Executive Agency for the promotion of Bioeconomy in EU rural areas;
- 238 new jobs created by Tipperary Local Enterprise Office (LEO), the second highest performer on gross & net jobs created during 2022;
- National Primary Road improvements such as the commencement of works on the N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement scheme, N74 Ballyhusty Re-alignment, N76 Grangemockler village pavement scheme and the completion of N62 Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South pavement scheme;
- Strategic Non-National Road Projects with the turning of the sod on the Ballina/Killaloe By-Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement scheme with Clare County Council as Lead Authority.
- Active Travel projects totalling €7.47m improving cycling and walking infrastructure;
- 1,400,000m² of surface dressing completed throughout the county;
- 8,000 new users added to the Tipperary e-Parking cashless parking system;
- 7 housing estates taken in charge;
- The visit of the International Rose of Tralee to Tipperary during August shining a spotlight on the Premier County;
- Destination Lough Derg supported three world class events on the Lake
 - Gul World Fireball Championships
 - Field Exchange, an educational and artistic programme of events on sustainable farming at Brookfield Farm
 - Quest Lough Derg
- Work commenced on the re-development of our website to make it more interactive and engaging for our citizens, to enable them to have their say in helping shape the future of the County and the development of a new homepage to incorporate the new Tipperary Tourism Brand;



OUR ENVIRONMENT

- The installation of 32 Solar powered compacting Litter Bins;
- Commencement of preparatory work on the new County Climate Action Plan;
- The progression of transfer of waste from the Shannon Vermicomposting facility in Rathcabbín to Ballaghveny Landfill;
- Reduction of Environmental complaints by 15%;
- The commissioning of a new Community Virtual Power Plant in Thurles;
- Watermain Rehabilitation completed at Carrick-on-Suir and Father Matthew Street, Tipperary;
- The trialled use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) in a number of Council owned vans & tipper trucks instead of conventional diesel;
- Tipperary had 37% of its lighting stock as LED lights at end of 2022;
- 600 Street Lights installed under the Smart Space Project in Thurles, Clonoulty and Drangan to enhance energy efficiency and reduce CO2 emissions;

OUR COMMUNITY

- The set up and establishment of Rest Centres in both Clonmel & Littleton in response to the Ukrainian Refugee crisis;
- 320 Local Authority dwellings allocated tenancies;
- Launch of the Choice Based Lettings system - a dedicated website for approved housing applicants to submit an expression of interest on a dwelling in which they are interested;
- 124 vacant dwellings completed under the Voids programme, reducing vacancy levels from 2.8% to 1.8% at the end of 2022;
- 1,700 active HAP tenancies and a total of 5,410 Local Authority Social dwellings at end of 2022;
- The introduction of the 'Our Front Door' model of emergency accommodation, aimed at reducing reliance on B & B's as the primary method of providing emergency accommodation providing a more holistic approach to homeless presentations;
- 91 Community groups and 1,073 individuals supported through the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme;
- Tipperary Age Friendly was one of 27 projects shortlisted for the National Age Friendly Recognition awards & won the Age Friendly Community Innovation Award;
- Launch of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme, Clonmel. One of 19 designated national locations;
- A ceremony of recognition of the valuable contribution from volunteers in Tipperary as a community response to the Covid-19 Emergency Response was held in the TUS campus, Thurles;
- Tipperary Sports Partnership delivered over 2018 initiatives, programmes, events and courses with over 11,000 participants engaged, including 856 participants with disabilities, 8,799 young people and 1,364 adults;
- Blueway accreditation for the Suir Blueway and the Lough Derg Blueway – the first Blueway's in the world to achieve this official accreditation, which designates our Blueway's as Best in class destination for water based and water side activities;
- 273,000 visits to Libraries and 308,000 Books issued;
- Launch of the Civil War 'Untold Stories' exhibition;
- Design Team appointed for the new Clonmel Library;

OUR PEOPLE

- Over 29,000 customer queries and 14,331 telephone calls answered and 112 media queries dealt with;
- 147 Freedom of Information requests, 20 Subject Access request, 31 Ombudsman queries and 25 AIE requests processed during 2022;
- 71 Recruitment competitions organised;
- 29 staff members funded for third level courses;
- Public Sector Duty Executive Summary published in Arabic, Polish and Portuguese;
- The introduction of a system of Blended Working to enable staff to alternate between office and other locations including the home, where appropriate;
- The upgrading of our video conferencing facilities in both Civic offices in Clonmel & Nenagh and also in each of our Municipal Districts to facilitate hybrid Council meetings;

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Members of the Council, the Corporate Policy Group, members of the Strategic Policy and other Committees and, in particular, the work of our five Municipal Districts for their continued input and insights towards the delivery of our essential public services during the year. My thanks to the team in Corporate Services for their work in compiling this Report.

My sincere thanks also to the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Roger Kennedy for his commitment, dedication and enthusiasm to the position during 2022, our Leas-Cathaoirleach Councillor Noel Coonan, the Municipal District Cathaoirligh, Councillors David Dunne, Michael Anglim, Hughie McGrath, Peggy Ryan and Mayor Pat English for their ongoing support and assistance during the year.

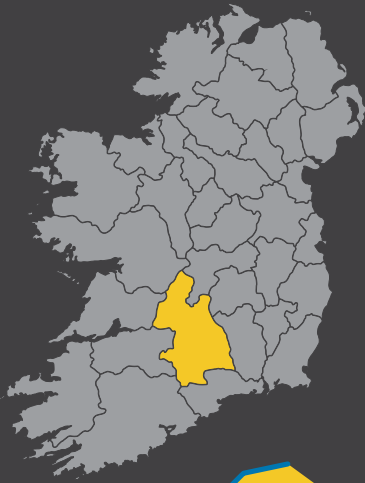
My sincere appreciation to all the staff of Tipperary County Council across the county, for adapting along with us in meeting the many challenges we faced together as we sought to deliver better and more efficient services to our communities. I wish, in particular, to also acknowledge the work of three members of our Senior Management Team, all of whom served as Directors of Services with Tipperary County Council, who retired during the year; Mr. Pat Slattery, Ms. Clare Curley and Mr. Karl Cashen. My sincere thanks to all three for their commitment and dedication to the Council over their many years of service to the county.

I am pleased to recommend this report for adoption by the Elected Members and I look forward to all of us working together for the future of Tipperary in 2023.

Joe MacGrath
Chief Executive



Of the 32 counties Tipperary County is



6th

largest by
area

11th

largest by
population

4,282km²

167,895

(preliminary figure 2022)



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

LOUGH DERG

Arra Hills

M7

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

Silvermine Mountains

KEY ARTERIAL ROUTES

Dublin: M7, M8
Waterford: N24

Train lines:
Dublin & Waterford



Tipperary
Population

84,256
FEMALE

83,639
MALE

NEWPORT

is the fastest growing town. The population increased **10.5%** between 2011 & 2016.



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

M8

THE GOLDEN VALE

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

Galtees Mountains

N24

KEY ARTERIAL ROUTES

Limerick: M7, N24
Cork: M8

Train lines:
Cork & Limerick



3,904
Dual Irish Citizens
in Tipperary

Knockmealdown Mountains

CLONMEL

is the largest town in the county, with a population of over 17,000 people.

Vision Statement

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





FIONA BONFIELD
LABOUR PARTY



GERARD DARCY
FINE GAEL



HUGHIE McGRATH
NON-PARTY



JOE HANNIGAN
NON-PARTY



JOHN CARROLL
FIANNA FÁIL



JOHN ROCKY McGRATH
NON-PARTY



MICHAEL O'MEARA
NON-PARTY



PHYLL BUGLER
FINE GAEL



SEAMUS MORRIS
NON-PARTY



ANDY MOLONEY
NON-PARTY



ANNEMARIE RYAN
NON-PARTY



DECLAN BURGESS
FINE GAEL



JOHN CROSSE
FINE GAEL



MÁIRÍN McGRATH
NON-PARTY



MARIE MURPHY
FINE GAEL



MARY HANNA HOURIGAN
FINE GAEL



MICHEÁL ANGLIM
FIANNA FÁIL



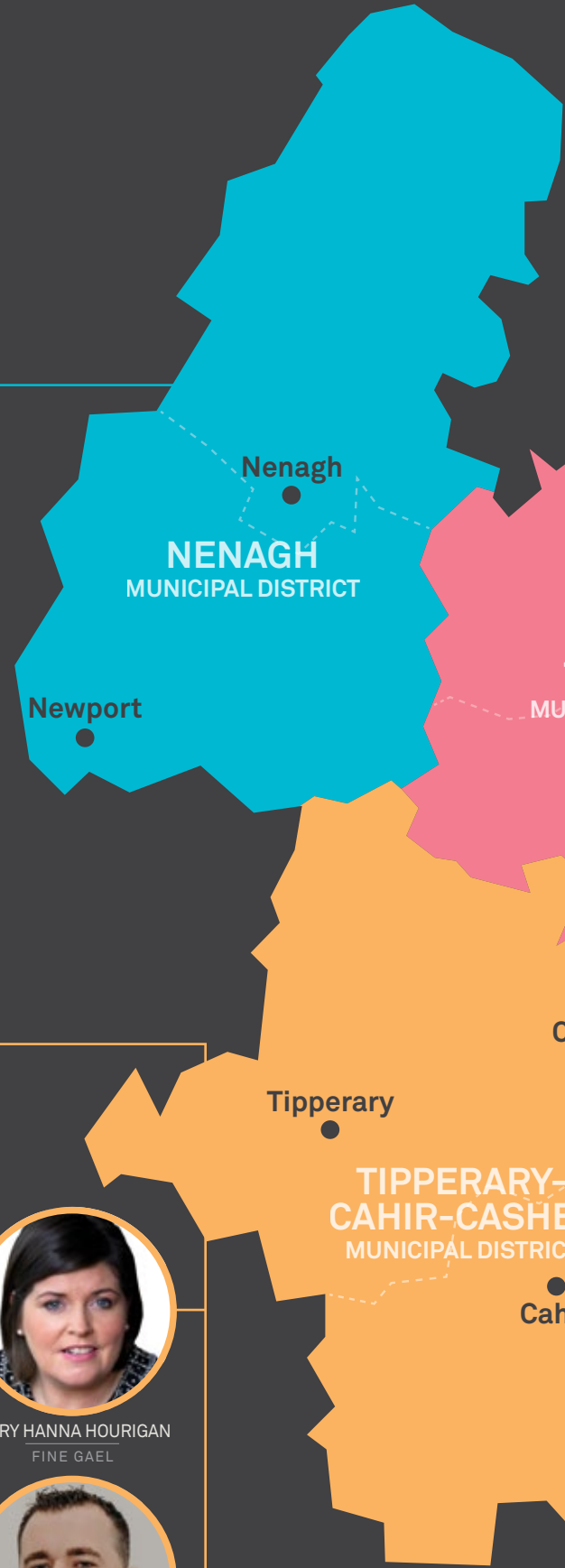
MICHAEL FITZGERALD
FINE GAEL

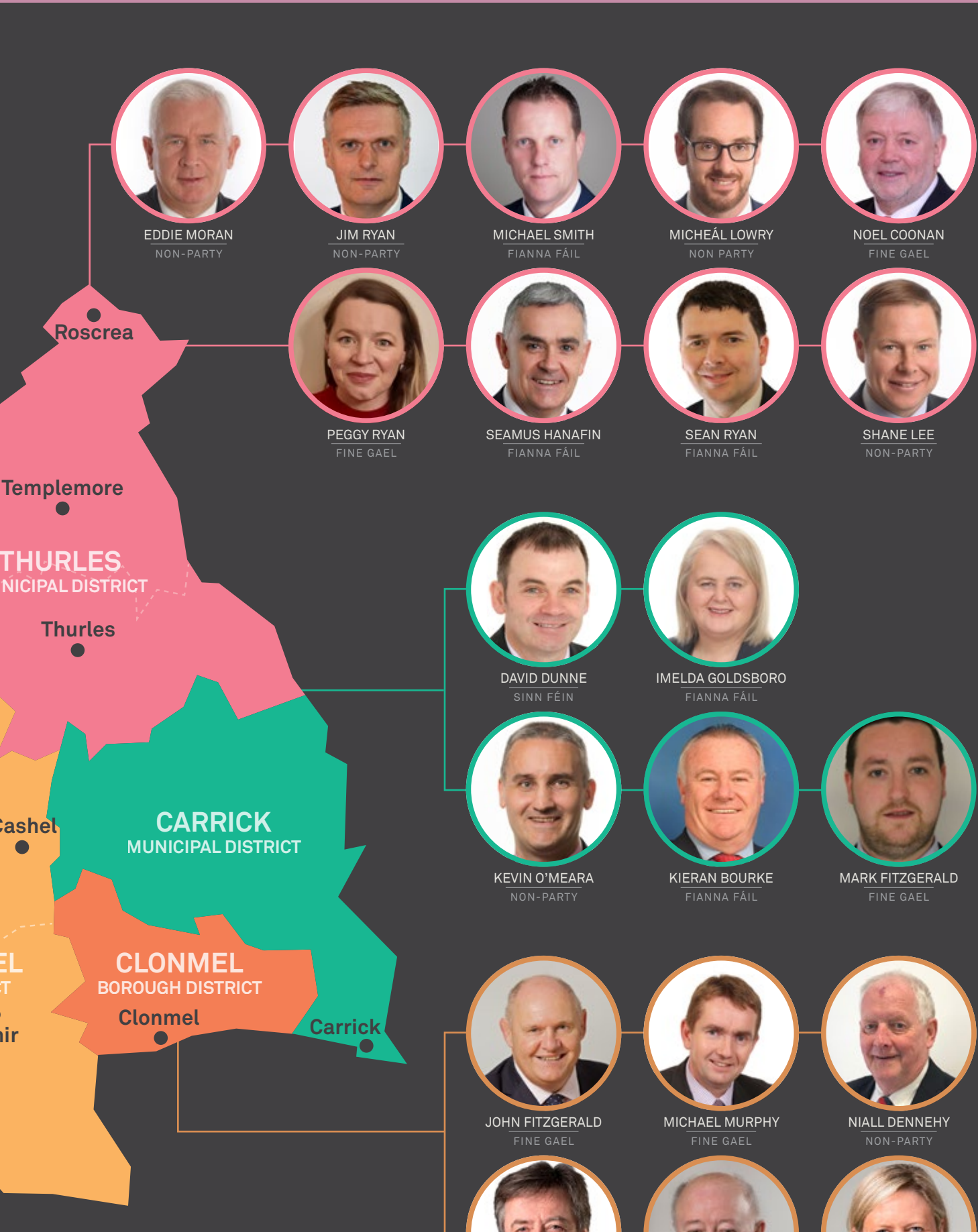


ROGER KENNEDY
FIANNA FÁIL



TONY BLACK
SINN FÉIN





MEMBERS OF TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL



EDDIE MORAN
NON-PARTY



JIM RYAN
NON-PARTY



MICHAEL SMITH
FIANNA FÁIL



MICHEÁL LOWRY
NON PARTY



NOEL COONAN
FINE GAEL



PEGGY RYAN
FINE GAEL



SEAMUS HANAFIN
FIANNA FÁIL



SEAN RYAN
FIANNA FÁIL



SHANE LEE
NON-PARTY



DAVID DUNNE
SINN FÉIN



IMELDA GOLDSBORO
FIANNA FÁIL



KEVIN O'MEARA
NON-PARTY



KIERAN BOURKE
FIANNA FÁIL



MARK FITZGERALD
FINE GAEL



JOHN FITZGERALD
FINE GAEL



MICHAEL MURPHY
FINE GAEL



NIALL DENNEHY
NON-PARTY



PAT ENGLISH
WUAG



RICHIE MOLLOY
NON-PARTY



SIOBHÁN AMBROSE
FIANNA FÁIL



Senior Management Team

MR. JOE MACGRATH

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



MS. SINEAD CARR

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions
Housing Services

Delegated MD: Clonmel
Directorate: Clonmel



Karl Cashen
Retired 4th
December 2022

MR. KARL CASHEN

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES / DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Directorate Functions
Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) - National
Directorate: Nenagh



Clare Curley
Retired 30th
September 2022

MS. CLARE CURLEY

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions
Corporate, Human Resources, Climate
Action & Environmental Services

Directorate: Clonmel



BRIAN BECK

ACTING DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions
Emergency Services, Health &
Safety, Library & Cultural Services

Delegated MD: Carrick-on-Suir
Directorate: Nenagh



EAMON LONERGAN

ACTING DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions
Planning, Water Services

Delegated MD: Thurles Municipal District
Directorate: Nenagh



MR. LIAM MCCARTHY

HEAD OF FINANCE

Directorate Functions
Finance, Information Technology,
Motor Taxation & Shared Services
Directorate: Nenagh



MR. MARCUS O'CONNOR

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions
Roads, Transportation, Infrastructure
Delegated MD: Nenagh
Directorate: Nenagh



Pat Slattery
Retired 12th
September 2022

MR. PAT SLATTERY

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions
Economic & Community Development
Delegated MD: Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel
Directorate: Clonmel



MS. ROSEMARY JOYCE

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Nenagh Municipal District



MR. GER WALSH

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Corporate Services

Delegated Functions Framework from 5th December 2022

Director of Services/ Head of Finance	Directorate Functions	District Function
Sinead Carr	Housing, Ukrainian Refugee Accommodation Response. Deputy Chief Executive	Clonmel Borough District
Liam McCarthy	Finance, Information Technology, Motor Taxation.	
Marcus O'Connor	Roads and Transportation, Active Travel, Health and Safety.	Nenagh Municipal District
Eamon Lonergan	Environment and Climate Action, Water Services, Human Resources. (see note below)	Thurles Municipal District
Anthony Coleman	Shared National Local Authority Service: Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO)	Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District
Stephane Duclot	Planning and Development (including Town Centre First and Just Transition), Emergency Services and Emergency Planning, Libraries/Cultural Services/Biodiversity.	
Brian Beck (A)	Economic, Community and Rural Development. Corporate Services.(see note below)	Carrick on Suir District

Note: on the transfer of management responsibility for Water Services to Irish Water under the "Framework for the Future Delivery of Water Services", the Corporate Services function will be assigned to the Environment and Climate Action/Human Resources Directorate.



Annual Meeting Of Tipperary County Council 2022

The Annual Meeting of Tipperary County Council was held in St Pauls Community Centre, Clogheen, at 11 A.M. on Friday 24th June 2022.

On the day Cllr Roger Kennedy was elected Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council for the year 2022-2023 and Cllr Noel Coonan was elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach for the term.



Cathaoirleach Cllr Roger Kennedy



Cathaoirleach Cllr Roger Kennedy – Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Noel Coonan



Tipperary County Council Members along with Chief Executive Joe MacGrath and Meetings Administrator Ger Walsh



Our Economy



Roads & Transportation

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

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

The Infrastructure SPC (Roads, Transportation and Water Services) was established following the Local Elections 2019 and held four meetings in 2022.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Councillors

- Cllr. Michael O'Meara (Chair),
- Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald,
- Cllr. Micheál Anglim,
- Cllr. Kieran Bourke,
- Cllr. Hughie McGrath,
- Cllr. David Dunne,
- Cllr. Declan Burgess,
- Cllr. Kevin O'Meara,
- Cllr. Jim Ryan,
- Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald

Sectoral/Pillars

Public Participation Network Representatives:

- Mr. Ger Shanahan,
- Mr. Brian Pope,
- Mr. Liam Browne

Agriculture & Farming:

- Mr. Peter Farrell

Business, Commercial and Tourism:

- Ms. Michelle Aylward

Development Construction:

- Mr. Seán Reidy

Trade Union

- Mr. Philip Brett

Policy and discussion items included:

- Road Grant Allocations & Programmes 2022.

- Pull in bays on certain roads in the county (referral from Plenary meeting).
- Age Friendly Parking Spaces - review.
- Update on Water Services in County Tipperary
 - Transformation to Irish Water; and
 - Developments in County Tipperary.
- Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project - RMO National project update.
- N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction - Preferred Transport Solution
- Review of Public Lighting Policy.
- Clonmel Flood Relief Scheme
- Vehicle Activation Signage, Pilot Scheme. A review of their effectiveness as a traffic calming measure
- Tipperary Greenway Projects

COUNTY TIPPERARY ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Lengths in Municipal Areas (per km)

National

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

Regional, Local and Tertiary

Regional	276.69	154.90	58.87	272.18	135.55	898.18
Local Primary	494.74	487.98	130.00	547.00	244.00	1903.72
Local Secondary	453.66	398.86	67.03	537.27	258.30	1715.12
Local Tertiary	260.86	242.46	98.05	321.92	131.25	1054.54
Total	1485.95	1284.20	353.95	1678.37	769.10	5571.56

Totals

Overall Total including Motorways	1577.33	1374.57	388.42	1773.88	796.09	5910.28
Overall Total excluding Motorways	1538.33	1336.57	388.42	1734.88	790.09	5788.28

SUMMARY OF ROAD GRANTS 2022

National Roads 2022 Allocations:

Improvement	€ 8,342,000
Maintenance	€ 836,085
Greenways	€ 640,000
Total	€ 9,818,085

Non-National Roads 2022 Allocations:

This category caters for Regional and Local Roads. The maintenance and improvement of these roads in 2022 was funded by the Department of Transport, in addition to the Council's own resources.

The Council received grants for non-national roads amounting to €32,036,979 in 2022, as follows:

Discretionary Maintenance	€4,789,500
Restoration Maintenance (incl. Supplementary RM)	€4,715,150
Restoration Improvement	€17,018,860
Bridge Rehabilitation	€857,298
Safety Improvement Works	€672,690
Drainage Works	€1,256,603
Cycling signs	€9,000
SRLR: R498 Latteragh Upgrade	€120,000
SRLR: Thurles Inner Relief Road	€30,000
Specific Improvement Scheme - Clonbeg Bridge	€20,000
PSCI Survey Support 2021	€44,000
Climate Change Adaptation Projects	€928,303
Training Grant	€129,500
Former National Roads	€450,000
Community Involvement Schemes	€983,400
Speed Limits (Housing Area Signage)	€7,075
Speed Limits (Rural Speed Limit Signage)	€5,600
Total Regional and Local Road Allocations 2022:	€32,036,979
Own Resources Allocation 2022	€8,135,256

The Discretionary Grant of €4,789,500 was used to supplement the Council's own resources for ordinary maintenance of Regional and Local roads. The Council's own resources allocation was €8,135,256.

Major Capital Schemes

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

Major Road Improvement Scheme

- N24 Waterford to Limerick:

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

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

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

N24 Waterford to Cahir:

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

- **Phase 1:** Concept & Feasibility, was completed April 2021.
- **Phase 2:** Options selection commenced in 2021 and options were announced on 3 May 2022. Phase 2 is due to be completed in 2023. This will announce a Proposed Transport Solution and open a Public Consultation process on same.

N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction:

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

- **Phase 1:** Concept and Feasibility, was completed in September 2020. The 'Transport Options and Alternatives' Public Consultation took place between 25 June and 6 August 2021.
- **Phase 2:** Options selection was completed and a Preferred Transport Solution was announced 23 May 2022.
- **Phase 3:** Design and Environmental Evaluation Processes has commenced. This will define land take required for the preferred option. Design Update No. 1 took place on 23 January 2023.



Cahir to Limerick Junction Study Area, Project Website www.n24cahirlimerick.ie

National Primary and National Secondary Routes

Works were planned and carried out on National Primary and National Secondary routes during 2022 as follows:

National Primary Road Improvements

- N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Scheme - This scheme involves the rehabilitation of a total of 3.5 km of pavement on the N24 national route in county Tipperary. Preliminary design work was completed in 2019, Public Consultation and Part 8 were completed in 2020. The scheme was tendered in May 2022 with the Contract awarded to GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd in July 2022 and Works commenced in September 2022. The Contract Period for the Works is 90 weeks and good progress has been made to date. The Works involve extensive traffic management which is operated in phases.



Newly surfaced section of N24 Carrick on Suir

- N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town - The Fr Mathew Street element of the scheme is at tender stage and construction will commence in Q2/Q3 2023.
- N24 Knockagh Roundabout - This project involves pavement rehabilitation and improvement to geometry over a 1km section directly to the east of Knockagh Roundabout. This project will be submitted for Part 8 Planning approval in early 2023. Separately, surface texture improvements are to be carried out on the roundabout carriageway and approaches by the TII MMarc maintenance contractor in early 2023 in advance of the 1km scheme.

National Secondary Road Improvement

- N62 Thurles Outer Bypass – the route for this scheme was selected in 2011 and a reserved corridor put in place. TCC wishes for it to be included in the next National Development Plan.
- N62 Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South - this scheme involved the rehabilitation of approximately 3.9km of pavement on the N62 National Secondary road from Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South. The scheme was completed in 2022.



N62 Kilnoe (M8) Pavement Scheme

- N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel Thurles - this scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme is at preliminary design stage and is expected to commence construction in Q4 2023.
- N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvement Scheme - this scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves road pavement improvement works and addresses road safety issues; renewal, widening and extension of footpaths in the village; public lighting and public realm improvements. The Preliminary Design stage has commenced. Land acquisition for footpath widening and extension works is currently underway. It is expected that preliminary design work will be completed and an application to An Bord Pleanála made in Q4 2023.
- N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge – This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has sought approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design.

- N74 Golden to Knockroe Pavement Improvement Scheme - this scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74. The scheme is located approximately 4km west of Cashel Town and is at tender stage. Funding has been made available and the scheme will commence construction in Q2 2023.
- N74 Ballyhusty Realignment - this scheme involves the realignment of approximately 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. A public tender was advertised in 2021 and the contract awarded to Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Contractors Ltd. Work commenced in February 2022 and was scheduled to take 15 months. The scheme has now reached Substantial Completion and is entering the maintenance and snagging phase which continues for a further 12 months.



N74 Ballyhusty during construction in 2022

- N62 Slievenamon Road, Thurles - Phase 2 - This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The works consist primarily of planning and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs and public realm improvements. Mott MacDonald Ireland, Consultants, were appointed to carry out the design work. The preliminary design and Part 8 process is completed. Detailed design will commence in 2023.
- N76 Grangemockler Village Pavement Scheme - this scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of national road through the village of Grangemockler. The project includes road safety measures, improved footpaths and landscaping. This scheme was advertised through public tender and the Contract was awarded in June 2022 to GLAS Civil Engineering Limited. The Contract Period is 12 months and good progress is being made.



N76 Grangemockler works in progress

Strategic Non-National Road Projects

- Thurles Inner Relief Road - this is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road, Thurles. This scheme is on the National Development Plan and Department of Transport 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 their new store. The next step is to secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road Project and to finalise land acquisition.
- R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends - this project involves a Compulsory Purchase Order. RPS Consultants are appointed to complete the detailed design, procure and supervise a works Contractor. The detailed design is currently underway and it is anticipated that a Contractor will be appointed and works commenced in Q1 2024.
- Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme - Clare County Council is lead authority. John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. are appointed as main Contractor. Works commenced on site in August 2022 and the scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.



Shannon Bridge Crossing



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Active Travel Investment Programme

In 2022 Tipperary County Council received an allocation of €6.66m to improve cycling and walking infrastructure throughout the county. Works to the value of €7.47m were completed in 2022.

Funding was allocated under the following project headings:

Active Travel: 2022 Allocations: Tipperary County Council		
Project Code	Project Name	2022 Allocation
TCC/21/0002	Irishtown Walking and Cycling Route, Clonmel	€20,000
TCC/21/0003	Coleville Road Footpath Improvement Scheme	€150,000
TCC/21/0004	Abbey Rd to Marlfield Footpath Improvement Scheme	€50,000
TCC/21/0005	N52 Footpath/Cycle track Lighting Scheme	€110,000
TCC/21/0006	New/Improved Pedestrian & Cycle Schemes: Including works in Nenagh, Cashel, Thurles & Roscrea	€560,000
TCC/21/0007	New Footpaths Package A: Including works in Killusty, Kilcash, Nenagh, Portroe & Newport	€30,000
TCC/21/0008	New Footpaths Package B: Including works in Cashel, Ballyporeen, Ardfinnan, Clogheen, Donaskeigh, Hollyford & Toem	€270,000
TCC/21/0009	New Footpaths Package C: Including works in Castleiney, Loughmore, Upperchurch, Benamore & Thurles	€145,000
TCC/21/0010	New Footpaths Package D: Including works in Killenaule, Cloneen & Mullinahone	€400,000
TCC/21/0011	Footpath Improvements Package A: Including works in Cloughjordan, Cahir, Cashel, Tipperary Town, Ballagh, Cappawhite, Dundrum & Cullen	€265,000
TCC/21/0012	Footpath Improvements Package B: Including works in Tipperary Town, Clogheen Village, Borrisoleigh, Roscrea & Carrick Beg	€230,000
TCC/21/0014	Light Segregation Cycle Schemes	€250,000
TCC/21/0015	Low Cost Junction Tightening/ Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	€90,000
TCC/21/0016	Low-Cost Permeability Measures	€80,000
TCC/21/0017	Safe to Schools Programme - Support Infrastructure	€100,000

Active Travel: 2022 Allocations: Tipperary County Council		
Project Code	Project Name	2022 Allocation
TCC/21/0018	Transport Studies/Mobility Plans: Towns including Nenagh, mThurles & Clonmel	€530,601
TCC/21/0020	Fethard Walkway	€150,000
TCC/22/0004	N24 Cycle Scheme, Clonmel	€60,000
TCC/22/0020	Convent Road, Clonmel	€100,000
TCC/22/0005	Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	€50,000
TCC/22/0006	Cashel Road, Clonmel	€50,000
TCC/22/0007	Clonmel MD – Minor Footpath Schemes	€280,000
TCC/22/0022	Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	€100,000
TCC/22/0008	R445 Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	€100,000
TCC/22/0009	Riverstown Active Travel Scheme	€215,000
TCC/22/0010	Ballina Active Travel Scheme	€50,000
TCC/22/0024	Nenagh MD – Minor Footpath schemes	€180,000
TCC/22/0021	Ardfinnan Bridge	€220,000
TCC/22/0012	Supervalu Junction, Cahir	€20,000
TCC/22/0013	Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD – Minor Footpath Schemes	€400,000
TCC/22/0014	Bowes Corner Junction Improvement Scheme	€500,000
TCC/22/0015	Thurles MD – Minor Footpath Schemes	€180,000
TCC/22/0016	Clairin Footbridge	€100,000
TCC/22/0017	Carrick On Suir Active Travel Scheme	€80,000
TCC/22/0023	Carrick MD – Minor Footpath Schemes	€151,000
TCC/22/0018	Tipperary County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs	€350,000
TCC/22/0019	Cycle Parking	€50,000
TOTAL		€6,666,601

A sample of some of the Active Travel Projects implemented in Tipperary is provided below:

Donaskeagh National School Active Travel project:

The installation of footpaths and front of school treatment at Donaskeagh National School:



Riverstown Active Travel project:

Provision of 940m of footpath, lighting and cycle lane from Riverstown Village to Killeen National School:



Pedestrian Crossing Ballynonty:

New Pedestrian Crossing in vicinity of Perry's Garage to allow pedestrians and children to cross to Community Field, and bottle-banks:



Ardfinnan Bus Stop:

Bus shelter and new pedestrian crossing provided in Ardfinnan Village:



Provision of cycle parking within the county: Cahir



Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads

A sum of €672,690 was spent on Safety Improvement Works at a number of locations on Regional and Local Roads throughout the county during 2022. Works took place at the following locations:

- R691 Quinlan's Cross Dualla
- R692 Mocklershill Kilconnell
- R503/R498 Kilcommon/Newport
- L3211 Roadstown Junction
- R688-4 Mocklerstown
- R688 Rosegreen village
- L-7410-2 Doon Bridge
- L-1315 Ballinree Cashel
- R687 TCC Lough Kent
- L-4133 Gortkelly
- R493 Claree Puckane
- R662 Toor Kilross
- L-6172-13 Glenariesk Junction Cross Roads

Community Involvement Schemes

The Community Involvement Scheme refers to the upgrading and improvement of local roads where residents contribute 10% of the cost of the works.

A total of 16 schemes were completed in 2022 across the Districts. Grant funding in the sum of €983,400 was received from the Department of Transport in 2022 under this scheme.

Local Improvement Schemes

In accordance with the Local Improvement Scheme Memorandum of February 2002, improvement works can be carried out on private/non-public roads.

There must be more than one landowner on the LIS road and the road must be open to the public. A local contribution is an integral part of the LIS scheme and it varies from 10% to 15% depending on the number of residences on the road. A total of 20 schemes were completed in 2022 as part of the first Round of funding and 15 schemes were completed as part of Round 2 funding across all Districts. Grant funding in the sum of €1,125,773 was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

CLÁR 2022

CLÁR funding of €104,000 was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development for three Measure 1 projects completed in 2022:

- St. Patrick's NS, Drangan
- St. Brigid's NS, Donaskeagh
- Carrig/Riverstown GAA Community Car Park

Bridge Rehabilitation Works

The sum of €857,298 was spent in 2022 on bridge rehabilitation works in several locations across the county including:

- Gas House Bridge R674
- Cappa Old Bridge L31024
- Shanballyedmond L2115 0
- Lisvarrinane Culvert L83272
- Tour Bridge, Rearcross L2162
- Brenormore, Glenaskeagh L6418-0
- Kilclonagh Moyne L-4253
- Faranaleen Bridge Moyglass L5413 0
- Tubrid Bridge L3409 1
- Pallashill, Clonmore L8037
- Cooleagh Bridge, Ballinure L5404 0
- Kilganny Bridge L3404
- Goulds Cross Woodford Bridge L1294
- Annaghbeg Bridge
- Ballykinalee Culvert
- Barna L51081



Bridge on Lingaun River at Brenormore near Slievenamon



Bridge Rehabilitation Works at Kilclonagh, Moyne

The 2022 Bridge Allocation of €15,000 was used to repair and point damaged stonework including the upstream "cut-waters". A significant quantity of silt and gravel deposits were removed from two of the three eyes which allowed the full bridge capacity to cope with a significant flood event on 28 October 2022.

Machinery Yard

The Machinery Yard, which has bases in Clonmel and Nenagh, provides a support service to engineering based activities for all of Tipperary County Council.

The core service objective is to provide machinery (i.e. vehicles, plant and equipment) at a reasonable cost to assist District based staff to carry out their functions. The machinery yard has approximately 204 council owned vehicles and 10 leased vehicles under its control, with a replacement value of circa €4.2 million. In addition, it maintains approximately 20 District vehicles which would have an additional replacement value of circa €1.2 million.

The activities of the Machinery Yard include:

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

The council operates a computerised and automated fuel storage and dispensing system at Clonmel, Cahir, Cashel, Nenagh, Tipperary and Thurles depots to avail of the cost reduction achievable with bulk purchases through the OGP National Framework. The Council operates its own machinery garages in Clonmel and Nenagh to meet the maintenance requirements for the various items of machinery. At present there is a foreman fitter, six fitters and two apprentice fitters in the Clonmel workshop and a foreman, two fitters and two apprentice fitters in the Nenagh workshop. There are 12 full time drivers and 8 seasonal drivers based in the Nenagh Yard and 14 full time drivers and 8 seasonal drivers based in Clonmel.

The Machinery Yard provides technical guidance and experience to the Districts for their Road Works Programme as well as the latest machinery. The programmes work out of bases in Nenagh and Clonmel and completed approximately 1,400,000m² of Surface Dressing throughout the county in 2022. To this end there is now a technician based in Clonmel and Nenagh to manage the works through the Districts.

The Council has a fleet of 12 patching units, 4 No. 17T Velocity, 2 No. 12T Velocity and 6 no. 7.5T conventional Patchers, which are used by the districts for pothole filling and patching of roads.

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

Improvement works are continuously being carried out in the Machinery Yard depots. In the past year this included replacement of part of the boundary fence in Cahir with a reinforced concrete wall, replacement of old lighting in Clonmel with new energy efficient lighting and new safety measures and energy efficient lighting at the salt barns in Cashel.

As part of our Climate Action Plan Tipperary County Council trialled the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) in a number of vehicles ranging from vans to tipper trucks instead of conventional diesel. The use of this product is currently being evaluated.

24 new Renault pick-up trucks were delivered to the fleet to replace the existing hired-in vehicles. They range in size from 3.5t to 7.5t and will be utilised by the districts throughout the county.



New pick-up truck

A new Phoenix gritter has been procured and will enhance the good work already being done by the machinery yard staff in the annual Road Works Programme. This state-of-the-art machine will extend to 5m and will be able to complete more roads in one pass than was previously attainable.



Nenagh Machinery Yard and Civic Amenity Site

The proposed upgrade of the Machinery Yard and the attached Civic Amenity Site in Nenagh completed Part 8 Planning in 2021. Further surveys are due to be completed to facilitate the preparation of tender documents for construction. The geotechnical site investigation was procured in Q4 2022 and is due for completion in Q1 2023.

The Machinery Yard also operates the Winter Maintenance Service with a fleet of 12 salt spreaders.



Phoenix Gritter

Winter Maintenance

The Winter Maintenance Service consists of four distinct phases namely:

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

Phase 1 is termed precautionary treatment and is generally timed to be completed approximately two hours before the start of freezing conditions. Winter maintenance of roads in Tipperary is prioritised on the following basis:

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

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

The winter maintenance period lasts from 1 October to 30 April each winter with the aim of keeping priority routes safe and as free as possible from wintry hazards. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) provides grant funding for the winter maintenance of National Primary and National Secondary roads within the county and the Department of Transport provides grant funding for other roads. These grants are supplemented by Tipperary County Council as necessary. Winter maintenance salt is purchased nationally by TII and distributed to Local Authorities.

The county has a roster of four ice-cast Duty Engineers who are responsible for the use of the Weather Bureau Service to examine the forecast and track the conditions for the area, in order to issue instructions for winter maintenance based on specialist forecasts and local information.



Pre-wet salt spreader

The Winter Maintenance Service is managed and operated by the Machinery Yard. Twelve crews are rostered on a weekly basis using five (5) No. 6 tonne and five (5)

No. 9 tonne salt spreaders, mounted on council trucks, and two (2) Prewet 9 tonne salting trucks, to pre-salt Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes (approximately 1,140 km) in the event of forecast of overnight frost/ice. Tipperary County Council has Section 86 Agreements with Offaly, Waterford and Kilkenny County Councils on a quid pro quo basis for cross-boundary treatments of routes to increase the efficiency of the operation.

Snow ploughs can be fitted to the salt spreading trucks when snow is forecast and the clearance of snow by ploughing will commence as soon as snow depths on all or part of the Priority 1 network exceeds 30mm. A complete schedule and map of pre-salting routes, and cross boundary agreements is published annually on the council's website www.tipperarycoco.ie



Map of Priority 1 (blue) and Priority 2 (red) Routes

TII maintains a national reserve of salt for distribution to local authorities in the event of forecast of a severe weather event, i.e. a prolonged cold snap, or blizzard conditions. The council's covered salt storage capacity is now in excess of 3,000 tonnes and salt storage barns are located in Cahir (600 tonnes), Cashel (350 tonnes), Clonmel (600 tonnes) and Nenagh (1,500 tonnes). This is deemed sufficient to cover a 5-day snow event.

Severe Weather/Storm Damage

Tipperary County Council has a Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) to deal with emergencies as they arise.

The team comprises of the Senior Engineers (SE) Roads, Senior Engineer (SE) Water Services, District Engineers (5) and Corporate Services, under the chairmanship of the Senior Engineer (Roads Central).

The SWAT Chair convenes a video conference meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team on receipt of all Orange and Red weather alerts from Met Eireann. This meeting should take place promptly on receipt of the alert to enable the team to assess the alert and its implications for council services. The SWAT Team should then determine the appropriate level of response.

Every warning should be considered in the context of other relevant information available to SWAT, i.e. information from the Ice Cast System, local knowledge of roads, infrastructure, vulnerable communities etc. Depending on the nature of the weather impact assessment, a warning and/or a Severe Weather Activation Plan instruction should be issued to all appropriate sections of the Council as well as to relevant principal response agencies. The SWAT team met on several occasions during 2022 in response to significant weather warnings.

Public Lighting

The Council is responsible for the provision and maintenance of public (street) lighting throughout the county.

Public lighting maintenance is carried out under contract with Enerveo Ireland Ltd. Energia supplies the electrical power to the lighting network. The total number of public lights in the Tipperary network is circa 17,850.

Public lighting represents 38% of the council's entire energy usage, and 65% of the council's electricity usage. The Council has introduced LED lights in recent years in order to reduce the maintenance bill, as LED's have to be maintained less frequently. Furthermore, LED's are more energy efficient with up to 50% energy savings being made. By the end of 2022, Tipperary County Council had 6,260 or circa 37% of its lighting stock as LED lights.

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

RMO Local Authority Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project

Tipperary County Council is participating in a National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project, which will see 11,600 lights upgraded to LED across Tipperary.

The national project is being rolled out on a regional basis with Tipperary County Council included in the Eastern region. Kilkenny County Council is leading the project in the region.

Under this contract, 83,000 lights will be upgraded across 9 counties, including Tipperary. Upgrading to LED lights will help the council to meet energy efficient targets while reducing energy and maintenance costs. Nationally, there are 21 local authorities involved in the project which will upgrade approximately 205,000 public lights, under a total investment of €150m. Once complete, the project will reduce CO² emissions by 20,000 tonnes each year, while saving the local authorities €12m in energy and maintenance costs annually.



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Interreg North West Europe Smart Space Project

Smart-Space aims to facilitate the uptake of smart lighting in small/mid-size municipalities to enhance energy-efficiency and reduce CO² emissions.

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Energy Agency are partners in the Smart Space Project. In Tipperary, the project replaced standard street lights with LED street lights. These LED lights will be equipped with smart technology and motion detectors which will monitor movement. For example, when a street or car park is quiet, the LED Smart Lights dim down, which saves energy and reduces CO² emissions.

The three pilot areas in Tipperary included in the project are Thurles, Clonoulty and Drangan. Installation of the planned 600 street lights was completed in 2022. The villages of Drangan and Clonoulty along with approximately 50% of the street lights in Thurles Town have been upgraded. Tipperary County Council funded 40% of the associated cost with the remaining 60% being funded through Interreg North West Europe (EU). Testing and analysis of the system will be ongoing for several months.



Road Safety

Following the publication of the government Road Safety Strategy in December 2021, Road Safety Section began work on the Tipperary Road Safety Strategy 2022 to 2030, together with an Action Plan for Phase 1 from 2022 to 2024. It is expected that the strategy will be completed in Q1 of 2023, and includes a review of the strategy from 2018-2020 (extended to 2021).

Road Safety section welcomed the introduction of the Mainline Average Speed Cameras on the M7 motorway between Junctions 26 and 27 in both directions, in 2022. The cameras went live on 25th April 2022. Analysis of traffic data by TII shows that speeding is typical of driver behaviour on low traffic volume sections of the motorway network throughout the country. This type of driver behaviour is very dangerous, and it is compounded during rain or hail showers, increasing the potential of serious accidents. Initial results indicate that the introduction of these cameras has saved lives by encouraging people to slow down, with a 99% compliance rate.



Four meetings of the Collision Prevention Team (CPT) were held in 2022, at which the District Engineers and the Roads Policing Unit discuss any road safety issues identified in Tipperary, and try to find solutions to them. Four meetings of the Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) were also held. This is an inter-agency working group which co-ordinates road safety policy and implements it at a local level.

Road Safety participated in an Age Friendly Expo held in the Technical University of the Shannon (TUS) Thurles campus in June.

Contacts were made with various community groups who provide services for older adults. Hi-vis materials were distributed along with leaflets on:

- Roundabouts
- Motorway driving
- Tyre Safety
- Mobile phones and driving
- The correct use of lights on cars
- The importance of wearing hi-vis materials
- Driving with medical conditions such as diabetes, epilepsy, sleep apnoea and cardiac conditions.

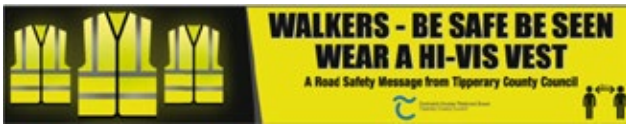
A road safety awareness talk was given to Moycarkey, Littleton, Two Mile Borris (MLTMB) Community Alert Group at their October meeting in Littleton on foot of connections made at the Age Friendly Expo and the topics covered included:

- Walking/running safely on rural roads
- The importance of wearing hi-vis, with materials distributed on the night
- Crossing the road both at zebra crossings and where there is no crossing
- Cycling safely
- Overtaking cyclists
- Driving at roundabouts.

Road safety awareness campaigns completed in 2022 include:

- Sponsorship of the Tipperary Senior Football and Hurling finals. The message was:
- “Don’t drink and drive, wear a hi-vis when walking. Remember, it won’t kill you to put your mobile phone away”
- Adverts in newspapers for Road Safety Week in October promoting the wearing of hi-vis vests
- Advert in Tipperary Annual 2022 asking people not to use their phones when driving
- ‘Mobile Phones – don’t use while driving’ carried on a poster of the Tipperary Minor Hurling All-Ireland Winning Team
- Cycle Safely advert with 6th class national school-leavers
- ‘Slow Down’ Campaign featuring voice-over by James Woodlock, manager of the Tipperary Minor Hurling Team, run on local radio.





Taking in Charge of Estates

A total of 7 estates were taken in charge during 2022:

Municipal/Borough District	Name of Estate	Date Taken in Charge
Carrick-on-Suir MD	Mill Crescent, Carrick-on-Suir	22/09/2022
Clonmel BD	Rathronan Close, Clonmel	21/09/2022
Thurles MD	Ashgrove, Thurles	19/09/2022
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD	West Meadows, Boherlahan, Cashel	26/09/2022
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD	Cluain Arra, Bansha	28/11/2022
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD	The Avenue, Barnora, Cahir	28/11/2022
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD	The Woodlands, Barnora, Cahir	28/11/2022

Roads Abutting Certificates

A total of 865 applications for Roads Abutting Certificates were received during 2022 and 873 Certificates were issued.

Abnormal Load Permits

A total of 249 applications for Abnormal Load Permits were received during 2022 and 237 permits were issued.

Pavement Management System

A Pavement Management System is in operation in Tipperary as part of a national electronic database of all Local and Regional roads. The maps displayed on this system provide colour coded information on the road surface condition on a scale of 1 to 10 for each road category.

This information allows Tipperary County Council to quantify in a scientific fashion the different treatments required for the different road categories. This is a dynamic system which is updated automatically when a section of roadway is surveyed. Pavement improvement works are captured on the system, building in to a multi-annual record of completed projects. The Pavement Management System software is maintained by the Road Management Office (RMO).

Flood Relief Minor Projects (FRMP)

Flood Relief Minor Projects (FRMP) involves projects of greater than €400,000 and up to €1 million in estimated value.

Five locations in the county of Tipperary are amongst the first tranche of 50 flood relief projects identified by the OPW countrywide for priority implementation. Schemes at Golden, Holycross, Knocklofty, Nenagh and Ballina/Killaloe were approved by the OPW in 2019.

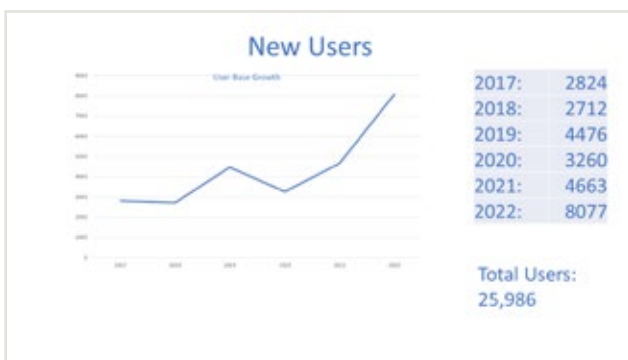
Byrne Looby Consulting Engineers have been appointed to bring the Knocklofty, Holycross and Killaloe/Ballina schemes through to construction. These three schemes are currently at preliminary design/scheme development stage, with a view to bringing the schemes through the planning process early in 2023. Preliminary scoping of the Nenagh scheme is currently underway, with the purpose of identifying the areas for more detailed analysis to allow for a scope of works to be defined and consultants appointed to develop a preliminary design. Discussions are still ongoing with the OPW in relation to identifying an appropriate mechanism for progressing the Golden scheme.

e-Parking

In June 2017, Tipperary County Council launched ‘Tipperary e-Parking’, a cashless parking system for the county. The system allows users to pay for parking via an app or online in all nine towns in Tipperary where paid parking operates. The nine towns in Tipperary that operate e-Parking are Cahir, Carrick on Suir, Cashel, Clonmel, Nenagh, Templemore, Thurles, Tipperary Town and Roscrea.

Benefits of the e-Parking service include the ability to process transactions remotely, meaning that users don’t need to display a ticket before leaving their car, or even return to the car to extend their parking – all of this can be controlled via the app on a smartphone. Users will no longer spend time scrambling for change to park their car. As e-Parking is a cashless system this cuts down on paper use and potential litter in towns from disused pay and display tickets.

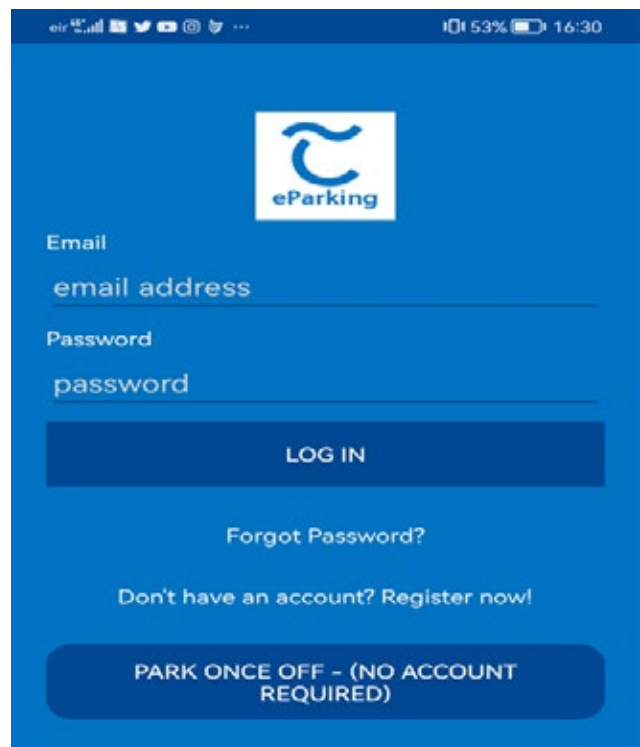
Use of the service continued to increase in 2022 with over 8,000 new users added. The service has a total of nearly 26,000 users and accounts for 15% of the Council’s parking transactions.



During 2022, Tipperary County Council implemented a range of new features on the e-Parking system to enhance the service offering to users and to increase the uptake of the cashless service.

These included:

Once off parking: Unregistered users can make a once off payment by choosing ‘Park Now’ on the app login screen or the website.



Tipperary e-Parking system began accepting transactions from ParkMagic app users, allowing them to park in Tipperary. This allows thousands of ParkMagic users to park in Tipperary through their existing app and account.

During 2022, Tipperary County Council carried out a procurement process for a Cashless Parking Service and in December 2022 ParkMagic were awarded the contract for the provision of ‘Tipperary e-Parking’ for the next 3 years.

Road Opening Licences

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

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

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

The RMO in conjunction with local authorities continues with its programme of improving efficiency in the management of Road Opening Licences by considering and implementing various Service Level Agreements (SLA's). The National Deposit Scheme SLA was implemented in 2019. This limits the overall cost of deposits for member utilities while maintaining enough security for the Council against the unsatisfactory reinstatement of the road. The scheme is managed by the RMO and Tipperary County Council is part of the scheme. The National Deposit Scheme does not apply to private contractors. The Group Water Scheme SLA commenced in March 2020 and applies to participating Group Water Scheme in respect of reinstatement deposits. The Monthly Billing Agreement SLA was also implemented in September 2019. There are 8 utilities under this agreement.

Following on from the previous SLAs, the National Centralised Billing Process for utilities road licensing commenced from 1st October 2020. On behalf of all local authorities under the framework, the RMO is authorised to invoice utilities using a single monthly national invoice. Payment is made to the RMO, who then refund monies received to each individual authority on a quarterly basis. Under this national approach, each utility will receive one monthly bill as opposed to one from each local authority, thereby creating efficiencies. In respect of Tipperary County Council, centralised billing was implemented for 4 utilities in 2020 and a further 3 utilities in 2021, bringing the total number under this billing process for this Authority to 7 utilities. Plans are in place to implement centralised billing for the 1 remaining utility in early 2023. It is intended that any new major utility company will be aligned to this billing and payment process as part of their registration on the MapRoad Road Opening Licence System in the future.

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

In December 2021, the local authority was notified by the RMO of the intention to implement automated granting of T3 Licences to the defined major utilities project. System granted T3's was implemented by this authority on 20th June 2022. At the end of 2022, 29 of 31 authorities are facilitating this functionality. The RMO in conjunction with local authorities has formulated National Standardised Conditions to support systemised granting of T3 (minor roadworks) licences in MRL. To enable this system, the road authority had to review the road/street names on the road schedule; Traffic Impact Number (TIN) associated with each road and Road Licensing Areas/Teams in each District. Authorities will have an opportunity to input data relating to Special Engineering Difficulties (SED's).

In 2022, Roads Section received 1,121 Road Opening Licence online applications. In conjunction with the Districts, the Council favourably determined 104 T1 notifications in respect of various utility projects throughout the county and granted 207 T21 licences. During the year, 704 T2, 95 T3 and 18 T4 licences were also granted.

In 2021, National Broadband Ireland (NBI) launched their delivery programme for rural broadband in Tipperary. As part of this programme, NBI applied for a total of 73 T1's, of which 52 were submitted during 2022. 17 Notifications were granted in 2021 with a further 53 granted in 2022. 36 of the T1 Notifications granted in 2022 were in respect of applications under Section 254 of the Planning Act processed on the RMO MapRoad Road Opening Licence system. This involved co-ordination between the Planning and Roads Departments and with the co-operation of the District Administrators, facilitating works to proceed in a timely manner.

Total Number of Road Opening Licence Applications in 2022:

Type	Received	Granted
Section 254	37	36
T1	72	68
T2 ¹	223	207
T2	656	704
T3	114	95
T4	19	18
Total	1,121	1,128

Single Consent Forest Road Application

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

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

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

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

In the period January to December 2021, Tipperary County Council had 2 2021 applications due for report in 2022 and received a further 15 applications. In 2022, 16 responses were submitted to the Department with the remaining 1 2022 referral due for report in 2023.

Tipperary County Council Community Employment Scheme

Tipperary County Council has supported Community Employment Schemes since their introduction in 1985, in partnership with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

The Scheme sponsored by the Roads Directorate operates over various locations including the towns and environs of Cahir, Cashel, Clonmel and Tipperary Town and the communities of Boherlahan, Clonoulty/Clogher, Holycross, Kilsheelan and Rosegreen with approval for 30 participants.

The Community Employment Scheme involves a range of activities including:

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

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

Marlfield Lake and Catchment Area

Funding for this project has now been secured and Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant Engineers have been appointed to bring the project through to construction.

The initial phases of the scheme development and preliminary design are now underway. Various surveys are currently ongoing to inform the design with a view to bringing the project through the planning process early in 2023. An emergency plan for the location is being prepared.

Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies

During 2022, Tipperary County Council completed 2 schemes at:

- L-4162 Galbertstown, Holycross
- R-661 Holycross

The Office of Public Works (OPW) provided funding under the Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies Scheme in the sum of €76,500 and €77,400 respectively with Thurles Municipal District providing the balancing 10% of the costs of the two schemes. The Council received approval to carry out a scheme at L-7160-0 Ballycastle Road, Templemore, originally scheduled to be carried out during 2021/2022. The works at this location are reliant on the completion of the adjacent OPW advance works on Abbey Lane. Therefore, it is estimated that the works at Ballycastle Road will commence and be completed during 2023.

Also, in 2022, the OPW provided funding approval in respect of Cooper's Lot, Cashel in the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District. The funding will allow consultants to be procured to carry out geomorphological analysis, hydrological modelling and modelling assessment, which will be undertaken in 2023. The OPW is currently assessing 1 further minor works application submitted by the Council at Gortnahoe, Co. Tipperary, located in Thurles Municipal District.

The Council acknowledges the continued support of the OPW and the co-operation of landowners when carrying out scheme works. Roads Section and Districts will continue to investigate locations where there are reports of flooding, and bring forward further Minor Flood Relief Schemes in 2022 where feasible flood relief measures and cost beneficial engineering solutions are identified to provide protection to "at risk" properties.

Hedge Cutting




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

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

Between 1 March and 31 August each year it is an offence under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended by the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Heritage Act 2018 to cut, curb, burn or otherwise destroy any vegetation growing on any land not then cultivated or growing in any hedge or ditch.

During the Hedge Cutting Season in 2022 Tipperary County Council placed notices in the local newspapers in January and September and issued press releases to the local media. A total of 134 Hedge Cutting Notices were issued to landowners/occupiers between September and December 2022.

 **134 hedge cutting notices issued from September to December 2022**

National Construction Schemes Office (NCS)

Tipperary County Council is providing verification and accreditation services on behalf of SOLAS (the Further Education and Training Authority) at the National Construction Schemes (NCS) Office established in Nenagh in October 2018.

The NCS Office is responsible for approving candidates who have undertaken a Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) or Quarrying Skills Certification Scheme (QSCS) Programme with public and private sector SOLAS Approved Training Organisations. The services provided cover all of the CSCS and QSCS training programme that are delivered nationally and the office corresponds with approximately 60 Approved Training Organisations nationwide.

In 2022 the office processed 3445 packs verifying 11,419 learners who had undertaken one or more of the 36 Courses available under the CSCS and QSCS suite of programmes. The successful candidates were approved by the NCS office and received their SOLAS Experienced Operator Cards. The National Construction Schemes Office is also responsible for approving the successful candidates for Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Level 5 certificates and distributing these certificates to candidates via the Approved Training Organisations.

Examples verified & accredited programmes include:

- Signing Lighting and Guarding at Roadworks, Locating and Avoiding Underground Services, Health and Safety at Roadworks, and Plant Operator Programmes such as 360 Excavator Operations, Telescopic Handler Operations, Front Loading Site Dumper Operations and Mobile Crane Operations etc.

Previously the verification and accreditation process was delivered by twelve Education Training Boards, before SOLAS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Tipperary County Council in July 2018 to transfer the verification and accreditation processes to the Council for a period of five years up to the 31st of August 2023. After piloting the service for seven months, in May 2019 the NCS Office became responsible for providing verification and accreditation services nationally in the Republic of Ireland for CSCS and QSCS programmes.

In 2022 the office continued to deliver the Internal Verifier Training Programme to the Approved Training Organisations. The training was delivered to a total of 32 personnel in 2022 and the programme will continue to be offered and delivered to the Approved Training Organisations in 2023.

In summary 2022 saw a noticeable increase in activity in terms of the number of packs submitted for processing and learners put forward for verification. However, the level of service delivery remained at an exceptionally high level and standard. It is anticipated by the SOLAS Construction Services Unit that based on current trends activity will remain high in terms of the number of participants seeking training across the suite of CSCS and QSCS programmes in 2023.



LASNTG (Local Authority Services National Training Group)

Background

LASNTG is a shared service delivering training courses across a range of areas. The overarching LASNTG committee is chaired by a Local Authority Chief Executive. The governance of LASNTG is achieved through four oversight groups namely the Roads Services Training Group (RSTG), Water Services Training Group (WSTG), Environmental Services Training Group (ESTG) and Fire Services Training Group (FSTG) each comprised of representatives from the relevant bodies within the sector and chaired by a local authority Chief Executive.

The group oversees and quality assures the delivery of almost 180 courses from single day courses and refreshers up to QQI level 9 post graduate courses. Details of the various courses are available to view at the following website <https://www.lasntg.ie/master-courses>. These courses are ordinarily specifically designed to meet the training needs of the sector.



Figure 1: The five Regional Training Centres (RTC's)

The courses are delivered through

- 5 local authority hosted Regional Training Centres at Roscrea (Co. Tipperary), Ballincollig (Co. Cork), Ballycoolin (Dublin), Castlebar (Co. Mayo) and Stranorlar (Co. Donegal). See figure 1.
- Sligo and Carlow IT who between them deliver a total of 14 courses at QQI level 6 to 9.

2022 Update

As the Covid-19 restrictions eased in 2022 there was a strong uptake in Training with most training returning to pre-pandemic levels.

2022 RTC training Days

In 2022 there were almost 32,000 training days delivered across the 5 RTC's.

This indicates a return to pre-pandemic training levels and an increase of 42% on the 2021 figures.

	Ballincollig	Ballycoolin	Castlebar	Roscrea	Stranorlar	Total	% of total for each group
Roads	2485	1385	2032	2429	1564	9895	31%
Water	1447	1732	996	1125	918	6218	19%
Environment	182	122	87	222	73	686	2%
Fire	925	1020	1337	1255	510	5047	16%
Other	1741	1626	2926	1763	2065	10121	32%
Total	6780	5885	7378	6794	5130	31967	

Enrolment in Third Level Institutes

LASNTG works collaboratively with both SETU (South East Technological University) Carlow campus, and ATU (Atlantic Technological University) Sligo campus, to deliver a number of QQI courses relevant to the Local Authority Sector.

At the end of 2022 there were 192 students enrolled in these courses.

External Training Providers Framework 2023-2025

LASNTG in conjunction with the five RTC's provides a significant number of training courses through the utilisation of external providers.

The procurement of such a service is via a framework from which the Regional Training Centres run mini competitions. In 2022 the framework for 2023 was advertised, assessed, and established. The establishment of such a framework is an extremely challenging undertaking as it requires the assessment of over 50 training providers competence to deliver approximately 180 courses. The framework will be available for use by the Regional Training Centres from 22 January 2023.


Training Budget Expenditure

The training Budgets in 2022 were expended by in excess of 90% when combined.

This marks a significant increase in activity when compared to 2021 (67%) which was impacted by the pandemic restrictions.









The Local Authority Climate Action Training programme



LOCAL AUTHORITY Climate Action Training Programme

The Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme has been devised to activate the CCMA endorsed Local Authority Climate Action Training Plan, 2019. The training programme provides a framework from which Local Authority 'climate action leadership and capacities' is supported and enhanced, in response and fulfilment of Action 150 of the Climate Action Plan 2019.

The Climate Action Training Programme comprises a suite of six training pillars, each tailored and designed to specific target groupings within Local Authorities, to develop climate action capacity to deliver on the actions of the adaptation strategies/action plans and to begin to advance positive influence across all functions and activities performed by local authorities.

-  **Championing Leadership**
-  **Raising Awareness**
-  **Building Capacity**
-  **Empowering Change**
-  **Delivering Action**
-  **Actioning Policy**



The coordination, development and procurement of training courses under the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme is being undertaken by LASNTG (Local Authority Services National Training Group).

In 2021 just over 13,500 staff were trained across the pillars and 2022 further built on this momentum. The numbers trained under each of the pillars in 2022 are highlighted in the table below.

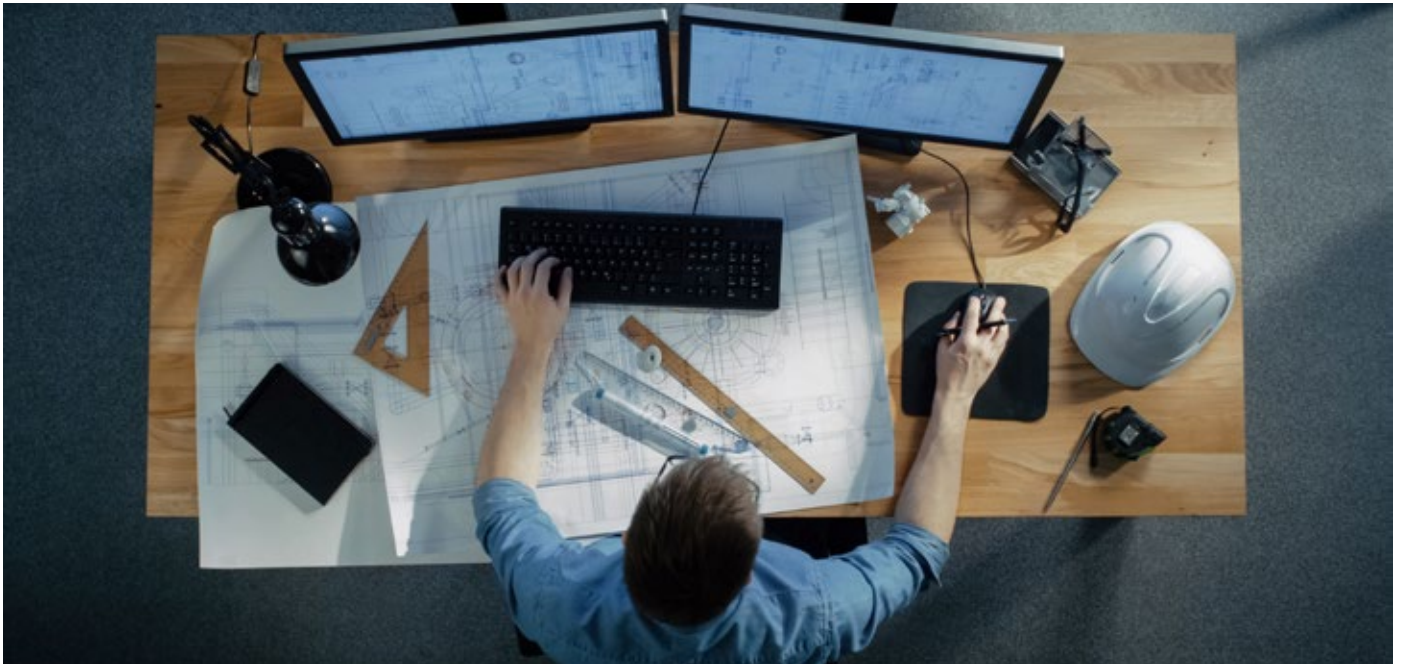
This brings the total numbers trained to approximately 17,500 training places. These places have been provided to staff from across all 31 Local Authorities under five pillars of the training programme. Climate Action training continues to be developed and tailored to meet the needs of specific training groups. The table below highlights the progress since January 2022 on a number of training courses.

Summary of Training Completed during 2022

Climate Action Pillar	Target audience	No. trained 2022	Status update	No. of training days delivered in 2022
Championing Leadership	Local Authority elected members and senior staff, including Chief Executives, Directors of Service, Senior Executive Officers, Senior Engineers/Planners and equivalent.	353	A final opportunity to complete this training for all LAs took place on April 1st. Further training currently being developed.	8 (1/2 days)
Raising Awareness	All Local Authority Indoor Staff, Grade 7/6/5/4/3	1,864	Training programme is currently closed and will be updated over the coming weeks. It will be opened Q4 to allow access for new entrants.	Open Jan/Feb 2022.
Building Capacity	Members of Local Authority Climate Action Teams (multi-disciplinary teams established to support the planning and implementation of adaptation and mitigation measures).	Total attendance to date = 752 47 94	A new webinar series to support the work of Climate Action Teams has been developed and commenced in May 2022. 2-day Building Capacity Training for new members of Climate Action Teams. 2 programmes delivered during 2022. 2 x 1 day workshops on Local Authority Climate Action Plans	May - October 2022 5 webinars delivered 4 days (2 days x 1 programme) 2 days
Empowering Change	Staff in each Local Authority whose role involves working closely with local communities, in administrative or technical functions.	129	7 programmes delivered during 2022.	14 days (2 days per programme)
Delivering Action	All Local Authority outdoor staff across the functional areas of Roads, Environment, Water and Housing.	N/A	Pilot completed. Climate Trainers Framework has been established and briefed. Roll out will commence Q1 2023.	
Actioning Policy	Training specifically targeted to translate climate policy into particular local authority functions.	881 89 38	Green Public Procurement Awareness & Implementation training commenced during May 2022.	Strand 1 - Online self-directed webinar Strand 2 - Implementing GPP 9 days (3 days x 3 programmes) Strand 3 - GPP Strategy Training (1-day x 2 programmes)
TOTAL (31/12/2022)		4,247		

The updates of particular note for CARO training are:

- The green public procurement (GPP) three training strands continues to be rolled out through Greenville
- The Delivering Action and Training targeted at Outdoor Staff is to be developed through a framework; the framework is in place and training delivery can begin in Q1 of 2023.
- With the statutory requirement for Local Authorities to Develop Climate Action Plans, Local Authorities are in the process of developing their Climate Action teams. The delivery of initial training for these teams has begun with two Roadshows in late October and also a range of webinars.



Planning & Development

Introduction

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

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Development Management involves the evaluation of planning applications and various other applications under planning legislation, within the regulatory time frame and ensuring that interested parties have access to all available information which will enable them to assess proposed development. The planning register is available for viewing online at www.tipperarycoco.ie. Set out below are figures for 2022 planning applications.

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	327	318	9	0	0
Housing Development	22	22	0	3	1
NIA/EIA	12	12	0	0	0
Other Applications	741	728	13	5	1
Total	1102	1080	22	8	2

NUMBER OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2022

A total of 1441 planning applications were received from 1st January to 31st December 2022 compared to 1908 for 2021, a decrease of 24%. 332 applications were deemed invalid and 55 were withdrawn. During the year 1122 applications were decided with 1089 being granted planning permission (97%) and 33 being refused (3%). Further information was requested in 429 cases.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS/LOCAL AREA PLANS

County Development Plan

A new Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 for the entire county of Tipperary was made on the 11th July 2022 by the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council.

The new County Development Plan became effective on Monday the 22nd August and replaced the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009, as varied, and the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010, as varied. From this date, and for six years, new development in Tipperary must reflect and embrace the planning vision, policies and objectives of the County Development Plan.

The County Development Plan will operate as a blueprint for the future development of the county. The publication of this Plan marks the culmination of a two-year process whereby the Plan was made by the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council with the advice of the executive and in consultation with the public. This Plan is historic as it is the first ever all-county plan prepared for Tipperary, setting out a progressive and sustainable vision for our county.

The Plan will guide sustainable development for our communities through protecting our environment, reducing our energy demands, maintaining the viability of our towns, villages and rural communities and supporting job creation. The implementation of the plan will be monitored over its lifetime.

The new County Development Plan is set out over 5 Volumes and is available to view on the County Council webpage at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/cdp>.

Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles and Roscrea

With the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 now in place, progress on the preparation of Local Area Plans for the Key Towns and District Towns in the County has commenced.

The Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 sets out a Core Strategy for the development of towns and villages in the County. The plan sets out the character, potential and vision for growth as demonstrated in the Town Profile Plan for Key and District Towns which will inform the preparation of a new Local Area Plan. The Town Profile Plans set out a baseline for the towns with key socio-economic data such as jobs ratio, transport modes, housing stock etc. In particular, the compact growth area and walking and cycling proximity as indicated, will support low-carbon development patterns including local transport planning and town centre.

The Planning Section has commenced the background research and survey work and an external environment team have been commissioned to prepare the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment. Workshops have taken place with Elected members in October 2022, an Issues Paper published for each LAP and Public Consultation Events took place in November 2022. Further workshops will take place with the members over the coming months.

A draft Roscrea Local Area Plan will be published in Q1 2023 and further public consultation will take place in accordance with legislative provisions.

Draft Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles will be published in Summer 2023. Further public consultation will take place in accordance with legislative provisions.


Residential Zoned Land Tax

As set out in Housing Policy Objective 15.2 of Housing for All, a new tax to activate land for residential purposes, and which will in time replace the Vacant Site Levy, has been introduced by the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as a Land Activation Measure.

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

All land that was zoned for residential development, or residential development and a mix of other uses, in a development plan or local area plan, before 1 January 2022 and which remains subject to the relevant zoning on that date, is liable for consideration within the initial scope of the Residential Zoned Land Tax. This is intended to encourage activation of existing planning permissions on lands which are identified as being in scope and to incentivise suitable lands without planning permission to commence the process of engagement with planning authorities.


Draft maps were published on November 1st and were subject to a consultation period until January 1st. The submissions made are being assessed in accordance with the Section 28 Guidelines and Circular NRUP 07/2022. Further review and assessment will be undertaken with Supplemental Maps to be published in May and final maps to be published in December 2023. The draft maps and submissions are available for inspection at the Council offices and on the Councils website. Residential Zoned Land Tax- RZLT | www.tipperarycoco.ie

 *The Residential Zoned Land Tax is intended to encourage activation of existing permissions in scope and to incentivise suitable lands without planning permission to commence engagement with planning authorities.*

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

Tipperary County Council was awarded funding earlier this year of €100,000 to deliver a Town Centre First Plan for Roscrea Town.

The funding has been awarded under the Department of Rural and Community Affairs' "Our Rural Future", Ireland's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025. The plan will help to develop Roscrea's own unique vision and plan for its future development and once complete, will provide a basis for the town to seek support from multiple funding streams, including the Rural Regeneration Development Fund, (RRDF) and the Town & Village Renewal Schemes. A Town Regeneration Officer was appointed in November by Tipperary County Council and will initially work with Roscrea as the first pilot town in the County to have a TCF plan developed. The first steps will be to establish a Town Team for Roscrea for which expressions of interest were received as part of a public consultation process during the summer. A contract will be awarded shortly to appoint consultants to support the delivery of the Town Centre First Plan with the TRO and a timeframe for completion has been set for the summer of 2023.

 *Tipperary County Council was awarded €100,000 in 2022 to deliver a Town Centre First Plan for Roscrea Town.*



Project Ireland 2040: Regeneration and Development Funds

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

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

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

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for the town.



The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement.

Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. Current funding approved for these two elements amounts to **€10,594,961**.

Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 - Works on the car park are completed. The main works contract relating to the plaza commenced in June, 2021 and were substantially completed in December, 2022.

Clonmel Regional Sports Hub - Works commenced on site mid-August, 2021 and were at an advanced stage by the end of 2022.

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment/employment. Funding of **€5,390,291** was secured through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund towards the works.



Phase 1 - Car Park and Eastern end of Liberty Square-

The new Car Park off Liberty Square is completed and utilised to its full potential. Works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square are substantially completed with final snagging in progress. Phase 2–Western end of Liberty Square–Consultants appointed to prepare Part 8 drawings and documentation. Concept options being prepared. Extensive consultations undertaken with other statutory bodies. Surveys, assessments and data collection completed.

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

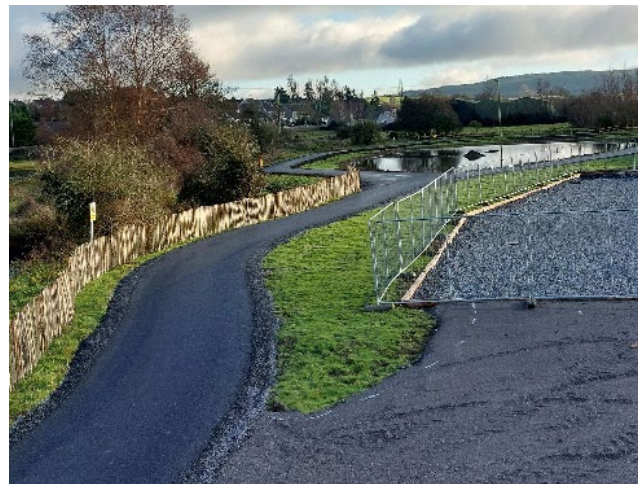
The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr's Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre.

The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development to new cutting-edge research on technologies and incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland's first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancements.



Funding of **€9,525,000** was secured through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund towards the works. Consultants appointed to prepare tender documents for the engagement of a design team. Stage 1 of the Restricted Procedure prequalification process completed for the appointment of consultants. Preliminary Business Case completed and submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Approval in Principle under Decision Gate 1 received from the Department in November, 2022. Communications Plan and branding for the Centre has been completed and the name of the Centre agreed as the "Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence".

Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It includes an upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area, linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre and an 800-metre walkway along the River Ara, including two loop walks. Funding of **€1,081,513** has been approved for the project under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Market Yard-Works are fully completed. River Ara Walkway-Construction phase commenced in July, 2022 and the main works elements were completed by December, 2022. The walkway opened to the public on 22nd. December, 2022. The purchase of the land has been completed.



Fethard Town Park - The project is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Funding of €3,003,445 was approved for the project under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Phase 1 - Groundworks and pitches funded by the Magnier Foundation - The 3G pitch opened in January, 2022 and the grass pitch opened in October, 2022.



Phase 2A – Pavilion and Public Realm Works funded through the RRDF - Contractor appointed in March, 2022 and works commenced on site on 21st. March, 2022. Significant works were completed by year end and the pavilion is now weather tight.

Phase 2B-Annex to the Pavilion and Stand funded by the Magnier Foundation - Approval received from the Department of Rural & Community Development in April, 2022 to extend the scope of works to include these elements and works are currently in progress.



Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with associated Civic Plaza - The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with the Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and Tipperary Energy Agency. Funding of **€2,107,500** was approved under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Detailed designs completed. Tendering for the construction stage completed. Final Business Case under Decision Gate 3 compiled and submitted to the Department in December, 2022.



Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter - A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan - A Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within the context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising of arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. The project was awarded **€672,534** under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Phase 1 - Visitor Experience Development completed.

Phase 2a - Concept Development and Predesign commenced in January, 2022 and is almost complete. Significant consultation with project partners and the public undertaken as part of the process.



Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter' - A plan for the town through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions and build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (West) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (East) thereby regenerating the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. The project was awarded **€365,625** under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. Part 8 Planning is completed and detailed design is at an advanced stage.



A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre: Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter-A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir's historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square. Funding of **€663,362** has been secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Part 8 Planning is completed and detailed design is at an advanced stage.



Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion's Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated multi-functional space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers and it will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors. Funding of **€3,443,130** has been secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Pre-Tender Approval under Decision Gate 2 was received from the Department of Rural & Community Development in February, 2022. The tendering process for the engagement of an integrated design team was completed during the year and the design team appointed in September, 2022. The preliminary design is currently in progress. Ongoing meetings are being held with stakeholders.

Kilsheelan – Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing and Low Carbon Planning-The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of Tipperary County Council's



'Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing'. The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be a model for serviced site developments across the Country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and nationwide. Funding of **€603,750** has been secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Detailed design is completed. Tender documents for the construction stage are almost completed.



Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh-This project provides for the preparation of detailed designs and planning for the adaptive re-use of the former iconic 1940's Rialto cinema into a modern digital and enterprise hub facility. The associated brownfield site will be master-planned to explore the potential for further digital and enterprise office space, the creation of a new streetscape along Emmet Place, the provision of town centre residential units and the delivery of a new public amenity heart in the town centre. The overarching aim and purpose of the proposal is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities while preserving and saving a protected historic structure which was purchased by the Council in December, 2020. The project was awarded RRDF Funding of **€1,208,847** in January, 2022. Documentation was completed by the Council under the Due Diligence & Verification Stage in January, 2022. Approval in Principle under Decision Gate 1 issued by the Department of Rural & Community Development in May, 2022.

A consultant was appointed to prepare tender documents for the procurement of a design team for the Rialto building and housing development. Pre-Tender Approval under Decision Gate 2 issued by the Department in June, 2022. The tendering process for the engagement of an Architect Led Integrated Design Team was completed. Approval to proceed to the Implementation Stage under Decision Gate 3 was received from the Department in November, 2022.

Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition' -This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of extensive public realm enhancements in the town centre, development of Suir Blueway linkages and the regeneration of the Ormond



Castle Quarter. Improvements will consist of (i) installation of high-quality public realm in Main Street, Sean Kelly Square, Greystone Street, Ball Alley Street and Chapel Street ;(ii) provision of a new Enterprise and Digital Hub in a vacant town centre building on Main Street (iii) the creation of an arrival point at Sean Healy Park through design, enhancement and orientation measures and the integration of the Suir Blueway into the town centre through the creation of shared spaces along the Quays and linkages to Main Street.; (iv) public realm upgrade of Castle Street and repurposing of Ormond Castle Park as a high-quality Amenity and Biodiversity Park. RRDF Funding of **€14,391,509** was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 1 on 10th. November, 2022. Documentation is being prepared by the Council under the Due Diligence & Verification Stage.



Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy-

This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of a new Business Development Centre in the heart of Cahir, public realm enhancements in the centre of the town and the development of a car park on a central backland site. Improvements will consist of (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business Development Centre; (ii) the refurbishment of the historic Granary building to provide a state-of -the-art library for the community; (iii) Cahir Square Public Realm Enhancements to include prioritisation of pedestrian and cyclist movements and the redistribution of public realm in favour of recreational space; (iv) the provision of a new car park on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings that were acquired by the Council under the Category 2 approved project. RRDF Funding of **€11,915,749** was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022.

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

This project will deliver a transformational change to the public space around Gantly Road and promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The project will be the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly



Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area. The works will involve (i) the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles; (ii) the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths; (iii) extensive bio-retention rain gardens and (iv) the provision of water service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Street Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imagining of Gantly Road is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area into the future which will transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town. RRDF Funding of **€4,511,316** was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2022

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2022 seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas.

Due to price inflation and the difficulties in securing skilled trades people a number of projects were unable to proceed this year. However Tipperary County Council was able to reallocate this funding to the projects that did proceed using our full allocation.

The following grants were paid out in November and were recouped from the Department of Housing & Heritage.

15 Anne Street, Clonmel	€15,000
St Mary's Church, Killenaule	€11,256
Ballyboe, Ballypatrick	€ 15,000
Dromore House, Newport	€11,434
Deerpark House, Mullagh	€15,000
St Mary's Church, Clonmel	€15,000
Cahir Presbyterian Church	€8,503
Southpark, Roscrea	€4,994
St Paul's Church, Cahir	€15,000
Public Fountain Rosemary Sq., Roscrea	€15,000

The Historic Structure Fund 2022 seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership.

The focus is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public and will seek to:

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

The scheme opened for new applications on the 1st December 2021 and closed on the 24th January 2022. Tipperary County Council nominated 5 projects to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for funding.

However the Department decided to support only two projects and only one of those projects proceeded:

- Corabella House Newcastle, Clonmel; Stream 1 €39,250

Taking-in-Charge of Estates

Seven estates were taken in charge in 2022 - a total of 202 housing units.

Developments TIC by Municipal District in 2022

Municipal District	No of Developments TIC	No of Housing Units
Nenagh	0	0
Clonmel	1	4
Carrick On Suir	1	22
Thurles	1	67
Tipp / Cahir / Cashel	4	109

Planning & Emergency Services SPC

Four meetings of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC were held in 2022. At the first meeting held on 6th April 2022 an update on the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 was given and a presentation was also given on the preparation of Local Area Plans for Roscrea, Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles and on the Finance Act 2021 – Residential Zoned Land Tax.

At the second meeting held on 17th May 2022 Anne Marie Devaney gave an update on the current stage of the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 and Teresa Kiely, Administrative Officer gave an E-Planning project update.

At the third meeting on 30th September 2022 Anne Marie Devaney, Acting Senior Planner gave a presentation to the meeting on the topic of Housing Delivery and Brian Clancy, Administrative Officer gave a presentation on E-Planning and Part 8s update.

The fourth and final meeting for the year held on 7th November 2022 was a Joint Meeting with the Housing SPC where a presentation was given by representatives from the Construction Industry Federation on Housing Delivery.

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

Sector	Name
10 Councillors	Chair – Michael Fitzgerald
	Hughie McGrath
	Micheál Lowry
	Michael O'Meara
	Joe Hannigan
	John Carroll
	Roger Kennedy
	Phyll Bugler
	Ger Darcy
	Marie Murphy
1 Agriculture & Farming	Tim Harty
1 Business Commercial & Tourism	To be nominated
1 Development Construction	John O'Shaughnessy
3 PPN	Mike Edwards
	Patti O'Neill
	To be nominated

Enforcement

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

In accordance with Section 154 (14) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the statistics from 1st January to 31st December 2022 are as follows:-


Complaints investigated	216
Warning Letters issued	182
Enforcement Notices issued	29
Prosecutions initiated	8
Cases closed	394

E-Planning

In association with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), Tipperary Planning Authority has successfully completed the pilot of phase one planning portal <https://planning.localgov.ie>.

The percentage of planning applications submitted online continues to steadily increase. Set out below are the monthly figures % of E- applications received for 2022 in Tipperary. Since going live with submissions 37% of submissions received were online submissions. Work is continuing with the LGMA and our third-party providers and part 8 applications are now online with three applications from Tipperary currently on the planning portal. We continue to liaise with the other 11 iPlan sites who have gone live on the planning portal in 2022. Nationally at the time of writing we have now assisted the following planning authorities to go live: Galway County, Westmeath, Kilkenny, Limerick, Waterford, Carlow, Clare, Louth, Mayo, Sligo and Laois. It is planned that the remaining iplan authorities will go live in the first half of 2023 and the Apas/Odyssey planning authorities also.



 *E-applications and Part 8 applications are now on-line*

Economic Development

Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme Promotions



The brand that was developed for the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme is now being used to market and promote the scheme.

18 applications have been successfully processed to date under the new system and a number of additional recent applications are currently being processed. Promotion of the scheme is underway constantly on both Press and Radio. One particularly successful promotion was on local Tipp FM Radio station where the traffic and travel updates were announced with the following sting line: Tipp FM's Traffic and Travel with Tipperary County Council: Are you a new business based in a previously vacant premises. Check tipperarycoco.ie to see if you are eligible for a grant under the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme.

On Local papers over the Christmas period a full colour half page advert was issued to remind people of the availability of the grant.



Shop Local Tipperary

Promotions on Facebook and Instagram are proving to be effective with an increase in the numbers engaging.

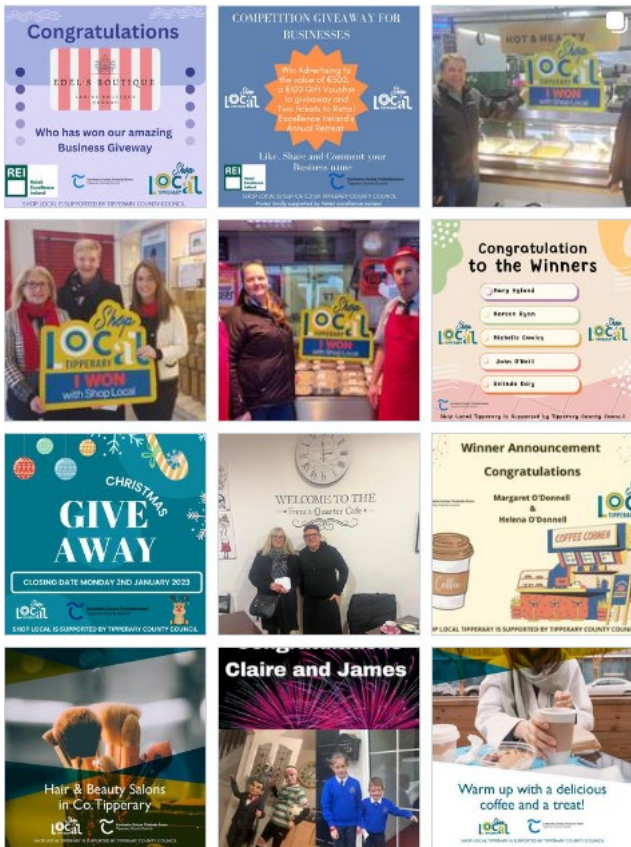


Facebook



Instagram

Regular competitions have enabled better connection with businesses and shoppers across the county on the shop local messaging. This is reflected in the increase in followers and engagements on the two platforms – Facebook and Instagram.



A joint competition with Tipperary County Council and Retail Excellence Ireland targeting with businesses engagement was successful and was greatly appreciated by the business sector.



Christmas 2022 Retail Support Programme

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the Tipperary Local Enterprise Office sought applications from Trader Associations, Chambers of Commerce, Community Groups, Farmers Markets, Craft Markets or those involved in the Craft Sector under the Christmas Retail Support Programme. The grant scheme targeted the provision of support for towns and villages to implement strategies designed to enable increased spending or retaining spend in Tipperary' towns and villages over the Christmas period.

The following grantees were awarded funding to be spent on activities including advertising, promotions, street entertainment or other expenses for their Christmas events. Emphasis was placed on projects and events that will be hosted out-of-doors.

Name of Group	MD Location	Name of Event	Grant Awarded
Clonmel Chamber of Commerce	Clonmel	Santa Event in Clonmel	2500
Clonmel South Tipperary Arts Centre	Clonmel	Christmascraft Exhibition	1000
Carrick-on-Suir Business Association	Carrick on Suir	Carrick-on-Suir Christmas Festival	2000
Cloneen Sports and Social Club	Carrick on Suir	Christmas Weekend Festival	500
Ballingarry Community Centre	Carrick on Suir	Ballingarry Christmas Festival 2022	700
Nenagh Chamber of Commerce	Nenagh	Christmas in Nenagh	2300
Terryglass	Nenagh	Christmas Lantren Making	500
Nenagh Country Market	Nenagh	Weekly Country Market	400
Borrisokane Tidy Towns	Nenagh	Xmas Light Switch on	1200
Cloughjordan Community Development	Nenagh	Cloughjordan Christmas Festival of Lights	1200
Newport Development Association CLG	Nenagh	Newport Christmas Market	1800
Ballinderry Development Association	Nenagh	Ballinderry Christmas Markets	400
Rathcabbin Development Association	Nenagh	Rathcabbin Lights Up 2022	500
Thurles Chamber of Commerce	Thurles	Thurles Shop Local for Christmas Promotion	2300
Thurles Christmas Skyfest	Thurles	Thurles Christmas Skyfest	2300
Thurles Farmers Market	Thurles	Christmas at Thurles Farmers Market	500
Roscrea Chamber of Commerce	Thurles	12 Days of Christmas	2000
Roscrea Taste of Christmas Roscrea	Thurles	Taste of Christmas Roscrea	2000
Templemore Community Development	Thurles	Templemore Christmas Welcome Event	2000

Name of Group	MD Location	Name of Event	Grant Awarded
Ballycahill Craft and Food Market	Thurles	Christmas Craft and Food Market	400
Drombane Hall	Thurles	Christmas Market/Festive Afternoon	400
Cahir Development Association	Tipperary	Christmas Retail Programme	2000
Cahir Farmers Market	Tipperary	Family Fun day at Cahir Farmer's Market	500
Cashel Arts Festival	Tipperary	Christmas on the Plaza	2000
Tipperary Chamber of Commerce CLG	Tipperary	Elf Hunt	2000
Cappawhite Community Council	Tipperary	Cappawhite Community Council Christmas Fair	700
Ardfinnan Community Council	Tipperary	Ardfinnan Christmas Festivities	1200
Clogheen St. Pauls Community Council	Tipperary	St.Pauls Christmas Market	700
Golden Community Hall	Tipperary	Christmas Fair	700
Annacarty Donohill	Tipperary	Christmas Bonanza	500
Ballylooby Community Council	Tipperary	Christmas Market & Christmas Tractor Run	400
Burncourt Community Council CLG	Tipperary	Burncourt as it Sparkles	500
Clougheen Rhododendron Festival.	Tipperary	The Winter Solstice	1200
Knockavilla Community Council	Tipperary	Christmas Fayre	400
Monard Community Hall	Tipperary	Christmas Market/Fair	500
Mullinahone Christmas Fair	Tipperary	Mullinahone Christmas Fair	700
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Remote Working Strategy Update

Ongoing outcomes for development efforts in regard to the delivery of suitable accommodation to attract remote workers to County Tipperary includes:

- A Feasibility Study was completed in Clonmel by Clonmel Business Development Park.
- 2 new private operators have entered the market – Republic of Work Clonmel and Flexi Desk in Nenagh.
- The REACH project in Roscrea has secured the final funding required to complete the development and it has moved into the next phase of development now and tender out the project.
- Thurles MD has secured funding for a small remote working centre in Templemore as part of their RRDF application.
- Ongoing operations in Stable Lane, and an expansion to a new building “Townhouse” were achieved in 2022. Funding was secured under RRDF in Carrick-On-Suir for a new Digital Hub for which the planning phase is imminent.
- In July of 2022 the Governor of the Central Bank visited Tipperary Engine as part of his review of enterprise facilities for remote workers and enterprise centres.



- The capital program of refurbishment and development of an innovation Digital Hub in Tipperary Town is complete and the newly refurbished facility is ready for occupation. A new manager is recruited and Marketing of the facility has commenced.
- Funding application is in development under the RRDF for a Digital Hub in Cahir.
- Rialto Project has been funded under RRDF in Nenagh

Feasibility Study for Digital Hub in Thurles

A grant was made available from Enterprise Ireland in October 2022 under the REISS Feasibility Study Projects Fund to carry out an extensive Feasibility Study to establish the needs and provide possible solutions to the current lack of availability of suitable accommodation in Thurles Town for use as a co-working space, digital hub, workspace hub, or an Enterprise Development Hub that provides flexible co-working and individual office spaces. This Feasibility Study is now underway and the results will be available in mid-March 2023.

Feasibility Study for Digital Hub in Cashel

Cashel was identified as a gap in the county in regard to the availability of a remote working facility. A Feasibility Study application was successful under the 2022 Towns and Villages Funds. The study is underway and the findings will inform the next steps in regard to the requirements for the town.

Painting and Enhancement Scheme 2022

The sum of €20,044 was Provided to the 5 MD's divided as follows [based on population]

- Nenagh €2,980
- Carrick on Suir €1,960
- Tipperary €4,317
- Clonmel €5,695
- Thurles €5,092

A review of the scheme is underway and based on the findings a new scheme will be devised for 2023.



County Tipperary Marketing as remote working location

The Tipperary Digital Strategy 2018-2021 and its subsequent review in 2021 identified the benefit that an increase in remote workers could bring to the County and recommended that further efforts should be made to promote County Tipperary, in which the excellent lifestyle, education and infrastructure provide the fundamentals for a great place to live and work. The Marketing and promotion of remote working is central to the Digital Strategy. This new brand will be targeted at business interests and individuals across the Country and to the Diaspora across the world. The brand will provide the base of an effective messaging strategy to support an increase in the uptake of interest in living and working in County Tipperary. The distinctive brand will inspire local, regional and international audiences. The brand will be sufficiently flexible and in keeping with the current branding on the website www.tipperary.ie, while attracting businesses and workers to Tipperary by promoting the County as a unique destination to live, work, and invest.

Funding was received for Remote Working Marketing under Town & Village Funds 2022 and work has commenced on a collaboration with all providers in the county (including BCP's) to promote the concept of the county being an ideal location for remote workers.

Stage 1 of the project is to develop a brand for the remote working offering in the county. Following a procurement process, Designedly, based in Thurles were appointed as the company to facilitate and assist in designing this new brand. The new brand gives a nod to the fact that County Tipperary is a fore-runner in addressing change, choosing to work wise and make Digital transformation a part of the county's growth. High speed broadband county wide and shared digital networks reduce commuting times, lower transport emissions, promote a better work-life balance and improved quality of life. County Tipperary has significant opportunities to work wise, for individuals and industry alike.



The importance of the new brand fitting with the Council Website and the Tipperary, The place, The Time marketing platform for the economic elements of the county was deemed critical and considered well in the process. Therefore, the new Brand sits well with both entities.



The next phase is to develop brand assets, to then deploy them to the relevant platforms including a new tab www.tipperary.ie

Digital Strategy Update

The County Tipperary Digital Strategy continues to be driven by Tipperary County Council. The infrastructural elements are lead out by the Broadband Officer. All other actions are delivered in an interagency approach across the County.

The annual meeting of the Program Management Group for the County Tipperary Digital Strategy provided a full update on all the current actions.

Tipperary Education & Training Board [TETB]

Tipperary Education & Training Board [TETB] provided an update on the range of training programmes that have been delivered across the county following the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan so that training events take place in a location soon after high-speed broadband becomes available.

A wide range of IT and Technology courses including certified and non-certified courses were delivered by TETB. To support learner access to courses, a Technology Equity Scheme provided over 200 laptops and devices on a loan scheme to learners across the County, ensuring learners who did not have access to devices could continue to engage in learning and as promotion for the use of digital technologies to all citizens.

A Blended/Online Learning programme was piloted between Training Services and the Adult Literacy Services in September 2022. Along with this significant numbers of learners engaged with eCollege in 2022 which provided access to learners across the county to self-directed, online programmes in a wide range of subject areas. TETB also made its IT facilities available to learners who may have experienced difficulties with broadband access, particularly new arrivals from the Ukraine and other countries.

The Mitigation of Educational Disadvantage Fund, recently renamed the REACH Fund in 2022 was introduced in the county by TETB, funded through SOLAS. This fund provided funding to community organisations for initiatives that supported the mitigation of educational disadvantage. A key strand of this funding allowed for the support of IT initiatives that had educational or training components. Over €160,000 was allocated through the fund. An example of funding: Aherlow Kilross Community Council "Reconnecting with the Community" - older people in rural isolation - €8,301 for Digital equipment - to hold classes for the local people in the area, older generations, Ukraine and non-national families, lone parent, long term unemployed and these classes would range from beginner computer lessons and how to use the internet.

A range of programmes have been developed in the Digital Tech space: Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Building Digital Business Skills, Certificate in Social Media for Digital Marketing and Certificate in Digital Business Solutions and are now being run through TETB.

TETB delivered 2 traineeships in the ICT area – Microsoft Traineeship and ICT Support Specialist Traineeship. These programmes provided the learners with the technical skills and knowledge to operate at a high level and supported the roll-out of broadband in several areas.

In 2022 TETB provided a range of courses with Social Media/Website content, open to volunteers and community organisations. Two specific programmes took place through our Community Education provision in both Tipperary Town and Borrisokane which were specifically, although not exclusively, aimed at volunteers.

A specific action to identify and support organisations or initiatives that aim to increase young people's awareness of, and engagement in, coding was included in the Strategy and the following activity from TETB addressed it:

- Specific coding courses have proved difficult to fill and to engage learners in over the past year. A number of coding programmes which are relevant for young people have been identified and efforts are underway to develop new strategies to integrate coding and related programmes into the work of Youthreach, Youthwork, and CTC's across the county.
- There currently are element of coding and software development being delivered as part of the wider youth provision in the County and there are a number of initiatives in place in schools across the county, including Coder DoJo.
- TETB has had significant provision in ICT, Basic Computers, Social Media, Digital Media, but we have an ongoing gap when it comes to 'CODING'. The development of taster programmes and other initiatives will be looked at as a specific issue as part of 2023 Area Based Planning.
- TETBs Further Education Campus in Templemore ran Software Development and Software Development. These programmes include programming and coding.
- While Software Testing is not directly classed as 'Coding' it is a related field with significant potential for employment in the county. A training Program is offered on Software Testing - Certified Tester Foundation Level also.

Youth Work Ireland-Tipperary

Youth Work Ireland-Tipperary have worked to promote the importance of digital creativity such as software coding among young people. 19 Staff Graduated from Maynooth Level 8 Digital Creativity Certificate which has equipped them to run numerous STEM programmes in 10 different Youth Projects in the county. Over 100 young people participated, typical programmes would involve motor boards, building scribble bots, solar fans, solar cars, Digital solarcoppers and Scratch programming.

Tipperary County Council

Tipperary County Council continues to increase the availability of online services to citizens through the delivery of a range of additional online services and consultation tools:

- Introduced a Housing Online Choice Based Letting (CBL) system in April 2022. This system gives social housing applicants the chance to express their interest in available properties to the Council. The process is designed to be fair and equitable and to put choice at the centre of the allocation of properties. Available properties are placed on the online system, and housing applicants can log in and express an interest. The facility is available via web sites, smartphones, and facilities in the Council offices around the county. The CBL System went live in April 2022 and there has been 84,000 logins since it went live.
- Significant progress was made on the project to upgrade our www.tipperarycoco.ie web site. This project is being progressed on a phased basis. The initial phase addressed underlying software security concerns, and entails a full rebuild of Tipperarycoco.ie, incorporating a service catalogue, migration of all content and a new look and feel to the web site. The new web site was scheduled and succeeded in going in January 2023.



- Developed a Holy Wells web site for the Heritage Section, showing details of all of the Holy Wells in County Tipperary.



- Developed and published Residential Zoned Land Tax maps and details on our web site, and facilitated online consultations and submissions.
- Developed and published Local Area plans on our web site and facilitated online consultations and submissions.
- Upgraded and improved existing Online Forms and Grant Application systems.
- Published Severe Weather Salting routes and Weather Alert in interactive map format on our web site.
- Facilitated publication and submissions re County Development Plan/Variations
- Upgraded the system to enable members of the public to log and submit faults, complaints and issues, and to plot the issue on a map, and submit photos.
- Continued to publish events, alerts and news on to our web site and share them out via our various social media channels.
- Developed and launched Online applications for Municipal District Schemes for Clubs & Residents Assoc Grants
- Continued to facilitate the Online ePlanning Portal, which enables members of the public and agents to submit online planning applications.
- Library Staff continued to hold online events and activities in 2022 and there are now over 300 videos on the Library YouTube channel. In addition, the Library Service now offers podcast of lectures given in the Library including the Tipperary Studies People and Place lecture series.
- The Library Service continued to offer a range of digital services in 2022. These included:

- The Public PC network which continues to be very well used
- Free High-Speed Wi-Fi which is offered in all Branch Libraries
- Remote Printing Service which allows users to print directly to Library Printers via a customer's personal mobile phones, tablets and laptops
- 3D printing is now available in three branch libraries and will be rolled out to two more in 2023
- The ACORN Tablet lending service was launched in 2022. ACORN is Ireland's first Age-Friendly smart tablet, Irish made and designed with the older person in mind. It is easy to use, easy to navigate and uncluttered, making online communication and access to the internet simple and rewarding for even the most inexperienced user. Any user who is a member of their local library can borrow an ACORN tablet and Library membership is free.



- Library Staff have attended a series of digital workshops given by the LGMA and continue to upskill on the latest digital technology.
- The Library Service has increased its investment in e-books in 2022 and again in 2023. E-books can now be borrowed directly from the online Library catalogue on the Library Website as well as through the BorrowBox App. This is the first time that Tipperary Libraries has offered e-books directly through the Library Catalogue and is a very positive development in Library e-services.

LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)

An LECP Advisory group was put in place for the development of the LECP 2023-2029 in accordance with the guidelines. In 2022, the group have focused on the development of a socio-economic statement, the development of High-Level Goals, and a Consultation Plan. It is envisaged that the consultation for the LECP and the consultation for the Local Development Strategy (Rural Development Programme 2023-2029) can take place jointly in 2023.

Bioeconomy Development in Tipperary:

- Former mining site at Lisheen – 455 hectare site. County Development Plan identifies the site as one of 6 designated sites within the EU for piloting the next generation of the bioeconomy.
- This proposal for a national campus at Lisheen was developed through the Irish Bioeconomy Foundation (IBF), bringing together relevant stakeholders, including universities, private enterprise and is supported through Enterprise Ireland.
- Overall campus recently purchased by AQS Environmental Solutions



Latest developments at Lisheen:

- **REVIVE ENVIRONMENTAL:** Proposed development - Main Building with a total floor area of 3657m² with carpark and access road, commercial yard area and access road, Truck Preparation Building (110 m²). During the operational phase of the development the facility will retrofit and reassemble rigid body tanker trucks to function as road and sewer cleaner trucks: PLANNING GRANTED JULY 2021
- **IRISH BIOECONOMY FOUNDATION:** Proposed development: Change of use from maintenance depot to an agri-food sector Research and Development Unit for light industrial use with ancillary office space and extension of the existing first floor accommodation by 169 sqm. PLANNING GRANTED DECEMBER 2021
- **SOLEIRTRICITY: Proposed development:** Construction of a Solar PV development with a maximum export capacity (MEC) of up to 122MW comprising of ca. 214,800 no. photovoltaic panels, the construction of a 38kV substation, (along with associated ancillary development) the total development area will be ca. 77ha. NOTIFICATION TO GRANT PLANNING FEBRUARY 2022
- **NARINGTECH LTD:** Bioproducts campus (13.85ha) including biorefinery, integrated compost/growing media facility and anaerobic digestion facility taking 80,000 tonnes of waste per annum. 30 jobs will be created. An Anaerobic Digestion Facility would use organic by-products and wastes to produce biogas that would then be used on-site to generate renewable electricity and provide heat for use in the compost/growing media facilities. PLANNING GRANTED NOVEMBER 2022

EU Bioeconomy Projects with Tipperary County Council Involvement:



- Promotion of the Bioeconomy in EU rural areas
- Regional Hubs in six EU countries. Tipperary is one of these European Hubs
- Funded through the European Research Executive Agency
- Project Duration: October 2022 – September 2025



ABC Economy Project

- ABC Economy targets waste streams arising from food production / processing and forestry in Ireland to develop new bio-based products and generate energy. These new products and energy systems will maximise the value of wastes, whilst reducing environmental impacts.
- Two year research programme. Completed in 2022.
- Project partners UCD and Cré
- Focus on Monaghan and Tipperary County Councils



AgRefine -European Training Network (ETN)

- Train 15 Early Stage Researchers (ESR's) in the necessary skills and knowledge to position Europe as the global leader in developing an agri-bioeconomy industry
- ETN consists of 15 highly interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral PhD projects each specialising in specific aspects of the bioeconomy
- Partners include: UCD, Universities and Research centres in Denmark, Vienna, Wageningen Netherlands, Greece, Bantry Marine Station
- Funded through the EU Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme
- Project Duration: October 2019 – Spring 2023.



Jan Starke, Wageningen University

- TCC hosted one of the students from March – May 2021: Jan Starke, Wageningen University, Netherlands
- Jan's research focuses on conflicts in industry-government-university collaborations. He completed a Case study on Lisheen and presented a poster at a conference in Ghent University.
- Partner meeting in Ghent University, May 2022 followed by a conference on 'The role of biorefineries in European Agriculture'

Italian SPRING Cluster Visit

IBF SPRING 'Exploring Ireland's Bioeconomy Together' was a visit from the SPRING Cluster in Italy to Ireland organised by Irish Bioeconomy Foundation (IBF). On 4th October 2019 two Memorandum of Understanding were signed between IBF and Cluster SPRING and BIOCIRCE Master respectively. From 17th to 19th May 2022 Mario Bonaccorso, manager of SPRING, and members of SPRING Cluster visited Ireland to learn about Ireland's growing bioeconomy. The group were hosted by the IBF with support from TCC.



Visit to Munster Technological University (MTU), the home of Circular Bioeconomy Cluster South West (CBCSW) on the second day of the trip.

Bioeconomy Ireland Week – October 2022



A BioEconomy group from Catalan, Spain visited Ireland during BioEconomy week 2022. They spent a day in Tipperary visiting Trifol, IBF, Rock of Cashel and Clonmel Civic Offices, where they were hosted by the Mayor and Cathaoirleach.

Tourism

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Littleton Labyrinth

Planning was approved by Tipperary County Council for the development of the first phase of the Littleton Labyrinth project. This new series of linked recreational trails are being developed as a collaborative project with Bord na Móna and the communities in the area.

Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme

Department of Rural and Community Development. Funding was secured by tourism for the following projects:

- Tipperary Angling: Complete audit of current angling infrastructure in Tipperary - Promote and market Tipperary as quality angling destination of choice value €27,000.
- Adventure Lough Derg: To improve both design and content of the Adventure Lough Derg app available on AppStore and Google Play value €27,000.
- Munster Vales: Development and Print of Slow Adventure Brochure Content, Copywrite and Design. Value €27,000.

Rose of Tralee International Festival

The International Rose of Tralee Tour visited Tipperary on August 13th & 14th shining a spotlight on the premier county as part of their tour of Ireland.

A delegation of sixteen roses led by Tipperary Rose Aisling O'Donovan included roses from Philadelphia, Waterford, Monaghan, Cavan, Florida, Kilkenny, Newfoundland, Leitrim, Ohio, Galway, Perth, Roscommon, Sydney, Sligo and Toronto. The roses Tipperary visit included, an official welcoming ceremony at Hotel Minella hosted by Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Cllr Roger Kennedy, followed by an evening on Suir Blueway Tipperary. The Roses also visited Coolmore, Fethard, the Cashel Palace Hotel, and the Rock of Cashel. The Roses were kindly gifted Tipperary jerseys by Fiserv and were treated to a spectacular demonstration of Irish dancing by local children from the Scoil Ui Ruairc, School of Irish Dancing. The visit secured significant press coverage both within Ireland and internationally. The promotions around this event created 2.16 million impressions and the advertising value equivalent was €84,000.



The International Rose of Tralee Tour



Cahir Castle

Suir Blueway Accreditation

The first Blueways in the world to achieve accreditation were officially launched on April 5th, two of only three Blueways accredited are located in county Tipperary - Suir Blueway Tipperary and Lough Derg Blueway.

The Blueway accreditation has been developed by Fáilte Ireland, Sport Ireland, Waterways Ireland, Sport Northern Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland. An official accreditation will ensure all Blueways will be developed to a consistent high standard from a technical and safety perspective and will deliver best in class sustainable visitor experiences.

This accreditation designates our Blueways as best-in-class destinations for water-based and water-side activities.



Suir Blueway Tipperary

South East Food Trail

The South East Food Stories initiative was formally launched in June.

Coordinated by the South East Development Office it is a collaboration between the local authorities in the South East, the county food networks, food and tourism businesses to develop a food trail across the region. The official website is live at www.southeastfoodstories.com and includes an attractive Tipperary package and promotional video.



South East Food Stories

Digital Transformation Award

Tipperary Tourism was delighted to receive the Digital Transformation Award at the 2022 Tipperary Business Awards.



Digital Transformation Award

Thoroughbred Country

Work continued on the development of an equine tourism trail under the new brand Thoroughbred Country. New social media accounts are now active on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The new website is also live at the following link www.thoroughbredcountry.ie



Equine Tourism

Networking and Training Events

Training was provided for tourism businesses to leverage the long-term marketing assets created by Tipperary Tourism.

All tourism-related businesses in the county were encouraged to attend; the training included:

- Flickr (Tipperary's image bank) training with guest speaker Kerry Kissane from All Around Ireland
- Training on leveraging off the marketing campaign for the year in detail and how to use Vimeo (Tipperary's video bank) with guest speaker Fergal O Keeffe from Travel Tales with Fergal
- Scheduled training on navigating the interactive map created for www.tipperary.com, with guest speaker Stephen Forde from Great Visitor Experiences.

In addition, one networking event was provided at Marlhill Open Farm. This was attended by Fáilte Ireland, Tipperary Local Enterprise Office, South Tipperary Development Company and tourism providers in the area. It gave the owners a wonderful opportunity to showcase their new business and to create new relationships with the government organisations in attendance and tourism providers in the area.



Networking Event Marlhill Open Farm

All Eyes on Tipperary - Marketing Coverage



Tipperary Tourism leverage the great coverage of Tipperary in late 2021 and rolled out a 12 month "All Eyes on Tipperary" campaign, the campaign created 72 million positive impressions of Tipperary the highlights of the campaign can be seen below:

Filming coverage

- Channel Five – River Suir Most Beautiful River in the World.
- Ireland with Michael filmed in numerous locations in Tipperary in the summer of 2022, the resulting show featuring The Rock of Cashel and The Cashel Palace aired on Public Service Television in the US in the winter.
- A 1-hour episode of TG4's Cúltir showcasing Tipperary culture was hosted from the Thatched Cottage in Ballycommon, the show aired in September.
- RTE, Virgin Media filmed at Cahir Cashel, after the award of European Film Destination in January.
- The Rock of Cashel, Cahir Castle and The Tipperary Food Producers featured on news bulletins and multiple press media in coverage of the Royal Visit in February of 2022.

Website

On Tipperary.com the homepage was updated to include a new section on "Things To Do" in Tipperary.

Cork Airport Exhibition

An exhibition of artist drawings of the world class historical sites in Tipperary took place in Cork Airport for the month of July.



Cork Airport Exhibition

Video & Photography

Five videos were produced and promoted during the year focusing on Tipperary hikes, the great outdoors, golf, horse racing and the equine experience in Tipperary.

The photography bank for Tipperary increased by 2,000 with the production of new visitor focused video clips and photography of 15 Tipperary Hikes and membership photography completed throughout the year.



Lough Dhoire Bhlé

Suir Blueway Tipperary PR

Tipperary Tourism hosted renowned Travel Journalist Yvonne Gordon on a familiarisation trip of Suir Blueway Tipperary back in May which resulted in very positive promotion in the UK and US markets with features in the September issue of Hemispheres Magazine on United Airlines USA and Worldwide and a more detailed review in The Guardian UK.

THE INITIATIVE
by Yvonne Gordon

Lough Derg Blueway
A part of the River Shannon, Lough Derg sits between counties Tipperary, Clare, and Galway. The blueway runs along more than 100 miles of lakeshore, with 11 paddling trails in addition to walking and cycling routes. Those looking to get out on the water can kayak, sail, go paddleboarding, or take a tour on a cruise boat. On dry land, meanwhile, paths range in distance from a 1-mile walk in Portumna Forest Park to a 10.7-mile hike from Troomlegate to Scariff. Heritage sites abound, with numerous historic castles and churches all around the lake, including the ruins of a 1,500-year-old monastic site on Holy Island. discoverloughderg.ie

Boyne Blueway
This 21.7-mile stretch of river in Trim County Meath, 28 miles north of Dublin, is great for anyone looking for a relaxing day on the water. Boyne Valley Activities offers two-hour guided kayaking trips that are perfect for beginners, as well as historical rafting tours on which you can see the magnificent Anglo-Norman Trim Castle, which dates to 1173. (For more serious paddlers, the company also offers race training sessions.) Those who want to explore on foot can follow the Trim River Walk, which runs from the castle to the 13th-century village of Newtown. Either way, end your day with a pint and some traditional Irish music at the 118-year-old, family owned James Griffin Pub. discoverboyn valley.ie

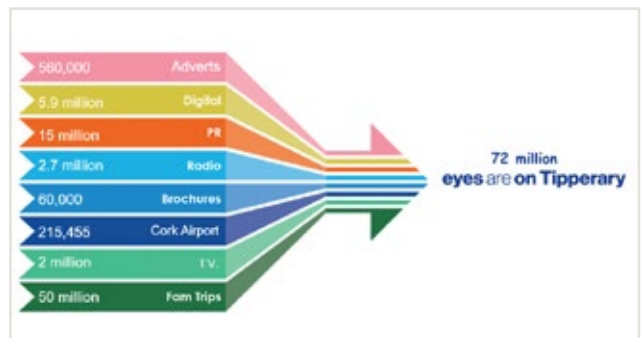
Feeling the Blueways
Ireland's waterways are becoming the best avenues for touring the island

Ireland may be known as the Emerald Isle, but these days it's putting a different color front and center: blue. Earlier this year, the country became the first in the world to establish accredited blueways—a series of recreational trails for people to explore and appreciate the island's waterways. So far three have been approved, allowing visitors to engage in activities ranging from hiking and cycling to swimming and kayaking along rivers, lakes, and canals, as well as take in historic and cultural landmarks. Here's how to enjoy this trio of trails.

Suir Blueway Tipperary
Along the 32.9 miles of paddling trails from Carrick-on-Suir to Cahir, a kayaker might find everything from a whitewater slalom course to a placid 17th-century towpath populated with ducks and swans. Among the sites you'll pass are scenic arched bridges, apple orchards that provide fruit for Bulmers (Magners) cider, and the impressively preserved 12th-century Cahir Castle, one of the largest castles in the country. There are also 13 miles of walking and cycling paths from which you can enjoy views of the Comeragh Mountains, in neighboring County Waterford, and much more. tipperary.com

From top: kayaking under a bridge on the Suir Blueway Tipperary; the River Suir flows by Cahir Castle

Yvonne Gordon Fam Trip to Suir Blueway Tipperary



Destination Lough Derg

Destination Lough Derg continued in its delivery of the Lough Derg Visitor Experience Development 2020-2024

The Lough Derg Visitor Experience Development Plan is aligned with the Tourism Masterplan for the Shannon, Ireland's Hidden Heartlands and Tipperary Transforming Tourism Product Development Plan. The Plan sets out the overall approach to Destination Planning in the area for the next five years, illustrating the unique attractions of Lough Derg and how best to develop visitor experiences across the region to place Lough Derg as a holiday destination of choice both nationally and when appropriate internationally.

Brand Refresh

In late 2022, Destination Lough Derg reviewed its brand identity and commissioned a brand refresh. This refresh allowed Destination Lough Derg to encapsulate new tourism trends emerging from the pandemic into the brand. The refreshed brand is more contemporary, and the colour scheme references the magnificent water, land and skies, along with the three counties. The design mark animates effortlessly and is representative of the great outdoors; a fresh contemporary colour palette and modern design accessories give the brand a fresh edge moving into 2023.



Image of Tountinna with Destination Lough Derg Brand

Dromineer Centre for Water Sports Activities

The second Fáilte Ireland, Platform for Growth funding scheme focused on developing water sports activity facilities. Tipperary County Council has secured support for developing a facility in Dromineer Harbour.

The project received planning permission from An Bord Pleanála in October.

The facility will provide a hub in the locality from which multiple water sports operators can base themselves. These best-in-class facilities will include; changing facilities, showers, toilets, secure storage and enclosed spaces for inductions to take place.



Dromineer Harbour location of new water sports activity facilities.

Lough Derg Blueway Accreditation

The Lough Derg Blueway was one of three Blueway's in the world to receive accreditation on the 6th of April. Destination Lough Derg created a suite of 21 trail videos (3D-tracked videos) to help visitors visualise the routes. A mini digital advertising campaign promoted the product, producing 1.6 million impressions. The videos are available on www.discoverloughderg.ie.



Destination Lough Derg Blueway Accreditation Launch

Destination Lough Derg Marketing Highlights:

Long-Term Marketing Assets

Photography The content of the Lough Derg Flickr account doubled in 2022 thanks to 3 separate projects; the free image resource for trade and journalists now contains 4,000 high-quality images of the region.

The photography projects were:

- A new photography bank was commissioned to promote food and craft businesses around Lough Derg; a total of 18 businesses, 6 in each county.
- Twelve Tipperary locations in the new footprint of Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands were photographed.
- A winter landscape photography shoot of eight Lough Derg locations was completed in December.

The tourism businesses were notified of the extended library.



Portroe in Winter

Video: The Destination Lough Derg Vimeo account was up-graded with seven additional terabytes of high- quality footage for tourism businesses and journalists to use to create awareness of the region.

Adventure Lough Derg App: An up-grade to Adventure Lough Derg App was completed with the inclusion of additional activities and the suite of on water Blueway trails.

Discovery Points

Lough Derg Discovery Points plan was screened and an architectural and conservation report completed for each of the locations.

Destiantion Lough Derg Marketing Highlights

Destination Lough Derg executed a 52-week marketing campaign in 2022. Significant efforts by the group ensured that substantial awareness was created of the destination during the first year of the sector’s recovery from the Covid 19 pandemic.

A marketing mix of digital, print, PR, radio and TV resulted in 7 million positive impressions of Lough Derg as a destination.

Impressions created

T.V. – An episode of Tracks and Trails, this show will be repeated 5 times.	*225,000
Digital advertising	1,600,000
Social Media Platforms	3,000,007
P.R.	1,100,000
Printed	560,000
Podcast sponsorship	500,000



Tracks and Trails

Festivals & Events

Destination Lough Derg supported three world-class events on the lake in 2022, the group created content and provided PR support for the following projects:

- Dromineer Yacht Club hosted the Gul World Fireball Championship for a week in August. One hundred sixty-four people representing 14 nationalities participated in the event. The successful event garnered international and national press coverage and recognition of Lough Derg as a world-class venue for such events.



Gul World Fireball Championship launched by Cathaoirleach Rodger Kennedy

- Brookfield Farm, Co. Tipperary, hosted Field Exchange, an educational and artistic programme of events on sustainable farming. The First Lady Sabrina Higgins opened the programme of sold-out workshops with training provided by National Organic Training Skillnet. Minister Catherine Martin gave an address at the Harvest Festival in September, which concluded the project.



Field Exchange launched by Sabrina Higgins

- Quest Lough Derg 2022 took place on 10th September; 1,037 individuals participated in the sold-out event. The event aligns perfectly with the Ireland's Hidden Heartland brand highlighting Lough Derg as one of Ireland's premier places to get-active-in-nature, with 15 published articles and thousands of images circulated online. The next event is on 9th September 2023.

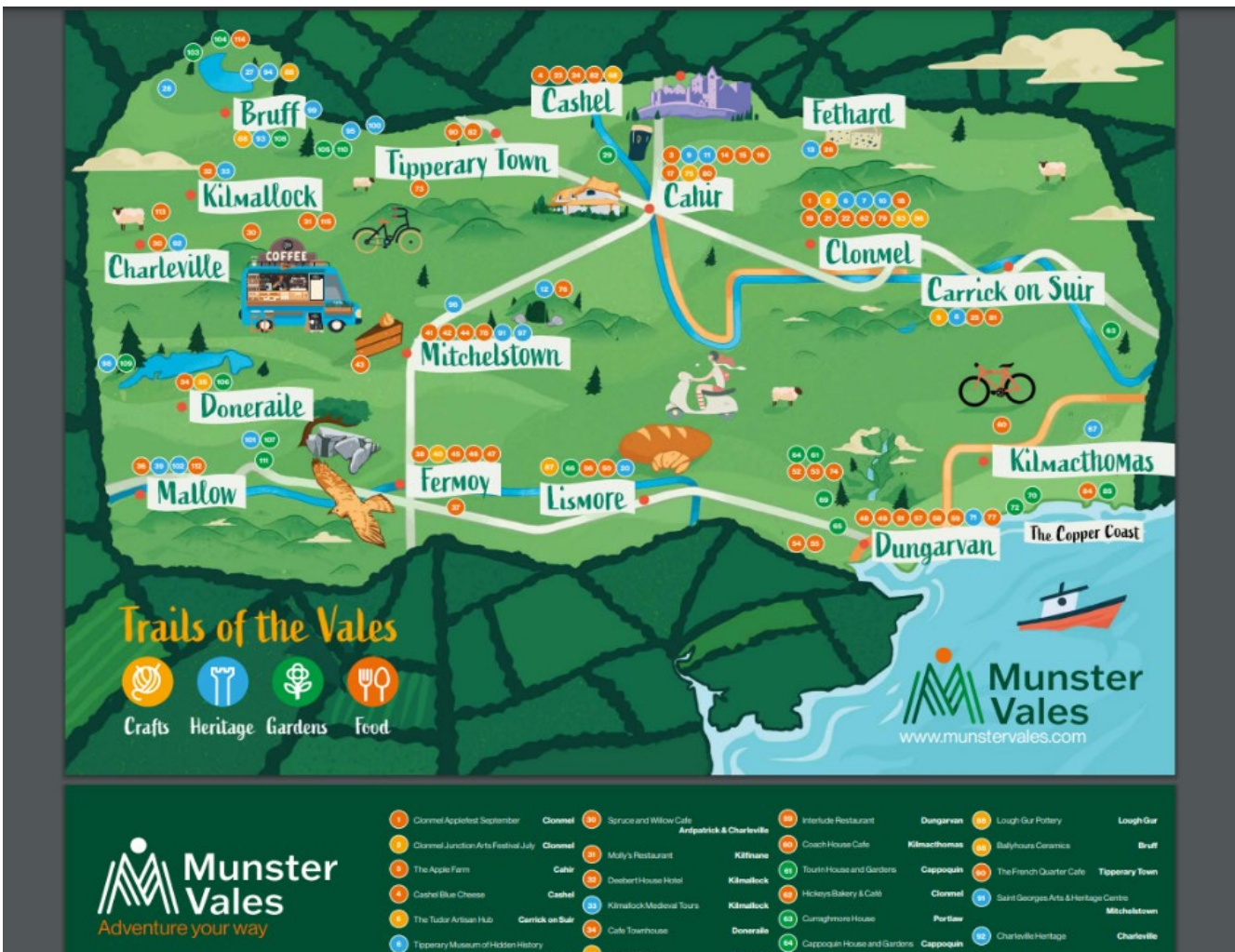


Quest Lough Derg

Munster Vales



- Held an event in The Cashel Palace Hotel in October 2022 to mark Munster Vales five year anniversary and launched a new logo and the 'Trails of the Vales' map and a Sustainability Policy. The networking event attracted almost 100 people and it was a great success.
- Provided training to over 400 people in tourism related businesses across the region in recent years with thanks to the Local Enterprise Offices in Tipperary, Waterford, Limerick and Cork for their continued support.
- Munster Vales has welcomed over 55 media personnel on press trips over the last number of years. 71 businesses have been featured in national and international publications as a result we have garnered over €10 million worth of media coverage.
- Launched a 'Trails of the Vales' food trail that highlights the craft, garden and heritage experiences. These maps are displayed in over 100 tourism businesses and local shops and libraries.
- Acts as a constant support and mentor for the communities and businesses, assisting with marketing needs, inputting into development plans.
- Launched an interactive walking section to www.munstervales.com with over 83 walks listed.



 **Munster Vales**
Adventure your way

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|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|----------------|
| 1 Clonmel Applefest September | 30 Service and Willow Cafe Ardpatrick & Charleville | 59 Interlude Restaurant | Dungarvan 68 Lough Gur Pottery | Lough Gur |
| 2 Clonmel Junction Arts Festival July | 31 Molly's Restaurant Kilsnane | 60 Coach House Cafe | Kilmaclinochy 69 Ballyhousa Ceramics | Bruff |
| 3 The Apple Farm | 32 Debert House Hotel Kilmallock | 61 Tourist House and Gardens | Cappoquin 70 The French Quarter Cafe | Tipperary Town |
| 4 Cashel Blue Cheese | 33 Kilmallock Medieval Tours Kilmallock | 62 Hickneys Bakery & Cakes | Clonmel 71 Saint Georges Arts & Heritage Centre | Mitchelstown |
| 5 The Tudor Artisan Hub | 34 Carrick on Suir Cafe Townhouse | 63 Curraghmore House | Portlaoise 72 Charleville Heritage | Charleville |
| 6 Tipperary Museum of Hidden History | 35 Great ARTpubs Doneraile | 64 Cappoquin House and Gardens | Cappoquin | |

BROADBAND

Digital connectivity

or 'smart infrastructure' or 'digital infrastructure' - is the utility of the twenty-first century. It underpins every aspect of the modern economy and all aspects of smart cities. This includes cellular wireless - 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G - and Wi-Fi, wired (including full-fibre) technologies, Internet of Things (IoT), and emerging non-terrestrial networks such as low-earth orbit satellites.

Digital connectivity is being delivered across the State primarily through the Commercial investment of the telecommunications industry. Government will take measures to drive increased Gigabit and 5G connectivity, including complementing commercial investment in infrastructure with Government-led initiatives and through facilitating other strategic enablers.

These Government-led initiatives include:

- the deployment of Gigabit network services through the National Broadband Plan's State-led Intervention to primarily rural areas covering circa 23% of the premises across the State;
- ensuring 5G Spectrum continues to be made available, with appropriate coverage and deployment obligations

The National Broadband Plan (NBP)

The National Broadband Plan (NBP) is the government's initiative to deliver high speed broadband services to all premises in Ireland. This will be delivered through investment by commercial enterprises coupled with Intervention by the State in those parts of the country where private companies have no plans to invest.

High Speed Broadband will be delivered to every premises in Ireland through a combination of -

- Commercial investment by the telecommunications sector
- a State Intervention in those areas where commercial providers acting alone will not provide this service

(NBP) State led-Intervention Area

To deliver the National Broadband Plan (NBP) State led-Intervention Area, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) went through a rigorous procurement process to choose a company to build, operate and maintain a high speed broadband network.

On 19 November 2019 the government signed the contract for the National Broadband Plan IA.

Following the award of the contract, Granahan McCourt incorporated a new Irish registered company, National Broadband Ireland - NBI™ to build, operate and maintain the network. They are now designing and preparing to build and operate Ireland's new high-speed fibre broadband network in the intervention area. Their partners include KN Group, Actavo, TLI and Secto. A fifth Build Sub-Contractor, Gaeltec, has recently been added to the panel. Nokia is providing all the active equipment for the project and 4Site is NBI's network design partner.



In total, there are over 30,349 premises located in the National Broadband Plan's State -led Intervention Area (NBP IA) in County Tipperary – including;

- 21 Broadband Connection Points (BCPs), and 35 rural BCP National Schools
- 19,800 homes,
- 3,971 Farms,
- 6,545 residential/ commercial businesses and

Under this project the county will see an investment of €118M in new Gigabit network services in the county.

In June, 2021, NBI™ commenced fibre cable deployment to deliver 22 NBP IA Deployment Area (s) in county Tipperary <https://nbi.ie/where-are-we-working/>

Each Deployment Area spans approximately 20 Km and is built around Local or Regional Exchanges housing NBI™ OLT Equipment. There are three Regional Exchanges in the county which are located in the towns of Roscrea, Tipperary Town and Clonmel and these exchanges connect to the NBI™ Data Centre in Dublin via existing high-speed Fibre Networks.

Table 1 below identifies the current NBI™ Projected delivery Time-Frames for each Deployment Area in the County.

NBI™ Deployment Area	Anticipated date for Connection*
Clonmel	Available to Order/Pre-Order
Gort	Available to Order/Pre-Order
Johnstown	Available to Order/Pre-Order
Roscrea	Available to Order/Pre-Order
Tipperary	Available to Order/Pre-Order
Carrick-On-Suir	January 2024 – June 2024 – currently under construction
Cashel	July 2023 - September 2023 – currently under construction
Hospital	January 2024 - June 2024 – currently under construction
Mullinahone	January 2024 - June 2024 – currently under construction
Nenagh	January 2024 - June 2024 – currently under construction
Ballinamult	January 2025 - December 2026
Ballinderry	January 2025 - December 2026
Banagher	January 2025 - December 2026
Cahir	July 2024-December 2024 – currently under construction
Hollyford	January 2025 - December 2026
Tallow	July 2024 - December 2024
Templemore	January 2025 - December 2026
Birr	January 2025 - December 2026
Littleton	January 2025 - December 2026
Mitchels Town	January 2025 - December 2026
Newport	January 2025 - December 2026
Ogonnelloe	January 2025 - December 2026

The breakdown Figures for County Tipperary as of February, 2023

- Total number of NBP State led- Intervention Area premises covered in Tipperary: 30, 349
- Total number of NBP IA premises passed (per Feb, 2023) in Tipperary: 5, 805
- Total number of NBI™ new Customer Connections (per Feb, 2023) in Tipperary: 1,588 (27% uptake on Premises Passed)
- 100% of Tipperary premises will be surveyed by end 2023.
- Over 60% of premises will have build works commenced by end 2022, and
- 98% by end 2023
- Over 70% of Tipperary premises will have build complete by end 2024

Table 2 below identifies the Projected NBI™ delivery Time-Frames for County Tipperary

Year	Survey complete	Build commencing	Build complete
2020	20%	10%	
2021	51%	20%	
2022	86%	61%	20%
2023	100%	98%	51%
2024		100%	72%
2025			98%
2026			100%
2027			

Connected Communities

Broadband Connection Points will unlock the potential in our rural communities.



Whether that is connected working, the creative arts, eHealth, educational supports, business supports, the BCPs will be supported to provide the services that their communities need.

These premises are not merely a stop-gap measure ahead of the arrival of the National Broadband Plan, it is our hope that they will instead become long-term community assets, fixtures of their communities, providing next generation services to Ireland's rural heartlands."

High quality digital connectivity offers an unprecedented opportunity to transform rural Ireland. It will support the sustainability of rural communities by enabling more people to continue to live and work in rural locations and encouraging others to relocate to rural areas.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the importance of digital connectivity in supporting many aspects of our daily lives. Throughout the crisis, digital connectivity helped many people to avoid becoming socially isolated; it enabled students to continue their education through on-line learning; and it demonstrated its potential to support economic activity through remote working and the delivery of services on-line.

Improved connectivity and digital innovation will help communities to have greater outreach. It will support older people to live independently in their communities, but with access to more supports and services through connected technologies.

It will mean a better quality of life for rural dwellers, enabling people to access online information and resources including the provision of online services such as education and personalised health care. In the longer-term, it is envisaged that many of the BCPs will act as a central point for the provision of digital services in the community.

The (NBP) BCP delivery Programme is now completed in County Tipperary - and the following Broadband Connection Points have been connected and are providing high-speed broadband services to members of the public –

- Rossmore Community Hall, Rossmore, Cashel, Co. Tipperary, E25D429
- Drom Community Hall, Drom, Borrisoleigh, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, E41X285
- Curreeney Community Hall, Curreeney, Kilcommon, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, E41XC62
- AGLISH Community Hall, AGLISH, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, E53E132
- Killurney Community Centre, Killurney, Ballypatrick, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91H7W4
- Moyglass Community Hall, Moyglass, Fethard, Co. Tipperary, E91WK25
- Killoscully Community Centre, Killoscully, Newport, Co. Tipperary, V94FK20
- Killea Community Centre, Killea, Templemore, Co. Tipperary, E41T6Y0THE
- Pavillion, Ballinderry Sportsfield, Ballinderry, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, E45 F627
- Ballinahinch Community Centre, Rosssfinch, Ballinahinch, Birdhill, V94 CVC0
- Boher Parish Hall, Boher, Ballina, V94 EY06
- Fanure Community Hall, Fanure, Roscrea, County Tipperary E53 AE02
- Kilcoleman Community And Recreational Centre, Burgess Gaa Club, Pairc Na Ngael, Kilcoleman, Newtown, Nenagh, E45 YH76
- The Apple Camping & Caravan Park, Moorstown, Cahir, E21 YX33
- Donaskeagh Community Centre, Donaskeagh, E34 AK24 (HSB connection to this building is "Fibre cable")
- Terryglass Community Hall, Terryglass, Nenagh, E45 FC42
- Ballylooby Castlegrace Gaa Club, Ballylooby Castlegrace Gaa Clubhouse, Kilroe, Ballylooby, E21 TA47
- Latteragh Community Centre, Sallypark, Latteragh, Nenagh, E45 EF68
- Gurtagarry Community Hall, Gortagarry, Toomevara, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary E45 FA43
- Lismackin Community Hall, Lismackin, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary E53 Y589
- North Tipperary Food Works, Main Street, Rearcross, Newport, County Tipperary V94YW08

The BCP Initiative is a collaborative effort involving the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, the Department of Rural and Community Development, National Broadband Ireland, the Local Authorities and Managers of the BCP sites.

The receipt of DRCD connected hubs Funding has supported our community involvement with remote villages and the aim is to develop our Broadband Connection Points into active “Remote Digital Hubs”.



The Tipperary BCP Network has completed a number of pilot Digital Skills and digital literacy courses.

Working with the DRCD, a number of public and private sector partners including Microsoft, these pilot programmes seek to upskill from no knowledge to working proficiency and to support the exploration of STEAM subjects and coding by school children and families.

“Digital literacy Courses will offer new skills to learn, work and navigate everyday life in our digital world. The skills involve the ability to use devices, software, and apps safely and with confidence”

Acquiring digital skills is as important as physical access to broadband infrastructure to enable individuals and communities to maximise the benefits of high-speed broadband connectivity. The internet and digital technologies are transforming the way people live and work, but figures from the Central Statistics Office show that use of these technologies decreases in older age categories.

An number of Digital Skills Training Programmes were rolled out in the Broadband Connection Points in County Tipperary in 2022 in association with –

- Our Kids Code and Trinity College, Dublin
- Hi Digital and Vodafone and Active Retirement Ireland
- Microsoft Dream Space Den
- KINIA and Youth Work Ireland
- Our Rural Future: Digital Initiative Programme 2021 – TCC Smart Skills for Farming Communities (Tipperary)
- NALA
- Community Stakeholders



(NBP) Commercial Investment

Gigabit Networks

The telecommunication sector employs approximately 25,000 people and has invested circa €3.3 billion over the past 5 years in new and upgraded networks.

Recent announcements from Virgin Media, SIRO and Eir indicate that the vast majority of premises in urban and suburban areas will be covered with a fibre to the home services with Gigabit network services being made available to these locations by 2028.

This Commercial investment will result in Gigabit Network services being made available to the vast majority of premises, in primarily urban and suburban areas covering circa 77% of the premises across the State.

These new Gigabit Network (s) in County Tipperary are being delivered by the following -

SIRO, who were launched in 2015 as a joint venture between ESB and Vodafone with the aim of delivering the first 100% fibre-to-the-building broadband across regional Ireland. The SIRO Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Network is built using the ESB's overhead and underground infrastructure, ensuring a fast, reliable and sustainable network.

SIRO, continues to deploy high speed broadband (FTTH) in the towns of Nenagh Clonmel and Roscrea (Phase 1)

In October, 2021 SIRO announced (Phase 2) of its fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) Network and under this Programme (FTTH) deployment works commenced in the towns of Thurles, and Cashel in June 2022 and are planned to commence in Tipperary town in Mid 2023.

Tipperary County Council is trialling new technologies with Industry to support the "Dig Once" policy, as part of the Liberty sq, Thurles Refurbishment Project and innovative uses of existing technologies to deliver more effective public services through the Government's Digital Innovation Programme – including the development of pilot "Shared underground Shared Telecommunications Infrastructure". SIRO, started using this new Infrastructure in November, 2022.

In 2019, **EIR LIMITED** commenced the build of their IFN Project in County Tipperary which plans to cover all Urban areas in the county with greater than 1,000 urban premises. To date, EIR has passed over 19,000 premises in Urban areas with Gigabit Network services in County Tipperary - namely the towns of Nenagh, Ballina/ Killaloe, Tipperary Town, Templemore, Thurles, Clonmel and Cahir.

In November, 2022 - Eir FTTH deployment works commenced in the town of Cashel and in the town of Roscrea in January, 2023 and FTTH deployment is planned to commence in the town of Carrick-on-Suir in Early 2023 and in Fethard, Two-mileborris and Cappawhite in Mid 2023.

Under its Commitment Agreement with the State - **OPEN eir** recently completed the deployment of its Gigabit Network to 16,000 premises in rural areas which was previously part of the National Broadband Plan's State-led Intervention Area (NBP IA), County Tipperary.

In total, EIR Ltd has to date passed c. 35,000 premises with Gigabit Network Services in the County.

eNet has over 133 Metropolitan Area Network fibre optic Connection (s) across the eight (8) Urban eNet Networks in County Tipperary namely in the towns of -Clonmel (phase 1) and Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Nenagh, Roscrea, Templemore, Tipperary Town (phase 2)

These locations are either operational or in the process of coming on stream. Their end users are a real mix of life in Business in the county made up of Schools, Bank Branches and Credit Union offices, Gov Departments and State Agencies (Hospitals/Garda Stations etc) <https://www.enet.ie/metropolitan-area-networks-mans/>

Imagine continues to upgrade and expansion its WTTx network (Fixed wireless high-speed broadband services) in County Tipperary and to date - over 58,486 premises and businesses in County Tipperary are covered on the Imagine Network from 22 Mast locations both within and in surrounding the counties. <https://bit.ly/30Zv9kV>



Commercial Investment

Cellular Wireless - 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G services

In 2021, 87% of people used a Mobile Device to access the internet (up from 73% in 2016), which corresponds to the number of regular internet users (87% of people in 2021). Source: Eurostat, European Union survey on ICT usage in Households and by Individuals

Tipperary is served by three Mobile Network Operators (known as MNOs):

- Eircom Limited (“eir”),
- Three Ireland (Hutchison) Limited (“Three”) and
- Vodafone PLC.

All of these MNOs offer 2G Voice calls, 3G Voice and Data and 4G Data services and all three MNOs introduced 5G services in 2021.

The telecommunications regulator “ComReg” has a Mobile Signal Checker Map that is searchable by Eircode and by Mobile Phone Operator (MNO) to see what Outdoor data services might be available in a particular area. This map is available at <https://coveragemap.comreg.ie/map>.

The MNOs continue to maintain and deploy new telecoms Infrastructure in order to -

- Improve Customer availability for 4G - LTE services
- Improve Customer availability for 5G services and as additional 5G spectrum is released, the scale and Geographic coverage of these services will continue to expand.

5G services with outdoor signal strength levels ranging from “Good” to “Fringe” are now available in the following locations in the County –

- Eircom Limited (“eir”) in parts of Borrisokane, Cloughjordan, Templemore, Toomevara, Nenagh, Portroe, Birdhill, Borrisoleigh, Thurles, Roscrea, Dundrum, Tipperary, Cahir, Clogheen, Clonmel, Kilsheelan, Carrick-on-Suir..
- Three Ireland (Hutchison) Limited (“Three”) in parts of Clonmel, Fethard, Killenaule, Cashel, Thurles, Borrisoleigh, Nenagh, Borrisokane, Nine-Mile House, Cloughjordan, Springfort Retail Park, PoppyField Retail Park, the Commons, Keeper Hill and Portroe..
- Vodafone PLC in parts of Clonmel, Thurles, Nenagh and Cahir Md only.

The “Tipperary Free Wifi4EU Network” was completed in 2021 with the support of funding from the European Union and DRCD and is being Maintained by Tipperary County Council in the following towns Tipperary, Nenagh, Clonmel, Roscrea, Thurles and Carrick-on-Suir.



The demand for the free Wi-Fi connectivity service, first introduced in September, 2020 in the county has grown exponentially over the past three years. The past year saw an increase 30% in the number of service users across the county.



Launch of the Nenagh Wifi4EU Network



Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil Local Enterprise Office

Local Enterprise Office

The 2022 output for the Local Enterprise Office are shown on Table no. 1

	CoE Band Target	2022 Output	% +/- Annual Target
No. of Clients Approved Measure 1 Funding	30	36	120%
No. of Clients approved Agile / R&D	1	2	200%
No. of Mentoring Participants	300	690	230%
No. of Cumulative Training Participants	1500	1,889	126%
No. of SYOB Participants	150	112	75%
No. of Management Dev. Training Participants	75	55	73%
No. of General Training Participants	1,275	1,722	135%
No. of Lean Clients Approved	15	14	93%
No. of Green4 Micro Clients Approved	17	6	35%
No. of MFI Applications Submitted by LEO	13	20	154%
No. of TOVs Approved	38	49	129%

The results demonstrate a very strong performance for the Local Enterprise Office in what was a very challenging year for start up and established businesses. We exceeded our metric on the number of companies receiving Measure 1 funding (for small capital and employment grants) and the office produced an exceptional result for the number of participants on mentoring sessions/programmes (130% ahead of target) and for the cumulative training participants (20% ahead of target).

The poorest result was under the 'Green4Micro' metric where the office was 65% below target. In relation to online trading vouchers, the target was exceeded by 29%, a reflection of the emerging trend of products and services going online in the last two years.

The number of Micro Finance loan applications received was 20, up by 2 applications on 2021.

Overall, Tipperary LEO has a client base of 283 companies, employing 1,528 people and these client companies created 238 new jobs during 2022. Tipperary Local Enterprise Office was the second (to Dublin city) highest performer on gross and net jobs created during 2022, demonstrating resilience and overall strength of the local economy, particularly in the areas of engineering support service companies supplying a very strong indigenous food sector and in life sciences in the southern part of the country.

The Evaluation & Approvals Committee evaluated and approved a total of €907,144 funding on 38 projects in 2022. 10 x TAME Grants for €15,640 8 x Priming Grants for €210,179 5 x Feasibility Grants for €74,550 12 x Business Expansion Grants for €504,678 2 x Agile Innovation Grants approved for €73,347, GradStart Grant approved of €28,750. Grant funding leveraged an investment of €3,829,082 into the County.

Green for Micro

6 applications approved.

The aim of the Green for Micro programme is to assist businesses in lowering their carbon footprint, reducing costs and improving the environmental profile of the business in the marketplace.

Digital Start – pilot programme

6 applications received and approved.

Small businesses need to maximise every advantage - and implementing a digital strategy can give businesses a real edge. Digital Start is a pilot initiative from the Local Enterprise Office designed to give Local Enterprise Office funded clients* that digital edge - from optimising processes to delivering a seamless digital customer experience, the aim is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

LEAN for Micro

15 Companies applied to date

Lean into working smarter, not harder! Lean for Micro is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

Trading on Line Vouchers

49 grants approved valued at €101,960

Micro Finance Ireland –

To date 20 applications supported to apply for funding.

Under a partnership between Microfinance Ireland and the Local Enterprise Offices, business loans are now available through the LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE.

- Unsecured loans from €2,000 up to €25,000
- Term from 3 to 5 years
- Reduced Interest Rate 4.5% for LEO clients
- Flexibility on repayment terms

The loans are provided and underwritten by our partner organisation Microfinance Ireland and application may be made through the LEO office and in the first instance will be assessed locally. Microfinance Ireland was established by the government to provide additional lending to start-up and existing micro enterprises. The final decision for all loan applications is made by Microfinance Ireland. Loans are repayable to Microfinance Ireland according to the terms and conditions set out by Microfinance Ireland.

1 – 1 Mentoring support/ Business Clinics

690 1- 1 mentor assignments completed

Training & Development Workshops

A total of 1,889 participants engaged on various training workshops throughout the year.

Student Enterprise Awards 2021 / 2022

Tipperary LEO held the Student Enterprise Programme County Final online on Friday 11th March 2022 of which approximately 1,368 students from twenty-one (21) Tipperary secondary schools took part in the programme.

Our county finalist winners were:

- Junior Category, students: Sebastin Stockil, James Bateman and Jack McGonigle from Wonderful Wood Workers at Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir under the supporting eye of teachers Ms. Martina Harrahill and Mr. Cunningham.
- Intermediate Category, Peadar Bradshaw from How Music Changed My Life at CBS High School Clonmel, supported by teachers Ms. Carol Dwane and Ms. Martina O'Reilly.
- Senior Category, Jack Ryan, Ethan Whitehead and Louis Ryan from Cocobow at CBS Thurles. Mr. Fergus O'Brien is their teacher and has experience of his students representing at the nationals as his previous students Jack O'Mara and Daniel Ruddy were winners 'Handy Hose' of the Senior Category in 2020.
- The winner in the "My Entrepreneurial Journey" category open to junior and intermediate students was Aisling O'Keeffe Maher of St Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh encouraged by teacher Mr. Donal Linehan.
- In the Most Creative Business Idea section (senior category), Sarah McCoy of Scoil Mhuire, Greenhill Carrick on Suir came out on top helped by teacher Ms. Catherine McConalogue
- Melt a Message of Ursline, Thurles were the overall winners of the Social Media award supported by teacher Ms. Sharon Hynes.
- AIB's Entrepreneurial Award went to student Colm Gleeson with his business Loughmore Timberman of Our Lady's Templemore supported by teacher Ms. Emma Fogarty.



Tipperary Green Business Network kindly sponsored an Environmental and Sustainability award in each category.

Junior Category:	Premier Birdboxes, Student Pádraic Callanan, Teacher: Mr. Fergus O'Brien
Intermediate Category:	The Environmentals, Students Peter Carroll, Bryan Meskell, Luke Foley, Sean Galligan, Teacher: Mr. Ronan Guilfoyle
Senior Category:	Ecoware, Students Josh Lenihan, Jim Paxman, Robert Mandrila, Teacher: Ms. Bríd Gleeson

The winning County Tipperary students then went on to compete against approximately 80 student enterprises from all over the country at an online event at Tuesday 3rd May to try for a place in the Top 15 shortlisted teams that would make it to a live event on Wednesday 18th May at The Helix in Dublin. Of the 24,000 students from almost 500 secondary schools across the country, only 15 student enterprises were shortlisted for the Final in what is Ireland's largest entrepreneurship programme for second level students. Tipperary Local Enterprise Office were proud and delighted to have two teams make up these 15 shortlisted enterprises.

This year's live event was the first in-person event since 2019 at the Helix in Dublin with An Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and host RTE's Rick O'Shea and also marked the 20th anniversary of the Student Enterprise Programme and Tipperary were proudly represented by student entrepreneurs from Clonmel and Cahir.

Our shortlisted enterprises were:

- **Intermediate Category** 'How Music Changed My Life' student Peadar Bradshaw representing Clonmel High School under the guidance of his teachers Ms. Martina O'Reilly and Ms. Carol Dwane.
- **Junior Category** 'The Wonderful Woodworkers' 1st year students **James Bateman, Sebastin Stockil and Jack McGonigle** representing Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir with the support of their teachers **Ms. Martina Marahill and**

On the day our Tipperary students won Special Merit Awards in recognition of their enterprises in each of the categories and were delighted to meet An Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar at the event. Judging took place virtually via electronic submissions.



National Enterprise Awards Dublin's Mansion House on 2nd June 2022.

Premier Fire Products Ltd, T/a Waxies who are supported by Local Enterprise Office Tipperary, were worthy representatives at National Enterprise Awards. The awards, which took place at the Mansion House in Dublin, are in their 23rd year and run annually by the Local Enterprise Offices.



Mid-West Export Event Dromoland

On Thursday June 16th at the Inn at Dromoland the Mid-West Local Enterprise Offices, supported by Enterprise Europe Network, invited businesses to come and discover all you need to know to start your journey from local to global. Hosted by well-known RTÉ Journalist, Technology and Digital Entrepreneur Áine Kerr.

The event provided all the information, connections and resources needed to execute a successful export strategy. Hear from a panel of successful LEO & Enterprise Ireland clients from Clare, Tipperary and Limerick who shared their experience of growth and exporting and discover common small businesses export challenges and how to overcome them from an expert panel. The event offered businesses key networking opportunities with export support organisations like Irish Exporters Association, InterTrade Ireland, Enterprise Ireland's Agile/Innovation Department and many more to learn how they can help your business with global expansion.



Picture: Back row Eliza & Evie Ward Nutshed, Mary Ryan Tipp LEO
Front row: Florrie Purcell, The Scullery & Ita Horan Tipp LEO



The Local Enterprise Office this year supported the Energy in Agriculture event in Gurteen by hosting "Steps to successful diversification". This session focused on diversification and the steps involved in product development, the how and where to start. Once new products are developed, you need to establish how they should be branded, marketed and sold taking copyright and intellectual property into perspective.

This event saw around 500 people attending the business options tent. This is something that we will build on for 2023 working alongside the Energy & Agri Committee.



Picture: l/r Celine Kinnane & Mary Ryan Tipp LEO Minister for Agriculture, Food & The Marine Charlie McConalogue

National Womens Enterprise Day #NWED



On Thursday, 13th October, Local Enterprise Office Tipperary (LEO Tipperary), in conjunction with LEO Clare and LEO Limerick formed part of Ireland’s largest ever female enterprise event. The focus of the full day programme at The Cashel Palace Hotel, was on female entrepreneurship and attracted extensive media attention. Across the conference, 140 attendees networked, engaged with leading industry experts and acquired valuable knowledge about the extensive range of supports available from LEO.

Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, Damien English, addressed the gathering via video link. The event MC was former RTE broadcaster, award-winning journalist and communications expert, Ciana Campbell and the keynote speaker was GP, broadcaster, award winning columnist and presenter of Newstalk Breakfast, Dr. Ciara Kelly. One of the major employers in Cashel, Waystone, a global leader in institutional governance, risk, administration and compliance services to the asset management industry, was represented by Associate Director, Aislinn O’Keefe.



Picture: Aislinn O’Keefe, Associate Director Business Transformation Waystone



Picture: l/r MC Ciana Campbell and Dr. Ciara Kelly Keynote Speaker

Reinforcing the importance of LEO was a panel of expert speakers who outlined the role that LEO has played in their development. The panel included Geraldine Jones, Founder, Skin Formulas; Mary Kearney, Founder, Kearney’s Home Baking and Aoibhinn Garrihy & Sharon Connellan, Founders, BEO Wellness - all spoke about issues affecting women in business and the importance of achieving a good work and homelife balance - the trending hashtag was #ourfutureourway.



Panel Discussion l/r: MC Ciana Campbell, Geraldine Jones, Mary Kearney, Aoibhinn Garrihy & Sharon Connellan

To capture the day we engaged Hazel Hurley “The Graphic Harvester” to create a snapshot from the event. This drawing is now on display in Civic Offices Nenagh



Picture: Hazel Hurley "The Graphic Harvester"

National Ploughing Championships, Ratheniska Co. Laois

Tipperary company, Eco Green Resources Ltd from Local Enterprise Office Tipperary, were one of over 30 Local Enterprise Office clients from across the country who exhibited in the Local Enterprise Village at this year's National Ploughing Championships in Laois last week as Europe's largest event returned for the first time since 2019.



Picture: l/r Rachel Coffey Eco Green Resources, Kathleen Prendergast Tipp Co Co, Bernard O'Connor Eco Green Resources & Mary Ryan Tipp LEO

The Local Enterprise Office in collaboration with Tipp FM sponsored The Best of Tipp Awards 2022



The Best of Tipp Awards took place on the 25th October in The Anner Hotel Thurles. Over 700 businesses were nominated with as many as 100,000 votes received. The Local Enterprise Office presented "Local Hero" Award to Cara Darmody, Ardfinnan – Cara is 12 years old who has been raising vital funds for Autism Services. Awards were handed out in 14 different categories from Best Bar to Best Restaurant in the County.

Sustainable Tipperary Energy Saving Expo Roadshow 2022



This event is an initiative aligned to the Government's Climate Action Plan and Tipperary County Council's Sustainable Energy and Climate plan, where the county is committed to embedding sustainability and climate action in its strategic approach to small businesses and community development. The Sustainable Expo Roadshow is a collaboration with Local Enterprise office Tipperary, County Tipperary Skills-net and County Tipperary Chamber

- The event was run over 3 dates:**
- 25th October The Talbot Hotel Clonmel
 - 9th November The Anner Hotel Thurles
 - 7th December Abbey Court Hotel Nenagh





Tipperary Food Producers Network

Tipp LEO & Tipp Co Co continue to support the TFPN with funding received to assist with operations, events and co-ordinator costs for 2022 – some of the highlights for last year:

Strategic Plan completed

Helen King formerly of Bord Bia has completed the 5 year strategic plan which sets out goals for the growth and continued benefit of the TFPN over the next 5 years. This plan will be launched in H1 of 2023.

Tipperary Food Tours

This summer, a number of Tipperary Food Producers opened their doors to the public as part of the 2022 Food Tour series in conjunction with Tipperary Tourism.

Visitors had the opportunity to visit the participating producers and gain a unique insight into the creation of some of Tipperary's finest quality food and drink produce. The public had the opportunity to visit ten producers across the county for individual or group tours, giving visitors the chance to experience the day-to-day life of a food producer and the processes involved in creating their products.



Summer Foods Tour

Royal Visit to Cahir/Tipperary

As part of the Royal visit to Ireland in May, the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall spent their last day in Ireland visiting Tipperary and saw them greeted by the Tipperary Food Producers Network for a special Farmers Market outside Cahir Castle.

This gave Prince Charles and Camilla a real feeling for Ireland's unique Farmers Markets while showcasing Tipperary's thriving community of artisan food and drink producers.



Royal Visit to Cahir Tipperary in March 2022

Tipperary Food Producers Christmas Hamper in association with the Thoughtful Shopper

Throughout December, we are shining a light on a collaboration with The Thoughtful Shopper - a Christmas hamper full of delicious treats from a variety of Tipperary Food Producers.

Tipperary Food Champions

In November, the 'Tipperary Food Champions' were celebrated at an event hosted in the Cashel Palace Hotel. The newly launched 'Tipperary Food Champions' recognises food service businesses in the county who are supporting local and using produce of Tipperary Food Producer members' in their daily menus and food shops. The initiative acts as an extension of the "Tipperary Breakfast Champions" which was established in 2018. To be eligible, the hospitality provider must include at least five ingredients supplied by members of Tipperary Food Producers Network on their menus or in their shop on a consistent basis.



Tipperary Food Champions Awards in Cashel Palace Hotel in November



Our Environment



Environment & Climate Action

INTRODUCTION

The Environment & Climate Action Section is responsible for developing initiatives and delivering programmes that protect and enhance our local environment. Functions include waste management/enforcement, climate action/energy efficiency, landfill operation/restoration, environmental protection/monitoring, community services and environmental awareness and education.

Some of the key projects delivered during the course of 2022 included the progression of transfer of waste from the Shannon Vermicomposting facility in Rathcabbin to Ballaghveny Landfill, the adoption and implementation of the countywide Burial Ground Bye-laws, the installation of 32 solar powered compacting public litter bins, commencement of preparatory work for the new county Climate Action Plan and reducing complaints received by 15%.

Strategic Policy Committee Meetings

The SPC met on four occasions in 2022 and topics discussed included; Energy management, Burial Ground Capital Policy, National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy, source water protection, waste enforcement and climate action progress. The Section continued to engage with the Environment Pillar of the Tipperary Public Participation Network to work jointly on environmental and climate action initiatives.



CLIMATE ACTION & ENERGY

The cross-sectional Energy & Climate Action Committee and Tipperary Energy Agency (TEA) met on three occasions during the year to progress the Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 and the Annual Energy Action Plan. A Reduce Your Use energy campaign was carried out within the Council, followed up by a number of audits to measure progress.

A progress report detailing the status of the 50 actions contained within the Climate Adaptation Strategy was submitted to the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO). For 2021 the local authority attained a 42% energy efficiency target and Greenhouse Gas emissions reduced by 19% due to the decarbonisation of the electricity sector.

The Energy Bureau Service managed by TEA, assisted Sections in identifying energy saving measures, including the ongoing monitoring of the energy management information system deployed in our 15 largest buildings to track energy usage.

Tipperary County Council is committed to the use of renewable energy sources through the generation of energy from Solar PV installations at 15 sites, producing 391KWh of renewable energy during 2022. A 38KW solar PV array in Thurles was commissioned in 2022. The Community Virtual Power Plant project contributed over 216KWh of energy from renewables during 2022.

Climate Action Plan

During 2022 preparatory work commenced towards the drafting of the Council's new Climate Action Plan.

In collaboration with CARO and other Local Authorities in the region, consultants were appointed to assist with mapping Tipperary County Council's Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA). The CCRA is necessary to understand the current and future risks posed by climate change to the local authority's assets and activities. This exercise will enable the Council to better understand the likelihood of current and future climate hazards and potential impacts of these hazards at local and community levels and will assist with adaptation actions to try address the impacts of climate risks.

A workshop was held in November with RPS Consultants and staff from all Sections of the Council, to facilitate discussion and allow input by all into the Climate Change Risk Assessment process.

Preparatory work also commenced during 2022 on climate action baseline figures. Clare Lee has been appointed as Climate Action Co-ordinator with Eddie Meegan appointed as Climate Action Officer. They are tasked with firstly the preparation and then thereafter the implementation of the new Climate Action Plan.

Community Climate Action Fund

In 2022 the Department confirmed an allocation of €700,000 to Tipperary County Council for the first tranche of Community Climate Action funding, which will run over an 18-month period.

This funding is being provided to finance community climate action projects and initiatives for capacity building within local communities.

Projects will address the five themes listed below:

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

Marie O'Donnell has been appointed the Council's Community Climate Action Officer and will manage and administer this fund. The launch of the Community Climate Action Fund will happen in the first half of 2023, when communities will be invited to submit project applications for this funding.



We are the first generation to feel the effect of climate change and the last generation who can do something about it.

Barack Obama, Former US President

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Water Quality

Water Framework Directive

- 862 samples were taken across the county from 150 river sites to monitor water quality.
- The Section continues to engage with the Local Authorities Waters Programme Office (LAWPRO) and collaborates as needed with Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine (DAFM), Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) and the EPA.

Water Pollution Act: Section 4 Discharge Licenses

- 63 Section 4 Discharge License monitoring inspections were undertaken.
- 2 Section 4 Discharge Licence Application were assessed and issued.

Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (DWWTS) Programme

- 38 DWWTPS were inspected under the National Inspection Plan for Septic tanks.

Farm Inspections

- 42 farm inspections were carried out.

Legal Notices arising from Inspections related to water pollution

- 2 Section 12 Notices were served under the Water Pollution Act 1977 (as amended) (Agriculture Related).
- 5 Cross reports were issued to the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine.

Source Protection

- 6 Source Protection investigations were completed (2 in conjunction with Coillte & Irish Water).

Nutrient Management

- 38 Nutrient Management Plans were submitted for assessment.

Bathing Water

- 25 bathing water samples were taken at 5 locations on Lough Derg.
- 5 Algal bloom inspections took place in response to reports, with 2 press releases issued of 'Warning of algal bloom on Lough Derg'.

Air and Noise Pollution

48 inspections were performed under the Air Pollution Act and Air Quality 4th Daughter Directive (2004/107/EC).

These include;

- **Solid Fuel Inspections** - 11 site inspections under the new Solid Fuel Regulations for 2022.
- **Deco Paint Inspections** - 12 inspections completed.
- **Solvent Inspections** - 13 inspections completed.
- **Petroleum Vapour Inspections** - 12 site inspections completed.

Air Monitors

The current status of Air quality in all towns monitored is rated as "Good" and is compliant with the CAFE Directive. Live Information on Air Quality in Clonmel & Tipperary Town can be retrieved at airquality.ie

Planning Referrals

64 Planning applications were assessed and reported to the Planning Section to ensure potential environment impacts of proposed developments are identified and mitigated at planning stage. All reports include consideration of, at a minimum Water Quality, Air and Noise impacts and are conditioned where necessary, to ensure minimum impact to the environment.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME



The Rural Water Team

Drinking Water

(Private Group Water Schemes (GWS) & Small Private Commercial Supplies (SPS))

523 (191 Group Water Scheme and 332 Small Private Supply) Drinking Water samples taken as part of the Rural Water Programme, 122 of which were investigative follow up samples.

Small Water Suppliers

- 14 on site Drinking Water Audits performed.
- 3 Boil Water Notices issued and lifted in conjunction with the HSE.
- 3 Do not consume notices issued and lifted in conjunction with the HSE.

Group Water Schemes

- 11 on site Drinking Water Audits performed (Group Water Schemes).
- 3 Boil Water Notices issued and lifted in conjunction with the HSE(GWS).
- 1 Do not consume notices issued and lifted in conjunction with the HSE(GWS).

Annual Maintenance Subsidy (AMS)

- 72 Schemes received an invitation to apply for AMS 12/01/2022.
- 66 applications have been received.
- 69 Group Water Schemes were paid, totalling €551,531.44, funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH).

Current Capital Projects:

18 Group Water Schemes were engaged in Capital projects assisted by the Rural Water team. As at the 31st December 2022, 13 Group Water Schemes received investment totalling €132,813.

Private Well Grants:

101 Applications were received in 2022. Grants awarded 92, 3 Refusals, (Public Water Supply in proximity), and 1 withdrawn in the year.

Septic Tank Grants:

1 New application; 3 payments have been made investing €10,658.75 in the community; all recouped from Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

Lead Piping Grants (LPG):

No new applications or payments were processed.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are in the process of reviewing the LPG Scheme. A publicity exercise is planned for early 2023.

Drinking Water Education & Awareness

3 workshops were held during October and November 2022. The workshops were designed to raise awareness and educate water suppliers on the requirements of the Drinking Water Directive and were specifically tailored for Small Private Supplier (SPS).



Air Quality

The Section launched an awareness campaign on the introduction of new Solid Fuel regulations called 'Change is in the Air', in conjunction with the Department of the Environment & Climate Action.

The new regulations govern the sale of solid fuels across the state. These extend the previous restrictions on selling smoky coal in the "Low Smoke Zones" of Clonmel and its environs, to the entire county of Tipperary. Restrictions on the sale of wet wood and turf were also introduced. These regulations came into effect on 31st October 2022. An awareness campaign was rolled out on all social media platforms and on Tipp FM and Tipp Mid-West Radio to inform the public and businesses of this change.

Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (Septic Tanks)

In association with local radio stations, an awareness campaign was run in March to inform homeowners with domestic waste water treatment systems (septic tanks), about their obligations to register their septic tank and to contract the services of a contractor who is registered with National Waste Collection Permit Office.

Agriculture

Following on from a number of similar events in late 2021, a Tipperary County Council representative presented at the final nationwide Derogation Training on-line event during the year.

This concluded the compulsory national training for all derogation farmers in the "Farming Sustainably under Derogation, reducing the impact of emissions, water and biodiversity" module of the course for clients of the Agricultural Consultants Association (non Teagasc, private consultants). 45 farmers from all over the county participated in the event.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Complaints

The number of complaints received in 2022 was 1,749, which was a reduction of 15% against 2021 figures.

The table below shows the breakdown of the categories.

Complaint Category	% of Overall Complaints
Air	4%
Animal Related	31%
Infrastructure	2%
Litter	39%
Noise	3%
Waste Enforcement	17%
Water	4%

Litter Management

Tipperary County Council continued to provide litter management and prevention services such as; street cleaning, emptying of public bins, anti-litter awareness programmes / supports and enforcement of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended).

Litter complaints accounted for 39% of all complaints received in 2022 and legal proceedings were issued in a number of instances. Litter surveys were completed, which inform programmes for dealing with litter.

The following table shows the number of litter fines issued in 2022.

2022 Fines:	Total Numbers
Issued	117
Paid	61
Cancelled	27
Outstanding at 31st December 2022	29
Successfully prosecuted for non-payment of litter fines	5

Installation of Solar powered, compacting Litter Bins

In early 2022, thirty-two solar powered, compacting litter bins were installed in locations throughout the county. These bins were funded by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications under the Litter Infrastructure Support Grant Scheme.



Tidy Town Grants

The Council continued to support Tidy Towns Groups in 2022, by providing Tidy Towns Grants.

122 Tidy Town Committees applied and received grants totaling €182,550.

Municipal District	Tidy Town Grants	Amount
Carrick on Suir	16 Applications	€12,000
Clonmel	8 Applications	€12,000
Thurles	24 Applications	€41,325
Tipp-Cahir- Cashel	43 Applications	€58,200
Nenagh	31 Applications	€59,025

Derelict Sites

The derelict site register lists 43 properties. During 2022, 4 properties were added to the register, with a further 4 removed.

The section engaged with 112 owners in relation to remediating their properties. The Section continued to liaise with the Municipal Districts and Housing Section and promoted the paint and renew enhancement schemes.

Municipal/Borough District	No. of properties engaged with in 2022 (pre-Section Notices being issued)
Tipp /Cahir/Cashel	40
Nenagh	21
Clonmel	21
Carrick-on-Suir	13
Thurles	17
Totals	112

Burial Grounds Maintenance Grants

In 2022, the Council provided 253 burial ground grants totaling €185,329.

Municipal District	Burial Ground Maintenance Grants	Amount
Carrick on Suir	44 applications	€31,600
Clonmel	18 Applications	€12,600
Thurles	56 Applications	€38,500
Tipp-Cahir- Cashel	69 Applications	€57,168
Nenagh	68 applications	€45,461

Control of Dogs and Horses

Horses

During the year, 35 horse queries were reported to the Council, which resulted in 30 horse pickups in 2022.

Dogs

A total of 329 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to date. Of this number, 52 dogs were reclaimed, 198 dogs sent to rescues and 26 dogs were re-homed, 23 were put to sleep. The number of dog licenses purchased to date is 7,553. The Section continues to work with the animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs and is supported by the Council's dog shelter in Knockalton.

Food Safety Inspections

There are 14 Abattoirs, 1 Poultry Plant, 20 small meat manufacturing plants, and 3 Registered Premises based in the county.

The County Veterinary Inspector, assisted by 3 part time veterinary inspectors, made a total of 1,388 visits to the 14 Abattoirs and 1 Poultry Plant. These visits were to ensure compliance with the FSAI, animal welfare standards and hygiene standards in abattoirs prior to slaughter and post mortem.

During these visits, a total of 2,025 cattle, 6,315 sheep, 55 pigs, 71 goats, 2,916 deer, 12,165 turkeys, 642 chickens and 343 rabbits were inspected. A further 68 visits were carried out to inspect and observe operations and carry out sampling.

Landfills

Ballaghveny landfill



Ballaghveny Landfill - Wedge Cell being filled with waste, 15th December 2021



Ballaghveny Landfill - Wedge Cell being filled with waste 13th December 2022

Waste acceptance at Ballaghveny recommenced on 22nd September 2021. The Wedge cell is currently being filled with contaminated soil & stone and wood ash, which is being mixed with stabilized waste from the former Shannon Vermi-composting facility in Rathcabbin. During 2022, the landfill accepted in total 48,952.41t of waste, this was 99.9% of the licensed intake limit of 49,000t/a.

The amount of leachate produced in 2022 at Ballaghveny landfill has increased by +35% on the same period in the previous year (2021). This leachate generation increase was anticipated due to the reopening of the landfill. However, the drier than average first 8-months of 2022, was replaced by a significantly wetter than average September, October and November 2022.

The allocation of money from the landfills Community Gain Fund has been completed for 2022, with Letters of Offer issued to three successful applicants on 28th November 2022.

The allocation of funds are as follows:

Successful Applicant and Brief Description of Project	Funding Award of Project
Ballymackey Football Club – New storage building	€10,000
Toomevara Healthy Club – AED training	€450
Ballinree New Burial Ground – Maintenance and upgrade	€435
Total Value Awarded from this fund in 2022:	€10,885

The value of the Community Gain Fund from waste accepted during 2022 is currently expected to be approximately €62,000 and will be made available for distribution in 2023.

Donohill landfill

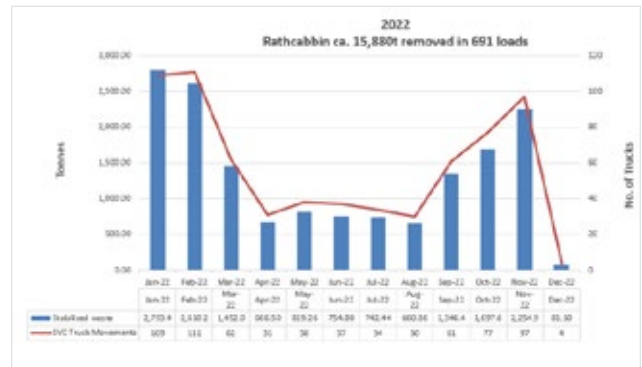
The leachate volumes produced at Donohill landfill has increased ca. +13% on the same period in the previous year (2021).

The monitoring of the landfills in compliance with their respective waste licence conditions is ongoing.

Rathcabbin Waste Removal

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermi-Composting (SVC) facility in Rathcabbin commenced on 02nd December 2021. From the beginning of January and up to 02nd December 2022 Ballaghveny landfill has accepted 15,879.59t of waste from SVC Rathcabbin.

The total amount of waste removed to date from SVC Rathcabbin is 17,470.41t. The SVC waste removal is estimated to be 50% complete at the end of 2022.



SVC Rathcabbin – large areas of waste removed during 2022

Historic Landfills

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

WASTE MANAGEMENT & ENFORCEMENT

During 2022 the Environment & Climate Action Section was very proactive in instigating legal proceedings where legislation was not being adhered to. The table below illustrates the issuing of notices and prosecutions taken by the Section in 2022.

Notice	Update	Details
Section 14 Directions (to remediate a site):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 issued consisting of: 8 Resolved 8 In progress 2 proceeded for prosecution for non-compliance. – Successful Prosecutions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 for illegal clothes banks – resolved 2 dumping of waste - resolved. 2 ELV (scrap metal) sites and waste metal – in progress. 3 for deposits of mixed household waste – in progress and escalating to legal proceedings 1 for deposits of construction & demolition materials – resolved 2 for deposits of mixed waste – in progress 1 for deposit of waste tyres – resolved 1 farm plastic, domestic waste dumped – escalated to legal proceedings Court Sept 26th 2022 – Successful Conviction 1 for waste on a vacant property, privately owned – escalated to legal proceedings Court 24th Nov 2022 – Successful Conviction.
Section 55 Notices	2 Notices on-going since 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Notice complied with. 1 Notice – Proceeded to court for non-compliance, case heard in Dec 2022 re-listed for January 2023

Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022

All projects completed and reports were sent to the Department for funding recoupment. €83,500 was awarded for 6 projects, 5 of which involved remediation of sites with substantial deposits of waste and collaboration with the Municipal District and Community Liaison Officers.

The largest expenditure involved the project for the Free Household Hazardous Waste Days at the Recycling Centres, which collected approx. 19 tonnes of household hazardous waste (paints, pesticides, chemicals, oils etc).

Household Waste Inspections

During 2022, 303 Household Waste Inspections were undertaken, with 75 households categorised as non-compliant, pending submission of evidence of their refuse service.

Inspections carried out under Waste Management Legislation

Waste Management Legislation	Inspections
Facility Permit and Registration Regulations 2007-2015	45
Collection Permit Regulations 2007-2015	143
Packaging Regulations	27
End of Life Vehicles Regs	9
Tyres/Waste Tyres Regs	2
WEEE Regulations & Battery Regulations	22
Farm Plastics Regulations 2001	7
Plastic Bag Levy Regulations	11
Commercial Food Waste Regulations	13
Household Waste Inspections Bye-Laws	304
Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning Regulations	12
Checkpoints for Waste Movement	2
Multi Agency Inspections Hazardous Wastes	0
CCTV operations	49
Unauthorised Waste Activity	25

Burial Grounds



Burial Ground Bye – Laws

Tipperary County Council's Burial Ground Bye-laws came into operation on a county-wide basis on the 14th April 2022, following their adoption at the Council Meeting on the 14th March 2022.

Burial Grounds Capital, Minor and Improvement Works

The following burial ground minor and improvement works were completed/ongoing during 2022.

Burial Ground	Progress update
Ballina (Boher)	Land Acquisition completed December 2022. Boundary Works to commence onsite in Q1 on completion of Boher School Astro Pitch development.
Fethard	Land Acquisition negotiations completed. Part 8 drawings being modified. Part 8 application will be lodged in Q1 2023.
Cahir	Cahir Parish & Tipperary County Council have agreed upon a preliminary land acquisition purchase cost. Part 8 drawings have commenced. Part 8 Application is to be lodged in Q3, 2023
Cloughprior	The National Monuments Section was consulted on the development of the burial ground extension as part of Part 8 process. A geo-physical survey, as requested by National Monuments, deemed the site and adjacent site unsuitable. A constraints study was completed to assist in identifying alternative suitable sites within the parish. The Environment & Climate Action Section is actively exploring alternative suitable sites within the parish.
Carrick on Suir	Land acquisition negotiations are agreed with landowners. The Council will commence with land acquisition in Q1 2023.
Shanrahan	Ministerial consent granted to commence with boundary works to adjoining landowner's property. Works completed.
Kilmore	The boundary modification works have commenced. Works to be completed Q2 2023
Tipperary Town	The Section has provided funding to Tipperary MD towards civil works to upgrade the entrance and provide for additional parking.
Thurles (St Patricks)	Surfacing of the access road and widening the existing road and corners in the lower section of the burial ground were completed.
Holycross	New access road and plinths completed. Additional works to be completed in Q2/3, 2023.
Kilnarath BG Newport	€80,000 of emergency structural works completed, funded by CMF (Community Monument Fund) Grant.
General	Headstone Plinths constructed in Borrisokane, Ardcroney, Holycross, Clooneen, Holycross and Carrick on Suir.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE

Civic Amenity Sites

The 5 Civic Amenity sites at Clonmel, Donohill, Nenagh, Roscrea and Cashel continued to remain open throughout 2022.

The five civic amenity sites accepted 14,743 tons of waste and included 8,555 tons of household waste which equates to 58% of the total, food waste accounted for 4%, dry recyclables 10%, timber 5% textiles 4%, DIY Waste 3%, WEE 3%, Woodchip 2% waste metal 2%, Newsprint & cardboard 2%, garden waste 3% and 4% other.

The facilities accept a wide range of materials including household, dry recyclables, paper, cardboard, plastic, timber, garden waste, DIY waste, glass, and metal, waste electrical goods, batteries, textiles, waste oil and household hazardous waste for recycling. All materials leaving the stations are sent for recycling, mechanical treatment and repurposing.

The total number of customers visiting the civic amenity sites in 2022 was 120,166 which is an 8% decrease in footfall over 2021. The annual decrease may however be attribute to COVID 19, comparing customer numbers between 2019 (pre-COVID) and 2022 shows that there was an increase in footfall of 3%.

Plans are currently being put in place to install PVA solar panels at Carigeen Civic Amenity Site in Clonmel.

Textile Receptacles

There are 80 clothes/textile pods located at bring bank locations in Tipperary. 535 Tonnes of textiles were collected for recycling.

Bring Banks

3,435 tonnes of glass and 109 tonnes of cans were collected from 113 bottle and can bank locations. This was a decrease of 423 tonnes (11%) of glass from 2021 and 35 tonnes (24%) of aluminium cans.

The decrease in volumes may however be attributed to COVID 19, comparing volumes from 2019 there was an increase of 496 tonnes (17%) of glass on 2019 figures and a decrease of 9.5 tonnes (8%) of aluminium cans.

Environmental Awareness & Education Programme

25 initiatives were delivered through 2022 supporting climate change in communities, energy efficiency, waste prevention and the circular economy. Projects completed included:

Project	Project Details
National Spring Clean	327 groups registered to take part in litter clean ups throughout the county.
Green Schools Programme	In 2022, 38 schools across county Tipperary were awarded Green Flags on their selected programmes; biodiversity, energy/water conservation measures, litter/waste reduction and global citizenship.
Promotion of Civic Amenity Sites	Billboards advertising waste accepted at Civic Amenity Sites were located on vacant buildings in Tipperary Town and Clonmel.
Wildflower & Native Trees Initiative	600 wildflower packs and over 5000 trees were distributed through Tree's on the Land project and during National Tree Week.
Barn Owl Project	Barn Owl boxes were constructed with support from Cahir, Clogheen and Mullinahone Men's Sheds for distribution to farmers throughout the county.
National Food Waste Recycling Week	Food Waste prevention workshops were held in in Cashel, Tipperary Town and Clonmel Resource Centers.
Summers Show Promotions	Attendance at the following events; Tipperary Age Friendly Expo Thurles, Clonmel Show, Bansha Show, Gurteen Agricultural Show, Cahir Heritage Day and Dualla Show.
"Play it Again" Instrument Project	30 instruments were donated under the "Play it again" musical instrument project.
Pre-Tenancy Training	Pre-Tenancy training delivered to 68 tenants with information and advice on waste prevention and segregation.
Picker Pals Programme	Picker Pals Programme was funded and rolled out to 20 primary school classrooms throughout the county.
Re-Use Month October	Fast Fashion workshops were delivered by Circular Fashion Ireland, engaging with secondary schools throughout the county.
Energy Week	12-week Staff energy awareness campaign promoting energy savings at home and in workplace, in conjunction with Tipperary Energy Agency

Awareness & Education Programme 2022 - The Year in Photos



Rona Sinelli, Refresh, Thurles, Seamus Hanifan, Cathaoirleach Thurles/Templemore MD, Joe MacGrath CEO Tipperary County Council, Rachael Blackmore and Siobhan Ambrose Leas Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council at the launch of Spring Clean 2022



Manager on a tour of Donohill Civic Amenity Site



Students from Donohill N.S with Brian Quaid, Landfill



Barn Owls in Nesting Box



Colaiste Dun lascaigh students busy planting



Rathkeevin N.S. Picker Pals



Bansha Show



Toomevara N.S. "Play it Again"



Cahir Heritage Day



Energy poster entries from Saoirse Gilmartin Age 9



Caoimhe Brett Age 8

Water Services

IRISH WATER INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-2024:

Irish Water has submitted its Third Interim Revenue Control proposal (known as IRC3) to the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU) for the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2024. This incorporates Irish Water's Investment Plan for the period 2020-2024. The CRU's determination on this proposal was made with the publication of its Decision Paper on 05 December 2019, entitled Irish Water Revenue Control Revenue Control 3 (2020-2024).

This Decision Paper was issued against the backdrop of the new funding model for Irish Water brought about by:

- the Water Services Act 2017;
- the publication by Mr. Eoghan Murphy, TD, the then Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, of the Water Services Policy Statement on 21 May 2018; and
- his approval of Irish Water's Strategic Funding Plan 2019-2024 on 08 November 2018.

The Decision Paper was accompanied by Irish Water's Updated Investment Plan 2020-2024, entitled Irish Water Investment Plan 2020 to 2024 Updated Investment Plan for CRU Review, submitted by Irish Water in November 2019 to the CRU for review.

In April 2020 Irish Water submitted a further capital funding request to the CRU, which was reviewed in its entirety by the CRU. Having considered this request, the CRU, on 04 August 2020, published its Decision Paper entitled Update to Irish Water's Revenue Control 3(RC3.5) - Irish Water's Updated Capital Investment Plan. This Decision Paper took into account evidence related to commitment dates for projects that Irish Water plans to deliver in the period and information provided by a review of Irish Water's capital planning processes by Scottish Water International.

The Update sets out the total revenue that Irish Water can receive, through government subvention and from customers, to cover its efficiently covered costs during the period 2020-2024. This Decision Paper should be read in conjunction with the aforementioned Decision Paper published on 05 December 2019.

Further details on this economic regulatory control process may be gleaned from a perusal of the website of the CRU, www.cru.ie.

Investment is prioritised where it can deliver the most urgently needed improvements in drinking water quality, leakage, water availability, wastewater compliance, efficiencies and customer service.

The table hereunder provides an update of the current status of capital projects in County Tipperary.

Irish Water Infrastructure Projects for County Tipperary:

B. Schemes at Pre-Construction/ Design	Contract Name	Current Scheme Status
Clonmel WRZ WP1 – Remedial Action List (RAL) and Boil Water Notice (BWN) Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrading and expansion of existing Monroe Wellfields; and Construct Pipelines from Monroe to Clonmel and on the Mountain Road, Clonmel. <p>This will increase water supply into Clonmel and allow for the removal of the Boil Water Notice on Mountain Road and the rationalisation of Poulavanogue Water Treatment Plant.</p>	<p>Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultants appointed to the project.</p> <p>Preliminary surveys ongoing at Monroe Wellfields.</p> <p>Grant of permission for booster station at Coleville Road, Clonmel to serve Mountain Road issued on 24 August 2022. Works scheduled for 2023.</p>
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water appointed Jacobs Consultants. Design phase ongoing for construction stage works.
Thurles Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water appointed Tobin Consulting Engineers. Design phase ongoing for construction stage works.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Design Build Operate (DBO) 1 year operate, operate starts once contract signed)	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	Irish Water appointed EPS Contractor/Consultant. Planning application documents and EIS to be submitted. Estimated contract award in Q4 2023.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	ARUP Engineering Consultants completed Draft Drainage Area Plan and model for Irish Water. Irish Water to review.
Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Tender awarded by Irish Water in December 2022. A 60-day handover period commenced on 09 January 2023.
Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Tender awarded by Irish Water in December 2022. Works to commence in Q2 2023.
Tipperary Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	<p>RPS Engineering Consultant.</p> <p>Grant of permission for upgrade works issued on 06 September 2021. Estimated to start construction works in 2025.</p>
Fethard Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	<p>RPS Engineering Consultant.</p> <p>Design Phase ongoing. Planning application estimated to be submitted in Q1 2023. Estimated contract award in Q3 2023.</p>
Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	<p>RPS Engineering Consultant.</p> <p>Design phase ongoing. Grant of permission for upgrade works issued on 20 May 2021. Estimated to start construction works in Q2 2023.</p>
Goatenbridge Water Treatment Plant	Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	Glan Agua Early Contractor Involvement (ECI). Design phase ongoing for upgrade to Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) units and sludge treatment.

Investment Plan Portfolios:

In 2020, Irish Water restructured the delivery of the Investment Plan into three streams, as follows:

1. Water Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to water treatment plants, water quality, trunk watermains, reservoirs, energy efficiency and dam safety;
2. Wastewater Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to wastewater treatment, sludge management, trunk networks and drainage area plans; and
3. Networks Portfolio includes leakage reduction programme, water networks regional contracts, growth and development programmes and sewer rehabilitation.

The above table lists those projects in County Tipperary which form part of the water and wastewater portfolios.

In respect of the Capital Delivery element of the Investment Plan, these ongoing programmes are designed to prioritise spending as effectively as possible, by identifying where funding is most needed through a focus on specific asset condition and performance, identifying root causes of problems and addressing these.

The programme addresses issues such as:

- water quality;
- water availability;
- health and safety;
- environmental regulatory compliance (per the Environmental Protection Agency);
- public health and environmental risk;
- energy efficiency; and
- maintaining levels of service through addressing underperforming assets.

All projects put forward by Tipperary County Council are reviewed by Irish Water before approval.

As part of Capital Delivery, projects are underway in County Tipperary under a number of headings. The following update describes the current position on a number of these projects in relation to water and wastewater.

(A) NETWORKS PORTFOLIO DELIVERY (WATER):

Irish Water has established a new contractor framework to replace the existing frameworks and has appointed Shareridge Limited to the Mid-West Region which covers Counties Tipperary, Limerick and Clare.

The scope of services covered by this framework includes the following:

- new watermains and service laying;
- below ground network rehabilitation work;
- backyard lead replacement;
- District Metering Areas (DMA) establishment;
- pressure reducing valves (PRV) works;
- minor works to include leak repair, public side lead works and metering; and
- non-domestic meter surveys.

Watermain Rehabilitation Works:

(1) Watermain rehabilitation:

Rehabilitation 2022 Works Completed:

- Carrick-on-Suir N24 (0.98km); and
- Father Mathew Street, Tipperary (0.3km).

Rehabilitation 2023 Works Proposed:

- Carrick-on-Suir Urban Realm Project (1.686km): design;
- Bolton Street and William Street, Clonmel (1.568km): Q1 2023;
- Kilcommon (1.12km): due to commence in Q1 2023;
- Puckane (1.363km): due to commence in Q2 2023;
- Golden (2.1km): due to commence in Q2 2023 ;
- Albert Street and Western Park, Clonmel (0.75km): due to commence in Q2 2023;
- Rathmoy to Ragg (1.913km): due to commence in Q1 2023;
- Glencrue, Portroe (0.78km): due to commence in Q2 2023;
- Monastery Road, Roscrea (0.2km): due to commence in Q3 2023;
- Silvermines Village (1.7km): due to commence in Q3 2023; and
- Ballingarry, Thurles (1.5Km): due to commence in Q3 2023.

(2) Back Yard Services replacement ongoing in Carrick-on-Suir:

Works ongoing to remove back yard services in Carrick-on-Suir in the following areas:

- Marian Avenue, Pearse Square, O'Mahony Avenue, Saint Molleran's, Connolly Park, O'Hickey Place, Maple Court, Kennedy Terrace, Saint Nicholas Park, Árd Mhuire and Seán Treacy Park.
- The aim is to progress construction of 3.4km of new watermains and the removal of almost 500no. back yard services. This will require engagement and agreement with all the properties affected.

(3) Back Yard Services replacement in Cashel:


Irish Water has approved the commencement of works in Q4 2023 to remove back yard services in Cashel in the following areas:

- Árd Mhuire, Upper Friar Street, Cathal Brughra Street, McCan Street, Lacey Square and Abbeyside.
- The aim is to progress construction of 0.6km of new watermains and the removal of almost 130no. back yard services. This will require engagement and agreement with all the properties affected.

The removal of all the backyard services will add to the quality and sustainability of the water supply and reduce leakage.

(4) First Fix programme is ongoing. By email, dated 22 April 2021, Irish Water notified the elected members of Tipperary County Council of changes to the programme, including a widening of eligibility criteria.

(5) Non-domestic meter survey ongoing in Clonmel.

 *Tipperary County Council working in partnership with Irish Water to provide a resilient drinking water supply.*

National Disinfection Programme:

Irish Water is undertaking a National Disinfection Programme. This Programme will:

- improve drinking water quality;
- ensure compliance with the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014, as amended;
- remove supplies from the Remedial Action List (RAL) as maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency;
- reduce the risk of the issue of Boil Water Notices or the formation of trihalomethanes (THM); and
- provide improved control of the disinfection systems.

The Disinfection Programme will be carried out in 2 phases:

Phase 1: Water Treatment Plant Assessment:

This stage involves the assessment of the condition and performance of the existing disinfection systems at water treatment plants across the country. This will determine the works required to ensure that the treatment plant disinfection process meets the specified requirements.

Phase 2: Necessary Upgrade Works:

Some of these works may include upgrade of chemical storage and dosing infrastructure, upgrade of ultraviolet (UV) disinfection systems, upgrade of monitoring systems and generation of Critical Process Alarms.

The following update describes current progress on the National Disinfection Programme in County Tipperary in respect of Phase 2 Necessary Upgrade Works at various locations throughout the county:

- works ongoing at O'Gorman's Well and Newport, Riverstown, Lorrha, Kilcommon, Cloughjordan and Borrisokane WTP; and
- design ongoing at Hollyford, Dualla and Coolbawn, Nenagh.

(B) NETWORKS PORTFOLIO DELIVERY (WASTEWATER):

Irish Water has appointed AECOM (Project Management) and Terra Solutions contractor to carry out sewer network rehabilitation works as part of regional sewer rehabilitation projects. The scope of works within each regional contract will be defined gradually through inputs from Water Services engineers, closed circuit television (CCTV) surveys, etc., to identify and prioritise asset upgrade requirements. No start date has been indicated by Irish Water.

(1) Wastewater Inlet Works, Storm Tank and Sludge Programme:

Irish Water has procured EPS to assess a number of wastewater treatment plant sites to assess the provision of new inlet works, storm tank, sludge treatment (or combination of these) to improve plant operation. The sites identified are Newtown, Puckane, Portroe, Dromineer and Borrisokane. The provision of any identified works may require a prior grant of permission from Tipperary County Council as planning authority.

Construction works are ongoing at the wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) at Borrisokane, Puckane, Dromineer and Newtown. Photographs of these upgrade works at Borrisokane and Puckane are attached.


The upgrade works at Borrisokane WWTP were the subject of a grant of permission from Tipperary County Council, as planning authority, to Irish Water on 05 September 2021.



Puckane Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade



Borrisokane Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

 *Investment in wastewater helps to protect our precious environment.*

(2) Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme:


Under the Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme, the wastewater treatment plant at Carrick Street, Mullinahone was identified for improvement works, to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant, to include construction of inlet works, new process units and below ground storage tanks, landscaping and associated ancillary works including new below ground pump chambers and pipework.

The population equivalent of the agglomeration of Mullinahone is 608. Consequently, it is in receipt of a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency. The above works are substantially complete.

(3) National Certificate of Authorisation Programme:

Wastewater treatment plants which serve an agglomeration where the population equivalent is less than 500 are in receipt of a Certificate of Authorisation from the Environmental Protection Agency as the environmental regulator. Those plants serving a population equivalent in excess of this threshold are in receipt of a licence from the environmental regulator.

Irish Water has a National Certificate of Authorisation Programme (NCAP). Pursuant to this programme, feasibility studies and site investigations are underway in relation to a number of wastewater treatment plants throughout the county which are in receipt of the said certificate of authorisation.

 *Continued investment in water services yields positive results.*

(4) Wastewater Pumping Station Programme:

Consultants appointed by Irish Water are currently assessing a number of wastewater pumping stations to improve pumping station operations.

The consultants have produced draft concept design reports for pumping stations at Borrisokane Park; Riverstown, Birr; Murroe Road, Newport; Riverside, Ballina; and Killenure, Knockavilla. These will be reviewed at Irish Water workshops.

In relation to Killenure, Knockavilla, Water Services is engaging with Irish Water concerning the replacement of the existing on-site wastewater treatment plant serving the housing development at Killenure Court, Knockavilla with a pumping station to facilitate direct connection to the municipal WWTP serving Knockavilla. In this respect, the initial ground and civil works are completed and the equipment and electrical installation works remain to be progressed, which works are dependent on an electricity upgrade to the site.

(5) Source Rationalisation Programme:

The aim of this Irish Water programme is to rationalise small water schemes into bigger schemes. The schemes currently being assessed for rationalisation under the programme are Two-Mile-Borris, Horse and Jockey, Littleton, Upperchurch and Glengar. Irish Water has appointed a contractor. The design is ongoing and construction works are estimated to start in 2023.

Two-Mile-Borris, Horse and Jockey and Littleton will be assessed for connection to the Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme;

Upperchurch will be assessed for connection to the Kilcommon Water Supply Scheme; and Glengar will be assessed for connection to the Ironmills Water Supply Scheme, which is part of the Dundrum Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Tipperary County Council will promote other suitable water schemes which meet the criteria.

CONCLUSION:

It should be noted that progression of the above projects is dependent on Irish Water and on the availability of the resources necessary to deliver same. Engagement by Water Services with Irish Water is ongoing in respect of the above.

Irish Water National Water Resources Plan:

The Irish Water National Water Resources Plan (NWRP) is Ireland's first 25-year strategic plan enabling us to move towards safe, secure, reliable and sustainable water supplies for all of Irish Water's customers and communities, whilst safeguarding public health and the environment.

Irish Water published its Draft Framework Plan, the first phase of its National Water Resources Plan, for public consultation.

The NWRP aims to safeguard public health, facilitate growth and meet the challenges of climate change over the next 25 years.

For the first time, the NWRP will provide a country-wide analysis to identify the water we have, the water we use, the water we need and any potential risk to water quality. It sets out the methods and options to meet these shortfalls in a resilient and environmentally sustainable way and is accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and a Natura Impact Statement, which looks at how the Plan considers its impact on the environment.

The NWRP will:

- calculate the demand for water from homes, businesses and industry now and into the future;
- assess the amount of water available in existing supplies;
- assess the impact of weather events such as drought on our water supplies; and
- identify areas where there is not enough water supply to meet demand, or where there is a risk to water quality.

A 10-week public consultation sought feedback on the Irish Water NWRP Draft Framework Plan and associated environmental reports and was completed on 12 March 2021. Following the receipt of 84 submissions, including one from Tipperary County Council, Irish Water, on 26 May 2021, finalised and adopted the Framework Plan.

Irish Water has now commenced the Phase 2 development of four Regional Water Resources Plans which will set out the options to address identified needs across all of Irish Water's supplies. Irish Water will be again seeking the public's views as each of the Regional Plans will be subject to public consultation. In this respect, further engagement with Tipperary County Council will take place.

Irish Water held a workshop, via Zoom, with all elected members on 06 December 2021 which provided an opportunity for engagement by senior management from Irish Water with the elected members on the Regional Water Resources Plans as they impact on County Tipperary.

The Draft Regional Water Resources Plan for the Eastern and Midlands Region, which covers only a portion of the former Tipperary North, has been published with a public consultation on same running from 14 December 2021 to 14 March 2022, extended to 08 April 2022.

For more information please visit www.water.ie/nwrp.

Tipperary County Council forwarded its submission on the Draft RWRP Eastern and Midlands Region on 11 March 2022. A press release from Irish Water, dated 04 October 2022, confirmed that the RWRP had been adopted on foot of the aforementioned public consultation.

Public consultation on the Draft NWRP South West Region took place from 01 June 2022 to 24 August 2022. This Draft Regional Plan covers only a very small area within County Tipperary, i.e. south of Ballyporeen, which lies within the catchment of the River Blackwater. Finalisation of this Draft RWRP is awaited.

Publication of the remaining Draft Regional Plan pertinent to County Tipperary, i.e. the Draft RWRP South East Region, is awaited.



Water resource planning for the future will safeguard public health and provide for the future.

Irish Water Small Towns & Villages Programme:

Irish Water's Revenue Control 3 (RC3) Investment Plan 2020-2024 includes the Small Towns and Villages Programme (STVGP).

This programme is primarily intended to provide capacity in wastewater treatment plants to cater for growth in smaller settlements which would not otherwise be provided for in the current Investment Plan. The STVGP is limited to supporting growth in settlements already served by Irish Water infrastructure.

On 27 July 2020 Irish Water notified Tipperary County Council that 7 settlements in County Tipperary had been identified for inclusion in the STVGP. These are: Cloughjordan, Golden, Holycross, Kilsheelan, Lisvarrinane, Newcastle and Silvermines.

Tipperary County Council has submitted supporting information in relation to these settlements and a workshop for Planning and Water Services staff took place with Irish Water on 11 November 2020 to discuss the above settlements, possible solutions and cost estimates.

On 30 September 2021, Irish Water advised that funding is to be provided to provide additional wastewater treatment capacity at Kilsheelan and Lisvarrinane as part of the STVGP.

Further developments are awaited.

National Recovery & Resilience Plan 2021:

Irish Water announced on 31 March 2022, plans to upgrade twelve wastewater treatment plants nationally that will benefit rural communities and protect local rivers. Grangemockler in County Tipperary is one of these twelve.

This project will be funded by the European Union under Ireland's National Recovery and Resilience Plan 2021.

Further developments are awaited.

Council Workshop with Irish Water:

A Workshop with Irish Water for the elected members of Tipperary County Council was held on 18 October 2022. This provided an opportunity for Irish Water to outline its proposed investment in water and wastewater projects across County Tipperary and for the elected members to raise issues of concern relative to water and wastewater services across the county.

Water Sector Transformation:

On 23 February 2021 Deputy Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage published a Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation entitled Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper: Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated Water Services Utility.

The Policy Paper:

- set out the Government's vision for the future of water services;
- addressed the provision of water services as set out in the Programme for Government, entitled Our Shared Future, published on 15 June 2020;
- considered the water sector transformation process; and
- concluded by requiring the key stakeholders to engage to agree a framework to move towards an integrated public water services utility.

Following an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission, a Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services was published on 24 June 2022 by Minister Darragh O'Brien.

The local authority sector will work to implement Government policy in regard to water, in collaboration with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, colleagues, trade unions and Irish Water.

As part of the transformation process, the following steps are being progressed by Tipperary County Council:

- The Water Services (Amendment) Act 2022 has been enacted to enable Irish Water to separate from the Ervia Group. This separation became effective on 01 January 2023 with Irish Water being renamed Uisce Éireann.
- A new Irish Water-Local Authority agreement will replace the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements to ensure that Uisce Éireann has full accountability for the delivery of water services and direct management of water services staff. Preparation of this agreement is ongoing.
- This Co-operation Agreement will be supported by certain Support Service Agreements. These may vary from local authority to local authority.
- It is envisaged that Uisce Éireann will assume the direct management and oversight of all water services staff in Tipperary County Council with effect from a date, to be agreed, in 2023.

Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO)



South East Water and Environment Regional Operational Committee

The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) is a national Local Authority shared service, managed jointly by Tipperary and Kilkenny County Councils. The programme works on behalf of all 31 local authorities.

LAWPRO was established in 2016 to coordinate the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) in Ireland, which seeks to protect and improve the water quality of our rivers, lakes, groundwaters, estuaries and coastal waters. This WFD is implemented through River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs), in six-year cycles.

LAWPRO has grown from 18 staff in 2016 to a current resource of 60 staff. Over that period, the strategic role of LAWPRO has developed and grown and will continue to do so during implementation of the 3rd cycle RBMP, up to 2027.

The core functions of LAWPRO include Governance and Leadership, Co-ordination, Catchment Science, Community Participation, Communications and Awareness.



Supporting governance structures for water quality management and promoting cooperation and knowledge transfer between State actors

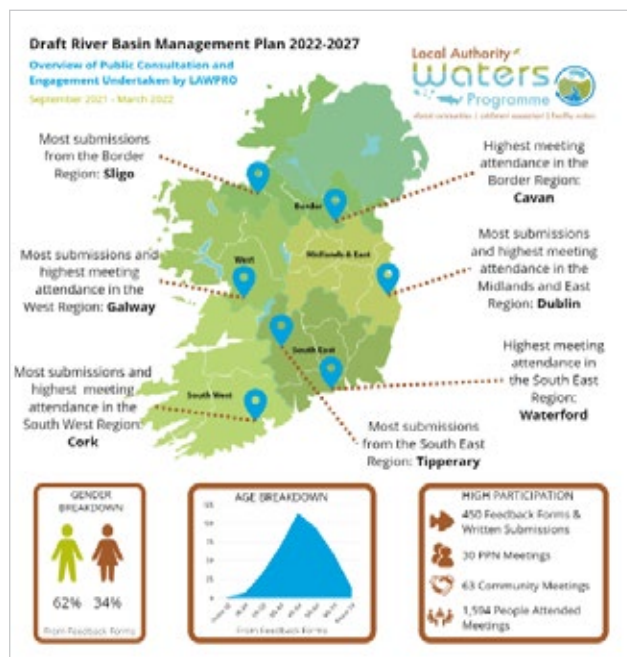
Objectives	Rationale	Methods	Outcomes
Governance and Leadership Drivers of effective governance for WFD implementation in Ireland	Support the DHLGH and EPA in meeting national obligations for better water quality and implementation of the WFD. Internal governance of the LAWPRO programme.	LAWPRO as conduits for information flow within the River Basin Management Plan Governance Structure. Attendances at relevant regional and national meetings and committees. Leading on the identification of issues and development of guidance. Effective internal senior & operational management committees.	Linking bottom-up concerns to top-down governance. Giving communities a voice in high-level decision making. Ongoing management and development of the programme.
Coordination Supporting governance structures for water quality management and promoting cooperation and knowledge transfer between actors	Local Authorities, State agencies, and public bodies working together for better water quality. Delivering multiple benefits for water, biodiversity, climate action, and local communities.	Regional Management and Operational Structures. Collaborations and knowledge sharing. Supporting local implementation of measures and actions for water quality.	Greater Knowledge transfer. Shared vision and goals. Common purpose to achieve goals. Coordinated approach to implementation of RBMP.
Community Participation Supporting communities and stakeholders to participate in caring for local waterbodies	Bottom-up approach, involving communities and water users in conversations and actions to achieve water quality goals. Better understanding of local issues and concerns.	Local engagements, meetings, and events. Consultations and two-way dialogue. Listening to local communities. Promoting the value of good water quality. Administration and oversight of the Community Water Development Fund.	Community-led water related initiatives and projects. Giving communities a voice in water quality matters. Community resilience and capacity to take local action.
Catchment Science Catchment Management and Science in Priority Areas for Action	Leading the way with innovative catchment science. Identification of issues affecting water quality. Guidance for LA staff, relevant agencies, and stakeholders to find solutions to problems identified.	Desk studies and Local Catchment Assessments. Community Information Meetings. Referrals and tracking of implementation. Identification of gaps in POMs through field assessment. Development of catchment science methodologies.	Detailed assessment in PAAs. Stakeholder and community engagement. Wider understanding of the issues and solutions at multiple scales.
Innovation Continuous learning from experience, evolving, and changing our approach, as necessary	Pioneering catchment science and community engagement and consultation. Allowing in-house expertise to develop.	Building on experiences to date. Networking to share knowledge. Harnessing new ideas and developments.	LAWPRO as leaders in catchment science and community engagement in the LA sector. Knowledge transfer across LA sector.
Communications and Engagement	Delivering engaging and accessible public information on water policy and science. Advocating for water quality/RBMP objectives at local and regional levels, nationwide. Increasing water literacy to build capacity for actions within communities. Promoting LAWPRO as a reliable and trusted actor in water quality management	Clear and meaningful messaging grounded in evidence. Local engagements with communities. Collaboration and cooperation with partner organisations and stakeholders. LAWPRO mission and values delivered through management and staff. Optimising use of traditional and new media to reach target audiences.	Increased understanding of water quality issues, and challenges. Clear understanding of LAWPRO values, purpose, and goals. Continual growth in public participation and support for RBMP development and implementation. Effective collaboration in pursuit of RBMP objectives. A network of community groups actively involved in caring for local waterbodies.

Governance and Leadership

River Basin Management Planning

From September 2021 until 31st March 2022 LAWPRO supported the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) on the national public consultation on the draft River Basin Management plan for Ireland 2022 – 2027. LAWPRO’s approach to the public consultation process was to present up-to-date science and policy in a meaningful way to local communities, promoting discussion on local water quality issues and how they may be addressed.

This approach proved successful during Covid-19 restrictions, as evidenced by 6,100 unique attendees in LAWPRO’s Virtual Consultation Room accessible online, 1,594 attendees at MD level public meetings held online, and 450 local submissions, 63 of which were made by residents of Tipperary. LAWPRO compiled all inputs and key themes from the 93 public meetings and in the 450 local submissions.



A draft report has been compiled. The online public meetings for Tipperary were:

Date	Municipal Districts	Catchments
01 March 2022	Nenagh & Thurles-Templemore Municipal Districts	Lower Shannon, Lough Derg, Suir and Nore
03 March 2022	Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir and Cashel-Tipperary municipal districts	Suir

The River Basin Management Plan for Ireland is expected to be published by DHLGH in Q2 2023.

Nature Based Solutions

LAWPRO continued to support the DHLGH in 2022 on the development and roll out of the nature-based surface water management implementation strategy. The focus in 2022 was to promote the incorporation of Nature Based Solutions in Local Authority projects funded through the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, Rural Regeneration Development Fund, Town and Village Renewal Scheme, CLÁR, Active Travel, ORIS, etc. In collaboration with TII and several LAs, LAWPRO is developing case studies in urban regeneration and active travel to provide templates to assist local authorities with rainwater management planning during the development of Local Area Plans. LAWPRO presented on Nature Based Solutions at the Local Authority Biodiversity Conference held on 21st and 22nd September 2022.



Coordination

Tipperary County Council is a member of the South East Regional Water and Environment Management Committee and its supporting Regional Operational Committee. LAWPRO coordinates and provides secretariat to the quarterly regional committee meetings and in Q2 2022, in-person meetings resumed with the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions.

LAWPRO, along with the EPA and National Biodiversity Data Centre, continues to progress an online platform for Citizen Science Freshwater Biomonitoring in Ireland. In parallel, a basic level citizen scientist's manual is being developed with UCC & UCD. LAWPRO supported the 2022 Water Blitz, a project run by DCU Water Institute in partnership with Earth Watch Europe, and also co-sponsored by Dublin City Council and Smart Dublin. Macroinvertebrate citizen science data continues to be gathered from trained members of the public. The information is mapped and available to view from the LAWPRO website.

Catchment Management and Science

LAWPRO's catchment scientists have developed innovative local catchment assessment methods focussed on water quality restoration in 189 Priority Areas for Action (PAAs), nationally. The PAAs in County Tipperary are: Ara, Borrisoleigh, Clashawley, Lingaun, Aherlow.

Because of this approach water quality challenges in the PAAs are now well understood at 'field scale' and this has allowed for the identification of where measures are required to address issues identified.

LAWPRO in collaboration with the EPA and a number of other bodies, updated the 2018 Catchment Science and Management (CSM) Training Course documentation and training course materials in 2021 and early 2021. Roll out of the course started in late 2021, with

Modules 2 and 3 of the 8-day catchment science and management course delivered to approx. 100 public sector participants in May/June and October/November 2022.



Community Engagement

Water Heritage Day

Water Heritage Day is a key public awareness and engagement day in the LAWPRO calendar. It occurs each August on the Sunday of Heritage Week and 2022 saw a return to in-person events with a focus on the biodiversity crisis and wide scale loss of nature in our towns and countryside. Each year, LAWPRO's Community Water Officers support community groups to plan and deliver local projects and events, in 2022 94 water themed projects were delivered across the country.

The Communities Caring for Water Conference

is organised and delivered annually through collaboration between the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) and The Rivers Trust (RT). Its main purpose is to provide a national platform for community groups to showcase successful projects and initiatives being delivered across the country. This annual conference also provides an opportunity for community groups to present on actions for water quality they are delivering in their areas.

2022 was the fourth successive year of the Communities Caring for Water Conference and the first delivered through a hybrid model with both in-person and online attendees. Representatives of community groups and individuals (local champions) already engaged with LAWPRO and The Rivers Trust were invited to attend, while the online audience included other interested individuals and groups.

The theme for the conference in 2022 was 'Community Participation in a Changing Environment', with a focus on catchment management planning, citizen science and river restoration work by community groups, rivers trusts, local development companies, LEADER, and charities like Seal Rescue Ireland. Each year, the open call for LAWPRO's Community Water Development Fund is launched at the conference.



Communities Caring for Water Conference – a hybrid event.


Community Water Development Fund

Grants in the sum of €510,000 were awarded in 2022 across the country through the Community Water Development Fund. LAWPRO administers the fund on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage to support communities and groups to deliver projects that increase water literacy, water stewardship or contribute to the protect or improvement of water quality of local streams, rivers, lakes, and coastal areas. There were 182 grants awarded in 2022, of these 8 were to groups in Tipperary.

Types of projects approved for funding include:

- River and habitat enhancement works such as planting of native species and hedgerow, pollinator friendly planting, river-bank stabilisation, fencing and riparian buffer zones.
- Match funding for large LEADER funded projects with a biodiversity/water quality element.
- Preparation of local plans, such as feasibility studies, habitat management plans, ecological surveys, and biodiversity action plans.
- Awareness raising initiatives such as river clean ups, biodiversity information boards, citizen science workshops, outdoor classrooms, rainwater harvesting, and enhancement of wetlands.

One group that has stood out over the over the past few years is the Ballinderry Development Association and their project to enhance and develop riverside loop walks around the Ballyfinboy River. This included improvements to wildlife habitat and water quality in the river and greater awareness among the local community. Their project work to date includes the planting of over 400 native species of trees/hedging, an ecological study, and the development of an outdoor classroom on the banks of the river.

 *LAWPRO's Community Water Officers support community groups to plan and deliver local projects and events*



Official opening of the Ballyfinboy River Walk in Ballinderry



During 2022, the Fund also supported several local awareness initiatives, such as the Clonmel Junction Arts Festival and Clonmel Agricultural Show. The Fund further supported other initiatives during the year, such as operational grants to Rivers Trusts/Catchment groups; support to a network for these groups to collaborate called the iCatch Network and funding towards the GAA Green Clubs Initiative, which supports GAA clubs to take sustainability actions in their grounds and activities. The Green Club Programme is a partnership between the GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association and local authorities across Ireland. This partnership had its origins in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Champions Programme launched by the Department of Communication, Climate Action, and Environment in September 2019. This initiative covers five thematic areas – Water, Waste, Biodiversity, Energy, Travel & Transport. LAWPRO are the expert partner, together with Irish Water, for the Water theme.



Water quality awareness raising during The Junction Festival at the Clonmel Rowing Club



Fire & Rescue Services

The Council maintains fire brigades in twelve fire stations located in Nenagh, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Carrick on Suir, Tipperary, Templemore, Newport, Borrisokane, Cloughjordan, Cahir and Cashel.

The dedicated crews, together with modern vehicles and equipment, ensured delivery of a prompt, efficient and effective response to 1416 incidents on a 24/7 basis in 2022.

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

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

TRAINING & QUALITY MANAGEMENT

A comprehensive training program was carried out in 2022 by all members of the service and the service successfully retained its certification to ISO 9001: 2015 in January 2022.

Cahir Swiftwater & Flood Rescue Response



As part of Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service's continued certification to ISO9001 for quality management Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service have provided a Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Response to the county since 2012, the need for such a response came from an assessment of our waterways by Rescue 3 (an internationally recognised leader in Swiftwater rescues). Since that date every firefighter and senior fire officer have received some level of water-based training in response to the class of water they are likely to encounter.

Over the past number of years, we have seen and increase in calls of this type in certain areas of Tipperary therefor based on an assessment of the waterways around Cahir and the volume of calls received a decision was made to provide an in-water response from Cahir Fire Station.

Firefighters from Cahir undertook an intensive swim assessment before being put forward to attend the 4-day Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician course, delivered by our resident instructors. This level of training is intended for personnel who may be required to carry out rescues in a Swiftwater and Floodwater environment, this is a highly technical and advanced rescue in a very dynamic environment which leaves little or no room for error and therefore must only be performed by highly trained personnel within the Fire service.

The addition of a Swiftwater Rescue Team in Cahir not only provides the area with a faster response to water-based rescues it also brings our counties in water response to two SRT's (Clonmel & Cahir) and 1 First Responders team (Carrick) which in turn strengthens our ability to protect the communities we serve.

FIRE SAFETY

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

Activities undertaken in 2022 included:-

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

In an effort to increase ownership of smoke alarms across Tipperary, the community smoke alarm scheme was launched in late 2016 and continues to this date.

This scheme allows members of the public to contact the Fire Service via their local community groups with the aim of receiving a Home Fire Safety Check by members of the Fire Service. This gives the fire service an opportunity to carry out a fire safety check on the house, installing smoke alarms where necessary while communicating to the householder advice on fire safety issues and addressing any such concerns the occupant may have. To date over 2,100 Home Fire Safety checks have been carried out throughout the county, much of these checks were carried out in rural Tipperary targeting the most vulnerable people.

However, it should be noted that 2020/2021 saw a dramatic reduction in the number of home fire safety checks due to public health/government restrictions imposed as a result of the Covid pandemic. When requested we did issue smoke alarms to a small number of vulnerable households to be installed by the householder. It is intended to re-introduce this scheme as soon as possible once restrictions permit it.

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

National/International Project involvement

Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service continue to be involved in additional fire safety projects including:

- Involvement in a European Project to develop of a 'Fire Safety' series of modules for secondary schools
- Involvement in a National project to develop and promote Fire Safety

Fire Safety Week 2022

Fire Safety Week ran as normal for 2022 with huge engagement from all stations. Events included;

- Station Open Days
- Community Fire Safety Talks
- Recruitment Stands
- Information Stands
- School Library Fire Safety Talks
- Additional School Talks
- Fire Safety Demonstration
- Radio Interviews
- Recruitment Drives

Liaising with Community Groups/Agencies

It has always been the practice in Tipperary to facilitate requests from various community groups to deliver fire safety presentations and this continues to be the case.

This has always proved to be very well received and can again lead to the identification of particularly vulnerable groups. In 2022 over 15 community Fire Safety Talks were delivered and over 11 community events were attended.

The development of the Fire Marshal programme has also increased our engagement with voluntary groups. In this programme we are offering a ½ day training programme in the use of Fire Extinguishers and 1-day Fire Marshal training programme to these organisations free of charge. The programme offers a basic understanding of fire safety both in and out of the workplace, while also gaining first-hand experience in dealing with small fires and extinguishers. To date over 50 members of staff and volunteers from Cuan Saor (Women's Refuge), Rehab Group, Various Schools and staff from Clonmel Swimming Pool have successfully completed these courses and interest remains high for participation in future courses,

In addition to this, over 75 community group/school visits to Fire Stations across the county were approved in 2022.

Tipperary Fire Service attended many requests for 'drive by' community events with the HSE and An Garda Síochána. We also attended 'Little Hero' events and presented children with gifts from the Fire Service. This greatly increased our on-line profile, while continually promoting our Fire Safety message.

Transition Year Youth Fire Service Programme



Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service

YOUTH FIRE SERVICE PROGRAMME

Reach higher. See further.
Shine Brighter.

Week 1: Fire Safety

Learn the basics of Fire Safety, what to do and more importantly what not to do, become a Fire Safe member of your community. We also take a look at what happens when things go dangerously wrong.

Week 2: Careers in the Fire Service Calling 999 / 112

Learn how to make that all important call to the emergency services, when to make it and when not to make it. Plus all you ever need to know about joining your local Fire Service.

Week 3: Fire Marshal Training 1

Begin your fire marshal training by learning what is expected, roles and responsibilities of a Fire Marshal. At the end of this lesson you will be able to create a fire escape plan and draw it.

Week 4: Fire Marshal Training 2: Practical Element

Learn how to correctly use a fire extinguisher on live fires, experience first hand firefighter techniques and procedures.

Students who successfully complete the programme will receive a Fire Marshal Certificate - Certificate valid for 3 years

Community Fire Safety has always been to the forefront of Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service, through our Community Smoke Alarm Scheme, our 3rd Class Primary Schools Programme and many more initiatives with which we strive to help our communities take a more active role in their own fire safety. While we have always been very active promoting Fire Safety at a primary school level there has, up to now, been less of an opportunity to do this at a secondary school level. Consequently, this year we launched the Youth Fire Service Programme. This is aimed at the secondary school senior cycle, primarily, but not limited to, transition years. This programme runs in conjunction with the secondary school curriculum covering areas such as Fire Science, Case Studies and even Career Investigation (where we look to the Fire Service for potential career opportunities). There is both a theoretical and practical element to the programme, which seems to appeal to all, both student and teacher alike.

At the end of this 4-week programme students will understand the basics of fire safety and their responsibilities both in and out of the workplace. They will also gain first-hand experience in dealing with small fires and extinguishers. In addition to this, students will obtain a certificate in Fire Marshal training which will be valid for 3 years and can be taken into industry.

Currently we have put more than 100 students through the pilot stage of the Youth Fire Service Programme and all feedback has been very positive. Interest in the programme is also very high and many schools have already come forward to request that their school be considered for this programme in 2023.



Primary Schools Programme



In October 2022, to coincide with Fire Safety Week and the beginning of the new academic year, and with the help of Tipperary County Council's Cathaoirleach Cllr Rodger Kennedy we officially launched the 2022/2023 Primary Schools Programme with teachers and students from Boherlahan National School.



The objective of the programme is to educate children about the dangers of fire so that they in turn will bring the message home and thus enhance fire safety in the home, and in the community. It is part of a series of measures developed under the Community Fire Safety Programme which enhance fire safety within Tipperary. The intention of this initiative is to rollout the 'Safety Team' to all 3rd classes across the county. The programme is designed to enhance the level of awareness of fire safety in the home and to raise the level of awareness of fire safety in the community. Once delivered the schoolchildren are expected, as part of their homework to interact with their families on the elements of fire safety. This interaction puts the problem and the solution together in the same place at the same time making it more likely that any fire safety issues will be successfully addressed in the future.

The Primary School programme proves to be very popular every year and we were delighted to be invited back to deliver this in person following the pandemic. It takes approximately 1hr to complete by two of our Firefighters and is delivered across the county annually.



Social Media

To date both a Facebook page and Twitter account has been set up for Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service and are working extremely well with approximately 16,322. followers on Facebook and 1,824 on Twitter.

The 'Test it Tuesday' campaign continues to encourage people to test their smoke alarm every Tuesday. Our biggest 'Test It Tuesday' reach in one week reached over 3,400 followers but averages approximately 2,550 per/wk. To enhance this campaign TFS also created new on-line content by means of a short video showing the public how to test your alarm.

The accumulative reach of all posts in 2022 was 1.4 million. Our biggest post of the year reached 100,000 people and was engaged with over 30,000 times across Twitter and Facebook, this was during the St. Patrick's Day parades.

2022 saw TFS approach social media in a more inclusive way as we engaged with our deaf and hard of hearing community, using Irish sign language for the first time in many of our on-line videos. We also ran a competition to give away two smoke alarms designed for use by the deaf/ heard of hearing community this initiative proved very popular across all our social media channels. We have also increased the number of posts posted using the Irish language

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

- 18,146 followers of our Tipperary Fire and Rescue social media platforms. An increase of over 807 followers from this time last year.
- Posts covered both fire safety/ covid related safety messages/fire calls/traffic issues and general fire notices/ water awareness/ public advice...
- Over 8250 'followers are located in County Tipperary and 13,648 in Ireland This figure is a minimum as some Facebook users don't declare the town, county or country they live in.
- Our biggest 'Reach' by a single post was in October '22 which reached approx. times 100,000 + Facebook/Twitter users.
- Our 'Test It Tuesday' campaign reaches an average of just under 2550 Facebook users' p/week.
- Tipperary Fire Service is the most followed/liked Retained Irish Fire Service page on Facebook and ranks as the 3rd most followed Fire Service in the Country, ranking behind Dublin and Cork.
- 2022 saw the introduction of Irish sign language to some of our media content
- New video content produced one of which encourages schools to create and practice a fire escape plan.
- We had 18 'Recruitment' posts with the Highest post reach of 23,900 for recruitment in Tipperary Town. On average, these posts reached 6,600.

Civil Defence



The predominant role of Civil Defence is to provide ancillary support to the Principal Response Agencies (PRA's).

Secondary to this when possible Tipperary Civil Defence supports local community events and activities including sporting, cultural and community assistance, 2022 was once again an extremely busy year with response to the Ukrainian Refugee crisis to the fore of our activities. The early months of 2022 saw continued support to the HSE in response to the COVID 19 crisis with support at vaccination centre and the transport of patient for medical appointments.

As the incidents of COVID 19 and public restrictions associated with COVID 19 began to lift, emphasis was then placed on the resumption of training and the upskill of our volunteers with priority being placed on our minimum training standards, which include Cardiac First Responder and manual handling.

Health & Safety

In 2022 Civil Defence section is working toward migrating over to the new ISO45001 Health & Safety Standard. The section has also reviewed our response plan and risk assessments.

Response to the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis

Tipperary Civil Defence were to the forefront of the response to this crisis.

The initial set up and establishment of the rest centres in both Clonmel & Littleton was organised by Civil Defence along with the technical staff of the housing section and numerous contractors which saw operational sports complex being converted into temporary accommodation facilities to house approximately 60 refugees in each location. Our volunteers were involved in the purchase, setup of bedding, kitchen & washing facilities, family spaces, first aid and medical facilities. Volunteers were also involved in organising essential clothing and sanitary items to be in place to welcome the arrival of the displaced persons. Our volunteers worked closely with the Housing section with the registration and reception of refugees as they arrived.

Civil Defence is still heavily involved in assisting both the Housing Section of Tipperary County Council and the Lions Trust Housing Organisation, Thurles with the provision of assistance at registration, medical and First Aid cover, transport to medical appointments, social protection appointments and assistance in the transport of families to more permanent accommodation. Civil Defence has also been involved in the provision of Cardiac First Responder training to staff at the rest centre.



COVID- 19 Response

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Tipperary Civil Defence has provided support to the Health Service Executive (HSE), Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS), Local Authority (Community Forum), Cancer Care and Meal on Wheels.

Throughout 2022 volunteers continued to provided support to the HSE and the National Ambulance service with the provision of transport for both COVID-19 positive patients and patients that were attending routine essential appointments such as for cancer care and treatment.

Volunteers have provided ongoing support to the Vaccination centres in the rollout of the National Vaccination programme. This was invaluable assistance to the HSE



Civil Defence supporting the vaccination centres with the role out of the vaccination programme

Searching for Missing Person

In addition to our Ukrainian Crisis response and COVID -19 activity Tipperary Civil Defence assisted An Garda Síochána with various search for missing persons in our county. Our ground crew search capacity is enhanced by our K9 dog search unit and the addition of our drone capacity. We also have a water response capacity for missing persons also. Training in all area of search is ongoing.



Search crews assisting the Garda at a search for a missing person

Training

Following COVID-19 public health measures and restrictions much training within the organisation was suspended. However, in 2022 essential training recommenced in a controlled environment in people handling, manual handling, Cardiac First Responder (CFR) and severe weather off-road driving skills. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training was held some of which was online. Volunteers also completed Advanced Cardiac First Responder (A-CFR) training and recertification. Recertification of our existing drone pilots also took place as organised by the Civil Defence College in Roscrea.



Civil Defence boat training on Lough Derg

Centenary Commemoration Celebration Mullinahone

Tipperary Civil Defence were represented at the Centenary commemoration ceremony held in Mullinahone Co Tipperary on November 14th to commemorate and honour Garda Henry Phelan, who was the first member of an Garda Síochána to be killed in the line of duty on 14th November 1922. The event was attended by the Assistant Garda Commissioner AnnMarie McMahon, members of An Garda Síochána, the extended family of Garda Phelan, Elected members and invited guests. Tipperary County Council was represented by Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, and staff of Tipperary County Museum who gave a very insightful history of the tragedy. A monument was unveiled to honour Garda Phelan. Tipperary Civil Defence also provided medical cover for the event

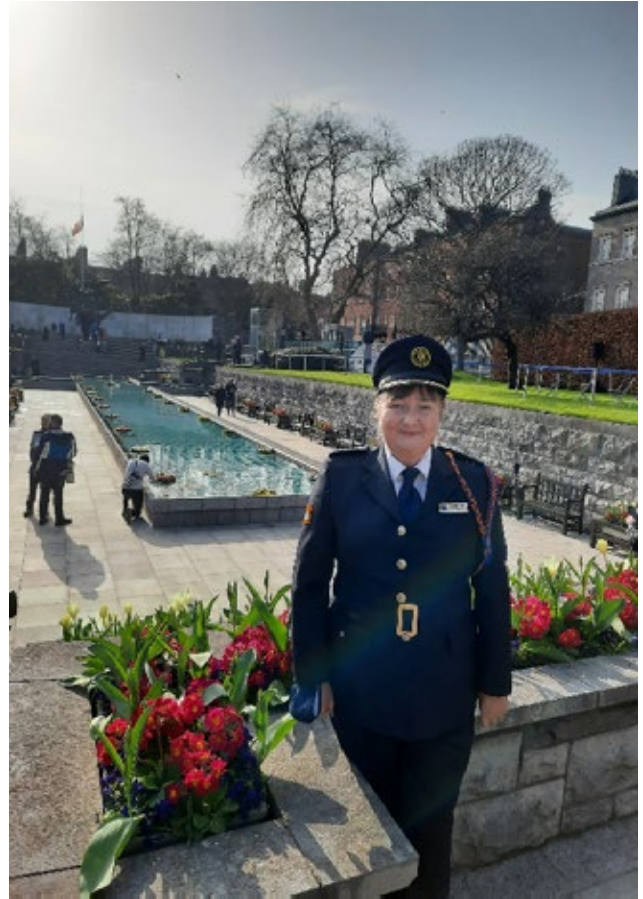


Tipperary Civil Defence represented Centenary Celebration in Mullinahone Co Tipperary


National Day of Remembrance & Reflection

The Officer for Tipperary Civil Defence was honoured to receive an invitation to attend and represent Civil Defence at the National Day of Remembrance & Reflection held in the Garden of Remembrance in Dublin in March 2022.

The ceremony was to remember all those who had died during the COVID 19 pandemic, their families and friends. The ceremony also acknowledged the extensive work carried out by emergency and medical staff & volunteers, front line worker, essential staff and the massive effort and sacrifice of the general public. Events were also held locally and were attended by our volunteers.



Civil Defence Officer and Volunteers attending both National and Local ceremony of remembrance for COVID 19

 *A sincere gratitude is extended to the volunteers of Tipperary Civil Defence who give so freely to their community*

New Vehicle

Tipperary Civil Defence received from the Dormant Account funding for the replacement of our current communications vehicle. A Mercedes Sprinter was purchased in 2021. Fit out of this vehicle has taken place in 2022. This vehicle is now operational and contains state of the art mapping and communications system. This will be a real asset in our response to search for missing persons or at any incident.



New communication, Command and control vehicle.

COVID 19 Responses Recognition Medals

Volunteers from Tipperary Civil Defence were honoured to attend a National ceremony and medal presentation in Croke Park Dublin organised by the Dept of Defence (Civil Defence Section) to recognise the outstanding commitment, professionalism and community spirit demonstrated by our volunteers right throughout the COVID 19 crisis. Recognition medals were presented to volunteers by Minister Simon Convey. The ceremony was attended by representatives from the HSE, the National Ambulance Service along with other colleagues from the Department of Defence. Tipperary County Council was represented at the event by Brian Beck, A/Director of Service with responsibility for Civil Defence at the time.



Volunteers from Tipperary Civil Defence at a ceremony of Recognition for COVID 19 response in Croke Park, Dublin



Medal presented to volunteers active during the COVID Pandemic





HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Role

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

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

Membership in 2022

Tipperary County Council

- Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan,
- Cllr Shane Lee,
- Cllr David Dunne,
- Cllr John McGrath,
- Cllr Pat English,
- Cllr Michael Smith,
- Cllr Kieran Bourke (Chair),
- Cllr Roger Kennedy,
- Cllr Noel Coonan,
- Cllr Marie Murphy.

External Representatives

- Moira Merrigan, Public Participation Network (PPN),
- Iva Pocock (PPN),
- Tom Gallahue, Development/Construction,
- Lalor McGee, Trade Union,
- Paul Berrigan (Business/Commercial),

During 2022 the SPC focused on a number of key areas within housing. Over the course of the year, the committee considered a diverse range of topics including:

- The new Tenant Purchase scheme
- The Own Front Door (OFD) initiative
- Approved Housing Bodies and their work within the county
- Roll out of Choice Based letting
- Traveller Accommodation Programme
- The role of Community Liaison Officers
- Affordable Housing Scheme and KPMG analysis of affordable housing need
- The Ukraine crisis
- Vacant properties and turnover times
- Housing grants
- Inspections of Private Rented properties
- A review of the Communication Protocol
- Construction Industry Federation and the difficulty faced in the construction of new developments.

There were also a large number of agenda items addressed and issues reviewed prior to submission to the wider Council meeting.

Housing Need

The gross social housing need in the county at the end of 2022 was 3362.

Of this figure approximately 51% were in receipt of social housing support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP). The net housing need was therefore 1,094 persons

Housing Allocations 2022

A total of 381 applicants were offered tenancies of Local Authority dwellings in 2022 of which 320 accepted the offer.

53 persons refused offers of Local Authority dwellings in 2022 which represents a 14% refusal rate.

In addition, the Council nominated a further 86 applicants to AHB housing during the year leading to a total of 467 persons housed in total by the Council over the year.

Choice Based Lettings

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

In the event that there is more than one applicant interested in any one dwelling for which expressions of interests are, the allocation will be made in accordance with the Order of Priority in the Allocations Scheme.

Choice Based Lettings (CBL) went live on the 29 March 2022.

During 2022:

- 82 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- There were 4 refusals representing a 4% refusal rate through CBL
- The Council will continue to operate a dual system (traditional and CBL) for the moment due to concerns around engagement of some applicants on the waiting list

Voids Programme

A total of 124 vacant houses had works completed which enabled them to be returned to use in 2022. The cost for these works totalled €3.5 million (inclusive of a number of long-term voids). The Housing Section works closely with all Districts to ensure the efficient turnaround of vacant houses to ensure that they are allocated and tenanted in a timely fashion. Vacancy levels have fallen from 2.7% to 1.8% at year-end as a result of the work undertaken.

Housing Rents

Tipperary County Council had a total of 5410 Local Authority houses as of 31st December 2022. A review in late 2021 and into 2022 was carried out to ensure that all tenants were paying the appropriate rents in accordance with the income of the household and as a result there has been some upward adjustment of rents to address some of the inconsistencies identified. This has resulted in a slight drop in our % collection rate (90% at year-end) compared to other years but it is expected that this will improve throughout 2023. Rents are calculated in accordance with a tenant's income and as per Tipperary County Council's Differential Rent Scheme. The average rent in 2022 was €59.65.

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

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

Progress 2022:

New properties	Contracts
RAS including Voluntary RAS units	50
Long Term Leased Units	5
Mortgage to Rent	18
Total	73

Rent reviews constitute a significant body of work carried out by the Housing team and during 2022 the following RAS/LTL/MTR reviews were carried out:

Rent reviews	
RAS including Voluntary RAS units	414
Long Term Leased Units	146
Mortgage to Rent	36
Total	596

Housing Assistance Payment

The Housing Assistance Payment scheme (HAP) is a form of social housing support, providing rental assistance for approved housing applicants to secure accommodation in the private rented sector. Some 206 housing applicants were assisted under the Scheme in the county in 2022. On average 4 housing applicants were assisted per week. There were 1700 active HAP tenancies at the end of 2022.

Homeless Services

Homelessness

The focus of homeless services in 2022 continued to be the prevention of clients entering emergency accommodation and thus the homeless cycle.

Homeless Presentations

Single	284
Couples	16
Couples with children	39
Singles with Children	122
Total	461

Homeless Prevention

The use of private rented accommodation with the assistance of HAP is the primary option for those presenting as homeless. The 2 Homeless Prevention Officers, working in tandem with the HAP Place finder Service operate to secure such accommodation.

Prevention work was carried out by the HAP place finder on 83 of these presentations. They facilitated 22 singles and 26 families in securing private rental HAP accommodation and thereby avoiding being placed in emergency accommodation.

The council received 109 NTQ in respect of RAS and LTL properties and 214 NTQ in respect of HAP properties in 2022. In 2022 Local Authorities were given some additional flexibility to purchase a number of properties in respect of Notice to Quit tenants and 26 properties were acquired. This initiative has been extended by the department to June 2023 and we are actively pursuing this.

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

The Own Front Door model of emergency accommodation was introduced in 2022 aimed at reducing reliance on B&Bs as the primary method of providing emergency accommodation and to deliver a more holistic approach to homeless presentations thereby reducing the traumatic stress associated with residing in emergency accommodation.

The OFD emergency accommodation units (3 family units and 4 singles units) were fully occupied throughout the year and 7 singles and 2 families were re-accommodated from OFD to either HAP properties or LA houses.

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

Under the Housing First model, 15 units of accommodation continue to be provided for our most complex vulnerable tenants with wrap around services ensuring that they sustain their tenancy. The Council intends to provide an additional 15 Housing First Units throughout the county to address the remaining needs in this category in 2023.

The START programme is an initiative in the south of the county which supports persons at risk of becoming homeless due to significant mental health challenges. In 2023 this programme supported 6 such clients. They are provided with wrap around mental health services to ensure that they are able to maintain their tenancy. A similar support service is provided by the North Tipperary Intensive Support (NTISS) programme on an outreach basis in the north of the county and the Council is the lead partner along with the H.S.E. and Focus Ireland in providing this service to 23 clients.

The Housing Section currently accommodates two support workers to deliver the Tenancy Sustainment Service programme (TSS) for those tenants who struggle to sustain their tenancy and who are neither Housing First clients or clients who are availing of the START or NTISS service. In 2022 the TSS service provided support to 60 LA tenants who required support in this area.

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

Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016 was introduced under the Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) Regulations 2015 and the rules of the scheme were amended in 2022 by the Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

The eligibility criteria for the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016 changed on the 1st February 2022. The minimum reckonable income amount has reduced from €15,000 to €12,500. The length of time you must be in receipt of social housing supports has increased from 1 year to 10 years. In the case of joint tenancies, both you and the joint tenant must be in receipt of social housing supports for 10 years.

Applicants whose primary source of income is the State Contributory or Non-Contributory pension can now apply under the scheme.

Tipperary County Council received 34 applications from tenants to purchase their house in 2022.

Formal applications to purchase received during 12 months ended 31 December 2022	34
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued) during 12 months ended 31 December 2022	34
Sales completed during 12 months ended 31 December 2022	24
Total proceeds of sales received during 12 months ended 31 December 2022	€1,702,920

Loans

The Local Authority Home Loan Scheme has replaced the Rebuilding Ireland Home Scheme from 4th January, 2022.

The Local Authority Home Loan is a Government backed mortgage for first time buyers or other eligible applicants through local authorities. The scheme is for the purchase of new or second-hand residential properties and for self-builds. An applicant can apply to borrow 90% of the market value of the property to a maximum of €250,000 in Tipperary.

Maximum market values of the property that can be purchased or self-built in Tipperary is €250,000. However, from 1st March, 2023 the maximum market value of the property will be increased from €250,000 to €275,000. Also, from the 1st March, 2023 the income limit for single applicants will increase from €50,000 to €70,000 and for joint applicants the income limit will increase from €75,000 to €85,000.

In 2022 a total of 143 applications were received by Tipperary County Council.

Number of Applications Received	143
Valid	46
Approved	27
Number of loans issued	19
Total value of loans issued	€2,007,235



Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP)

Tipperary County Council conducted its Housing Demand Needs Assessment (HDNA) at the outset of Housing for All and predicted a net housing need of 1617 applicants in the period 2022-2027.

The initial target under Housing for All was 887 units of accommodation set by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage which was subsequently revised upwards to 1125 units at the request of Tipperary County Council. This comprises units delivered by the Local Authority and the Approved Housing Bodies. This figure is then supplemented by acquisitions, RAS units, Repair and Lease and voids which will exceed the net need by 2026.



Figure 1 Mill Rd., Thurles

The following is the build delivery for 2022:

LA Build & Turnkey	135
AHB Delivery (Turnkey)	63
Part V	5

There is an active build programme in the pipeline, when taken together with identified Turnkeys and agreed Approved Housing Body Delivery will meet the Housing for All delivery target. Output under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) will increase once the revised CALF model is approved by the Department and DPER. (Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform).



Figure 2 Two Mile Borris

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



Figure 3 Árd na Gréine

Repair and Leasing Scheme

The Repair and Leasing Scheme is an action under the Government's Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness and will continue under Housing for All. The basis of the Repair and Leasing Scheme is that a loan of up to €60,000 (inc VAT) is made available to owners of qualifying, suitable vacant properties to carry out works necessary to bring them up to rental regulation standards, the properties are then leased to the Council/ Approved Housing Body and the cost of the works is deducted from lease payments over the agreed lease term. Tipperary County Council received 128 applications since the beginning of the scheme in 2017 until the end of 2022, the breakdown of which is as follows: -

Table 1 - Summary of RLS Applications

Status of Application	No.
Lease issued	5
Lease to be issued	1
In discussion with owner regarding rental valuation	2
Desktop Review / Inspection Stage	3
Inspected with costs to be issued to owner	0
Further information sought from owner	6
Costed and awaiting response from owner	5
Owner withdrawn from the scheme	40
Rejected due to insufficient demand in area	9
Rejected due to structural issue / poor condition / unsuitable	24
Rejected due to flooding issue	1
Rejected due to excessive funding requirement	2
No Response from owner /Owner put on hold	30

Buy and Renew

The “buy and renew” scheme is designed to support local authorities (and approved housing bodies) in the purchase and renewal of vacant housing units in need of remediation and make them available for social housing.

It is a companion strategy for the Repair & Lease scheme, providing additional social housing options. Buy and Renew can target the purchase of older vacant homes and assist in the improvement of derelict and disused areas within our villages and towns.

In 2022 there were 6 properties purchased:

Purchase Location	Property
Clonmel	52 Irishtown
Tipperary	66 St Patrick's Avenue
Roscrea	57 Kennedy Park
Roscrea	15 St Cronin's Terrace, Rosemount
Roscrea	101 Assumption Park
Tipperary	3 St Mary's Avenue

The owners of vacant properties considered suitable for social housing are identified where possible through advertising campaigns, local knowledge and through Land Registry and are contacted by letter and advised of the schemes available. i.e. Buy & Renew and Repair and Lease. Financial Institutions who have an interest in a vacant property would also be contacted. The owners are requested to contact the vacant homes officer to

discuss their properties and the benefits of the schemes. Under legislation Local Authorities have powers to Issue Compulsory Purchase Orders and this will be considered where appropriate by Tipperary County Council. An interdepartmental team consisting of members from Planning, Fire and Building Control, Environment and Housing are available to discuss properties with owners. The 9 largest Urban centres as well as the second tier of larger towns where the largest need exists are the focus. A national website maintained by Mayo County Council is available to members of the public to identify vacant properties of concern. This is monitored by Tipperary County Council with properties listed being investigated.

Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes

The Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability is available to assist in the carrying out of works that are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of a person with a disability who is a member of the household.

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

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

The combined capital allocation, which was notified to this Council in 2022, for the payment of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability, for private dwellings, was €3,879,250 in 2022 for private housing adaptation grants of which €775,850 is to be provided from Tipperary County Council's own revenue resources. A total of 375 projects were completed.

In addition, the Council received €2,122,032 to fund adaptation grants for Local Authority owned houses of which €212,203 is to be provided from Tipperary County Council's own resources. This enabled 115 projects to be completed.

Due to this increased funding Priority 2 and Priority 3 applications for previous years were completed for both private grants and Local Authority owned homes thus allowing the opening up of the grants scheme for both private and local authority grants to Priority 1, 2 and 3 applications in 2022. The availability of this scheme will remain subject to funding being made available by central government.

Energy Efficiency Works

Midlands Retrofit Programme

Works have now been completed on all 60 units of the Midlands Retrofit Programme. All houses achieved a B2 BER (Building Energy Rating) or better. Post BER surveys are in process of being completed for 2 no houses and a final claim is to be submitted the Department for recoupment purposes to close out the scheme.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme

59 Houses are now fully complete under the 2021 Scheme. Post works BER Surveys are complete and a final claim is being prepared to be submitted to the Department for recoupment purposes.

100 Housing units were approved under the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022 across the 5 districts. The survey works have now been completed with construction tenders to be issued Q1 2023, and it is envisaged works will be carried out in Q2 and Q3.

A list of properties to be submitted for 2023 has been requested from each Municipal District and will be submitted to the department for approval. Upon receiving department approval, surveys of the houses will be progressed.

Works typically involve insulation, upgrades of windows and doors and installation of heat pumps (renewable energy heating systems), as committed to under the Programme for Government. Main aim of the retrofits is to reach a BER of B2.



Traveller Accommodation

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

Tipperary County Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme, (TAP) which was approved by the elected members in 2019, outlines the accommodation requirements of the Travelling Community over a five-year period from 2019 to 2024. The projected housing units needed over the five-year period is 90. This indicative target in line with requirements set out in the plan has been met for the period 2019 to 2022 in that the housing accommodation needs of 105 families were provided for. A target of 25 units of accommodation was set for 2022 and this was achieved with 25 of these catered for in 2022.

This is as set out hereunder

Accommodation Type	Standard incl. LTL & AHB	Group Housing	Halting site	Single Rural Dwelling	TOTAL
Traveller Accommodation Programme	58	15	8	9	90
No. provided between 2019 and 2022	82	7	2	14	105
Balance Remaining	-24	8	6	-5	-15

As required by the Department a review of the TAP was carried out recently and following consideration of the TAP and submissions received it was decided not to amend the current Programme.

Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meeting

Tipperary County Council has held 3 Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meetings (LTACC) in 2022; - 12th May, 25th August and the most recent meeting on 22nd November was held in Ashbury Halting Site, Roscrea. Items discussed included the current status of the Traveller Accommodation Programme including the mid-term review, an update on the Dormant Account Funding and the Council's 3-Year Capital Traveller Accommodation Plan.

Traveller Dormant Account Funding

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage secured Dormant Account Funding for measures to provide supports/facilities in Traveller Specific accommodation. TCC were successful in receiving approval for funding for the 3 projects.

Tipperary Traveller Educational Initiative 2022

The Council in conjunction with other agencies, NGOs and members of the community commenced a process to support a Traveller Educational Initiative over a sustained 5-year period as a pilot.

Regeneration of Entrance to Waller's Lot Group Housing Estate

The Council was successful in receiving funding to regenerate the entrance to Waller's Lot Group Housing Estate.

Horse Project at Ballyknock Halting Site

Approval from the Department to refurbish the Ballyknock halting site has been received and it is proposed that four families from Waller's Lot will reside there when the works are completed.

Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation

The Council undertook the Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation, as required under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998, on the 25th November 2022. The total number of families was 405.



Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)

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

Thurles Lions Trust has reached practical completion on the delivery of 19 no units at Stanwix Village, Thurles. This includes the refurbishment of a protected structure known as Stanwix House at Kickham Street, Thurles. The official launch will take place in March 2023.

Cluid Housing Association, with the support of TCC completed the construction of 9 units at Glenconnor Close, Clonmel and the units are now fully occupied with social housing tenants moving in to the units in November 2022.

Tuath Housing Association delivered 13 apartments at Baker's Lot, Kickham Street, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary. The units are now all occupied with tenants having moved in to the units in early December 2022.

St. Patrick's Dwellings for the Elderly (SPADE) completed the construction of two additional units at Ashwell's Lot, Deerpark Rd, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

Moorehaven Centre Tipperary have drawn Capital Assistance Scheme funding to purchase a property at Bansha Rd, Tipperary Town, refurbishment of which is now complete, and this property is now home to 4 residents with mild intellectual disability which allows them to live independently.

Moorehaven also have secured approval under the CAS scheme to purchase a second property in Tipperary Town which, upon refurbishment, will house 4 residents with intellectual disability.

Belmont Park Housing Association secured CAS funding to purchase 2 x 5-bed properties in the Cashel area. These houses will each be home to four residents with intellectual disabilities and will have accommodation for a single carer. Refurbishment of the first of these properties is underway.

CENA – Culturally Appropriate Homes secured CAS funding to purchase and refurbish a 2-bed cottage at Clonmore, Templemore. The purchase is complete and refurbishment has commenced.

Thurles Lions Trust received approval under the Capital Assistance Scheme to purchase a 2-bed property and adjoining site at Limerick Street, Roscrea. The purchase is complete and refurbishment of the property is underway. Planning will be applied for to build a similar 2-bed unit on the adjoining site. These units will house persons with intellectual disabilities with the support of the HSE and Avista, Roscrea.

Arlington Novas have received CAS approval to purchase 10 additional units at Stradavoher Court, Thurles. These properties require considerable improvement works and funding has also been secured for this. These purchases are currently going through the legal process and it is hoped this will be completed in the near future.

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)

The CALF scheme allows the approved Voluntary Housing Bodies to access private or Housing Finance Agency (HFA) loans for the purchase of, and in some cases the construction of, units that will then be made available for social housing under the leasing initiative.

Under the scheme, the Voluntary Housing Bodies may also request a capital investment from the Local Authority.

Tuath Housing Association received approval under the CALF scheme in order to construct 40 units at Wallers Lot in Cashel, Co. Tipperary. The contractor is on site and the units are due for delivery by Q4 2024.

Cluid Housing Association received funding under the CALF scheme which allowed them to purchase 5 no units at Ballygraigue Court, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary on a turnkey arrangement. The units were delivered and occupied by social housing tenants in Q2 2022.

Focus Housing Association received funding to purchase 16 units at Abbey Court Lodges, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary under a turnkey arrangement. The units were delivered and occupied by social housing tenants in Q2 2022.

Respond have two large schemes in the pipeline in Cahir and Cashel which would add 92 units in total. These schemes are on hold pending a Departmental review of the CALF model.



Mortgage to Rent

Approved Housing Bodies or a private operator in the market also purchase properties that become available under the Mortgage to Rent scheme and, facilitated by Tipperary County Council, lease these properties back to the owners over a 25-30-year term.

This prevents the owners of the properties from becoming homeless and allows them to remain living in their own homes and their status changes from Borrowers/Owners to tenants.

In total, Tipperary County Council have facilitated the completion of 88 units under the mortgage to rent scheme since its inception. 10 units entered the scheme in the county in 2022.

AHB Forum

There is continuous engagement with Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) through the AHB forum.

Over the duration of the Housing for All programme the AHB's have been tasked with delivering 40% of the 1,125 houses set to be delivered in the coming years.

The AHB forum provides a means of managing delivery of that target. The forum facilitates the Council to:

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

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

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

Estate Management

Tipperary County Council continues to promote estate management initiatives and awarded amenity grants to Resident Associations under this Council's 2022 Estate Management Budget. This funding aims to enhance and develop the physical appearance of our Local Authority estates.

Training in the form of educational excursions and up skilling workshops are provided annually to help encourage ongoing participation from residents. Excursions to Ballymaloe May Fair, Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens and Winterville took place during 2022 for residents of our estates.

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

Where all engagements and supports cease to be effective and the tenant refuses to engage in a positive manner to address the issue at hand, the Council can progress these cases through the courts.

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

In 2022 the Council were granted possession orders for 3 properties as a result of tenancy breaches. A further 3 possession orders were granted for illegal occupancy. In addition, there were 3 further court orders granted for removal of illegal structures.

Disability Strategy

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

Tipperary County Council has prepared a Disability Strategic Plan to cover the period 2022 to 2027. The Plan aligns with and informs both the National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability (NHSPWD) and the principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The preparation of the local plan was coordinated and led by the Housing and Disability Steering Group, which is a working group of relevant service providers, including HSE, AHB's and service users chaired by the Council to oversee the delivery of disability services within the county of Tipperary. There were 3 meetings held in 2022 where these issues were discussed.

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

In 2022 there were 107 offers made to persons with a specific requirement. Of these 71 were accepted in the following categories:

- Disability Mental - 8
- Disability Intellectual - 1
- Disability Physical - 40
- Disability Sensory – 22

Private Rented Accommodation Inspections

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

During the year a total of 675 inspections were carried out. This included:

Inspection Statistics	1st inspection	2nd inspection
RAS	67	34
HAP	333	158
Private rented	30	8
Mortgage to rent	32	5
Long term lease	6	2
Physical & Virtual Inspections / Re-inspections	468	207
Total		675

For much of 2022 there was only 1 inspector working in the county however an additional 2 inspectors have commenced in the latter half of 2022 which will mean an increase in regulatory activity for 2023.

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

Health and Safety

In 2021 the Housing section retained the Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series (OHSAS) 18001 accreditation for occupational health and safety management.

In 2022 as part of a process of reduction of occupational injuries, including promoting and protecting physical and mental health, the Housing section successfully progressed to attain the ISO 45001 accreditation which is the new standard for management systems of occupational health and safety. It is hoped to maintain this standard into the future and place Health and safety awareness at the centre of our work practices.

Affordable Housing

The purpose of the affordable housing initiative is to provide a pathway to home ownership to people who do not qualify for social housing and also do not have the means to afford to buy their own home. It is also designed to encourage use of existing unused or derelict housing stock by incentivizing people to take ownership of older vacant properties and bring them back into use.

Croí Cónaithe fund

This scheme has been expanded to include houses in rural areas and the same general criteria as outlined below will apply.

It is aimed at bringing unused buildings back into use.

- Building must be empty for at least 2 years.
- Up to €30,000 available as a grant. An additional €20,000 is available where an engineer certifies the building as derelict or dangerous.
- The applicant does not have to own the building when applying for the grant but the grant will not be paid until the sale of the building and works are complete.
- The applicant must live in the building as the primary residence for a period of not less than 10 years.

The section has processed 49 applications at the end of 2022.

New build affordable schemes – a proposal for a shared equity scheme

Tipperary County Council intend to offer affordable properties for sale to those applicants who qualify for this scheme. In 2022 preparatory work has been undertaken to determine the affordability constraint with in County Tipperary and prepare and application to the Affordable Housing Fund (AHF). The services of KPMG were retained to analyse data from the entire county to determine the levels of affordability in the various areas of the county. In addition, a survey has been created and is available on our website to gauge the interest in affordable housing in the county. The survey is available for completion at the link below and will also support the application to the AHF:

<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/news/affordable-housing-survey>

First Home Scheme

Following on from the SPC meeting on Housing, the Council actively engaged with the Department and provided them with supporting documentation around the average all in cost of building a new build in Tipperary. As a result of this engagement the ceiling in Tipperary for new build was lifted from €250,000 to €325,000. As a consequence of this the Council intends to engage with private developers to encourage the activation of their planning permissions.

The Council is currently exploring all options open to us to deliver affordable housing options in the County and as initiatives are worked up, members of the Council will be advised



Ukrainian Refugees

The war in Ukraine broke out on the 24th February 2022 resulting in the displacement of millions of Ukrainians. In response to this displacement, the E.U by means of Directive undertook to provide temporary protection to those fleeing the crisis in the Ukraine.

Each member country was obliged to provide protection to those seeking protection from the war and Ireland continues to provide temporary protection to some 72,00 Ukrainians who arrived in the country in 2022. Tipperary County Council through the Housing, Civil Defence and C&E sections & in collaboration with key community groups provided the following services in assisting with this humanitarian crisis:

Temporary rest facilities

Two rest centres, one in Littleton & one in Clonmel were established as temporary emergency accommodation. This service has been managed by the Council in conjunction with Thurles Lions Trust and Clonmel Town Football Club and in 2022 met the emergency needs of 1077 Ukrainians before they were moved onto to more permanent type of accommodation. The two centres continue to operate providing this emergency service to those fleeing the conflict.

Pledged Properties

One of the responses by the Government to meet the accommodation needs of the Ukrainians was a pledging process for members of the public to pledge either vacant or shared accommodation to meet this need. Whilst the Red Cross were initially to undertake this task, this proved challenging and County Councils were then requested to support this process and were tasked with matching persons/families to the accommodation offered.

As part of the initial Red Cross pledging process, 377 properties were made available by property owners in Tipperary. 266 of the properties offered were shared properties and 111 were vacant properties. Following inspections, withdrawals, inability to contact landlords etc, some 95 properties were actually available and 66 or 69.5% of those properties were tenanted providing accommodation for 214 Ukrainians. The majority of those properties not tenanted were located in areas that are not on a viable transport route and this matter is currently under consideration with a view to making such properties accessible.

A second Pledging Process, administered & wholly managed by the Local Authorities named "Offer a Home" commenced on the 24th November 2022. This call was in respect of vacant properties only. A national and local advertising campaign accompanied this call for properties and to the end of 2022, the Council has received the offer of 42 vacant properties which were assessed, inspected and all units available have been tenanted.

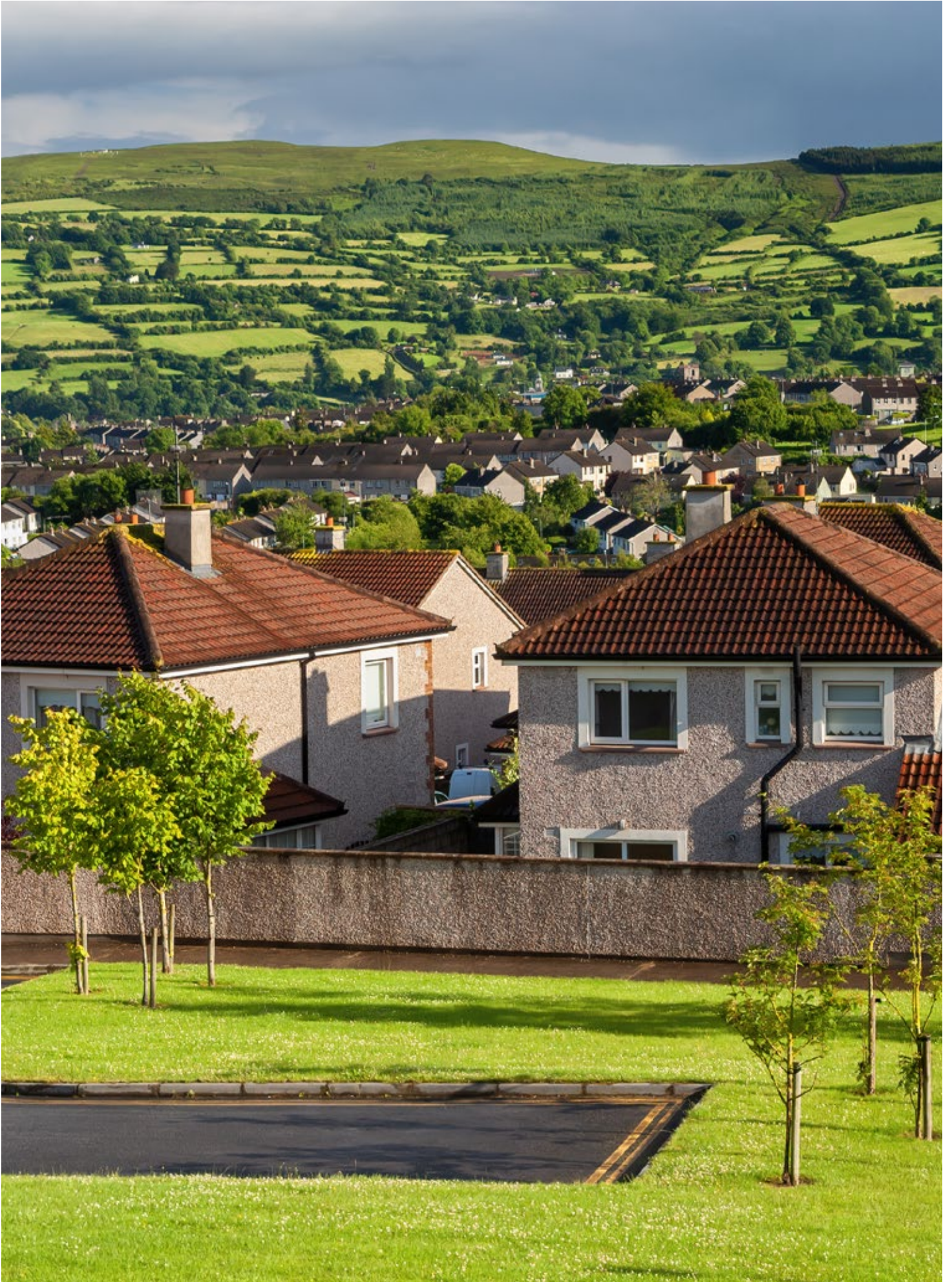
Housing staff also actively engage with commercial operators in the county who are currently housing Ukrainians in terms of ensuring that the residents are afforded opportunities to integrate into the community in which they currently reside. The Council is also supporting the Department of Housing to identify appropriate properties which can be refurbished to accommodate additional BOTP on an interim basis.

Community Integration

The Council works closely with other agencies such as the H.S.E. Education, Department of Social Protection, Local Development Companies etc in assisting the families housed and Ukrainians generally to integrate with the local communities and to access the necessary health, educational and other supports. To this end, the C.E.O. convened a Community Forum Group which meets monthly and includes all the relevant agency heads, to track and ensure the provision of service supports for the Ukrainians, including integration activities

Modular type Accommodation;

Thurles was identified as one of five initial sites across the country for the provision of modular type homes on public owned land. The OPW intends to provide 62 such homes on their own site at Gortataggart, Thurles. The Department of Housing and the OPW engaged with the local elected members and community in respect of the proposal. Work was commenced on the site in 2022 and it is hoped that tenants will be on site by June 2023. As part of the process, engagement also took place with service providers such as REALT, H.S.E., Community Support Groups etc to ensure an integrated approach to the provision of services to clients once they take up occupancy of the homes.



Community & Sports

CLÁR Scheme

Tipperary County Council secured funding of €315,541 announced on 15th August 2022 for 8 projects as follows:

Recipient	Project Description	Approved Funding
Clogheen Playground Committee/Tipperary County Council	Upgrade Clogheen playground and provide disabled toilet facilities in the adjacent public toilets building	€50,000
Knock GAA	Knock Community Ball Wall & 3G Astro & Turf Facility	€50,000
Solohead GAA Club	An all-weather AstroTurf developed as part of an integrated 5-year community development plan	€50,000
Clonakenny Playground Enhancement/Tipperary County Council	Development and enhancement works at Clonakenny playground and adjoining car park	€15,141
Tipperary County Council	Resurface Drombane Village Car Park	€23,400
Cloughjordan FC Community Facility Development	Transformation of greenfield site into an inclusive community facility incorporating two playing pitches, parking and changing areas	€50,000
Sean Treacys GAA Club	Community carpark enhancement	€50,000
Drangan Playground Committee/Tipperary County Council	Resurfacing of Drangan playground and provision of new play equipment along with repairs to existing equipment	€27,000

A further tranche of Clár funding was announced on 13th September 2022, a further €160,735 was secured to benefit 4 projects, details as follows:

Recipient	Description	Grant Funding
Ballingarry Community Field - The Commons	Development of Walkway & Car Park	€48,725
Duhill Community Council	Duhill Community Hall - Renovation	€12,600
Moneygall GAA	Improvements to safety of driveway and parking facilities by laying tarmacadam, kerbing and bollards	€50,000
Lismackin - Bourea Development Association	Construction of a new rain play area and community sensory garden	€49,410

Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) 2022

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme is funded by the exchequer and granted by the Department of Community and Rural Development. It is aimed at enhancing our towns and villages, applications can be made by both the Council and Community Groups.

Tipperary County Council secured funding for 7 projects under the 2022 TVRS announced on 14th December 2022 as follows:

Project	Description	Approved Funding
1 Ballina	Provision of an access promenade and viewing area across the River Shannon, to drive tourist and local footfall activity, to enhance the accessibility to the public outdoor recreational area creating a conduit connecting the amenities and business area of Ballina	€360,000
2 Lorrha	To extend the community hall and to renovate existing space at St. Ruadhan's Hall, Lorrha to provide a community centre and remote working hub that compliments the existing community services (café and shop) provided by the community centre	€238,937
3 Mullinahone	The conversion of a derelict section of Mullinahone Community Centre to provide space for a community digital hub	€95,000
4 Templemore	The installation of an inclusive outdoor gym facility. The proposal also states that another element of the project will be to install a low safety fence to make the boundary of the existing town park along the roadway within the park safer.	€51,075
5 SEM - Tipperary Town	Funding under the Streetscape Enhancement Measure (SEM) in Tipperary Town	€100,000
6 Project Development Measure (PDM) - Newport	Feasibility & options report for the redevelopment of the courthouse into a community space, including all surveys, and to progress through to planning including design.	€45,000
7 PDM - Cashel	A feasibility study is needed to develop a business case for developing a digital hub in Cashel and evaluate the selected building to host the hub, including site/architectural surveys, design and planning, floor plan and preliminary cost estimate.	€44,058.60

TVRS 2022 - Building Acquisition Measure (BAM)

The Council had secured €400,000 in funding under the Building Acquisition Measure earlier in 2022 allowing the Council to purchase the Goldcrop site in Carrick-on-Suir.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022

The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure. This scheme helps to use the countryside's resources that contribute to healthy active lifestyles. It supports the economic and tourism potential of the area for both local communities and tourist visitors alike.

Measure 1 and Project Development Measures- €321,884

Tipperary County Council secured funding of €321,884 announced on 3rd August 2022 for 8 Measure 1 projects and 2 Project Development Measures (PDM)

The Measure 1 grant provides funding of up to €20,000 for small-scale repair/development/promotion and marketing.

The Project Development Measure provides funding of up to €50,000 for the detailed development of projects enabling them to reach a standard for application under Measure 2 or 3 of ORIS.

The details of the successful projects are as follows:

	Project	Description	Lead Partner	Approved Funding
1	Adventure Lough Derg	To improve both design and content of the Adventure Lough Derg app available on AppStore and Google Play	North Tipperary Development Company	€27,000
2	Ballinderry River Walk Phase II	Upgrade of the section of riverwalk along the Ballyfinboy River	Tipperary County Council	€26,784
3	Carrick-on-Suir and Nenagh – Age-Friendly Cycling Initiative	Carrick-on-Suir and Nenagh Promotion of voluntary cycling initiative	Tipperary County Council	€30,000
4	Clare Glens River Walk (PDM)	Clare Glens River Walk Upgrade- Planning and Design	Tipperary County Council	€48,600
5	Kilballyboy Wood	Kilballyboy Wood Trails - Provide 3 looped walks	Tipperary County Council	€30,000
6	Liam Lynch Trailhead Car Park	Provision of a car park at Liam Lynch trailhead	Tipperary County Council	€30,000
7	Sliabh na mBan Cairn and Walk	Sliabh na mBan Cairn and Walk Create roadside parking at the trailhead	Tipperary County Council	€30,000
8	Soloheadbeg -Greenway and Water Park (PDM)	Planning & Design- Water Park & proposed Greenway	Tipperary County Council	€42,500
9	Tipperary Angling	A complete audit of current angling infrastructure in Tipperary Promote and market Tipperary as a quality angling destination of choice	North Tipperary Development Company	€27,000
10	Vee Car Park, Bay Lough Knockmealdown Mountains	Upgrade of Carpark at the Vee	Tipperary County Council	€30,000

ORIS Measure 2 and Measure 3 - €847,991

ORIS Measure 2 and Measure 3 funding was announced on 28th November with 3 projects benefitting from this funding as follows:

Measure 2 - Medium scale upgrade and new trail/amenity development

(up to €200,000 grant available)

Measure	Project	Description	Approved Funding
2	Monaincha Abbey Looped Walk	Upgrade the existing trail and develop a loop walk at Monaincha Abbey, Roscrea	€197,991
2	Tipperary Town to Limerick Junction Trail	Upgrade Tipperary Town to Limerick Junction Walkway and Cycleway	€200,000


Measure 3 - Large scale repair/upgrade and new strategic trail/amenity development (up to €500,000 grant available)

Measure	Project	Description	Approved Funding
3	Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway	Upgrade of 20km Suir Blueway between Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir	€450,000

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

An LECP Advisory group was put in place for the development of the LECP 2023-2029 in accordance with the guidelines.

In 2022, the group have focused on the development of a socio-economic statement, the development of High-Level Goals, and a Consultation Plan. It is envisaged that the consultation for the LECP and the consultation for the Local Development Strategy (Rural Development Programme 2023-2029) can take place jointly in 2023.

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Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme



2022 was the final year of the current SICAP programme. Tipperary has two programmes, operated by North Tipperary Development Company and South Tipperary Development Company. In 2022, Both Companies exceeded their targets of working with both individual beneficiaries (to support them back to work and Employment) as well as Local Community Groups. SICAP supported 50 groups through small grants with NTDC providing grants of €20,769.22 to 31 groups while STDC provided 19 grants of 20,400.

Groups supported by NTDC include the following;

- Littleton Women's Group.
- Roscrea Direct Provision Centre.
- Roscrea Community Action Partnership.
- Gleann Glas / Ashbury & Sheehane.
- Four Estates Thurles.
- Roscrea Age-Friendly Craft.
- Mens Shed.



Littleton women's Group



Four Christmas Theme events took place in 2022.

In total 91 Local Community Groups were supported through SICAP and 1073 individuals.

In 2022, the SICAP Staff were asked to step up to the challenge of working with the Displaced Ukrainian Communities and each Company recruited two staff each to work with this cohort. The teams have continued to support the Ukrainian communities by providing initial advice and completing the assessment of need and access to social welfare payments. They also offer support in accessing English classes both through the ETB and Failte Isteach and during local school enrolment.

NTDC organized a number of family trips and outings for the Ukrainian Community.

- In collaboration with TUSLA, organizing a Christmas trip to Kilkenny for Ukrainians located in Templemore Sisters of Mercy Convent. 38 people attended the trip on December 11th 2022.
- A trip to Waterford Christmas Market (Winterval Festival) was organized for Ukrainians located in the Thurles area. 57 people attended this trip on December 4th 2022.
- A trip to Galway Christmas Market was organized for Ukrainians located in Nenagh area. 105 people attended this trip date on December 11th 2022
- NTDC provided MoyCarkey and Borris Community & Sports Centre (emergency accommodation for Ukrainians in Littleton), and Templemore Sisters of Mercy Convent with Christmas decorations.

STDC has supported the Ukrainian Communities by

- Translation in various settings and situations inclusive of schools; primary care and Social welfare.
- Support when accessing pledged housing acting as the translator and initial contact with the landlords regarding contracts, utilities etc.
- Support in accessing and facilitating English classes both through the ETB and Failte Isteach.
- Assessing training needs with a view to accessing employment and assisting to access relevant courses – link with SICAP.
- Creation of a sub-group within Dundrum House Hotel due to the size of the community within the village.
- Linking with local community groups example Dundrum AC.

Both SICAP programmes developed case studies in 2022. NTDC's case study was a video about older people and isolation-see link to the groups and individuals; <https://www.ntdc.ie/ntdc-sicap-older-people-and-isolation-case-study-2022/>

STDC case study was on how the application of community development approaches can build impactful relationships between SICAP and the Syrian Community in Tipperary

Joint Policing Committee

In addition to strategy development work, the JPC received informative presentations and considered other relevant policing matters.

At each meeting, the Chief Superintendent provides the committee with an update on the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the county. At the October meeting, Chief Superintendent Derek Smart stood down from his role on Tipperary JPC and was replaced by Chief Superintendent Colm O'Sullivan.

Key highlights include;

- Two external presentations one on 24-hour monitored alarms for independent living and the second on Community CCTV in Clonmel.
- Tipperary PPN elected 2 community representatives to Tipperary JPC.
- Tipperary JPC took possession of the property marking machine from Property Marking Ireland and has begun to lend it to community groups on a pilot basis.
- Tipperary JPC prepared the applications for Garda Commissioners Authorisation under Section 38(3)(c) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 for the following Community CCTV Schemes
 - Burgess/Birdhill/Cooleens:
 - Littleton
 - Fethard
 - Borrisokane
 - Nenagh
- Tipperary JPC were informed by An Garda Síochána that the National CCTV Advisory Committee had recommended all seven community-based schemes for authorisation. Tipperary JPC is waiting for the final authorisation documentation from the Garda Commissioner.
- Tipperary JPC approved Clonmel Community-based CCTV Scheme.
- Tipperary JPC support An Garda Síochána in relation to crime prevention and safety initiative;
 - Anti-Social behaviour -Boy racers/ Driving sulkies in a dangerous way
 - Community Engagement such as Honorary Garda School Talks Sporting and cultural events National Community Day in April, National Garda Youth Awards
 - Centenary Events-In all divisions in the county
 - Domestic Violence -Go Purple Day in April
 - Royal visit in April

Migrant Integration

The consultation process for the Migrants Integration Strategy was completed in 2021. The 'Diverse Tipperary' – Migrants Integration Strategy identifies 42 actions across these 8 key areas;

- Support educational outcomes and language abilities within the migrant communities.
- Promote integration and life chances of non-Irish through volunteerism and community.
- Involvement.
- Increase awareness of multiculturalism within organisations and communities through training and media.
- Celebrate the diversity that multiculturalism brings to Co Tipperary
- Promote multicultural diversity through sport.
- Challenge racism and discrimination against people from different cultures.
- Increase representation of migrant groups in decision-making committees and groups.
- Targeted support for the most marginalised non-Irish community especially those in need of basic support.

All actions and goals have been informed by the non-Irish population of multiple nationalities using a variety of consultative methodologies including interviews, focus groups, online questionnaires and submissions.

A number of integration-focused and cultural celebration events took place in 2022 and Tipperary County Council were delighted to partner with the following groups;

- Nenagh Kairaili Indian.
- Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland.
- Federation OF Indian Communities of Ireland.
- Cricket Clubs- Nenagh and Clonmel.
- Roma Health Initiative (led by Youth Work Ireland Tipperary).
- Bridgewater House and Borriskane IPAS Residents on Africa Day 2022.
- Ukrainian Family Days.



Kuldeep Joshi of FICI with Cllr Roger Kennedy at International Yoga Day, Cashel.



Children of Borriskane wear GAA equipment supported through SICAP.

LEADER Rural Development Programme 2014 to 2022

LEADER is a European Funded programme to progress Community & Economic projects with a view to improving economic activity and quality of life in rural areas.

The programme 2014 to 2022 has been delivered in a partnership approach with North & South Tipperary Development Companies as implementing partners.

This partnership developed the Tipperary Local Development Strategy (LDS) 2014-2020 and the Transitional Strategy 2020-2022.

Tipperary Local and Community Development Committee (LCDC) is the Local Action Group (LAG) for County Tipperary and is responsible for the management of LEADER, Tipperary County Council is the financial partner and secretariat.

As one of the top 10 performing Local Action Groups in the country, Tipperary achieved an additional €500,000 budget allocation.

This provided an overall budget for projects for implementation 2014-2022 of over €10 million supporting almost 300 projects across the 3 central thematic areas outlined below;

Theme Main & Transitional	Value Projects Approved
Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation	€5,550,449.77
Social Inclusion	€3,196,701.24
Rural Environment	€1,490,747.03
Total	€10,237,898.04

In addition, Tipperary achieved additional funding through the National Food Initiative of €871,099 and €1.14 million in Leader Cooperation Funding.



Opening of Ardfinnan Playground with Ardfinnan Community Council CLG- Colm Flynn, Sara Bourke (STDC), Margaret Egan, Kitty Burke, Pat Quirke and Maurice MacNamara.

LEADER Programme 2023-2027

The partnership of Tipperary LCDC, Tipperary County Council, North Tipperary Development Company and South Tipperary Development Company submitted a successful EOI for this programme with €7.8m budget for Tipperary. The partnership is working on the Local Development Strategy including public consultation for submission in early July.

Pride of Place 2022



There were 2 Tipperary entries in the 20th Annual Pride of Place Awards 2022, with judging in September 2022 and the awards ceremony held in January 2023. Cahir Tidy Towns achieved runner-up in the Population Category 2,000 – 5,000. Tipperary Men's Shed entered under the Community Wellbeing Initiative category and was awarded a Special Award by the judges.



Marie Cox, TCC; Aoife Wade CDA, IPB; Nellie Williams CDA; Cllr Andy Moloney, George Jones, IPB; Tipperary County Council Chairman Roger Kennedy; Marie Moloney, and Joe MacGrath, CEO Tipperary County Council.



Tom Dowling, Chairperson, Pride of Place; Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, TCC; Marie Cox, TCC; George Jones, Chairperson, IPB Insurance; Emer Leahy, Manager, Knockanrawley Resource Centre; Caroline Conway, Lord Mayor of Dublin City; Timmy White, Tipperary Men's Shed; Eddie McGrath, Tipperary Men's Shed; Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach Cahir, Tipperary Town, Cashel District; Marty Whelan, Ceremony Host and Broadcaster.



Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, TCC; Eddie McGrath and Timmy White, Tipperary Men's Shed; Emer Leahy Knockanrawley Resource Centre, TCC Cathaoirleach, Roger Kennedy

Community Activation Fund 2023

On 26th November 2021, the Community Activities Fund was launched with Tipperary receiving a budget of €299,381. A total of 266 community projects were supported with community funding through this 2022 Grants Scheme.

Ukrainian Response

The Community section worked with Moycarkey Borris Community Centre and Clonmel Town FC to agree on Memorandums of Understanding around the use of their centres as Rest Centres for Ukrainian displaced persons.


The team worked to provide registration assistance, appropriate signage and welcome packs for those arriving at the rest centres. The Ukrainian Response Forum was a key interagency forum to aid and share knowledge during this crisis response. The Ukrainian Health & Wellbeing fund allocated funds for the Arts Office, STDC & NTDC for health & well-being interventions.

'Tipperary Together' Newsletter

The format of the *'In This Together'* newsletter which arose due to the response to Covid 19 changed from January 2022 to *'Tipperary Together'*, a broader community-focused newsletter which showcased supports and content of interest to community-based groups and individuals.

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

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

 A highlight in 2022 was an invitation by Mr. Joe MacGrath, CE Tipperary County Council, to meet with the full Management Team of Tipperary County Council to discuss links and how the youth voice can be embedded in future TCC plans and policies.

Tipperary Comhairle na n-Óg

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

Throughout 2022, Comhairle continued to rebuild their committee skills for working in-person again after working virtually throughout the Covid years. Interactions were good and the focus was re-built on linkage with decision makers and working on consultations locally and nationally. Comhairle was involved with the new Child & Young People Services Committee (CYPSC) plan in Tipperary.

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Comhairle na n-Óg had 98 members attend the first in-person AGM in 3yrs in October 2022 in TUS Thurles where a great day was had by all, representing schools and groups across the county. Youth health was voted to be the main work plan theme for 2023.

As they got back to normal, actions were limited but Tipperary Comhairle continued to highlight the youth health issues in the county, in particular, the social anxiety of both members and the wider youth cohort post-lockdowns, while also dealing with highlighting digital & rural transport challenges for members in rural areas that came to the fore during remote working.



AGM2022: Kaitlyn Ryan (Thurles); AGM Subgroup Chair, Seamus Hoyne TUS Thurles; Kaitlyn Kennedy (Borrisokane) Co-Chair, and Pauline Strappe, Comhairle na n-Óg Coordinator, Youth Work Tipperary.

Healthy Tipperary

Review of funding from 2017-2022

Healthy Ireland funding Strand 3 closed out in March 2022, concluding the 2020 to 2022 Actions.



Infographic review of healthy Ireland funding around the county from 201-2022.

The infographic above shows the review of funding from Healthy Ireland that was distributed around the county from previous years up to December 31st 2022. The infographic shows the number of people engaged and supported in the different various strands of funding and also shows the goals and priority areas that were focused on by the funding.

Make Way day 2022

Make Way day took place nationwide on Friday 30th September. “Make way Day” is a campaign that brings the disability and wider community together to consider the needs of people with disabilities in the public spaces we all share.

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

The top 3 obstacles that stop people with disabilities are:

1. Cars parked on footpaths
2. Bicycles illegally parked
3. Bins left on footpaths

Áine Roche Healthy County Co-Ordinator and Stephanie O Callaghan



Healthy Communities highlighted the campaign by parking a vehicle incorrectly and also parking in a disabled space without a permit outside the Civic offices in Clonmel to highlight the difficulties it can cause for everyday people who need these spaces. The message of the day was “Hey, this blocks my way”! The campaign went viral on the day encouraging people to post photos and videos and use the #MakeWayday2022



Left to right Stephanie O'Callaghan (Healthy Communities) Tony Warren (Clonmel & District Wheelchair Society) Gerard Quigley (Tipperary County Council) Garda Eoin Philpott (Clonmel Garda station) Elaine Touhy (Traffic Warden) Mayor Pat English John Walsh (Tipperary County Council) Áine Roche (Healthy County Co-Ordinator).

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Healthy County Co-Ordinator Áine Roche and The 2 Johnnies supporting the 5k fundraiser held in Cahir.



Healthy Tipperary supported a 5k run/walk held on Saturday 12th November organised by the Cahir Meet N Train group to help raise funds for a defibrillator for the swiss cottage walkway. The 2 Johnnies were MC's on the day and healthy Tipperary supplied the prizes for the first 3 men and first 3 ladies' home in the 5k.

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Healthy Ireland Funding 2023-2025

Tipperary County Council has employed a Healthy Ireland Coordinator funded by the Department of Health to support the Health and Wellbeing initiatives for a 3-year contract.

A new round of funding and guidelines are required for the years of Healthy Ireland funding for 2023-2025. Under Strand 4, 2023 to 2025 there is a change from an activity-led to an outcomes-led approach. There is greater recognition of the social determinants of health and emphasis on evidencing the difference the work undertaken makes with the chosen target group and evidence base for the choice of actions undertaken.



The new HI strand 4 funding takes a more target area-focused approach, Healthy Tipperary continues to deliver Countywide Health and well-being initiatives.

- €40,000 funding for the new three years with an additional €25,000 awarded for the year 2023 so a total of €75,000 made available for 2023.
- A new three-year strategy for Healthy Tipperary was submitted along with the application on 27th January 2023.
- Geographical areas have to be pre-picked for the new round of funding as also 2 outcome areas and an indicator picked for each outcome area which is outlined below

Lifestyle & Behaviour Risk Outcome Area:

- Indicator
- Increase in % of adults and children who are physically active

Wellbeing Factors Outcome Area

- Indicator
- Increase in % of people over 50 + engaging in one or more social activity at least once a week

Geographical areas pre-picked

- Nenagh, Cahir, Clogheen, Moycarkey Borris.

Mental Health

Tipperary Mental Health week took place from 10th October – 14th October. On Friday 7th October Tipperary Mental Health Week committee came together in TUS Thurles campus to officially Launch the week. This was an all-county event to launch and promote a range of all county actions that were happening in the County during Mental Health Week. The theme for the week was to **Make mental health & well-being for all a global priority.**

One of the main events was a talk on Mental Health by John Longeran who was Governor of Mountjoy Prison for over 22 years in two locations across the county. The first talk took place on World Mental Day Monday 10th October @7.00pm in the Abbey Court Hotel Nenagh and the second talk took place in the Talbot Hotel Clonmel on Thursday 13th October @10.30am, both events were free and open to the public.



Photographed at the Launch of Tipperary Mental Health Week at TUS Thurles Campus on Friday, October 7, are L to R: Mick Collins, HSE; Claire McDonald, Tipperary Volunteer Centre; Claire Flynn, Mental Health Ireland; Ciarán Kennedy, ETB Tipperary; Niamh Murphy, Interim Head Student Council TUS Midwest; Clodagh Haverty, Student Counsellor TUS Midwest; Cllr Noel Coonan, Vice-Chair, Tipperary County Council; Áine Roche, Healthy County Co-Ordinator, Community and Economic Development; Eoin Costello, Community Educational Facilitator, Tipperary ETB; Michelle Putti, Service.



Left to right: Áine Roche (Healthy County Co-Ordinator); Veronica Crowe (Tipperary ETB); John Lonergan and Ciaran Kennedy (Tipperary ETB)

Tipperary Mental Health Week Committee

The committee is made up of community and statutory agencies, who recognize and value the importance of people minding their mental health. In addition, both the North and South Tipperary Mental Health Week groups will have specific actions taking place in their respective regions. The committee meet on a monthly basis and planning is underway for Tipperary Mental Health Week 2023.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP) Clonmel



Clonmel was designated as one of the 19 national Sláintecare Healthy Communities locations in Ireland. Tipperary County Council employed a Local Development Officer funded by the Department of Health to support the delivery and implementation of health outcomes centred on Quality of Life Determinants and Health and Well Being in Clonmel.

The Local Development Officer took up the post in April 2022. The Local Development Officer carried out a range of community engagement activities to explore what initiatives community members in Clonmel wanted to be delivered to the SHCP area. The Sláintecare Healthy Communities team of staff within the HSE and also within the community began delivery of the HSE range of programmes.

Seed Funding of €75,000 to support the delivery of community and place-based initiatives was provided by the Department of Health in 2022. This Seed Funding was allocated to the following projects;

Consultation with Children and Young People



The tender for this Consultation with Children and Young People was awarded to the South Tipperary Arts Centre which collaborated with TUS to deliver a creative approach to consultations with children and young people in Clonmel aged 3-24 years. 182 children and young people took part in this consultation. The consultation aimed to gain the views of what children and young people thought of their community and how they would like to see their community development, to make it a great place to live.

A copy of the report from the consultation is available from the Local Development Officer.

Community Regeneration Project

To develop a currently derelict site to create a community space such as a sensory garden or allotment. Where people can meet and enjoy an outdoor space that is near their homes. This is being developed with local residents in the area and the local resident's group and Clonmel MD. Further details are available from the Local Development Officer.

Cancer Support Affirmation Cards

Research was previously carried out through TUS which found people going through cancer treatment and availing of cancer support services experienced increased wellbeing from positive affirmations they heard from others. Those involved in the research made suggestions of the affirmations which impacted positively and negatively. To extend this research Sláintecare Healthy Communities Seed Funding will support making a deck of the positive affirmations. The decks will then be distributed across the cancer support services in Tipperary to be given to people going through treatment and their families who are availing of these support services, as a wellbeing initiative.

Social Inclusive Network - (children & young people 0-24 years of age)

Following initial meetings with parents of children and young people with disabilities in the SHCP area. It was identified that there is a lack of social activities in the community for children and young people out of school and out of education. In response a network was formed of relevant parents/young people/ services and agencies to address this identified need.

Suir Island Gardens

Suir Island Gardens, part funded through Sláintecare Healthy Communities, as the programmes Enhancement Fund. Plans for Suir Island Gardens were shown to Minister Frank Feighan at the launch of Sláintecare Healthy Communities in Hillview Sports Club on 29th November 2022.

Official Launch of Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP) Clonmel

The official launch of the SHCP took place on Tuesday 29th November and was held in Hillview Sports Club in Clonmel. Minister of State for Public Health and Well Being and the National Drugs Strategy, Frank Feighan, officially launched the programme for the Clonmel area. The event was an opportunity to share information on the delivery of SHCP and programmes available in Clonmel.



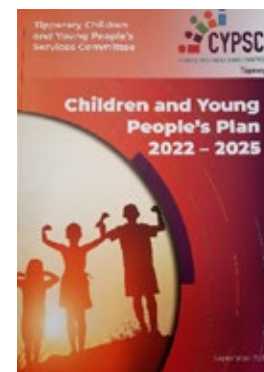
Home Energy Assessments Pilot

Sláintecare Healthy Communities, Raheen College Clonmel and Energy Communities Tipperary Cooperative piloted the Home Energy Assessments in 5 households in Clonmel. The project provided energy management education and aimed to assist households in reducing their energy costs while maximising energy efficiencies. This pilot is being extended to other areas in the county and an evaluation will be completed on the initiative.



Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC)

Tipperary CYPSC is a county-level committee that brings together the main statutory, community and voluntary providers of services. To work together for better outcomes for children and young people aged 0 to 24 years in County Tipperary. It provides a forum to identify and plan for key issues and ensure that the needs of children, young people and their families are addressed. The chair of Tipperary CYPSC is the Director of Community Economic and Rural Development and the deputy chairs from Tulsa CH03 & CH05.



On 11th October 2022, Tipperary Children and Young Peoples Plan 2022 to 2025 was publicly launched in the Anner Hotel, Thurles.

The plan provides a profile on the children and young people of County Tipperary drawing on key statistics relating to health, education and economic circumstances, and on responses in consultations carried out with them, with parents, and with front-line staff. It identifies the key issues affecting the 0-24 years age cohort and includes an arrangement of actions to address this, www.tipperarychildrenandyoungpeopleservices.ie

TIPPERARY AGE FRIENDLY

Tipperary Age Friendly is part of the National Age-Friendly Network. It is supported by the shared service with Meath County Council and the Tipperary Structures mirror those of the national and other county structures.



Tipperary Age Friendly at its heart is represented by the voice of the older person and a key phrase is that *“if you design for the young, you exclude the old, but if you design for the old you include everyone”*.

Tipperary Older Peoples Council and Age Friendly Alliance

Tipperary Age Friendly has an Older Peoples Council (OPC) and an Older Peoples Executive. In 2022 members of our OPC executive undertook training with Age and Opportunity and a key focus for 2023 is building the membership of the broader OPC and executive.

The OPC executive submitted for consideration to the Tipperary County Development Plan and also to the national connect transport strategy on behalf of Tipperary Age Friendly.




National Convention Older Peoples Council in Meath, May 2022

Age Friendly is supported by an interagency Alliance and representatives from the Older Peoples Council. This is chaired by the Director of Community, Economic and Rural Development. This Alliance met on a quarterly basis and in December 2022 and January 2023 agreed on the overarching objectives and actions for the Tipperary Age-Friendly Action Plan for 2023 across the 8 domains Age-Friendly in line with WHO principles.



Tipperary OPC Executive Training Day 2022

The interim chair of our Older Peoples Council Mary MacMahon sits on the national OPC Executive and is also part of the national transport working group. 3 representatives from Tipperary Older Peoples Council attended the first in person National convention in Meath in May 2022

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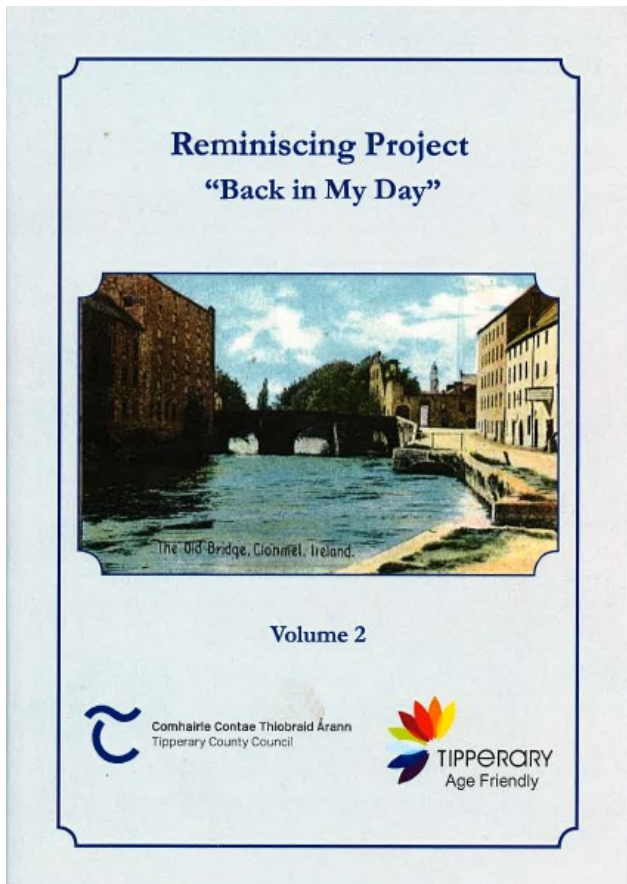
Supporting local older adult groups with social engagement

Tipperary Age Friendly supported two small grant opportunities for community groups and older adult groups to arrange activities and events in May to align with Bealtaine and in September to coincide with Positive Ageing week. This provided an opportunity for music, social engagement and transport costs to support groups coming together and engaging in their own community. The events in May complement the Arts and Library Bealtaine events and is supported by Tipperary Age Friendly.

SOCIAL DANCING			HEALTH AND WELLBEING AT OUR LIBRARIES		
Date	Time	Locations	Date	Time	Location
Mon 26th September	2.30pm to 4.30pm	Social Dancing Coaches, Parrell St, partnership with Clonmel Active Retirement Group	Mon 26th September	10.30am	Yoga, games, healthchecks and Linn Sweeney at Sally Wellness Centre, Cashel (call 052 438936)
Wed 28th September	2.30pm to 4.30pm	Sliedonagh Millennium Family Resource Centre	Tues 27th September	10am	Arts & Crafts with Mary Lavelle, Templemore , call 0506 42000
Wed 28th September	8.30pm to 10.30pm	Keshkarraun Resource Centre, Tipperary Town	Tues 27th September	10.45am to 1.00pm	Book Health with Dr. Ann O'Malley Education and Exercise workshop, Tipperary Town , call 052 438936
Thurs 29th September	9pm to 9pm	Alley's Coaches, Naugh , partnership with Silver Age's REC	Tues 27th September	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Chair Yoga & guided relaxation programme with Donal Clarke, Thurles , call 052 438936
Fri 30th September	9pm to 9pm	Callagh's, Wickliffe, Thurles , partnership with Thurles Active Retirement	Thurs 29th Sept	9pm to 10.30pm	Live Drawing classes for 6 weeks, Cashel on Ball , call 052 438936
Mon 3rd October	8.30pm to 10.30pm	Keshkarraun Resource Centre			
Mon 5th September	9pm to 9pm	Clonmel Library, <i>Partnership on the following programmes:</i> • Age Friendly Tipperary • Active Retirement Group • Healthy Ireland Tipperary • Health Age Friendly/Arts Programme • Silver Age's Health/Community Social Prescribing			

To book any of the above events please contact the library branch - all are free to attend

Reminiscing Project - Back in My Day Volume 2



We engaged Jimmy Duggan to invite participation in our reminiscing project, where interviews were held in the library network in May 2022 and also in some nursing homes. This promoted engagement and storytelling, which is showcased in the booklet which will be launched in 2023

Cycling Without Age

Cycling without age provides a community service connecting older people or mobility impaired people the opportunity to engage with volunteer pilots and experience an outing on a trishaw. Tipperary Age Friendly achieved funding through Healthy Ireland Strand 3 and Tipperary Sports Partnership for the first trishaw which is in Cahir. Tipperary Age Friendly has received additional funding through the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2021 for Clonmel and Roscrea and in 2022 for Nenagh and Carrick-on-Suir.

The trishaws are piloted by trained volunteer pilots and a recruitment drive to secure volunteer pilots for all 5 centres will take place in Q1 2023 for a full rollout with our community partners in each location in late Spring 2023.

Launch of first Trishaw in Cahir May 2022



Left to Right:

Back: Mairead Ryan, Tipperary County Council (TCC); Dan Downey, Healthy Tipperary Co-Ordinator; Cathaoirleach Marie Murphy; David Walsh, Cahir House Hotel; John O'Meara, TCC, Cllr Andy Moloney; Robert Scannell, Cahir House Hotel; Valerie Connolly, Tipperary Sports Partnership Co-Ordinator; Fiona Crotty, Age Friendly Programme Manager TCC; Catherine O'Loughlin, HSE

Front in Trishaw; Marie McMahon, Age Friendly Roscrea; Pat Slattery, Director of Services TCC.

National Age Friendly Recognition Awards Winners



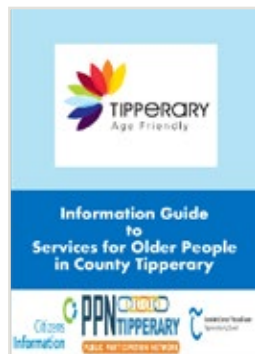
Tipperary Age Friendly was one of the 27 projects shortlisted for the National Age Friendly Recognition Awards. The awards showcase age-friendly initiatives from around the country that are contributing to making Ireland a great place in which to grow old. The awards are an acknowledgement of the significant work that takes place across the country, recognising in particular those whose efforts contribute to older people living better lives as they age. Tipperary Age Friendly was delighted to win the Age Friendly Community Innovation Award for the EXPO Event held in June.

Age Friendly information events

As older adult community groups commenced face-to-face meetings again in 2022 it provided the opportunity for the Age Friendly Programme Manager to attend some groups to provide information in relation to Age Friendly, promote services and activities and in 2023 it is intended that members of Tipperary OPC executive will also attend these meetings to promote participation in the Older Peoples Council.



Age Friendly supported and attended an information event in Ballingarry in September



The directory of services was updated and reprinted in May 2022 providing a wealth of information on services and supports for older adults in the county. This is available from the community section and also through the library network in the county.



In June 2022 Age Friendly hosted its first in person Age

Friendly EXPO since 2019. The event was held in the TUS college campus in Thurles. We had over 60 information stands all providing a range of information and supports to positively age in the county. The event also showcased a range of speakers, including Fair Deal Scheme, technology to support living independently, Irish Cancer Society and Planning Ahead, walks and trails in the county and many more. This event was a great success with transport provided to support people attending the event and it is hoped to replicate this event in June 2023.



Photos from The Tipperary Age Friendly Expo 2022



The Vulnerable Risk Register

The Vulnerable Risk Register is now included in the Age Friendly Guide. In June 2022 Tipperary Age Friendly supported the role out of the **Vulnerable Risk Register** scheme which had been piloted in the Nenagh Division. This service enables carers of those who live with dementia and Alzheimer's can register their details with the local Gardai so that in the event of an emergency those details can be accessed quickly to ensure the safe return of the loved one.

Age-Friendly Healthy Homes

The Age-Friendly Healthy Homes Programme is supported by Slaintecare and is operated through Meath County Council as a shared service. Tipperary is one of the 9 pilot sites and our Healthy Homes Coordinator is Tracey Thompson.

The programme aims to support older people aged 65 years upwards to live in their own homes with dignity and independence as long as possible, thus avoiding the premature transition into long-term residential care.

For more information in relation to Healthy Homes visit www.agefriendly.ie or email info@agefriendlyhomes.ie



Dementia: Understand Together creating dementia awareness

www.dementiatipperary.ie

This website has been created to showcase the support available within County Tipperary. The website will feature information, support, community and what is on in Tipperary.

The intention is that the content featured will support you and your family on the journey from diagnosis with dementia and provide signposts to the clinical and non-clinical supports available directly in County Tipperary and nationally.

This website was developed by Ballingarry Community Development CLG, funded by Tipperary County Council and partnered with Silver Arch Family Resource Centre as part of the Tipperary Age Friendly Understand Together campaign.

Fidget Blanket Project Tipperary Town Library



The Tipperary Town Library craft group took part in a fidget blanket project for local residents. A fidget blanket helps provide stimulation for the fidgeting hands of Alzheimer's, dementia and autism. Its soothes the fidgeting by entertaining them busying hands and fingers and stimulates their senses.

Dementia Cafe Network Tipperary

Tipperary Age Friendly promote and support the development of a Dementia Cafe in the county, together with the local voluntary committee and the dementia advisors in North and South Tipperary. Collectively as a network, we seek to gain speakers of interest to support the cafes that are held in person in Knockanrawley Tipperary Town on the 3rd Friday of every month, in Thurles on the first Wednesday of every month and in Roscrea on the 3rd Friday of every month. We host an online cafe on the second Tuesday or 3rd Thursday evening for Nenagh Ballina/Killaloe.

Over the last 12 months, speakers have included occupational therapy, safety and security, driving licence procedure post-diagnosis, Tipperary Library Historical Studies, mindfulness, dementia advisors, memory technology rooms, and healthy homes as a sample of the offerings from the monthly cafe.

Information on each cafe can be found on the dementia website or promoted in the Tipperary Together newsletter.

Partnership Tipperary Age Friendly, Tipperary Library Service and the Memory Technology Rooms.



This partnership provided digital devices to Tipperary Library service where the memory technology rooms can refer patients to the library service for a loan and trial of the Acorn devices, which are specifically targeted at the older adult.

What's on in Tipp



Tipperary County Council facilitates a website to promote events and activities that take place in the county. It is free to promote and register your event, and the website in turn promotes the events through social media channels. The site not only promotes your event but also becomes a platform for people to check on what is happening in their area, the site can be specific to an event type or to a geographic location. To register for your event visit <http://events.whatsonintipp.ie>

Tipperary Public Participation Network (PPN)

Tipperary PPN Community Wellbeing Vision is reflected in the Tipperary County Council Corporate Plan 2020-2024 and Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 stating that:

“Tipperary is an attractive, inclusive and welcoming county with community-minded people, diverse cultures and a rich heritage, where we respect and value one another. It is a positive and safe place to live. Our thriving and progressive economy is dynamic and enhanced by our strong local democracy and active community participation. Everyone enjoys a great quality of life with excellent local infrastructure, support and services. We live sustainably and work together to protect, enhance and enjoy our beautiful environment”

The PPN circulates a newsletter to its nearly 1500 members on a monthly basis. This newsletter showcases opportunities for participation in training, consultation and nominations to various Tipperary agencies and boards seeking community participation. The newsletter also informs on any current and upcoming grant opportunities.

Tipperary PPN has a current membership of 1449 split across 3 Pillars:

- Social Inclusion 172,
- Community & Voluntary 1234,
- Environment 43

Tipperary PPN were showcased at the National PPN Conference, with Secretariat Member, Charles Stanley Smith, presenting on the positives and benefits of the PPN structures.



Left to right: Ruth Smith, PPN Co-Ordinator; Charles Stanley Smith, PPN Secretariat Member; Sharon Melbourne, PPN Admin Support

Tipperary PPN & LCDC made a joint submission to the National PPN Structural Review of PPNs, reflecting the strong working relationship and partnership. The PPN is actively working with the Environmental Pillar and supporting the capacity of the Men's Shed Networks in the county.

The PPN held its plenaries in person on 5th May in Order of Malta Thurles and then in Cabragh Wetlands on 10th November. Both had a great attendance and celebratory feel being the first in-person plenaries since 2020.

For more information view www.ppntipperary.ie

Covid 19 Response Volunteer Recognition Event June 2022

Supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development Tipperary County Council, Tipperary PPN & Tipperary Volunteer Centre hosted a ceremony of recognition of the valuable contribution from Volunteers in Tipperary as a community response to the Covid 19 Emergency response. The event was attended by the Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council Cllr Marie Murphy, Eoin Wolohan, Chair of Tipperary LCDC, Derek Fanning Tipperary Volunteer Centre and Ruth Smith, Tipperary PPN. A tree planting ceremony took place at the TUS campus in recognition of all the Volunteers and volunteer attendees received a small Tipperary Food Producers gift bag to acknowledge their attendance. A roll call featuring all the names of those who participated and contributed to the voluntary effort was displayed at the event.

Tree Planting Ceremony in recognition of the volunteers



Left to Right; Damien O'Donoghue, Volunteer Coronavirus Community Assistance Nenagh, Yvonne Kelly, Volunteer Coronavirus Community Assistance Nenagh, Eoin Wolohan, LCDC Chair, Mike Edwards, Tipperary PPN, Cathaoirleach Cllr Marie Murphy; Ruth Smith, Tipperary PPN; Fiona Crotty, Facilitator Tipperary County Council; Tipperary Gary Shanahan, Civil Defence, Derek Fanning, Tipperary Volunteer Centre

Tipperary Sports Partnership

In 2022, the Sports Partnership delivered over 218 initiatives, programmes, events and courses with over 11,000 participants engaging with the Sports Partnership which includes 856 participants with disabilities, 8,799 young people and 1,364 adults. The Sports Partnership successfully secured in excess of €720,000 in funding to support the delivery of its programmes and initiatives in Tipperary.



The implementation of TSP Strategic Plan 2016-2022 for Tipperary continued in delivering on the key objectives and activities to develop sport for all in our Community at all stages of life. In November, a strategic review took place and it was agreed to extend the plan to 2024. In May, TSP signed off the Public Statement of Compliance and the TSP Assurance Statement with the Governance Code was reviewed and signed off by the Board. In brief, some of the Partnership's key achievements in 2022 include:

Community Participation

- 2022 kicked off with the Operation Transformation 5k Walk which took place in January with 90 participants at the Thurles Racecourse. TSP worked with Sport Ireland and Operation Transformation in relation to the promotion of fitness programmes and activities while supporting the 3 Operation Transformation leaders in Tipperary.
- A number of walking initiatives were delivered which included four 8 weeks of walking programmes - one in Ballina with 43 participants, one in New Inn with 37 participants, one in Tipperary Town with 31 participants and one in Newport with 25 participants. A 4-week walking programme was held with Clonmel Pride in June with 9 participants.



New Inn Walking Programme

- The TSP 'Couch to 3k' 6-week podcast was promoted regularly during the year. This podcast is free to download from the TSP Website.
- TSP continued to support and promote the Tipperary Park runs year-round through social media channels. The establishment of a new Park Run in Fethard with the support from the Sports Partnership which has over 250 people registered and continues to grow. All Park Runs take place weekly on Saturdays at 9.30am.
- 3 Swim for a Mile (SFAM) training programmes were delivered over 12 weeks in Nenagh Swimming Pool, Sean Kelly Sports Centre, Carrick on Suir and Clonmel Swimming Pool with 51 participants taking part. A Swim for a Mile event was held in Clonmel Swimming Pool.
- Bike Week took place during the week of the 14th to 22nd May with a total of 20 initiatives been held across the County with over 700 participants. In October, TSP supported a cyclocross event in Upperchurch with Upperchurch Drombane Cycling.



A variety of pictures of children staying active on their bikes during Bike Week 2022.

- A number of water activities took place in the Outdoor Community Sports Hub which included the school's programme 'Paddles Up' with 5 secondary schools with 264 students.
- TSP continue to work with Colaise Dun lascaigh in Cahir to deliver a Leaving Cert Canoeing programme for their school which will form part of their PE Leaving Cert.



Students enjoying Canoeing Programme on the Suir Blueway Tipperary.

- 'Come n Try It' days took place on the Suir Blueway in September as part of National Blueway Day with 72 participants.
- Three Inclusive Paddling Programmes were delivered, 2 with Scoil Cormac Special School with 12 participants and 1 with the National Learning Network with 6 participants.
- The Discipline of Freestyle was supported with a Freestyle Kids Camp delivered to 13 participants. TSP linked with Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoe Club to support 'For the Love of It' Summer Camps with 10 participants. TSP also supported a pilot canoeing initiative 'For the Love of It' in Clonmel with Clonmel Canoe Club and SE Freestyle with 42 participants.
- A Learn to Row Programme with Clonmel Rowing Club was supported with 16 youths and 32 adults participating as part of HER Outdoors Week.
- TSP in association with Waterford Orienteers and the Irish Orienteering Association is currently developing Orienteering across Tipperary. TSP support orienteering through the provision of resources on the website.
- TSP linked with Clonmel Mountain Bike Club and Cycling Ireland and Mountain Bike Leadership Training ran for 2 days with 9 participants. REC3 First Aid was organised as part of their assessment process. An Introduction to Mountain Biking Day was run as part of HER Outdoors Week with 7 participants.

A working group continues to support the development of The Community Sports Hub in Tipperary Town. Funding was secured for Phase 3 of the Hub. TSP worked with the centre with regard to the purchase of equipment 2 treadmills, a table tennis table, a dumbbell rack and a Stairmaster.

The highlight of the year was the delivery of a 6-week Badminton Taster programme with 30 participants which resulted in the establishment of a new badminton club 'Tipperary Town Badminton Club'. Other activities included: 8-week Activator Walking Programme with 14 participants and Socia-Ball (Social basketball for Women) for 12 weeks with 20 participants. People with Disabilities were supported with a Try Tennis Programme with Tennis Ireland for 10 weeks with 12 participants.

A Boccia programme for 10 weeks with 10 participants from Moorehaven and De Nua Disability groups taking part. A 6-week soccer programme with the Brothers of Charity ran with 10 participants and finished with a blitz. The Hub linked with Youth Work Ireland Tipperary and provided a 4-week physical activity programme with 17 participants.

A multi-sports programme was also delivered with 52 participants. A basketball programme with YWIT was delivered with 8 participants. A late-night soccer league programme was delivered during the Summer with 8 boys participating. A late-night soccer league programme ran for 4 weeks with 16 boys participating. This was a project with TSP, the FAI and Youth Work Tipperary. A Sports Inclusion and Disability Awareness workshop was hosted by the hub and delivered online by CARA with 10 participants from the area.



Participants enjoying Badminton Taster Sessions.

Young People/Schools Participation:

- The Sli Nadur outdoor education programme was delivered in Holy Trinity NS to 55 students and in Sisters of Charity NS to 52 students.
- Sports Hall Athletics programme was delivered 12 times to 1,745 students in the following Primary Schools– CBS Primary, Nenagh; Corville N.S., Lissenhall N.S., Borrisoleigh N.S., Newport Boys N.S., Templemore N.S., Nenagh Gael Scoil, Dromakeenan N.S. and St. Michael’s Cloughjordan N.S.
- Two Sports Leader programmes were rolled out in Newport College with 23 students and St. Marys Nenagh with 20 students taking part.
- TSP supported Clonmel Rowing Club and Rowing Ireland and delivered two ‘Get Going Get Rowing’ programmes to 75 pupils from Loreto and 45 pupils from the High School and 69 pupils from Cashel Community School.
- A TrY Rowing Programme for TY students was completed with the Patrician Presentation with 21 leaders trained and in Newport College with 24 leaders trained.
- TSP supported athletic clubs in the delivery of two primary schools’ athletic events one in North Tipperary with approximately 700 participants and one in South Tipperary with approximately 1,453 participants.
- TSP continued to provide information to support primary schools to achieve their active school flag.
- TSP supported South East Viking Orienteering’s orienteering event in October in Templemore Town Park with 300 participants and supported an orienteering training event in Mulcahy Park, Clonmel with 160 participants.
- The Cycle Right Programme was supported in 38 primary schools with 905 children benefiting across the County with support from Tipperary County Council and the HSE.
- The 6-week Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike programme was delivered in association with the Tipperary Childcare Committee to 30 preschools across the County with over 765 children partaking. Funding support was provided by Healthy Ireland.
- Buntus start training was provided in partnership with the Tipperary Childcare Committee supported by funds from Healthy Ireland. This programme was delivered to 11 preschool services and 814 participants engaged in the programme. The Buntus equipment was distributed to South Tipp and North Tipp services and resource booklets to each preschool service.

Women in Sport

- In 2022, two Sport Ireland campaigns were supported – Women in Sport Week in March and Her Outdoors in August.
- In partnership with Sport Ireland Coaching TSP delivered A Coaching Teenage Girls Workshop with 15 participants as part of Women in Sport Week.
- One of the successes was the delivery of the TSP Swimmin Women 8-week training programme which was delivered in 6 Swimming Pools in Carrick on Suir, Clonmel, Thurles, Nenagh, Roscrea and Tipperary Town. 87 females engaged in the programme.



Ladies enjoying Swimmin Women Programme in Clonmel Swimming Pool.

- An Outdoors Pilates class in Riverside Park, Ballina was delivered as part of Her Outdoors Campaign in August
- TSP supported a Kick Fit Programme with Moneygall Football Club and the FAI with 35 participants.
- The Hoops for Girls programme was supported with Tipperary Knights Basketball Club. The event was held in Thurles with 90 participants from 4 schools.

People with a Disability

- TSP launched the Sensational Moves Programme to 20 primary schools across Tipperary with ASD/units. This programme reached 193 children with autism.
- In partnership with Vision Sports Ireland, Limerick, Sports Partnership, Clare Sports Partnership supported a Mid-West VI/Blind Tennis programme in Kilalloe. Also, a VI Soccer Taster session in Thurles in August with 8 participants was supported.
- Two Online Physical Activity Programmes were delivered. 'Movement for All' programme ran for 8 weeks with 40 participants from 12 disability services / organisations. A 10-week virtual active neuro exercise programme with 11 participants was delivered.
- TSP supported the delivery of yoga and exercise to music programme to Scoil Chormaic and a 4-week yoga programme to St. Anne's Roscrea.
- A 7-week Inclusive Swim Programme was delivered to NLN Clonmel with 10 participants, Presentation Convent Primary School, Thurles with 6 participants, and South Tipp Mental Health with 8 participants. Down Syndrome Tipperary in two locations Thurles and Nenagh for a 6-week programme with 25 participants.
- A 4-week Boccia league was delivered in Borrisoleigh with 21 representatives from 3 disability organisations.
- Education and Training workshops were delivered to support the inclusion of people with disability in sports. An Autism in Sport Workshop was delivered with 17 participants with CARA along with Sports Disability Inclusion Training for 10 participants. Also, TSP delivered Disability Awareness to 1st-year students and staff at St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh with 73 participants and to 9 teachers and SNAs from Rosegreen N.S.
- TSP supported NCBI & Vision Sports Ireland CampAbilities.
- Mental Health Ireland was supported in delivering a Woodlands for Health 12-Week Programme in Bishops Wood, Dundrum with 8 participants.
- TSP highlighted the supports and programmes that TSP offer the community of Tipperary at the Youth Work Ireland Tipperary's Erasmus Conference "Employment in Disability, Best Practice" event.
- TSP commenced their journey on the Cara "Bronze Accessible Programme".



Participants at the Inclusive Swim.

- TSP supported a Learn to Cycle Programme for Down Syndrome Tipperary by sourcing 5 balance bikes, one 24-inch plus fold-down pedals and two 18-inch plus fold-down pedals.
- In June, TSP worked with Sailing Ireland, Canoeing Ireland and Rowing Ireland to host the Water Sport Inclusion Games on Lough Derg, Dromineer. The event was a huge success.
- Following the installation of the inclusive gym equipment in Fethard Town Park, a demonstration on the use of the new accessible outdoor gym equipment was held for the community.

Marginalised Communities

- TSP supported the Ukrainian crisis by delivering sports and physical activity games to those temporarily residing in Littleton and Clonmel centres.
- During the Summer, the Sports Partnership supported Bridgewater House and provided activities for 12 adults and 25 young from the centre.
- The Sports Partnership linked with the HSE and supported Silver Arch with the delivery of 2 bi-weekly 8 Week Green Exercise Programmes one in Spring and one in Autumn.



Participants enjoying The Green Exercise Programme.

- In partnership with Silver Arch and TUSLA a horse-riding programme was supported by 7 youths.
- A social soccer group for youths was established in Fethard Town Park with 15 participants, TSP and the FAI worked with Fethard Town Park and the local school to support the initiative.
- The Youth Reach Olympic Games were supported by 163 participants from Community Training Centres all over Tipperary.
- TSP supported 35 young people that are part of the migrant and LGBTI+ communities with summer activities.
- In partnership with YWIT youths from disadvantaged communities engaged with our 'Youth at Risk' programme. An Active 8 North and Active 8 South took place with 164 participants.



Youths taking part in Junior Camp as part of the Activ8 Programme

- In partnership with Tipperary Rural Traveller Programme and YWIT, Traveller participation in sport programmes were implemented. Activities delivered included junior swimming, senior gym and swim sessions with Thurles Travelers, horse riding, gym and swim programme with Littleton Travelers and a horse-riding programme and swimming programme to Wallers Lot Travelers. TSP supported the FAI and ETB Youth Traveller 5-week Soccer programme with 8 participants in the Sacred Heart School in Roscrea, and TSP supported a 6-week programme to Traveler youths in Clonmel which was delivered by the FAI with 10 participants.

Older Adults

- In May, TSP hosted Go for Life Older Adult Festival in the Anner Hotel, Thurles with 38 participants from a variety of older adult groups/organisations from across the County.
- A 12 Week Walking Football programme was held in Cashel in conjunction with Cashel Men's Shed/Tidy Town with 10 participants. A 6-week programme was delivered with St. Mary's Mental Health services with 10 participants.
- TSP delivered 2 aquafit programmes one in Roscrea Leisure Centre and one in Carrick on Suir with 56 participants in total with funds from Healthy Ireland.
- TSP worked with Healthy Ireland and Age Friendly in the establishment of a Cycle with Age initiative in Cahir.
- TSP promoted GFL Weekly Exercise Programmes via social media throughout the year.
- As part of the Club Development programme, TSP continued to promote Code of Ethics training online via zoom. 11 Safeguarding 1 workshop along with 2 Safeguarding 2 and 2 Safeguarding 3 workshops were delivered throughout the year, with 149 volunteers/coaches receiving training.
- TSP delivered a 4-night Tipperary Sports Club Package (Physical Literacy, Sports Nutrition, Strength & Conditioning & Long-Term Player Development) with 18 participants.
- TSP linked with the Tipperary Volunteer Centre and a 'Attracting and Retaining Volunteers' in Sport workshop was developed and delivered online.
- The official Stage 2 accreditation of the Suir Blueway Tipperary took place in April. TSP are part of the Blueway Vision Group. The accreditation took place as part of European Week of Sport.



Participants having a splashing time at AquaFit in Sean Kelly Sports Centre, Carrick on Suir.

- Club Support/Education & Training
- In 2022 the Covid 19 Return to Sports Grant Scheme in partnership with Sport Ireland was for Covid-19 expenditures 37 clubs were allocated €20,873.51 under this scheme.
- The TSP 2022 Coaching & Development Funding Scheme provided funding support to 37 clubs, with over €32,000 awarded. The Scheme was supported by Sport Ireland and Tipperary County Council.
- TSP in partnership with TUS delivered a Level 6 Certificate in Sports Administration 'Running Sport' with 10 ECTS with 14 participants completing the course.
- In September, TSP supported Sport Ireland's ICoachkids regional coaching conferences in Limerick and Waterford as part of European Week of Sport.



Launch of Suir Blueway Tipperary Accreditation

- TSP is represented on the Development Committees for the Regional Sports Hub Development on LIT campus, Frank Drohan Road in Clonmel and Fethard Town Park.
- A Working Committee comprising of TSP, LIT, Canoeing Ireland, Tipperary Tourism and Clonmel Canoe Club continues to work on the Innovation Project at the Suir V. A Virtual Reality Experience of the section of Suir Blueway Tipperary from Sandy Banks to the Suir Island was produced. This is available to download to VR headsets. Funding for Phase 2 was secured.
- The Sports Partnership continued to actively promote and market all its programmes and events, via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and on www.tipperarysports.ie along with relevant Press Releases sent to the local media.

SOCIAL INCLUSION



Football For All

Football For All (FFA) sessions took place weekly with Rehab Care Clonmel, Bridgewater Clonmel, Journeyman Program from Carrick on Suir and St Cronans Association Adult Disability Service in Roscrea. In addition, FFA sessions continued within Cahir Park AFC and Ballymackey FC's Football For all Cub programmes weekly. And meetings were also held with Peake Villa FC, BT Harps and Clonmel Town FC with respect to forming FFA sections within their clubs.



Traveller Programme

Tipperary Rural Traveller Project works with the Traveller community to promote and protect Traveller culture whilst promoting equal access and opportunity.

The FAI alongside Tipperary Sports Partnership provided a successful six-week block of football to members of the Travelling community as can be seen below supported by Tipperary Rural Traveller Project.



Walking Football

At the Tipperary Sports Hub, the Brother's of Charity took part in a very successful program whilst Walking Football programs with Cashel Men's Shed / Spafield Family Resource Centre, St Marys Roscrea and the local Men's Sheds in Thurles were all completed.

Intercultural

An Africa Day cup event was held in Borrisokane FC over two days. Members from direct provision living in Borrisokane & Roscrea attended the event which took part in partnership with Borrisokane FC & TSP & NTDC.

(120 participants) whilst a 'Soccer on the Green' event was held with Bridgewater House in Carrick-on-Suir to celebrate Africa Day 2022.



Youth & Outreach

A six-week youth social inclusion soccer programme took place with participants from Roscrea Youth Services in Sacred Heart school in Roscrea.

Similarly, in collaboration with Youth Work Ireland’s (YWI) Tipperary Town Branch, sessions took place with both boys’ and girls’ groups at the Tipperary Sports Hub. A social inclusion program was also supported at Fethard Town Park where a group of predominantly 16-20 boys aged 15-17 participated with this leading to a local late-night league in the community.

Late Night Leagues

The Late Night Leagues took place during prime anti-social hours and is based on the concept of using football as a tool for social inclusion and learning.

In collaboration with stakeholders Late Night Leagues ran at the Tipperary Sports Hub (Tipperary Town) with 50 participants taking part over four weeks and at Borrisokane FC with 136 participants taking part over four weeks.



Schools

Futsal In The Yard

This programme targets primary school children from 1st – 4th class aimed at promoting participation and physical activity in the primary school setting. It was delivered to eighteen primary schools across Tipperary.



Spar Primary 5’S

Spar Primary 5’s took place within schools under covid restrictions with 56 schools in Tipperary taking part with Thomastown NS & St Marys Primary School in Nenagh going on to represent Tipperary at the Spar Primary 5’s National Day at the Aviva.



Summer Camps

Twenty-five Summer Soccer Schools took place in July and August of 2022 with over 2,500 participants and 65 individuals provided with summer employment across Tipperary.

These camps took place in (Lough Derg FC, Peake Villa FC, Moneygall FC, Arra Rovers FC, Shinrone LFC, Borrisokane FC, Arra Rovers FC, Rearcross, Newport Town AFC, Clodiagh Rangers FC, Killavilla FC, BT Harps FC, Birdhill FC, Clonmel Town FC, Mullinahone FC, St Michael’s FC, Two Mile Borris St Kevin’s FC, Cashel Town FC and Cahir Park AFC) respectively.

Coach Education

Female Coach Education



With the support of the Tipperary Sports Partnership, 18 Female Coaches from Tipperary completed a Female only coach education programme in September. These coaches obtained a National D Licence having completed the PDP 1, PDP 2, 7v7, 9v9 & Football Fitness Workshops. Coaches from Newport Town AFC, BT Harps, NTSFL, TSSDL, Cahir Park AFC, Clonmel Town, Holycross FC and Moneygall FC completed this programme successfully.

Additionally, 75 female TY students attending Presentation Secondary School Thurles completed their PDP 1 course in September further strengthening female coach education across Tipperary.

Coach Education

Coach education was delivered across Tipperary in line with the 2021–2025 Coach Education Pathway. Across Tipperary, in 2022 the following courses were delivered.

- 7 x PDP 1 Course (244 participants)
- 3 x PDP 2 Course (73 participants)
- 2 x PDP 3 Course (53 participants)
- 2 x National D Licence course (42 participants)
- 1 x 9v9 Workshop (42 participants)
- 1 x 7v7 Workshop (18 participants)
- 3 x 4–6-year-old Introduction to football workshop (60 participants)
- 2 x Player Development Plan Workshops
- 3 x Football Fitness Intro course (88 participants)
- 7 x Safeguarding 1 workshops (198 participants)
- 1 x Safeguarding 2 course (15 participants)
- 1 x Safeguarding 3 course (14 participants)
- 1 x Jigsaw One Good Coach workshop (18 participants)

Women And Girl's Football

The Tipperary Women's League entered and competed in the 2022 Angela Hurst Competition. South Tipperary U19s Women's Team competed in this year's inter-league tournament and both North Tipperary and South Tipperary schoolgirls competed at club, inter-league and Gaynor Cup level.



Soccer Sisters

The Aviva FAI Soccer Sisters programme is a portfolio of camps aimed at girls aged 6-14 that looks to introduce new players to the game took place at Cahir Park AFC, Newport Town AFC, BT Harps, Moneygall FC, Birdhill FC, Lough Derg FC, Borrisokane FC.

Uefa Disney Playmakers

The UEFA Disney Playmakers was a new programme that was run alongside UEFA and Disney and aimed at welcoming girls aged 5-8 years into football for the first time. For 20 weeks Nenagh AFC, BT Harps, Moneygall FC, Killenaule Moyglass Ladies FC and Cahir Park AFC successfully ran this program.

Future Stars

The 'Aviva Future Stars' programs for girls aged 9-12 was also held in Slievenamon Celtic FC, Rearcross FC and Nenagh Celtic FC with 87 girls taking part overall.

Kickfit Programme

The Kickfit programme is a 6-8-week football fitness programme for women over the age of 18 that gives women the opportunity to keep fit by playing football.



Moneygall FC and Nenagh AFC had successful KickFit programmes whilst Shinrone FC has also held a KickFit taster session.

Fai Club Mark

The FAI Club Mark is an award based on best practices in the governance, management, and administration of a football club. Clubs start their journey at Entry Level and can progress on to become a 1-star club. Each step challenges the club to implement policies and procedures in line with best practice.

1-Star Award:

Lough Derg FC has become the first within Tipperary to achieve the FAI Club One Star Award whilst Moneygall FC has applied for the FAI one star award.

Entry-Level Award:

Ballymackey FC achieved the entry-level award in June 2022 placing them alongside Lough Derg FC, Cahir Park, Two Mile Borris/St Kevin's FC, Holycross FC, Moneygall FC, Killavilla FC and Carrick United FC who have all received the FAI Club Mark entry level award.

Applied:

Nenagh Celtic, Nenagh AFC, Rearcross FC Newport Town AFC, Peake Villa FC, Arra Rovers FC, Cloughjordan FC, BT Harp FC, Birdhill FC, Borrisokane FC, Tipperary Town FC, Galbally United and Killenaule/Moyglass. FC have all applied.

Player Development

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

An NTSFL League ETP Player, coach & parent workshop was held in November (432 participants), whilst coaching sessions, coach education and player ID continually take place to support the leagues.

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History

OVERVIEW

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

The Museum Service continued to deliver a high-quality amenity during 2022. Our priority projects included submitting the Heritage Council Museum Standards Programme of Ireland application, to create a visually impactful exhibition pertaining to the Civil War and generate programmes which would entice new audiences to Tipperary Museum.

During the year, the Museum's strategy was to concentrate on our visitors and to make certain we maintained the Museum Standards Programme of Ireland. We were acutely aware that our visitors sought onsite cultural stimulation and live experiential performances. This enabled museum staff to re-imagine new & innovative programming. With our augmented digital presence, we experienced greater engagement and traction with audiences across the globe.

CLIMATE CHANGE

A key goal for Tipperary Museum is to meet the targets established in the Tipperary County Council's Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019 - 2024.

The Museum is currently working with the Tipperary Energy Agency to develop a Building Services Design Feasibility Study of the building and to review our HVAC System. Through the Local Authority Museums Networks SMP, a focus on Climate Change will be addressed through a series of far reaching actions.

2022 Innovative Programming

The Museum produced a captivating and visually stunning exhibition themed around Tipperary's Civil War, called 'Untold Stories'.



We celebrated our 10th Anniversary Lecture Series and we returned to the ever-intriguing world of 'The Big House'. In collaboration with TCC Corporate Services we hosted the lectures in the Councils Chamber. We received positive feedback about the location, coffee/tea, scones and the resumption of the lectures combined with in person chats.

Museum Diversity Projects

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and Clonmel Pride Community collaborated with Queer Culture Ireland to launch a series of quilts The Irish Names Quilt in Sept 2022.



Above: The Irish Names Project was created in honour and remembrance of those who died in Ireland from AIDS and HIV-related illnesses. The quilts on display at Tipperary Museum Hidden History.

Heritage Stewardship Project

This pilot project was a new initiative for TMHH. While we have an extensive education programme, we are keen to build our community outreach and socially engaged offering.

With this in mind, we aimed to address the national decline in traditional skills by “transferring traditional Irish crafts and built heritage skills to Irish and migrant communities in Tipperary



A huge milestone for the Museum was the development of our new website www.hiddenhistory.ie. It enabled us to offer an additional hybrid of services. Our lecture series was streamed live and facilitated those who could not attend in person. Equally, new content from our collection was also shared through our accessible website and UTUBE Channel.



Significant new artefacts were donated to the Museum such as Liam Lynch’s Handkerchief and Dan Breen’s Revolver. When items of this stature are donated, it highlights the strong connections the Museums staff are fostering and nurturing within our local community.



Public callout for Civil War Artefacts 2022



Above: Liam Lynch Handkerchief thought to be spotted with his blood. Currently on display at Tipperary Museum of Hidden History

Official Launch of 'Untold Stories' Exhibition



Official Launch of 'Untold Stories' with Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, John O' Donoghue & son, Cathaoirleach Cllr Roger Kennedy, John Flannery Historian, Cllr. Máirín McGrath, Marie McMahon Museum and Dr. Martin Mansergh

Our Civil War Lecture Series continued into 2022 and was hugely successful online.



We commissioned a series of Civil War inspired interviews which narrated family untold stories and their struggle through this uncertain period in Irish history, in association with the Michael Fortune Folklore.ie & Departments Decade of Centenaries funding streams.



Access to the Civil War footage was made accessible through QR Codes, where any visitor can access Tipperary Museum content on their own PC or mobile phone.

Accessibility to our collection is a vital objective. Sample of interviews below:

<p>Christopher O'Callaghan - Objects, Stories and Histories from the Civil War Period</p>	<p>Con Hogan - Memory, History and Folklore from the Premier County</p>	<p>Martin Mansergh - How we came to the Peace Process</p>

We continued to share our online workshops / talks / film previews during Heritage Week and Culture Night. This has increased our engagement by 60% and our online reach to over 100k+ in 2022.

Our second 'Museum in a Box' resource is part of the education and engagement work of Tipperary Museum. The box brings a museum learning experience to our users, encouraging them to explore the past in a hands-on, empathetic way.

It looks at the History of Play and Fun in Ireland and contains objects related to this theme, plus activities and talking points to use with students and community groups. It can also be used to stimulate memory and nostalgia.



Spin the Bottle

ARTiculation

ARTiculation Ireland is a public speaking competition which promotes the appreciation and discussion of art, artefacts and architecture in secondary schools throughout Ireland.

Participating students are offered the chance to deliver a ten-minute presentation before their peers and a wider audience about a work of art, an artefact or piece of architecture of their choice



Tipperary Architectural Trail Project

We worked with a ladies' group in Knockanrawley Resource Centre to develop a walking tour in Tipperary Town.

The results of the project have been far reaching and they have created a gorgeous resource, an architectural Tour of Tipperary Town.



Tourism

Our marketing campaign focused on bringing our collection alive through various channels:

Civil War Exhibition, St. Patricks Day Parade, Thorough Bred Country Horse Experience, International Museums Day, Regimental Association Day, Ghostly Tours inhouse and across Clonmel & Tipperary. These impressive, exciting and interactive projects brought the local Museum onto the streets of our Municipal Districts.



Top & Bottom; St. Patrick's Day Parade 'Bringing History to Life' with Tipperary Museum of Hidden History.



Above; Civil War reenactors St Patrick's Day Parade 2022



Above; Thoroughbred Country Horse Experience:

Marie McMahon brought a Fáilte Ireland Fam Trip group on a to Joe Channons Farrier to demonstrate Farrier techniques and local traditions. A hugely successful demonstration and product within the TCHE.



'The Things Around Us' Children's Museum Exhibition with Michael Fortune & Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2022

Partnering with Tipperary Workplace Partnership Forum continued to flourish through various imaginative and successful mindfulness walks in Clonmel and Nenagh, health talks, quizzes and competitions to motivate staff.



Partnership and Museum Programme: Promoting local businesses and offering monthly quizzes to staff



Partnership and Museum Wellness Walks in Clonmel and Nenagh 2022

Funding

Our budget from Tipperary County Council along with increased funding from our cultural partners, The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media; Heritage Council; SICAP; Environment; CREATIVE Ireland; Culture Night and the Decade of Centenaries has ensured our innovative and exciting programme of events and exhibitions has been realised in 2022 and will continue into 2023.

Emphasizing once more, with additional investment in the Museum's service, our stakeholders will support Tipperary Museum as a significant tourism and cultural entity within County Tipperary, ensuring that our local community is at the heart of the museum's programming.

proposed Museum priorities for 2023

- Looking to 2023 we will continue to actively encourage our visitors across the island of Ireland to visit Tipperary and experience Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, with our partners: Tipperary Cultural Team, Tipperary Tourism and Fáilte Ireland.
- Strive to achieve a series of objectives set out in our new Tipperary Museum of Hidden History Strategic Management Plan 2022 – 2026.
- Continue the Maintenance of the Museums Standards Programme of Ireland.
- To maintain our H&S protocols and compliance
- To promote our Civil War Exhibition and continue to liaise with local groups to ensure this period in Irish history continues to be documented and artefacts are safeguarded on behalf of our community.
- To digitise and exhibit in late 2023 Paddy Cashin's Photographic Collection, which was donated on Paddy's passing in 2022.
- Liaise with new exhibition partners in Austria to bring an International Art Exhibition 'The Big Picture' to the Museum and continue our effective affiliation with Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2023- 2024.
- To continue the museum's educational function, digital & outreach programming and ensuring our community is at the heart of our service.
- To document, care for and research artefacts and liaise with donors.
- Ensure artefacts are professionally conserved, photographed and displayed to ensure new objects are added to our impressive state of the art galleries.
- To further develop our website to promote Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and ensure our digitization project continues to expand.
- To advocate for Museums nationally through our TCC Cultural Team, Local Authority Museums Network, Irish Museums Association, National Museum of Ireland, The Irish Museums Trust, National Gallery of Ireland, Government Departments, and the Local Government Management Agency.
- Maintain our Covid19 compliance & health and safety protocols.



Heritage Services

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

- Promoting awareness and appreciation of the Heritage of Tipperary
- Promoting active conservation of the Heritage of Tipperary
- Supporting that gathering and dissemination of information on the Heritage of Tipperary.

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

In 2022 we collaborated with groups and organisations in the county to leverage funding and continued in our research and raising awareness programme drawing down funding of roughly €645,744.

County Heritage Plan Actions



St Ruadhans Lorrha and St Peacauns Toureen

Holy Wells Audit:

As an important aspect of our archaeological and cultural heritage, holy wells feature widely in our landscape. Following on from a desktop survey in 2021, a field research project took place from April to September where of 124 Holy wells were identified for field survey and these were visited and documented. There was a successful public engagement throughout the process so information was gathered on local stories, customs and cures associated with the wells and all of this information will be combined with the results of the desk survey last year and available online on our website in the new year.

Raising Awareness Programme:

We continued with awareness raising activity across the programme which culminated in a very successful and busy Heritage Week in August. We were delighted to launch a pilot scheme to support groups taking part in Heritage Week and had a full programme of events. Feedback from the scheme was very positive and we will certainly look at this support next year.. We also did another pilot project, working with groups in Templemore and facilitated by Abarta Heritage to develop a Heritage Action Plan for the town which was published in December and will help local groups to strategically work on heritage projects over the coming years.



Heritage Week Cahir and Lorrha

Historic Towns Initiative 2022

The Glove Factory, James Street Tipperary is a landmark building near the town centre of Tipperary Town.

It appears to originally have been a home over a shop, later a branch of the Irish Foresters, during which time Charles Stewart Parnell is said to have given a rousing speech from one of the windows of the building. Later in the 1930s it became the Glove Factory which many local and still living, people worked in. This closed sometime in the late 1970's and it has been unoccupied until, the current owner, purchased the building in recent years. No. 20, James Street is a protected structure as recorded in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) list (RPS NO 47) in the Tipperary Town and Environs Development Plan 2013, It is also recorded on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage Reg no: 22108047.



The building was in declining condition prior to this project and while it retained its historic character and significance as well as significant amounts of historic fabric it needed conservation works to stabilise, preserve and enhance the building.

This year's project was generously funded by a grant from the Historic Town Initiative Grant Scheme 2022 of €163,000 and managed by a multidisciplinary team

The building is being redeveloped into apartments over a retail / commercial unit and works are ongoing on this project however the works carried out to date are largely related to the conservation of the external envelope and elements of historic fabric and structure internally and these are the works funded by the Historic Towns Initiative.

Irish Walled Towns Network

Funding was received to produce a booklet on the Walled Towns of Tipperary.

This publication will be available free to the public in the towns of Clonmel, Cahir, Cashel and Carrick on Suir and the Civic Offices.



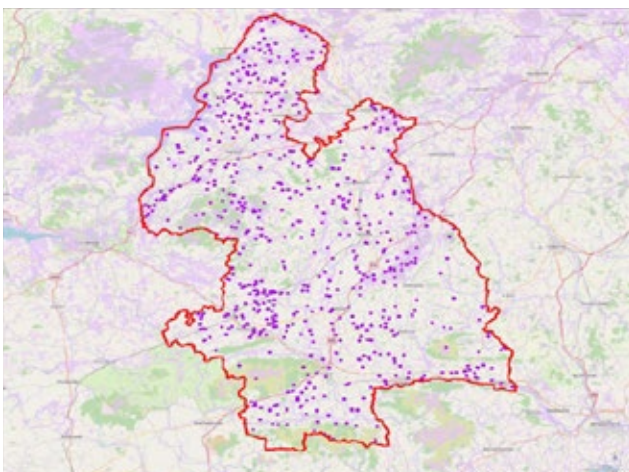
National Biodiversity Action Plan

County Wetlands Survey:

As a second phase of this project the core objectives were to prepare a desktop analysis of aerial photographs and GIS datasets to identify and map boundaries of potential wetlands which had not previously been mapped, Review the 2021 County Wetlands Database of wetlands sites and incorporate any additional wetlands observed during the 2022 mapping exercise and undertake a field survey of 16 sites in the north of the county. The resulting data set is a useful tool for future heritage conservation planning in the county, can assist in sustainable development planning programmes and will allow for the design of future targeted wetlands surveys and wetland research programmes. It is an action of the County Heritage Plan and was funded under the National Biodiversity Action Plan fund. A final report was submitted in October and contain a number of interesting findings as well as some recommendations.

The information gathered during the survey is stored in a Wetland Site GIS and site database names TIWS (Tipperary Wetlands Survey) This database for the first time provides a preliminary inventory of wetland resources in the county. Information on 656 potential wetland sites are held in the database. Based on an analysis of subsoil types that indicate wetland areas, the total area of wetlands within the county is estimated to cover 63,378ha or 14.7 % of the county, While this is an indication of the original extent of wetlands this calculation is certainly an overestimate as it does not take into consideration changes due to land management or drainage, it is nonetheless an interesting figure to have. Of the 656 sites it is estimated that 432 have not been subjected to any detailed wetland survey. In the context of gaining a better understanding of the wetland resource and to ensure that sites of high importance get afforded the appropriate protection a programme of targeted surveying is a key recommendation.

Given the known value of wetlands in terms of ecosystem services and potential for nature bases solutions for climate action.



Work continued in cooperation with Offaly County Council on the eradication of Himalayan Balsam on the River Brosna and 2022 is the final year of this five-year programme.



Quagga Mussel survey on Shannon

We also supported a research project on another invasive species the Quagga Mussel which has been identified in the River Shannon system. In collaboration with UCD, AQUENS Ltd and local authorities in Westmeath, Leitrim, Longford, Offaly, Roscommon, Limerick, Clare and Galway a study was carried out on this species during the summer which is known to be present in Lough Derg.

The Invasive Freshwater mussel (Quagga) was first detected in Ireland in July 2021 when it was shown to occur in Lough Ree and Lough Derg and the River Shannon connecting these lakes.

The aim of the project was to do a follow up assessment to determine the present spatial distribution and abundance along the catchment and assess aspects of the quagga mussels recruitment and population growth.

Community Monument Fund

The Community Monuments Fund was first established in 2020 to provide investment in Ireland's archaeological heritage. This funding is prioritised for local authorities, private owners and custodians and community groups for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments. Four projects in County Tipperary were awarded funding in this year's scheme.



Stabilisation works were completed on Coolquill castle and phase 2 of works were completed at Boolabaun Castle which are both in private ownership. A conservation plan was funded for Loughloher Castle/Tower House. Kilnarath church near Newport is in Council ownership so this project was done in partnership with Ruairi Boland from the Environment section. This is part of an ongoing collaboration between the Burial Grounds section of Environment and the Heritage Office to stabilize archaeological monuments in Burial grounds across the county. Kilnarath was in a particularly vulnerable state and works will stretch over a 2-year period to secure the site.



Before and After pictures Kilnarath Church

Creative Ireland Programme:

This was the final year of the Creative Ireland programmes 2017-2022.

We were notified early in the year that there would be a second programme so a new strategy was completed during 2022 to inform the next five years. 16 Initiatives received funding through an Open Call and 13 through our Community Grant Scheme.

We also supported programmes through the library and Museum Service as well as Arts and Heritage initiatives.



The Peoples Garden Clonoulty pic Aoife Barrett



Community Drum Feile Brian Boru

Cruinniú na nÓg:

This year's Cruinniú took place on 11 June.

We supported our partners, Tipperary Libraries, Museum of Hidden History, South Tipperary Arts Centre, Autism Awareness Roscrea and Clonmel Applefest who put on events throughout the course of the day with audience and participation of.

We also collaborated with national programmes from ISACS Ireland and distributed 250 juggling sets through Tipperary Libraries and Garageland who worked with Rockwell Music Academy who put on a performance in Cahir which was livestreamed on 2XM.



Suir Island Carpark Image courtesy of Applefest



South Tipperary Arts Centre

Decade of Commemorations:

13 projects received funding through our community grants scheme which supported events and projects around the county.

Supports was also allocated to the County Museum for their oral history project on the Civil War.

Our Landscapes of Revolution project has submitted a final report on this year's investigation of an old map <https://landscapesofrevolution.com/tipperary-ira-map-project/>,

The Aleen Cust project which was a collaboration between the Aleen Cust Memorial Society and Galway and Roscommon County Council was very successful. A 2-day conference took place in Mountbellew in August and an exhibition and schools' workbook has now gone to print and will be circulated to local schools



Cathaoirleach Roger Kennedy Tipperary County Council with John Harold Barry and his wife Dinky of Cordangan Manor Co Tipperary (Photo Jacinta Fahy)

Royal Sites UNESCO Bid

We were delighted with the announcement on July that The Royal Sites had been included on Irelands Tentative List for World Heritage.

The Royal Sites supported sites visits to Tara and Navan Fort in December by a UNESCO delegation visiting Dublin. Work has commenced on elements required for progressing bid and an agreement will be put in place with the Local Authorities and Department in early 2023. A programme of stakeholder engagement will also commence in 2023.



Brian Bec DoS Tipperary County Council addressing UNESCO delegation at the Hill of Tara County Meath.



Arts Service

The key objective of the Arts Service is to improve the artistic life of our communities in County Tipperary. We work towards the continuing development of the arts in the county in partnership with a range of stakeholders including our funding partners The Arts Council.

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

- Creative Communities - Public Participation
- Creative Practitioners - The Artist
- Creative Solutions - Arts Partnerships & Collaboration
- Creative Supports - Arts Information & Advice
- Creative Infrastructure - Arts Venues & Festivals
- Creativity & The Public Realm - Public Art

2022 saw a return to live events and projects across the arts sector with a focus on re-building engagement with audiences and renewing working partnerships in the real world, while maintaining some of the positives of offering online options to accessing the arts where possible.

Initiatives to support the development of the *Arts in Education* are a key element of the Tipperary Arts Programme.

Artists in Primary School Scheme 2022

Eight Artist in Primary Schools Scheme projects were approved with Tipperary artists in 2022 across artforms from theatre to visual arts and storytelling.

834 students participated in the 2022 scheme in both rural and town schools, and in one instance two very small rural schools worked together to share an artists time. Research conducted as part of a review of the last arts plan indicated that in the 5 year period of the plan, 51 schools were supported through the scheme, employing 51 artists with 5,256 children participating between 2017-21. This demonstrates the continuing importance of this scheme which is key to delivering on one of our desired outcomes, to achieve a demographic and geographic spread of arts provision across the county.



Project at Slieveardagh NS with artist Katy Goodhue.

Print for Schools Exhibition

The Print for Schools Exhibition was conceived as a way to engage creatively with second level schools which have limited extra curricular time due to timetabling. This exhibition allows art teachers to use original artwork in a way that best suits their needs. Three venues (2 schools and 1 arts centre) used this resource during 2022 which includes a funded printmaking workshop with a very experienced printmaker. It was described as “an amazing resource and starting point for creative journeys” by an artist who used it for outreach projects at Nenagh Arts Centre. The art teacher in Our Lady’s Secondary School, Templemore transformed the school corridors with the exhibition and set a challenge for art students to make a work inspired by their three favourite prints in the exhibition. The students work was then exhibited alongside the print exhibition.



Printmaking workshop at Nenagh Arts Centre

Music Generation Tipperary

Music Generation Tipperary was just about to kick off its inaugural programme in March 2020 when Covid-19 hit, so quickly adapted to an online set up and delivery which was done very successfully. This made the official launch of this exciting programme for Tipperary all the more important when it could eventually take place on 2nd June 2022 with people gathered and young musicians from across Tipperary performing at the launch.

Music Generation Tipperary is a performance music education programme for children and young people in County Tipperary and is part of Music Generation – Ireland’s National Music Education Programme. Music Generation Tipperary is funded by lead partner Tipperary Education and Training Board and Tipperary County Council.



Music Generation Tipperary commenced in September 2019 and since then, it has rolled out programmes and events across the county in a range of settings, all of which are available to children and young people under 18 years of age. These include a range of regular programmes across the academic year, in settings like Primary schools, Secondary schools, and instrumental hubs, which happen both online (established to ensure children and young people continued to have access throughout the Covid-19 pandemic) and in-person, in Clonmel, Thurles, Killenaule, and Newport. The aim of these hubs is to negate any barriers that children or young people may have in accessing music, while also working with local existing providers to ensure progression routes are available for young people in their communities in their instrument or genre of choice.

As part of some programmes, children and young people have access to Music Generation Tipperary’s recently established instrument bank. The instruments currently on offer at hubs across the county include guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, concertina, banjo, fiddle, whistle. Participants also have access to more bespoke programmes, such as the music technology programme, where young people can learn about creating music using digital programmes; the uilleann pipe programme, the Music Generation Tipperary Trad ensembles and the soon to be established Rock and Pop ensemble, where young people can come together to create music in a group setting.

At the core, Music Generation Tipperary programmes are about young people realising their own creative potential and finding themselves through music. The programmes are inclusive, creative and most importantly, fun.

Artist Support Schemes

Artist support schemes support artist’s professional development across the artforms and encourage artists and creative practitioners to live and work in Tipperary which is central to the long term development of the arts and culture in the County. Applications to the Tipperary Artists Awards Scheme provided direct grant support to 25 artists during 2022 in Music, Theatre, Literature, Film and the Visual Arts. In addition, a bursary to the Blas summer school was awarded which supports attendance at the International summer school of traditional Irish Music and Dance. The Local Drama Scheme supported development within a local drama group in re-establishing engagement with the community.



Our focus for professional development during 2022 remained on supporting artists as we navigated the post Covid-19 environment. We continued to work strategically in the region with our partners Limerick & Clare Arts Offices and with Visual Artists Ireland to deliver a visual artists Lifelong Learning Programme. The programme tackled three distinct but overlapping aims: developing artists’ skillsets so that they are enabled to build sustainable careers; supporting artists in adapting to new challenges; and inspiring artists in order to sustain their creativity. 47 artist places were utilised by Tipperary artists in the 2021/22 programme by 33 individual artists

The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival

Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine is presented as an annual nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age.

The festival is an initiative of Age & Opportunity, the national organisation that promotes active and engaged living as we get older. Tipperary Arts Office together with our colleagues in the Library Service presented an extensive, interactive programme throughout the county during May 2022 with over 60 events taking place. During 2022 events were live and were open to be visited, experienced and enjoyed throughout the month all over Tipperary in addition to a very special online concert commissioned by Tipperary Bealtaine which was available to view remotely.

Some highlights included:

Writer Margaret Galvin's Focus on Four was a Tipperary Bealtaine creative writing project culminating in a publication 'Bridging the Distance,' which showcased the poetry and prose of four Tipperary writers: Mary Caulfield, Ann Dempsey, Richard Cahill and Mary O' Gorman. These writers addressed a diversity of subjects and presented readings from 'Bridging the Distance' at venues around the county during May.



The Eco Showboat expedition was a four-month arts voyage from Limerick to Enniskillen on the Mayfly, the first solar electric boat to make this journey. The project is the brain child of artists Anne Cleary and Denis Connolly, aka School of Looking. This project was a series of encounters with artists, activists, scientists and members of the public as they travelled upriver from Limerick to Enniskillen, discovering the beauty of the Shannon and the Erne waterways.

We welcomed the Eco Showboat in Dromineer on 18th May as part of the Bealtaine festival for a very special celebration of the arts and literature with Tipperary poets Eleanor Hooker and Emily Cullen and organic farmer Ailbhe Gerard for an afternoon of discussion, discovery and the arts. Local school children also visited the Eco Showboat and participated in a slow looking drawing workshop with artists Cleary Connolly and scientist Rachael O'Malley who facilitated a kick sample workshop investigating and drawing invertebrates collected from the Nenagh River which were later returned to their habitat.



In the Open | Faoin Spéir

In the Open | Faoin Spéir is an Arts Council funded programme developed in response to the COVID-19 crisis for 2021/22 which supported a variety of outdoor arts events taking place in public spaces around Ireland.



Prism April 2022 Clonmel

Tipperary Arts Office partnered with the South Tipperary Arts Centre and Clonmel Junction Arts Festival to develop an exciting programme for Clonmel with an overarching theme of “Come out to Play”. This programme focused on making creativity visible through large scale visual arts events, performances, music and theatre with events taking place from October 2021 to September 2022.

This was an ambitious programme of events for Clonmel with the transformation of the Parade Grounds in Kickham Barracks into a performance space for the third event in the programme PRISM with Spraoi (street arts theatre company) and local performers from 8-10 April. This event was attended by almost 1000 people over three nights with 31 local performers. There was a huge response to this magnificent large scale outdoor multi-disciplinary event led by Tipperary Arts Office.



PRISM by Spraoi with The Alison Cronin Dance Academy and Hunchback Choir



Temporary mural by Artist Joe Caslin based on the theme "Come out to Play"



The fourth event in the programme **INSIDE OUT** emerged on the streets of Clonmel in April led by The South Tipperary Arts Centre. Artist Joe Caslin created a new temporary mural which was central to the exhibition, along with 'Tread Softly' by Canvaz which was installed in Autumn 2021. The work of seven local artists selected through an Open Call was also presented on a large scale around the town, bringing the gallery outside and the streets to life from late April throughout the summer months.



Temporary artwork by Laura O'Mahony – Inside Out Clonmel 2022



Clonmel Song Cycle

The programme closed in September with the **Clonmel Song Cycle**, an outdoor performance spectacle of original music, intended to breathe life into some of Clonmel's vivid history. Conceived and composed by Clonmel composer and musician Eamon O'Malley, this live musical presentation and heritage trail through the streets, back alleys and lanes of Clonmel led audiences to discover fascinating local characters and narratives. From the infamous Flogger Fitzgerald who was High Sheriff of Tipperary during the 1798 rebellion to the star-crossed lovers Anne Grubb and Lieutenant Frederick Close whose tragic and unexplained deaths in 1826 was one of the great mysteries of its time. These stories were brought to life in a newly-composed musical score, performed in the locations where the characters had lived and worked.

Culture Night Tipperary



Working with our arts and cultural partners across the county, Culture Night Tipperary presented a broad range of live and online events in September. Tipperary Arts Office views Culture Night as an opportunity to promote and support local artists, arts and cultural venues, arts professionals and community groups. During 2022 we endeavoured to highlight and showcase the range of creative work taking place across the county and in doing so, encourage audiences to re-connect and re-engage with the arts in their area. We returned to offering support to community and voluntary groups with our open call, which provided funding for such groups to participate in this year's programme for the first time since 2019, having worked predominantly with the formal arts infrastructure over the past two years due to COVID-19. We developed and coordinated a programme which presented 54 events across 15 Tipperary towns and villages, including exhibitions, workshops, street performances, cultural walks and tours, and community events. A number of our Culture Night events attracted national coverage with the Clonmel Song Cycle featuring as part of RTE's Culture Night Live from Lough Boora and Running Up That Hill Paint Switch Challenge in Carrick on Suir featuring in The Irish Times 25 Things To See on Culture Night. We were keen to maximise younger audiences this year, mirroring the shift in focus nationally. In order to do so, we added an Instagram account to our social media dashboard which in turn created more awareness and visibility among the 18-30 cohort. We also ran a sponsored content article for the first time in order to further enhance our reach to younger audiences. An important part of this year's vision was to celebrate the diversity of our Culture in 2022.



We were delighted to programme an art and media exhibition spearheaded by the Tipperary Rural Traveller project, which showcased the works of a number of children from the traveller learning programme, who participated in workshops led by Irish traveller and TUS postgraduate student Francesca Hutchinson. We were pleased to partner with our libraries this Culture Night to support a number of workshops and events including a Ukrainian spirit and culture event in Templemore Library which saw up to 100 members of the Ukrainian community coming together to celebrate their identity. We also welcomed the refocus towards late night activity, and supported organisers and venues in their approach to extended and later events. We saw a number of late-night events taking place including three large scale late night events in Clonmel, produced by the Clonmel Applefest. 100 plus arts professionals were involved in the delivery of Culture Night Tipperary 2022.

Local Live Performance Programming Scheme 2022- Round 3

The third strand of the LLPPS scheme aimed to support employment opportunities for artists, performers and crew across every town, city and county and to help underpin the recovery of the live performance sector.



Jerry Fish performing in Tipperary Town as part of LITHA, funded through the LLPPS Phase 3. Image courtesy of CWB

The funding could be used to support employment and wellbeing in the commercial arts and culture sectors through the provision of live performances from 1st February to 30th June 2022. Tipperary Arts Office put out an Open Call to event management/ professional production companies for the delivery of services in relation to live performances to take place in the five Municipal Districts of Tipperary.

Events took place across all of the five municipal districts providing employment for musicians, crew and creatives and providing audiences with a safe return to events. Through this scheme 276 individuals were employed totalling 524 days employment over 22 events across the county.



Tangle Around 2022, Thurles. Photographer Eoin Considine

Local Live Performance Programming Scheme 2022- Round 4



Deirdre Masterson and Friends event, The Strand Theatre, Carrick-on-Suir. LLPPS Phase 4

A fourth round of funding was announced in June which aimed to support employment opportunities for artists, performers and crew across every town, city and county and to help underpin the recovery of the live performance sector. Tipperary Arts Office put out an Open Call to event management/professional production companies for the delivery of services in relation to live performances to take place in the five Municipal Districts of Tipperary. Nine producers were contracted through the tender process to deliver events in each of the five districts between August and October under phase four of this scheme attracting an additional €143,000 in funding support from The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.



Johnny Gallagher & the Boxy Band, Nenagh Oktoberfest. Image courtesy of Spain AV



Events took place across all of the five municipal districts providing employment for musicians, crew and creatives and providing audiences with a safe return to events. Through this scheme 215 individuals were employed totalling 327 days employment over 24 events across the county.



UP-CLOSE by Monica Muñoz, a Tipperary Dance Commission. Photographer Alexandre Iseli

Tipperary Dance

Tipperary Dance delivers a true 360 degree programme in driving the development of contemporary dance in Tipperary. The Tipperary International Dance Festival took place from 7 -20 October across the county presenting international Dance Companies in Arts Centres and venues in addition to a touring piece commissioned for children which toured to schools. The community programme has seen Tipperary Dance work in schools, community halls and libraries across the county since 2008. They have also worked with community groups and an Age in Movement Group which has presented work as part of the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival. A recent report gave a breakdown of the reach of this project in Tipperary since 2008. They have worked with 2578 children from 38 schools in 25 towns across Tipperary. In addition 1831 Tipperary people have attended 126 dance classes with 59 dance teachers.



Studio Residency with Cahir Arts.

Artist Studio Partnership

During 2022 we developed a new opportunity for artists to work in Cahir, Co. Tipperary by supporting a studio space for an artist in Cahir Arts, a recently developed gallery and studio initiative in Cahir. The aim of our support is to enable an artist to spend time in a dedicated studio space and to make work in and around Cahir, developing conversations and connections with the place and its people. The first residency commenced in early November with artist Anne Martin Walsh. Anne was born in Tipperary and currently lives in Wexford. Her residency in Tipperary is exploring a body of work researching and revisiting the places of her childhood. Using the topography of the Clashawley River from its source near Laffansbridge in the Littleton Bog lands, to its merging with the Anner river at Loughcapall Bridge and flowing onto the river Suir, her research will follow the paths of these waters and explore other sites of interest in the locality.



Tipperary Youth Arts HUB

This is an initiative that 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 is also one of the desired outcomes of our Framework Agreement that “more artists will have had the opportunity to engage in professional development in a youth arts context.”

This new Hub has been developed working in partnership with The National Youth Council of Ireland, Tipperary ETB , Youth Work Ireland Tipperary and Tipperary Arts Office. We have had a very positive take up for the first training and networking event which took place on 7th October with a second event planned for February 2023. These events are to encourage attendance by artists and youth workers learning together and sharing practice.

During 2022, 24 local community and voluntary groups were funded under the *Arts Act Grant* Scheme which enables and supports independent arts activities and events throughout the county.

Support, advice, training and/or funding was also provided to a range of artists, arts festivals and arts organisations throughout the County during 2022.



Library Service



Tipperary County Council Library Service offers a welcoming democratic space which is a cornerstone of family, cultural, and civic life. The Library Service has an essential role in the community as a trusted resource preserving the values of the past and enriching the quality of life for all.

The library service aims to foster a culture of reading, literacy and lifelong learning in Tipperary by providing a range of services to schools, families and community groups, and promote the library as a place of culture and knowledge.

The service is responsible for the collection development, preservation and accessibility of all records of historic interest for County Tipperary. The library service develops and promotes access for all citizens to online and digital information resources, including broadband internet PCs, Wi-Fi, online resources and free access to e-government/local authority information and services.

The service operates a network of twelve libraries throughout the county at:



MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2022

Tipperary County Council Library Service continued to deliver a high-quality service during 2022. There were over 273,000 visits to libraries in Tipperary and 397,000 books were issued. In addition, the Library Service recorded over 36,000 engagements on its Facebook page and almost 10,000 engagements on its Twitter account.



Design Team appointed for new Clonmel Library




Front Row: Left to right: Cllr Siobhan Ambrose, Cllr Pat English, Mayor of Clonmel Borough District, Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council, Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council, John Parker, Director, ABK Architects, Back Row: Carol Creighton, District Administrator, Clonmel Borough District, Anne Marie Mullins, Executive Librarian, Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Brian Beck, Director of Services

A full design team was appointed in October 2022 to progress the design and planning phases of the new Library for Clonmel. ABK will be the lead architect for the proposed new Library in Clonmel on the current site in Mick Delahunty Square. Founded in 1961, ABK Architects is a design-led practice with an international reputation for the delivery of buildings of the highest quality. Renowned for its work in many fields including housing, education, healthcare, office and work-space as well as public buildings and the arts, the practice's imaginative approach has led to a succession of acclaimed buildings.

RRDF Funding for new Cahir Library



In 2022, Tipperary County Council were successful in their application for grant funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) from the Department of Rural & Community Development for 'Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy'. This funding stream will include the development of a new modern library in the historic Granary building. This library will offer extended opening hours and a wide range of services such as robotics, 3D printing, free internet access, business research supports, community meeting room, exhibition space, and a sensory room.

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Ceremony of Reflection and Remembrance



On the weekend of the 18th- 20th March, 2022 communities all across Ireland took the opportunity to pause and reflect and to remember all those who have lost their lives during the pandemic. Tipperary County Council held a local Ceremony of Reflection and Remembrance which was led by Leas-Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose. This took place in Holycross Town Park on Sunday 20th March with representatives of front-line workers across a range of organisations. These included the HSE, An Garda Síochána, Tipperary Civil Defence, Tipperary Fire and Rescue and Tipperary Search and Rescue and sectors and families who had lost loved ones during this time. With Blessings by His Excellency, Archbishop O'Reilly and the Reverend James Mulhall, an Oak Tree was planted by the Leas-Cathaoirleach with wreaths laid by front-line workers in memory of all those who passed away in Tipperary during this period. A magnificent stone memorial created by Sculptor Philip Quinn from Holycross was unveiled, marking a permanent memorial site.

Visit from International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA)



Cllr Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach, Thurles MD, Gerry Flannery, Executive Librarian and Jackie Kennedy, Library Staff Officer welcome the IFLA Delegation

Cllr Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach of Thurles Municipal District, officially welcomed a group of international librarian delegates who visited The Source Library and Arts Centre Thurles on Friday 29th July 2022. This was part of their trip to Ireland for the International Federation of Library Associations World Library & Information Congress [IFLA WLIC] which was held in Dublin in July. The Source Library was one of only four Public Libraries chosen to host delegates nationwide and as such it was a great honour for Thurles Town and Tipperary County Council Library Service.

New Sensory Room for Clonmel Library



From left to right: Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council, Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Cormac Kennedy, Brian Beck, Director of Services, Anne Marie Mullins, Executive Librarian, Cllr Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council

Cllr Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council officially launched a new Sensory Room in Clonmel Library on 7th June. This Sensory Room is a safe, non-threatening space to calm or engage individuals through each of the senses. It is an enclosed, quiet room within the main library building; but away from the noise, activity and strong lighting of the rest of the library. It contains a variety of visual, tactile, auditory, proprioceptive and vestibular stimuli, adjustable lighting and comfortable seating.

DORMANT ACCOUNTS FUND

The Library Service secured grant funding in 2022 from the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), through the Dormant Accounts Fund to provide library supports for marginalised, socially excluded and disadvantaged communities. This funding was used for the following projects:

LOTE Online for Kids



Tipperary County Council Library Service now offers free access to LOTE Online for Kids for library members. Children can enjoy the magic of books in LOTE (Languages Other Than English), both in

the library and at home. Children can also watch, read and listen to each LOTE title translated and narrated in English to help with reading and literacy development. There are hundreds of digital books in over 50 languages to choose from. New books and languages are released each month. Access LOTE Online for Kids is available from our website (www.tipperarylibraries.ie) or in-branch at any of our PCs. Access is free with library membership.

C-Pens:



As part of our continued support of literacy development, Tipperary County Council Library Service is delighted to be able to offer the C-Pen Readerpen to borrow from all of our branches. The Readerpen is a state-of-the-art assistive technology designed to support independent reading and learning. Simply scan

text with the Readerpen and it will read it aloud as you move over the words. Additional functions include a dictionary tool that will give you the instant definition of a word once you scan it. You can also scan and store text internally or scan it to a computer. There is also a voice recorder included which saves MP3 voice notes.

Bealtaine Festival

Launch of the Bealtaine Festival in the Excel



From left to right: Valerie Madden, Catherine Fogarty, Cllr. Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council, Damien Dullaghan, Éanna Ní Lamhna, Una Molloy, Melanie Scott, Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council, Cllr Anne Marie Ryan

The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival was officially launched on 5th May in the Excel Theatre by Cllr Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council. As part of this event, acclaimed botanist, zoologist and Irish Wildlife expert Éanna Ní Lamhna gave a Talk and Walk tour around Tipperary Town. The launch began with a very informative talk by Éanna Ní Lamhna which was then followed by a walking tour of Tipperary Town. Tipperary County Council's Bealtaine Festival 2022 was led by The Arts Office and Library Service working with other partners such as arts venues and community groups. Events took place in Arts Centres, Libraries, Day Care Centres, Community Halls, in Nursing Homes and with Active Retirement Groups.

TIPPERARY STUDIES

The Tipperary Studies digitisation project aims to make available online a range of sources, both historical and genealogical, which are part of the fabric which makes up the history of Tipperary. Many of the documents are unique to Tipperary Studies and one of the aims of the project is to make these sources available to everyone, free of charge on the Tipperary Studies website www.tipperarystudies.ie

Key highlights from the project in 2022 included:

Launch of 'County Tipperary 1921-1923 - a history in 60 documents'



Cllr Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council officially launched 'County Tipperary 1921-1923 - a history in 60 documents' on 12th March. This final publication of the Find Tipperary Series covers the Truce and the Civil War illustrated in 60 documents and is a collaboration between Dr Des Murnane and Tipperary Studies.

Donations received in 2022



Tipperary Studies received a donation of Philip Fitzgerald 3rd Battalion Operations Document from the Fitzgerald family, formerly of Glenough. These were accepted on behalf of Tipperary County Council by Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council



Tipperary Studies received a donation of War of Independence items from the Norton family, formerly of Glengoolie. These were accepted on behalf of Tipperary County Council by Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council





Our People



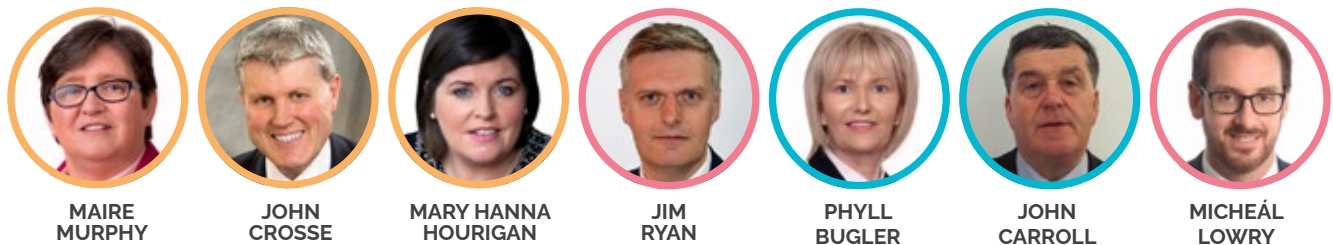
Corporate Policy Group

The Corporate Policy Group (CPG) comprises the Cathaoirleach and the Chairpersons of each of the six Strategic Policy Committees, supported by the Chief Executive & Senior Management Team.

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

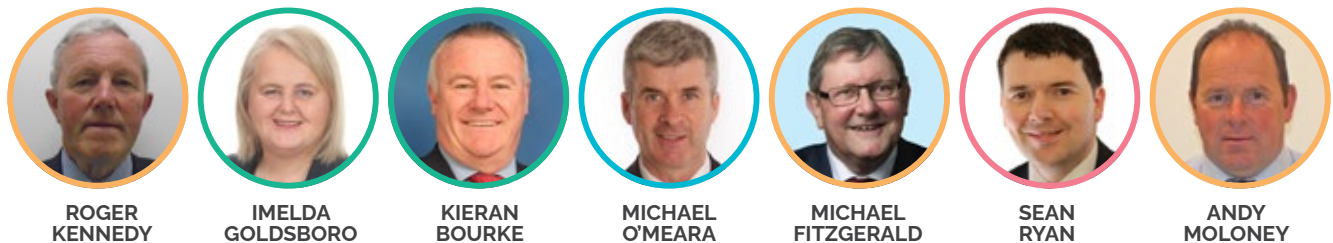
During 2022, the members of the CPG changed as agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council in July 2019. The following Councillors were members of the CPG during the period January to June 2022 and July to December 2022:

JANUARY - JUNE 2022



No.	SPC	Councillor	Party Affiliation
1	Cathaoirleach	Marie Murphy	Fine Gael
2	Economic Development & Enterprise	John Crosse	Fine Gael
3	Housing	Mary Hanna Hourigan	Fine Gael
4	Infrastructure (to include Roads, Transportation and Water Services)	Jim Ryan	Non-Party
5	Planning and Emergency Services	Phyll Bugler	Fine Gael
6	Environment and Climate Action	John Carroll	Fianna Fáil
7	Community, Culture and Library Services	Michael Lowry	Non-Party

JULY - DECEMBER 2022



No.	SPC	Councillor	Party Affiliation
1	Cathaoirleach	Roger Kennedy	Fianna Fáil
2	Economic Development & Enterprise	Imelda Goldsboro	Fianna Fáil
3	Housing	Kieran Bourke	Fianna Fáil
4	Infrastructure (to include Roads, Transportation and Water Services)	Michael O'Meara	Non-Party
5	Planning and Emergency Services	Michael FitzGerald	Fine Gael
6	Environment and Climate Action	Sean Ryan	Fianna Fáil
7	Community, Culture and Library Services	Andy Moloney	Non-Party

During 2022, there were 11 meetings of the CPG

Among the items considered at their meetings were:

- **Covid-19 Briefing Updates**
- **Ukrainian Refugee Crisis Briefings**
- **Ethics Framework Compliance**
 - Annual Declarations under Section 171 of the Local Government Act 2001
 - Disclosure of Donation Statement under Section 19E of the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999
- **Consideration of Reports / Policies**
 - Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028
 - Tipperary Draft Burial Ground Byelaws
 - Civic Memorial Policy
 - Election of Chairs Designate Strategic Policy Committees
 - Training and Development Programme for Elected Members
 - Monthly Management Reports
 - Service Delivery Plan 2022
 - NOAC Performance Indicator Report 2020
 - Annual Report 2021
 - National Roads Allocation 2022
 - Annual Financial Statement (AFS) 2021
 - Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)
 - Budget 2023 Process
 - Overdraft Facility for year ended 2022
 - LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Award nominations

Presentations to the Council

- **Connect Trade Union**
- **Samaritans, Limerick**
- **Young Social Innovators – What matters now Campaign**
- **Legitimate (Online Platform)**
- **Community National School Model by Tipperary Education and Training Board (TETB)**
- **HSE Mid-West**
- **Comhairle na nÓg**
- **Request for Civic Reception Conferrals & Cathaoirleach Invitations**

Civic Event Requests

- **Tipperary County Council**
 - Thursday 23rd June 2022
Liam Fleming, Founding Member of Siúl Eile
 - Saturday 8th October 2022
Tipperary Minor Hurling Team
- **Clonmel Borough Council**
 - Saturday 28th May 2022
50th Anniversary of Banna Cluain Meala
- **Thurles MD**
 - 24th October 2022
Annual Civic Awards

 *During 2022, 11 meetings of the CPG were held*

Civic Events 2022

CIVIC RECEPTIONS

Tipperary Minor Hurling Team

Civic Reception conferral to the Tipperary Minor Hurlers on 8th October 2022 in The Dome, Semple Stadium, Thurles in recognition of their achievement in winning the All Ireland Minor Hurling Championship 2022



Pictured l/r Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive; Sam Farrell, Captain, Tipperary Minor Hurling Manager, Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council



Pictured l/r Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive; James Woodlock, Tipperary Minor Hurling Manager, Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council

Mr. Liam Flemming Siúl Eile

Civic Reception conferral to Mr. Liam Fleming held on 23rd June 2022 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary in recognition of his outstanding voluntary contribution to society in founding the Siúl Eile social enterprise programme, helping communities come together to form a sustainable walking culture in their local community. Cathaoirleach Marie Murphy,



Pictured l/r: Mr. Liam Fleming Siúl Eile and Cathaoirleach Marie Murphy



Pictured l/r: Mr. Liam Fleming Siúl Eile, Cathaoirleach Marie Murphy and Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive

Sincere Thanks to Paul Collins, Ballywire Media and his team who acted as compere and also live streamed both events, bringing the recipients and audiences on a 'This is your life' journey with inputs from family, friends, and associates in their field of expertise.

CIVIC WELCOMES

Friday 27th May 2022

The Dutch Ambassador,
Dr Adriaan Palm



The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Marie Murphy accorded a Cathaoirleach's Welcome to The Dutch Ambassador, Dr. Adriaan Palm on the occasion of his visit to Tipperary On Friday 27th May, 2022



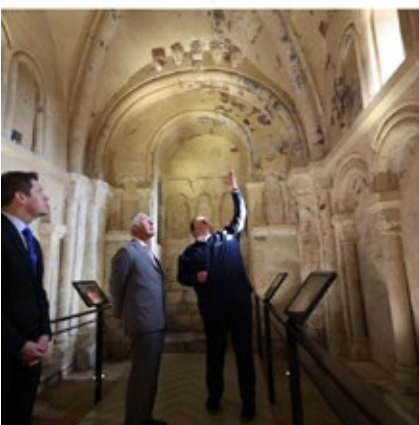
Monday 28th November 2022

The Moldovan Ambassador Her
Excellency, Mrs. Larisa Miculet



Friday 25th March 2022

Royal Visit of the The Prince of Wales and the Dutchess of Cornwall



Royal Visit to Premier County

Protected Disclosures 2022

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosure Act 2014 requires the publication of an annual report by public bodies about the number of protected disclosures received in the preceding year and also for the publication of information with regard to any actions taken in response to protected disclosures made.

This is the annual report of Tipperary County Council (“The Council”) for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

2022 CASES

In 2022, The Council received no disclosure under its Protected Disclosure policy, in accordance with Section 6 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014.

Other Disclosures received

In 2022, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage received a disclosure in relation to an Approved Housing Body, relating to compliance with Fire Safety and/or Building Regulations at a number of locations including within Tipperary. The disclosure was screened in under preliminary evaluation and it was concluded that there was no evidence of any non-compliance in relation to the Building Control Regulations and that there was no further action required by the Council.



Communications & Customer Service

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

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

Tipperary Tourism

Tipperary Tourism launched 22 great reasons for putting Tipperary on your holiday wish list... watch video <https://fb.watch/aChEyklPnh/>

The Smart Street Lighting project

The Smart Street Lighting project was nominated for the 'Best Energy Smart Initiative' category at the All Ireland Community & Council Awards 2021 held in Dublin on Saturday 9 April and received a Bronze award.

Local Enterprise Office

Energy & Farm Business Show held on the 19 July at Gurteen Co. Tipperary

The International Rose of Tralee Tour

The International Rose of Tralee Tour visited Tipperary on 13 and 14 August shining a spotlight on the premier county as part of their tour of Ireland. A delegation of sixteen roses led by Tipperary Rose Aisling O'Donovan included roses from Philadelphia, Waterford, Monaghan, Cavan, Florida, Kilkenny, Newfoundland, Leitrim, Ohio, Galway, Perth, Roscommon, Sydney, Sligo and Toronto.

National Heritage week

The Environment & Climate Action team were delighted to have the Environment Awareness Trailer at the Heritage Family Fun Day in the Inch Field, Cahir on Sunday 21 August. There was plenty of information and practical advice available on the day in relation to Food Waste prevention, Greener Household and Gardening Hints, Responsible Dog Ownership and our Civic Amenity Sites.

Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force

Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force published their Strategy and Action Plan to 2035 on their website www.tiptownrevitalisation.ie

Civic Reception

Civic Reception for All Ireland - Tipperary Minor Hurlers 2022 on 8 October



Arts Strategy 2023-2027

This is Tipperary County Council's second all-county Arts Strategy which builds on a strong legacy of over two decades of arts provision in the county and aims to maximise opportunities for arts development in the years ahead. The Arts Office works to support and develop programmes and practices which enable artists, cultural producers, organisations and communities to realise their artistic ambitions, with a view to making Tipperary a better place through the arts.

Promoted various national campaigns through digital and social media campaigns which included:

- Library Showcase
- Your Council Day.
- Be Summer Ready
- Be Winter Ready.
- National Bike Week.
- Fire Safety Week.
- Waste Awareness Week.
- National Spring Clean.
- Enterprise week
- Culture Night.

Online customer service initiatives 2022

Throughout the year, improvements have been made to the provision of online services. This is an area of opportunity to enable more accessible, timely interaction and automation of services with our customers.

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

Achievements 2022

Tipperary County Council's customer service centres in Nenagh and Clonmel aim is to enhance our level of customer service based on a dedicated, trained staff who provide a countywide service for customers including phone, email, postal items and our public counter.

Tipperary County Council utilises the use of a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system for logging and tracking customer queries to ensure a consistency on how all our customers are dealt with.

1	Customer queries processed through Customer Relations Management System (CRM)	29,408
2	Telephone calls answered	141,331
3	Average speed of answer	1m 12s
4	Average longest wait time	16m 88s
5	Media queries received	112
6	Web pages viewed	1,080,361
7	Facebook page reach Tipperary County Council Twitter impressions	201,946 185,900
8	Number of complaints from Irish Language Commissioner Oifig an Choimisinéara Teanga.	3

Library Services

Library Services introduced Sign of the Times: Irish Sign Language stories for children. The stories are available at <https://www.tipperarylibraries.ie/sign-of-the-times/>

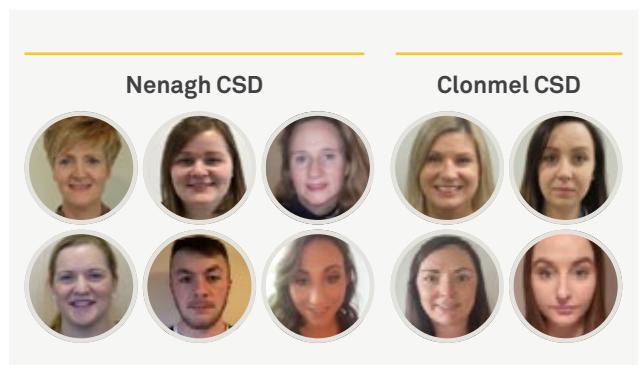
Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund:

Project Implementation (National Development Plan 2018-2027)

- Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration
- Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles
- A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh
- Tipperary Town Regeneration
- Fethard Town Park
- Templemore Town Hall Cultural and Enterprise Centre with Civic Plaza



- Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter - A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan
- Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter
- A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre: Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter and Cahir Market House Business Centre
- Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers
- Kilsheelan – Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing and Low Carbon Planning
- Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh



Irish Language E Training

The Council continued its training to support staff in providing services to members of the public who wish to do their business with us in Irish.

Below is the address of our Chief Executive Mr. Joe MacGrath and photo from the Presentation of Professional Irish Certificates Ceremony held in Thurles Municipal District Offices on 11th May 2022.

A further round of training commenced in Autumn of 2022.

The Council continues to encourage interested staff members in improving their Irish language skills.

Chief Executive

I am delighted to have this opportunity to present Certificates in Professional Irish to members of the Council's staff here today.

A total of 26 have now received training at either Level 3 or Level 4. This learning investment by our staff enables the Council to improve our engagement with the public. We can greet them in Irish and direct them to the services they require.

This in turn supports the Council in fulfilling its obligations under the Official Languages Act 2003, and the requirements of our Irish Scheme which was launched in May 2021.



*My sincere thanks to you
Mr. O Briain for being here today
with us for this Ceremony.*



Front row left to right-Janice Gardiner, Mary Stephens, Clare Curley Director of Services, Rachel Granville and Sheevaun Thompson.
Back Row left to right - David Coleman Irish Language Officer, David Corbett, John Hctor, Joe MacGrath CE, James Murray and Derek Ó Briain Education Manager from Gaelchultúr.



Data Protection / General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Council are committed to respecting and protecting the personal data of its customers.

Policies and procedures have been put in place to govern the various aspects of data protection including the Councils Privacy Statement and a CCTV and other Surveillance Technologies Policy.

The Council has appointed a Data Protection Officer and Data Protection Nominees for each Section and Municipal District.



Information Management

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

With the abolition of FOI Request fees in 2014 the Council has continuing increases in FOI Requests from less than 40 in 2014 to 147 in 2022. This requires significant staffing resources particularly in Housing, Roads, Planning and Environment.

Information Requests received 2022	
Freedom Of Information	147
Data Protection Subject Access Requests	20
Ombudsman	31
Access to Information on the Environment	25



Sports & Social Club

CLONMEL BRANCH

The Sports and Social club were delighted to resume running a broad range of events in 2022 following interruption by Covid. We also continued to arrange the monthly draw with a bumper summer and Christmas draw and Hamper draw.

We kicked off our programme of events in January with a well supported trip to “Chicago” the musical at the Bord Gais Theatre in Dublin.

In May we organised a walk from Clonmel across the Comeragh’s to Fourmilewater and a further walk was held on Slievenamon in July followed by light refreshments in Keogh’s Bar, Kilcash.

We were back at the Race Night BBQ in Powerstown, Clonmel in July, this event was very well supported and enjoyed by all.

A further trip to the musical “Bat Outta Hell” was organised in August, again very well supported.

In October we continued our annual trip to Thomond Park to support the Munster Rugby team.

A new event was held in November - a night at the Dogs, in Clonmel Greyhound Stadium again very well supported and it is hoped to become an annual event.

The traditional trip to Dundrum Shopping Centre took place in late November, followed by the final event of the year the annual 25 Drive which took place in the Canteen, Civic Offices, Clonmel on 21st December.

The Sports and Social club also supported the partnership events for retired staff Christmas lunch, the family Santa event in Clonmel.

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

Committee Members:

Chairperson

- Marian Scully

Secretary

- Rosemary Purcell

Treasurer

- Anne Marie O’Flynn

Committee

- Stephen Ahearne
- Alison Blackmore
- Geoff Burke
- Tom Byrne
- Clarie Cooney
- Fiona Crotty
- Paul Farrell
- John Fitzgerald
- Jimmy Kelly
- Mick McCarthy
- Maeve O’Brien
- John O’Mahoney
- Mary O’Mahoney
- John O’Meara
- Gerard Quigley
- Marion Scully
- Geraldine Tobin

Human Resources

With over 1,200 employees (full time equivalent and retained) on our payroll at the end of 2022, the unified Tipperary County Council remains one of the largest employers in the County.

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

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

Workforce Planning and Recruitment

Each local authority is required to have in place an approved workforce plan.

As part of the Tipperary merger process, an extensive workforce planning exercise was carried out and remains in place ever since. Where necessary the HR section will seek the approval of the Department to add to the current Work Force Plan. Following the lifting of the embargo on recruitment and the issuing of Delegated Sanction by the Department, 2017 saw a dramatic increase in recruitment activity, in the context of open and confined competitions. This process continued in 2022 with very significant levels of activity, notwithstanding the challenges presented by increasing levels of economic resurgence and competition for talent throughout the year, providing a range of opportunities for existing employees and also new employees to this Authority. A total of 71 recruitment competitions were organised in 2022 (following on from 62 in 2021, 50 in 2020 and 67 in 2019) which yielded 126 new starters across the full range of disciplines including Administrative, Engineering, Technical, Scientific, Fire Services, General Operative and supervisory grades.

Industrial Relations

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

In 2022, as with previous years, the Council benefitted from a very stable Industrial Relations environment.



Staff Training & Development

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

Furthermore, 29 staff members were provided with funding for third level courses under the Staff Education Assistance Scheme in 2022 to a value of €44,859.

In order to ensure effectiveness and value for money, training was mainly delivered in-house and at the Regional Training Centre, Roscrea using in-house and external trainers.

Superannuation

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

It carries out the following functions:

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

The process of data readiness in preparation for the transfer of the Superannuation function to the shared service centre, MyPay, was stalled in 2022 due to suspension of activity due to the establishment of the SPS databank project. It is anticipated that a transition date will be provided in 2023 for migration in 2024.

Public Sector Duty ("The Duty")

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

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

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

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

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

Performance Management & Development System (PMDS)

National policy continues to place a very high priority on the use of performance management and development systems in Local Government.

Increased emphasis has been placed on ensuring that team development plans and personal development plans are in place for all teams and employees and that they are aligned with the Council's Corporate Objectives. The PMDS system has been further broadened to include performance rating and 2022 saw these ratings applied for all staff throughout the organisation.

Employee Welfare/Relations

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

Initiatives that have been taken include the following:

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

Tipperary County Council facilitates the taking of various family-friendly leave arrangements including work-sharing, parental leave and carers leave. 2018 saw the introduction and adoption of a sectoral “People Strategy” which sought to focus on the development, capability and capacity of staff. Tipperary County Council continued the process of integrating it into all operational and functional areas of council activity in 2022.

Arising from the strategy the Council enhanced its staff support offering and rolled out a comprehensive Employee Assistance Programme covering a multitude of services and various means of access on a confidential basis free of charge to all employees and their immediate family members. HR note that there was welcome engagement with the services on offer during the course of 2022 and encourage staff to continue to engage with and benefit from this very important initiative.

PEOPLE XD HR Software System

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

In 2022 Tipperary County Council and the wider Local Government sector benefitted from the introduction of a number of “Dashboards” designed to provide significant management information in areas such as sick leave, workforce profiling, retirement and Gender Pay Gap data. It is anticipated that these dashboards will be supplemented with further data sets in 2023.

Blended Working

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

In June/July 2022, Tipperary County Council developed an online application system to facilitate this which went live in September 2022. By the end of December 2022 some 200 applications had been received reflecting a third of eligible staff.



Retirements

During 2022 the following employees retired from service:

Seamus Deely	Veronica Tierney
Seamus Cleary	Denis Kenny
Pat Holland	Liam White (RIP)
Tom O'Donnell	Patricia Ryan
Jim Dillon	Aileen Healy
Celine Kinnane (RIP)	James Glasheen
Tony Higgins	Patrick Hoare
Tim Moore	Alice Tobin
Patrick Halley	Michael G Landers
Geraldine Tobin	Ann Higginbotham
Patricia Troy	Bernadette Corr
Ellen Kilmartin	Clare Curley
Karl Cashen	Bridget Hayes
Francis Casey	John Quigley
Thomas Fogarty	Gerald Cronin
Thomas Mackey	James St. John
Gerard Sutton	Daniel O'Sullivan
Marion O'Neill	Pat Slattery

Included in the above list of retirees we fondly remember former colleagues (Liam & Celine) who sadly passed away during 2022 and in doing so express again our sincere condolences to their families.

Tipperary County Council and its customers have been well served by these employees who have given years of exemplary service. We wish each and every one of them health and happiness for many years to come. Our hope is that they remain in constant contact with their many friends and colleagues.







Information Systems/Technology

Technology plays an ever-increasing role in the daily lives of those in our communities and in our own working lives.

Within this rapidly changing digital environment, Tipperary County Council is transforming into a digital enterprise where technology is critical to its operational effectiveness.

In this highly complex environment, processes must be flexible and evolve quickly to meet user demands and provide the right solutions for the tasks in hand.

Our Vision

Our vision is to provide innovative, effective service delivery to our colleagues and to the Council's customers and stakeholders with best-in-class technology and systems.

Our Principles

Our customers, stakeholders and colleagues are at the heart of our service. We aim for simplicity, and our focus is on customer-centred design and delivery.

In a rapidly changing digital and commercial environment, we wish to match and exceed service-user expectations. We take a proactive, collaborative approach; focusing on transformation, workable business solutions and accessible information-giving. We strive for exceptional performance through self-evaluation, openness to feedback and the pride we take in our work.

In conjunction with our colleagues, we strive to transform the way we do our business; change the way we work with colleagues and citizens, deliver faster and better outcomes and enable our Council colleagues to be more productive, more quickly. We strive to deliver a high-performance service that our colleagues and citizens expect and deserve; a service that will deliver a better return on investment and a better quality of life for those who use it.

Our Objectives

Our objectives are to provide an integrated, secure, safe and performant digital environment that will allow us to:

- Provide digital services for citizens and businesses;
- Facilitate the implementation and integration of systems through innovative business projects;
- Collaborate and exchange information across departments;
- Support corporate decision making and deliver more efficient business services;
- Provide an accessible, comprehensive customer service platform for the public, elected members and staff, through the use of information technology and the internet.
- Provide the tools, systems, solutions and infrastructure to enable the staff and the business sections achieve their business objectives.
- Provide a technical support service to staff and elected members in the areas of Networks, Infrastructure, Applications, Online Solutions, Web and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).



THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS TEAM ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING IN 2022:

Online Services

Tipperary County Council continued to increase the availability of online services to our citizens and stakeholders. Achievements included the following:

- Introduced a Housing Online Choice Based Letting (CBL) system in April 2022. This system gives social housing applicants the chance to express their interest in available properties to the Council. The process is designed to be fair and equitable and to put choice at the centre of the allocation of properties. Available properties are placed on the online system, and housing applicants can log in and express an interest. The facility is available via web sites, smartphones, and facilities in the Council offices around the county. The CBL System went live in April 2022 and there has been 84,000 logins since it went live.
- Made significant progress on the project to upgrade our www.tipperarycoco.ie web site. This project is being progressed on a phased basis. The initial phase addressed underlying software security concerns, and entails a full rebuild of www.tipperarycoco.ie, incorporating a service catalogue, migration of all content and a new look and feel to the web site. The new web site is on schedule to go live in mid Feb 2023.
- During 2022, the websites owned and operated by Tipperary County Council received over 2.5 million visitors. These range from the main council website, <http://www.tipperarycoco.ie> to the Libraries/Museum/Tourism and Events Guides.
- Our Social media channels collectively received 146,000 followers.
- Continued to support and facilitate the Online ePlanning Portal, which enables members of the public and agents to submit online planning applications.
- Continued to facilitate management of our Customer Relationship Management system, which manages all queries, both from online and telephone channels in our dealings with our citizens and stakeholders
- Provided Online Submission and redaction/publishing system with report creation, for the County Development Plan.
- Developed website to list online shopping options available in Tipperary during lockdown. 460 businesses listed by category and location <http://shop.localtipperary.ie>
- Added the following to our www.tipperarycoco.ie web site:
 - Clonmel Public Realm page <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/news/clonmel-public-realm>
 - Traffic fine appeals app <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/roads/parking-fines-and-appeals>
- Provided social media campaign management support for Tipperary Foreign Direct Investment
- Provided support for Culture Night virtual events
- Developed and published Residential Zoned Land Tax GIS maps and details on our web site, and facilitated online consultations and submissions.
- Developed and published Local Area plans and maps on our web site and facilitated online consultations and submissions.
- Upgraded and improved existing Online Forms and Grant Application systems.
- Published Severe Weather Salting routes and Weather Alert in interactive map (GIS) format on our web site.
- Upgraded the system to enable members of the public to log and submit faults, complaints and issues, and to plot the issue on a map, and submit photos.
- Developed a Holy wells web site for the Heritage Section, showing details of all of the Holy Wells in County Tipperary.
- Continued to publish events, alerts and news on to our web site and share them out via our various social media channels.
- Developed and launched Online applications for Municipal District Schemes for Clubs & Residents Assoc Grants

Continued to provide relevant public data sets on our web sites as follows:

- Property Portal: www.tipperarycoco.ie/content/property/
- Recycling Bring Banks: www.tipperarycoco.ie/environment/bring-banks
- eParking Locations: tipp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f6393b69e5d...
- EV Charge Points: www.tipperarycoco.ie/sites/default/files/Publications/EV%20Charg...
- Fire Station locations: www.tipperarycoco.ie/sites/default/files/Publications/Open%20Dat...
- Towns and Villages of Tipperary: www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1HZguH5hK2pssBa5DcLhpO-NuuXAzla...
- Tipperary National Monuments: www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=727c38ec2e9a4350a71911473298cb38
- XML Feeds on our web site are:
 - Property Portal: www.tipperarycoco.ie/property-alerts/feed
 - General News: www.tipperarycoco.ie/news/generalfeed
 - Tenders: <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/tenders>
 - Road Alerts: <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/roads-alerts>

Business Systems, Geographical information systems and Web systems

Finance

- Facilitated the upgrade of the Financial Management System Agresso to version milestone 7. This was a significant upgrade to a business system which is used right across the organisation.
- Assisted in the implementation of eInvoicing which went live.
- Upgraded links between the financial systems and the Core HR system, as a result of the Core HR system upgrade.
- Implemented auditing reports for Small Business Assistance Scheme system.
- Upgraded the CCAS financial management report system to new server.
- Facilitated/Assisted with year end clean up on Agresso.
- Upgraded the Debtor management system.

Planning

- Continued to provide support to the project which enables the public to submit planning applications online and to interface the relevant information in to our back office planning systems. This is a national project and Tipperary Co Co was a successful pilot for the new system. The system went live in Dec 2021.
- Commenced the process of replacing the legacy planning Enforcements system (commenced preparing a request for tender).
- Completed a Web Services Catalogue in preparation of migration and upgrade of Arcgis in 2023.
- Continued to provide mapping and GIS services for the publishing of the County Development Plan.
- Provided weekly updates to Planning digitisers.

Roads

- Provided and published interactive GIS maps for new salting routes across the county.
- Updated the mapping systems with the new route options for the N24.
- Published the ESB network and GAS networks on our internal mapping application. This is a significant benefit to our staff in a number of ways, not least from a Health & Safety perspective. Updates received regularly from both Utility Providers which will be reflected on the maps.
- Commenced the process of procuring a traffic fines system, which is approaching out of contract.

Housing

- Continued to provide support to the choice based letting system and to interface the relevant information in to our back office housing systems. There have been 84,000 logins since it was launched in April 2022. Additional change requests to improve the system are in the process of being user tested.
- Upgraded the Housing Management System iHouse to v3.8.

Corporate/Organisation

Customer Relationship Management (CRM)

- Transitioned our Customer Relationship Management system (CRM) from version 2015 to 2016.
- Completed our own CRM licence audit and purchased additional licencing
- Tested and implemented Auto-addressing for CRM system.

Sharepoint Business Systems

- Continue to maintain, support and enhance several of our business systems which are based on the sharepoint platform
- Continue to maintain our internal communications platforms – the intranet

Geographical Information Systems

- Continue to maintain, support and enhance several of our business systems which are based on the GIS platforms both internal and external e.g. Arc GIS, Digitisers, etc.

General

- Upgraded the electoral register system
- Supported online web payment services and the interfacing of information into the relevant back office systems
- Updated base GIS maps with latest Geo directory information
- Commenced process of identifying upgrade\ decommission paths for out of support servers.
- Continued to provide map represented data for other sections, e.g. museum, fire services
- Renewed subscription\licences of MapInfo\Autocad when required.
- Facilitated 3rd Party licencing of OSI maps where required.
- Continue to support phone billing and the provision of secure corporate phones and relevant apps.

Networks & Infrastructure & Phones

General

- Delivered maximum uptime and performance of Networks, Business Systems and IT Systems across all offices for all Users.
- Facilitated staff and office moves in several offices across the organisation.
- Rolled out new laptops and e-mail addresses to Councillors and migrated their accounts to 365.
- Set up IT facilities in new office in Cahir Erasmus Smith Building,
- Completed the windows 10 upgrade programme – all desktops upgraded or replaced with windows 10
- Upgraded all MS Office installs to Office 2019.
- Continued with rollout of new wireless services across the county
- Deployed WIFI connectivity for fire stations vehicle inspection system.
- Installed a new wireless network link for Clonmel Library improving network speeds
- Upgraded hardware wireless links servicing Clonmel Fire Station and Clonmel Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Reviewed and ceased a number of legacy phone and data lines
- Decommissioned a number of legacy servers

Video Conferencing

- Upgrade the Video Conferencing facilities in the main chambers in Nenagh and Clonmel Council chambers. Cameras now zoom to the person speaking. Hybrid meetings are facilitated.
- Installed/upgraded video conferencing facilities in Nenagh Municipal District Office Chamber and Parnell St Clonmel Chamber.
- Configured Zoom video conferencing solution for Carrick on Suir Chamber

Security

- Kept systems safe and secure
- Implemented security awareness training and security tests.
- Provisioned a managed IT security operations services (SOC). This service will provide a 24/7 monitoring of relevant devices for suspicious activity.
- Procured and implemented a managed vulnerability management service
- Rolled out a new security solution for remote access users and to facilitate blending working initiative.
- Rolled out updates and security patches for Exchange E-Mail Environment
- Rolled out updates and security patches for core IT systems.
- Continued to liaise with the national cyber security centre (CSIRT), other Local Authorities and our external providers regarding security measures.
- Ran a number of phishing tests in the organisation

Blended Working/Security/Technical Support and Maintenance

Blended Working

- Developed and implemented a blended working management system
- Rolled out and provided blended working facilities to staff.
- Rolled out 'softphones' to blended working staff
- Continued to support staff who have the facility to work remotely from home.

Security

- Implemented and tested security patches for core IT systems, business systems, GIS systems and web systems.
- Continued to work with external vendor to help reduce level of threat on our servers.
- Continued to decommission out of support servers and keep services running on supported environments
- General
- Completed internal ISO45001 Health and Safety audit with Quadra for the IT H&S systems in preparation for our NSAI audit in March 2023
- Prepared national service indicators e.g. NOAC Service performance indicators

Technical Support

- Provided a technical support service to our staff and elected members across the organisation.
- Continued to provide technical support and maintenance for:
 - the IT and Network systems such Email, File Services, Data Centre, Internet, Virtualisation technologies, Desktops, Servers, Database systems, etc.
 - our business systems e.g. I-Plan, I-Docs, I-House, CRM, etc.
 - our web sites and web systems e.g. www.tipperarycoco.ie, www.Tipperary.com; and the Intranet and Sharepoint
 - our geographical and CAD information systems e.g. Planning Enquiry, Online Digitisers, etc; and training in same.
 - phone systems, mobile phones and fixed lines phones.

Archives

Our priority within the Archive function for 2022 was to create and roll out an all staff e-learning module as part of our education strategy in relation to our suite of Records Management Policy Documents.

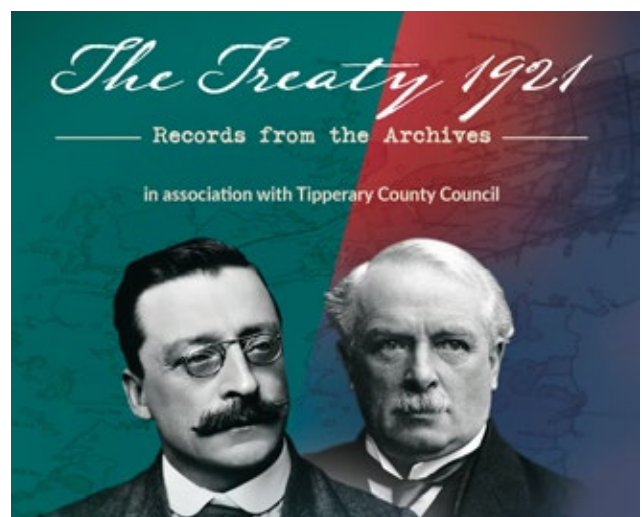
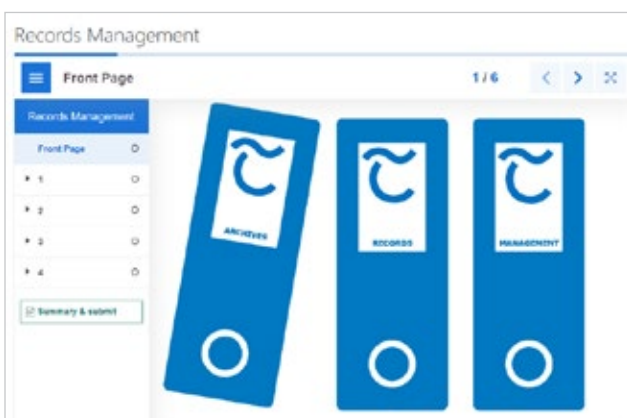
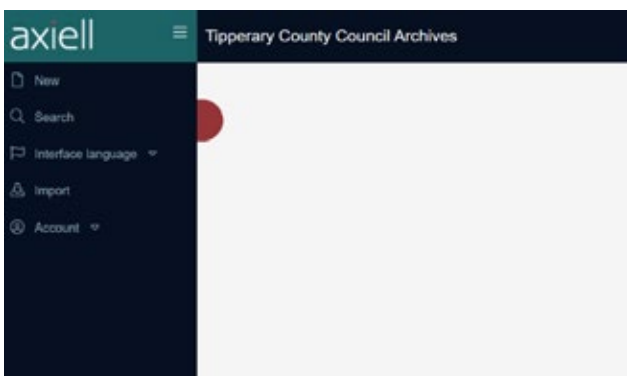
This suite of 9 documents was approved by the Senior Management Team in June of 2021. We were very encouraged by the uptake of this e-learning module and intend to follow up with detailed work to be done with each function.

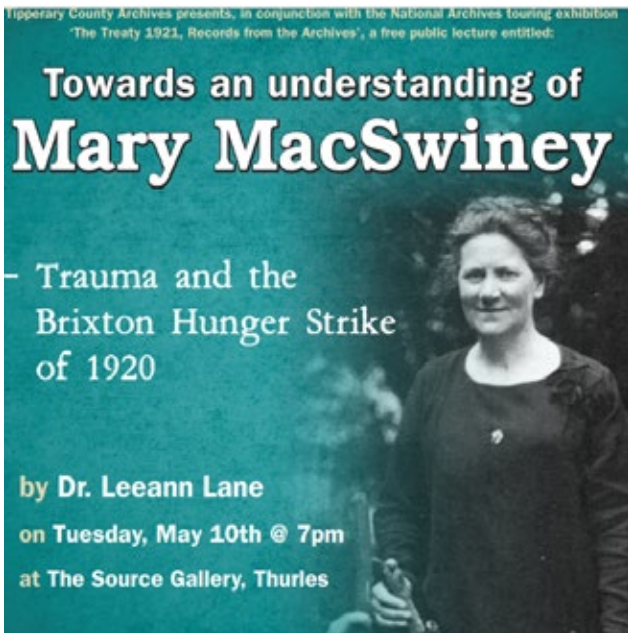
We continued our work in clearing out our storage rooms in Carrigeen in order to carry out our long-term plan of expanding the use of the archives building in Carrigeen for archival collections. As part of this we accessioned a substantial volume of material from the secure room in the Clonmel Borough building. This contained some very interesting material including deeds, minutes and managers orders and we are very much looking forward to organising and cataloguing this material here in the archive.



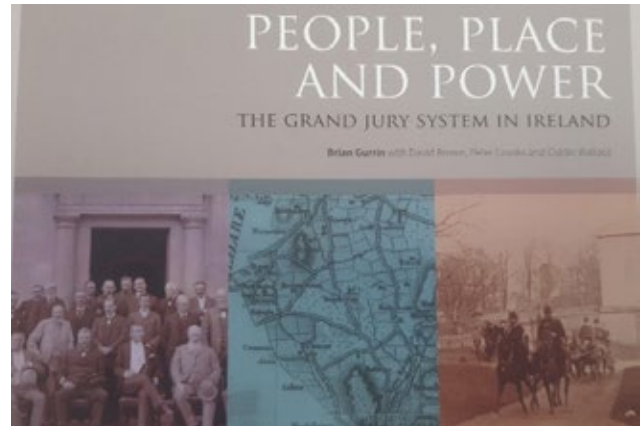
This collection, as with all of our collections, will be entered onto our new cataloguing software, Axiell, which we are beginning to use. We are very excited about how this will improve how we can make our collections accessible to the public and enhance the service we can provide.

We were delighted to be involved in bringing the National Archives exhibition 'The Treaty, 1921: Records from the Archives' to Tipperary. Tipperary was one of only seven counties to host this major touring exhibition. In conjunction with the exhibition, Tipperary archives hosted a lecture by Dr. Leeann Lane which was very well attended, generated a fascinating Q&A and ended in a sing-song!





As part of the wider Local Government Archivists and Records Managers group we also collaborated with the Beyond 2022 project which resulted in a publication entitled 'People, Place and Power: The Grand Jury System in Ireland'.



Franchise Section

The Franchise Section is responsible for the preparation of the Register of Electors. This Register, prepared annually, is a list of persons over 18 years resident in Tipperary who are entitled to vote in elections/referenda.

There were 129,255 Local Government Electors on the Live Register 2022/2023 which was published 01/02/22.

Total electorate per Local Electoral Area in Tipperary:

	Live
Cahir	11,679
Carrick on Suir	16,058
Cashel-Tipperary	22,333
Clonmel	18,464
Nenagh	17,489
Newport	13,192
Roscrea – Templemore	14,143
Thurles	15,897
Total	129,255

Electoral Registration Reform

The Electoral Reform Act 2022 was signed in to law on 25/07/22.

This act provides the legislative underpinning for a range of significant electoral reforms in-line with commitments in the Programme for Government (Our Shared Future) and includes provision for the following:

- Establish an Independent electoral commission
- Modernisation of the Electoral registration process to deliver greater accessibility and improved integrity- Rolling Register commenced **13th October 2022**
- Regulation of on-line political advertising
- The protection of the integrity of our electoral process which will see the regulation of electoral process information, and online electoral information in order to guard against manipulative or inauthentic behaviour during electoral campaigns
- The strengthening of our regulatory regime in respect of political donations and accounts, including the provision of new investigatory and enforcement powers to the standards in Public Office Commission;
- Amendments to electoral law to provide voting on islands take place as the rest of the country and amendments to facilitate voting when covid type restrictions apply.

Rolling Register

Part 3 of the Electoral Reform Act, on Franchise and Registration of Electors, sets out a new way of managing the register and registration process and this commenced on the 13th October 2022.

The register has become more accessible, inclusive and responsive. Rather than a statutorily imposed, paper-based cycle, there is a new process of a single live continuously updated register. All new applications or updates are subject to an identity check and must provide a PPSN along with a Date of Birth and an Eircode. On the 7th November the Department launched a national communications campaign around the modernisation of the electoral register. A wide range of media platforms were used in the campaign i.e. social media, radio, television. As a result of the National Media Campaign Tipperary County Council received over 1,480 applications.

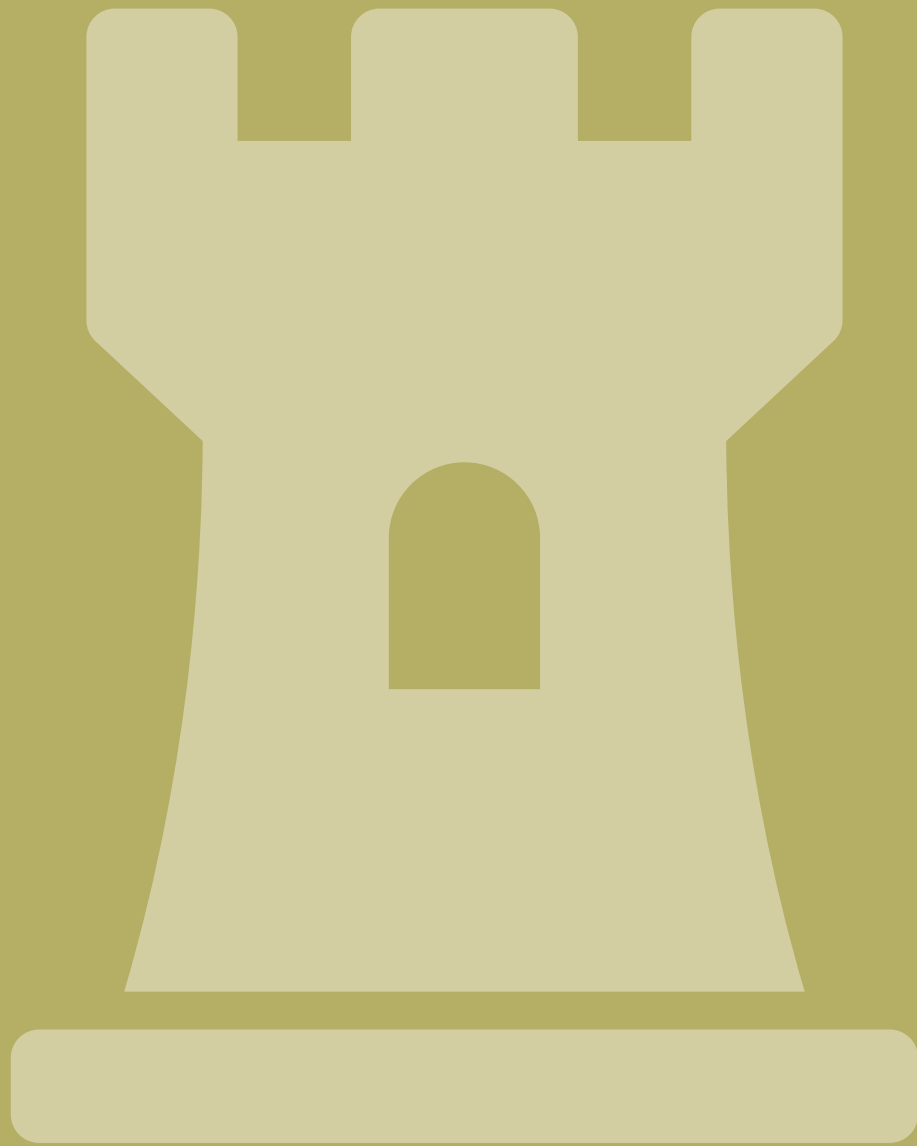
The Key Changes:

- A Rolling Register
- Individual Registration and PPSNs
- Updates/Applications via www.checktheregister.ie
- Pre-registration for 16- & 17-year olds
- Anonymous Registration Process – people with safety risks
- Registration – applicants with no fixed abode

In the longer term, the Electoral Reform Act 2022 also provides for the development of a single shared database for use by all Local Authorities.

www.voter.ie ('the system') is the online electoral registration system for the four Dublin Local Authorities. The Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage has requested that the system is significantly upgraded, allowing it to become the national Local Government Elector Registration System (LGERS) system used by all 31 Local Authorities. This upgrade will go to tender during Q2 2023, and will replace iReg, CheckTheRegister.ie, and the current version of Voter.ie





Municipal Districts



Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District

CATHAOIRLEACH AND LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

The Annual General Meeting of the Carrick on Suir Municipal District Members was held on the 16th June, 2022. Councillor David Dunne was elected as Cathaoirleach and Councillor Kieran Bourke was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach for the 2022-2023 term.



Left to right – Councillor Kieran Bourke, Leas-Chathaoirleach elect - Councillor Kevin O'Meara - Councillor David Dunne, Cathaoirleach-elect - Councillor Mark Fitzgerald, outgoing Cathaoirleach - and Councillor Imelda Goldsboro.

PERFORMANCE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONS:

In 2022, the Municipal District members held an Annual General Meeting and eleven monthly meetings. Special meetings were convened on the 18th June 2022 and 30th December 2022 to pass a vote of sympathy on the deaths of former Town Councillor/Mayor, Jim Drohan and former Town Councillor/Cathaoirleach, Liam O'Dwyer. R.I.P.

Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan (“A Journey from Suir Blueway to Ormond Castle”)

The 10th November 2022 was a truly momentous day for Carrick on Suir with the announcement by Minister Heather Humphreys of a grant of €14.39 million under her department’s Rural Regeneration and Development Fund [RRDF] to deliver “*The Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan – ‘A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter – Delivering Our Community’s Ambition’*”

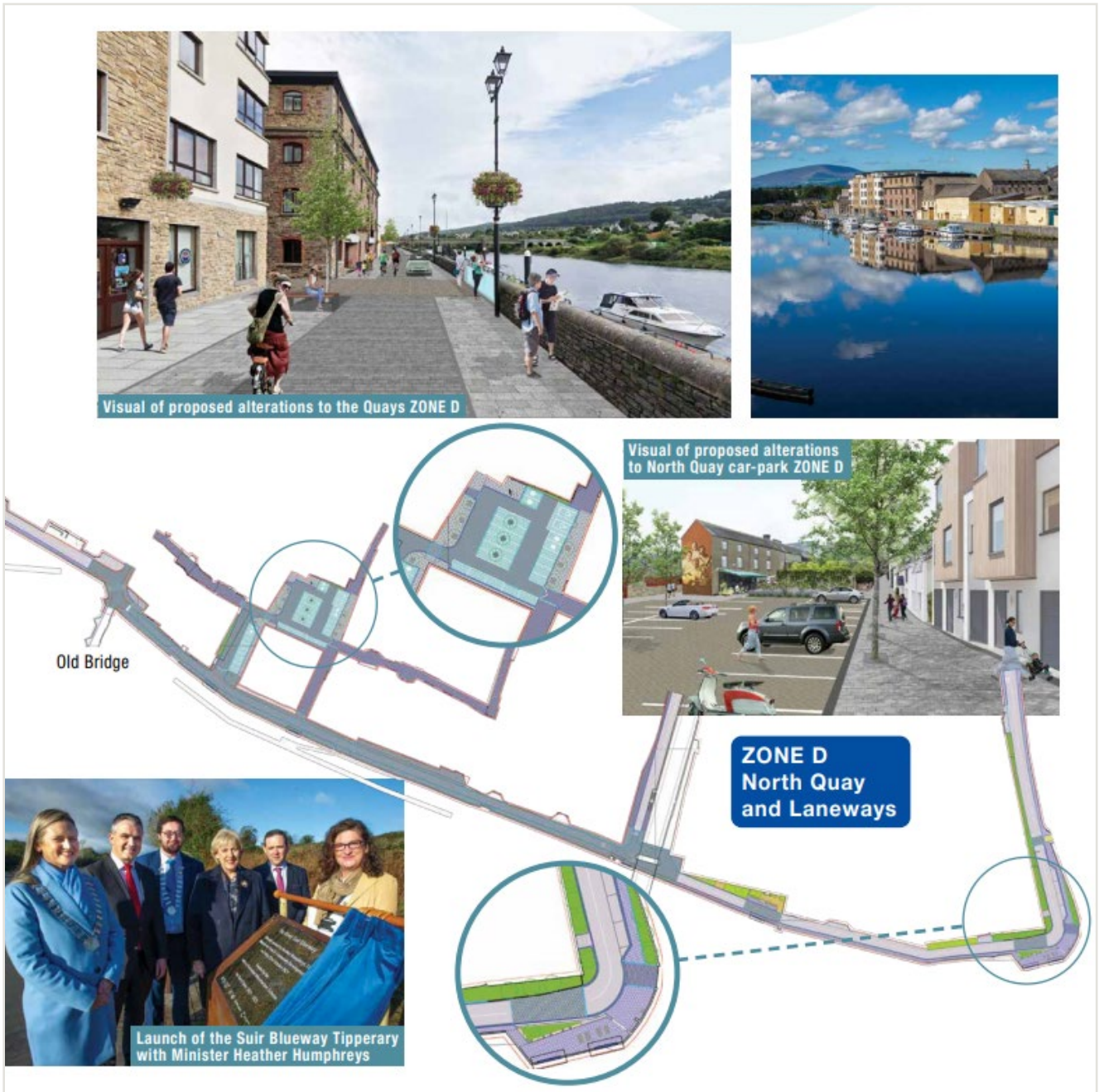


With the balance of the funding coming from Tipperary County Council’s own resources the delivery of this ambitious €17.8 million project over the next few years will see enormous change in the beautiful riverside town.

Of the 23 towns nationally, which received funding from Minister Humphrey’s Department the award of €14.39 million was the largest grant in the country, coming exactly 12 months since her visit to the town in November 2021 when she officially opened the upgraded River Suir Blueway and viewed the transformative plans first hand. Having expressed her support for the ambitious project on the day, she made good on her word.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor David Dunne described the level of investment as a ‘game-changer’ for his native town. He spoke of the huge award as an unprecedented opportunity to enable Carrick on Suir to become a commercial centre and destination in its own right, building synergies with the Suir Blueway and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter and enhancing its strategic location in the south-east region as a vibrant town in which to live and work.

The Regeneration Plan was prepared by a multi-disciplinary consultant team in close collaboration with the local community and the Council under phase 1, also funded through the Department of Rural and Community Development. Grateful for the vote of confidence and with planning consents in place, Carrick on Suir Municipal District looks forward to the challenge of delivering for Carrick on Suir and its knock-on impact in the wider district.



Visual of proposed alterations to the Quays ZONE D

Visual of proposed alterations to North Quay car-park ZONE D

Old Bridge

Launch of the Suir Blueway Tipperary with Minister Heather Humphreys

ZONE D
North Quay
and Laneways



Digital/Enterprise Hubs:

With Stable Lane Enterprise Hub established at the Town Hall, New Street, Carrick on Suir in October 2020, it quickly became home to a selection of microbusinesses and startups, with clients provided with flexible and cost-effective workspace, and benefiting from high-speed broadband connectivity in a town centre location in Phase 1 of the project.



However, the ambition to grow and adapt continued with Phase 1(A) involving a fit-out of 23 New Street, Carrick on Suir catering to the demand for individual office accommodation with conference facilities on hand and parking available in the adjoining car park.

Increasing demand will be met when Phase 2 comes into its own. Part 8 Planning consent was unanimously approved by the Carrick on Suir Municipal District members at their monthly meeting held on the 28 March 2022 for the development of a Digital/Enterprise Hub at the Old Post Office at 43 Main Street Carrick on Suir. This phase will in effect, create a digital hub ‘campus’ at the eastern end of the town, preserving a protected structure of historical importance to the town and meeting the changing demands of emerging businesses.



Proposed ground and first floor layouts at Old Post Office Digital & Enterprise Hub



Carrick on Suir Post Office at 43 Main Street



*The gentle wind from Slieve-Na-Mon,
how softly would it sing
Across the verdant valleys at
the opening of the spring
How tenderly ‘t would whisper
of the summer coming on,
The sighing wind, the singing wind
that came from Slieve-na-mon.*

Extract from Denis A. McCarthy - the wind from Slieve-na-mon - voices from erin & other poems

Schedule of Municipal District works:

At their monthly meeting held on the 28 March 2022, the Elected Members of Carrick on Suir Municipal District adopted a comprehensive schedule of Municipal District Works with a total works value of €14.175 million.

This schedule provided for housing maintenance, roads improvement and maintenance, footpath improvements, safety schemes, bridge rehabilitation, schemes such as the Local Improvement Scheme and Community Involvement Scheme, street cleaning, burial ground maintenance, maintenance of playgrounds, open spaces and drainage works in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District.

It included -

- A sum of €1.021 million provided for Active Travel Projects.
- A capital allocation of €3million for the N24 Pavement Strengthening Scheme at Carrick on Suir which received planning consent in July 2020.
- A capital allocation of €1.01million for the N76 Grangemockler contract which received its planning consent in July 2022.
- A grant of €200,000 from the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme from the Department of Rural & Community Development will allow the widening of a further 950 metres of the River Suir Blueway upstream of Carrick on Suir in 2022 (Corman Miloko to Arrigan's Boreen).
- Funding of €487,000 for the Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan to bring it to design stage so to seek Category 1 funding under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund [RRDF] to deliver an ambitious project costing in the region of €16.5million.
- A capital grant of €100,000 to fund the engagement of consultants to carry out a feasibility study on a proposal to connect the Suir Blueway to the Waterford Greenway.

The unanimous approval of the Schedule of Works was warmly received by Councillors and Council personnel alike, representing a welcome significant investment in the ongoing servicing of Carrick on Suir District.

N24, Carrick-on- Suir & N76 Grangemockler Capital Works

Two major projects underwent detailed design stage via Roads Capital Section and Tramore House Regional Design Office during 2021 and proceeded to a lengthy tendering process thereafter.

Contracts for the €3million N24 Pavement Strengthening Scheme and the N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening Scheme costing €1.01 million, were awarded to GLAS Engineering Limited and signed on the 27th July 2022 at the District Office, New Street, Carrick on Suir, with the Contractor on-site at both locations some three weeks later.



Pictured attending at Contract Signing for N24 Carrick on Suir Pavement Strengthening Scheme and N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening Scheme were:

Front Row: Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services Roads & Infrastructure; Cllr David Dunne, Cathaoirleach Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District; Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council and John Bradfield, Director, GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd;

Back Row: Ollie Tierney, Senior Executive Engineer; Declan Foley, Project Manager, GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd; Willie Corby, District Engineer, Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District; Marie O'Gorman, District Administrator, Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District; John Nolan, Senior Engineer; Stephen G Ryan, Executive Engineer; Eleanor Dalton, Staff Officer.



*The gracious wind from Slieve-na-mon, how kindly would it croon
Across the silent meadow in the
summer-stricken noon,
What respite and relief it
brought to every weary one,
The kindly, cooling, blessed wind
that blew from Slieve-na-mon.*

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Fethard Town Park

A state-of-the-art facility costing €7million at Fethard Town Park, was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Funding of €3,003,445 was approved for the project under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Phase 1

involved groundworks and pitches funded by the Magnier Foundation with the 3G pitch coming into use in January, 2022. The grass pitch opened in October, 2022.

Phase 2A

comprising of a pavilion and public realm works were funded through the RRDF with a Contractor duly appointed and commenced on site on 21 March, 2022. Significant works were completed by year end and the pavilion is now weather tight.

A 2.5km perimeter walking route was also developed incorporating an upgraded Strylea Boreen and a car park facility accessed from Rocklow Road.

Suffice to say, that Fethard is the envy of the district!



Roadworks/Projects Undertaken In 2022

- Surface dressing was completed on 16 roads in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District over a total of 24km under Restoration Maintenance programme at a cost of €628,000.
- Some €2.33m was spent on improving and restoring 16km of roads at 14 different locations in the district.
- 205m of the R692-6 was upgraded on the Fethard to Cloneen road, east of Everardsgrange junction.
- Safety improvement works were completed on the R691 at Quinlan's Cross, Dualla, at a cost of €30,000 and on the R692 at Mocklershill-Kilconnell at a cost of €60,000.
- Bridge rehabilitation grants funded the completion of works at Farranleen Bridge on the L5413, Cooleagh Bridge on the L5404 and on the L64818, works were completed on the bridge at Brennormore -Glenaskeagh.
- Drainage works were carried out at Dinguib, Glengoole Village, Garrynagree-The Commons, Coolmoynes and Ardsallagh, and at Ballymackane Dualla, at a combined cost of €118,000.
- Gully cleaning and manhole repairs took place at various locations at a cost of €46,500
- Our Climate Adaptation Grant of €181,000 funded works at Lisadobber, Coalbrook, Rossane, Curraghscarteen, Newtown (Faugheen) and at Dinguib.
- Traffic calming was completed at Drangan School at a cost of 30,000 provided under CLÁR funding.
- Two projects were completed under the Community Involvement Scheme [CIS] (public roads) at a cost of €136,000 at Ballintaggart and Ballyluskey.
- Four private roads were upgraded under the Local Improvement Schemes [LIS] in 2022.
- Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme [ORIS] funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development made it possible to widen 950 metres of the Suir Blueway to 3-metre width stretching from Corman Miloko to Arrigan's Boreen at a cost of €200,000. Suir Plant Ltd. was the appointed contractor.

Active Travel

The Carrick on Suir Municipal District has benefitted in no small measure from the NTA's Active Travel Programme with areas receiving transformative facilities, and with more projects in the pipeline.

2022 saw completion of several projects funded under this programme, including-

- footpaths at Killenaule (€200,000),
- footpaths at Mullinahone (€200,000),
- pedestrian crossing at Ballynonty costing €25,000,
- Fethard Walkway developed at a cost of €150,000
- footpaths at The Valley, Fethard (€40,000) showcasing the beautiful Fethard Town Walls.
- Moyglass Sports and Leisure Centre connected back to the village with its new walkway provided under Active Travel delivering a safe off-road facility at a cost of €80,000. It will be officially opened in March 2023.



Moyglass Sports & Leisure Centre with new walkway



Moyglass Sports & Leisure Centre

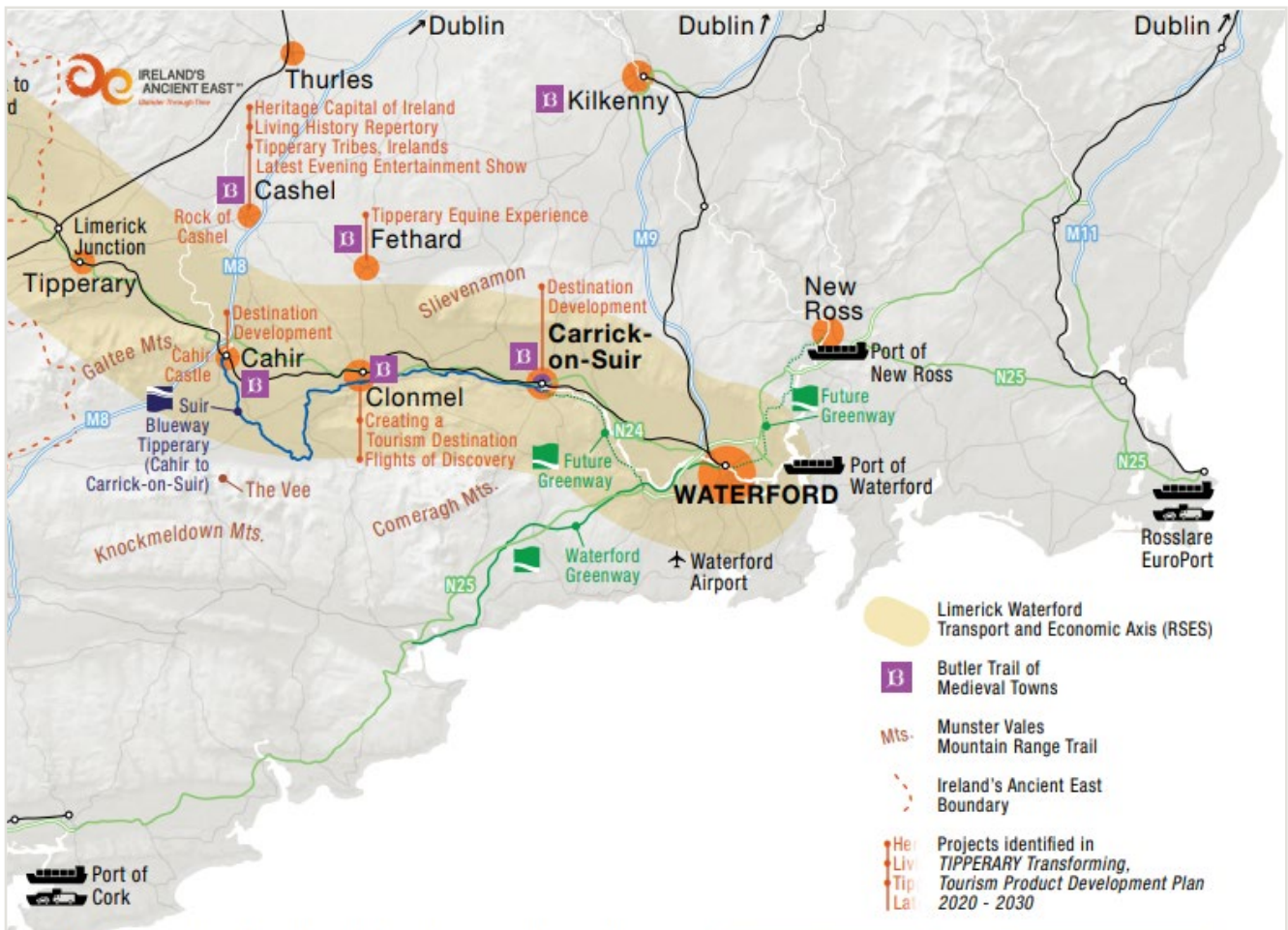


Footpaths at The Valley, Fethard

In 2022, Part 8 planning consents associated with the ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME were approved by the Members of Carrick on Suir Municipal District at their monthly meetings held on;

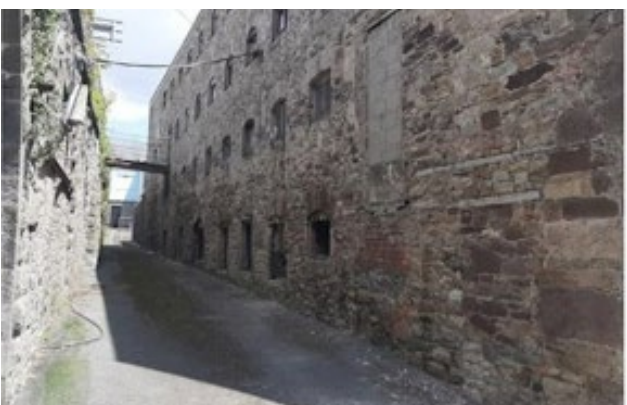
- 24 November 2022 - Carrick on Suir Railway to Town Centre Active Travel Scheme 2022
- 24 November 2022 - The Cláirín Pedestrian Footbridge, Carrick on Suir 2022 connecting Cláirín housing estate with St. John's Terrace
- 15 December 2022 – Carrickbeg Active Travel Scheme 2022.

We look forward to progressing these projects in the coming months.



TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL BUILDING ACQUISITION MEASURE

A successful application under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme's Buildings Acquisition Measure in 2022, provided the wherewithal to acquire a strategic site of some 2.7 acres located with the town centre of Carrick on Suir between Castle Street (north) and the River Suir (south) and stretching from Dillon Bridge (west) to Ormond Castle (east). Known locally as 'The Goldcrop Site', it has been unused for some 20 years and was continuing to deteriorate into dereliction.



Goldcrop Site Northquay & Dillon Bridge, Carrick On Suir

A masterplan will set out the overall strategic context in order to maximise the potential of the site for the benefit of the town and hinterland – to include residential units, tourist accommodation, cultural and amenity uses, recreational uses, together with direct employment generating uses around commercial and retail, helping to ensure that Carrick-on-Suir fulfils its potential to become a town focused on town centre living, tourism, culture and heritage.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Discussions were ongoing with Glanbia throughout 2022 in relation to a proposal to develop a riverside park at the 'Bogfield', Carrickbeg in the company's ownership. Funding was approved from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme to progress this project, building on the feasibility and constraints study funded by the Members previously, and on the Carrick on Suir Lions Club's nurturing of this important amenity situated within the Lower River Suir Special Area of Conservation [SAC]. Cathal O'Meara Landscape Architects have been engaged to design the new park.

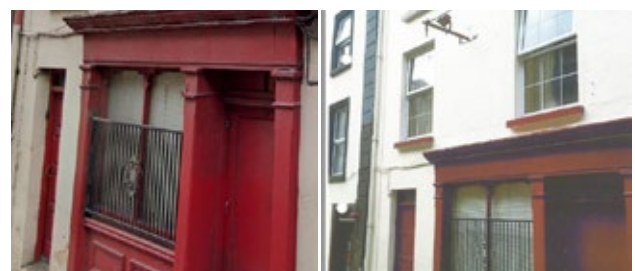
Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2022

The Streetscape Enhancement Scheme was an initiative of the DRCD - Department of Rural and Community Development under the Government's five-year strategy 'OUR RURAL FUTURE.' Its purpose was to upgrade and enhance shopfronts and streetscapes in rural towns and villages. With its introduction to Carrick on Suir, a total of 50 applicants expressed interest in the scheme when its closing date had been extended to the 30 April 2022. A total of 36 properties were upgraded under the scheme with grants totalling €56,700 supporting an overall spend of €120,500.



Before

After



Before

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Taking-in-Charge of Estates

The members of the Carrick on Suir Municipal District resolved to take in charge the estate at Mill Crescent, John Street, Carrick on Suir at their monthly meeting held on the 22 September 2022.

This 22-unit social housing scheme comprising 10 no. 3-bedroom dwellings, 10 no. 2-bedroom houses and 2 no. 4-bedroom family dwellings, was developed on a brownfield site to an exacting standard in a most convenient town-centre location by JSF Construction Ltd for Tuath Housing Association, an Approved Housing Body [AHB]. The development was funded under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility [CALF] channeled through the local authority from the Department of Housing.

Assistance under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001

In 2022, the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District assisted the following bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Carrick-on-Suir Development Association

A grant of €3,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Development Association (CoSDA). This annual grant supports the Association in its provision of a heritage and tourist information centre at Main Street in Carrick on Suir, in addition to a community centre at the Old Friary, Carrickbeg, Carrick-on-Suir; the group is also involved in a number of training schemes in the town and recently completed a major refurbishment of the fabric of the Heritage Centre at Main Street.

Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee

A grant of €1,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee (COSTEDC). The committee comprises representatives from the Local Authority, the Business Association and the Development Association and was established in 2004. It has prepared a strategic plan for Carrick-on-Suir – Vision 2030 – and is involved in a number of different measures to promote the town at home and abroad.

Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band

A grant of €1,900 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band. The Band has been established for many years and performs in public free of charge.

Sean Kelly Sports Centre

Carrick on Suir Municipal District is proud to support the Sean Kelly Sports Centre each year. The sports centre provides facilities for swimming and physical training and attracts thousands of visitors each year. A grant of €60,000 was made to the Sean Kelly Sports Centre in 2022 funded from the local property tax.

Municipal Festivals

The Clancy Festival in Carrick on Suir, was assisted with a grant of €5,500 and was a great success helped in no small measure by the return to full scale activities rather than virtual performances which prevailed during the pandemic period.

Community Festivals

Post-Covid, our local festivals provided a very welcome outlet for families during the summer months with grants providing support to the following groups

- Fethard Community Heritage Festival
- Brewery Lane Writers Weekend
- Ballynonty Community Field Day
- Coolmoynce and Moyglass Vintage Festivals
- Tidy Town Committees

Arising from applications submitted by various Tidy Towns Groups in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District, the Councillors awarded a grant of €750 to each group in acknowledging the volunteers' trojan work for their respective communities.



*The wailing wind from Slieve-na-mon, I seem to hear it still
As long ago I heard it from that fairy-haunted hill,
As long ago I heard it when the harvest moon was wan,
And I feared the banshee's wailing in the wind from Slievenamon*

Extract from Denis A. McCarthy - the wind from Slieve-na-mon - voices from erin & other poems

In order to reward the strides made at national level in The National SuperValu Tidy Towns Awards 2022, supplementary grants were awarded by resolution of the members of Carrick on Suir Municipal District to participating groups as follows;

Recipient Body	First award	Supplementary award
Ahenny Village		€1,000
Faugheen Tidy Towns	€750	€1,000
Ballingarry Tidy Towns	€750	€3,500
Ballinure Community Group	€750	
Ballyneale Development Association	€750	€2,000
Ballynonty Tidy Towns	€750	
Clashnasmuth Tidy Towns	€750	
Cloneen Tidy Villages	€750	€2,000
Drangan Tidy Towns	€750	€2,000
Dualla Tidy Towns	€750	€1,000
Faugheen Tidy Towns	€750	€1,000
Fethard & Killusty Tidy Towns	€750	€1,000
Glengoole Tidy Towns	€750	€1,000
Grangemockler Tidy Towns	€750	
Killenaule Tidy Towns	€750	€2,000
Mullinahone Tidy Villages	€750	€1,000
The Commons Tidy Towns	€750	



Burial Grounds Grants

Each year, grants are awarded to burial ground committees to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of burial grounds.

In 2022, grants were approved by the Councillors to provide support at the following locations:

Ahenny Carrick on Suir BG	Kilvemnon Mullinahone BG
Ballinalacken Glengoole BG	Lanespark BG
Ballingarry Church Graveyard	Lismolin BG
Ballinure BG	Magoury Drangan BG
Ballyneale Parish Graveyard	Modeshill Mullinahone BG
Calvary Graveyard	Mogorban Parish Church
Carrick on Suir Workhouse Restoration	Newtown Graveyard
Cloneen New BG	Nun's Graveyard
Cloneen Old Burial Ground	Old Ballingarry BG
Cooleagh Fethard Burial Ground	Peppardstown Fethard BG
Crohane Burial Ground	Raheen Graveyard
Crosscannon Killenaule BG	Rathcoole Fethard BG
Dualla BG	Red City Fethard BG
Eveardsgrange Burial Ground	River Street Killenaule BG
Famine Graveyard Carrick on Suir	St. Johnstown Killenaule BG
Grangemockler Parish Graveyard	St. Joseph's Ballingarry BG
Holy Trinity Fethard	St. Mary's Churchyard, Killenaule
Isterkiernan Mullinahone BG	St. Marys Drangan BG
Kilballyherbery Burial Ground	St. Michael's Church Graveyard
Killaghy Mullinahone BG	St. Patrick's, Faugheen
Killmaclough Fethard BG	Templemichael Graveyard
Kilmurray Carrick on Suir BG	Tullamaine Fethard BG
Kiltinan Fethard BG	Woodhouse BG



*The magic wind from Slieve-na-mon -
sometimes it was a blast
Of faint enchanted bugles blown from
Ireland's glorious past,
How many a dream it brought of days
when Ireland's banner shone,
And Irish cheers were mingled with
the wind from Slieve-na-mon.*

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Community Grants

The County Council invited submissions from clubs and other organisations providing facilities or engaging in community-based projects in 2022.

Grants totalling €36,500 were made under the scheme which was funded through the General Municipal Allowance and provided support to the following groups;

Ballingarry	Ballingarry Community Centre Ballingarry Community Sportsfield
Ballynonty	Ballynonty Community Group
Carrick on Suir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballylynch Community Coming Together Group Carrick On Suir & District Angling Association Former Workhouse Cemetery Restoration Group Carrick on Suir Juvenile Athletic Club Carrick Swan Hurling Football Club Carrick United AFC Limited Castle Court Residents Association Castle Heights Residents Association Clairin Residents Association Cluain Cregg Residents Association Manor Close Residents Association Strand Theatre
Cloneen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cloneen Sports & Social Club St. Patrick's GAA Club
Dualla	Dualla Community Association
Fethard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ard Álainn Residents Committee Cluain Ard Residents Association Father Tirry Park Residents Association Galteemor Kickboxing Club Strylea Residents Association
Glengoole	Millennium Resource Centre
Grangemockler	Grangemockler Community Sportsfield
Killenaule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Killenaule Community Enhancement Group Killenaule GAA Club Killenaule Playground Committee
Moyglass	Moyglass Sports and Leisure Centre
Mullinahone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cappanagarrane Horse Rescue Cois na hAbhainn Residents Association Mens Shed
The Commons	Old School Community Centre

Cathaoirleach's Reception for Marist Catholic High School Soccer Redhawks Team from Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A



A wonderful band of young people from Chicago, Illinois, descended on Carrick on Suir on Sunday, the 19th June 2022, realising plans that were hatched over 3 years ago for Summer 2020 and sadly postponed due to the pandemic when the world descended into lockdown.

Happily, the seed was sown and the Marist Catholic High School Soccer 'Redhawks' squad of 18 players ranging in age from 16 to 18 years old along with their coaches and an entourage of some 30 parents and siblings, dusted off their plans and arrived to the sunny south east to be met with glorious sunshine and a warm welcome from Carrick on Suir citizens, delighted to extend the hand of friendship.

In the course of their visit, the team was accorded a Cathaoirleach's Reception by Councillor David Dunne, on Tuesday 21 June 2022 in the first week of his tenure as Cathaoirleach of Carrick on Suir Municipal District 2022-2023.



The Carrick on Suir District Offices at New Street opened its doors to a delightful party of visitors and local relatives and friends. Councillor Kieran Bourke formally proposed the motion, celebrating the historical links and ties of our respective communities before adjoining to the informal social gathering that ensued. A most enjoyable morning.

Clonmel Borough District



Councillor Pat English was elected Mayor and Councillor Siobhán Ambrose was elected Deputy Mayor of the District for 2022/2023, at the AGM held on 30th June 2022.

CIVIC RECEPTION



Clonmel Borough District accorded a Civic Reception to Banna Chluain Meala on 28th May, 2022, in recognition of their Golden Jubilee.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

A number of diverse groups, funded and supported by Tipperary County Council hosted events during 2022. These included The Junction Festival, The Busking Festival, Clonmel Applefest, “Pricked” by Stagecraft, Finding a Voice, Tipperary Pride, Cross Clonmel Cycling Event, World Masters Running, Clonmel Triathlon and Clontempo and Bella Voci Choirs.



St Patrick's Day Parade

2022 St. Patrick's Day parade was back in full action for the first time since 2019 - due to Covid and, no doubt, must have been the best parade yet. The sun was shining and there was a buzz in the air. The energy, the colour, the number of participants, the crowds and the excitement in the town was evident from the start. With over 40 participating groups giving their best performances, it really was a true spectacle for those watching everything go by. Huge effort was also made in the decorating and lighting up of the town with shops doing their best for the window displays, main buildings lighting up green, Irish bunting throughout the laneways and main streets and finally the general public making their efforts by wearing their green, white and gold to mark the occasion.



Spring/Summer Festival 2022

A Spring/Summer theme was created in Mitchel Street with the umbrella scene. They remained in place for the duration of all the Clonmel Festivals and were a great hit with everyone. The artist benches were re-located at various spots throughout the town and local artists got involved once again to recreate their pieces of artwork

East Lane and Mary Stone Mall were rejuvenated throughout the Summer months and a number of festival & event groups were delighted to be able to use these spaces as part of their annual events. Additional seating, lighting and planting were introduced for the first time into these public areas.





Clonmel Junction Festival 2022

For 21 years Clonmel Junction Festival, with significant annual support from Tipperary County Council, has made places for the arts in Clonmel, constructing festival venues in shops, car parks and halls.

In 2022, it's the first time the festival used its innovative Junction Dome as a space for live performances in theatre, spoken word, film, and more, bringing audiences and artists together for a 10-day celebration of the arts. Just like the circus coming to town, the dome arrived to house many spectacular events from the acrobatic dance of the fabulous Cikada Circus to an up-close-and-personal interview with writer Liz Nugent.

The theme for Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2022 was Hidden Histories. Uncovering stories from the local area with writers, theatre makers and musicians, the festival showcased emerging authors writing about artefacts in Clonmel's Hidden History Museum and teaching young musicians songs that would otherwise be forgotten with Music Generation Tipperary. This year's programme was very exciting as they moved away from the virtual festival as a result of covid. All performances were in person and this year such an amount of new work of a high calibre was created which brought great acts, artists and performers to Clonmel.



Clonmel Busking Festival

Over the 3 days of the Busking Festival 2022, which was held from the 5th – 7th August, Clonmel came alive with the busking rhythm.

This was the 12th year of the festival and everyone was delighted to be back out with non-stop live performances around streets and local public venues. Some of the headline musicians who opened the event for the weekend included Jukebox Gypsy, Foul Play, The Pheasant Pluckers and the Tipperary Ramblers. Busking competitions continued all day Saturday drawing interest from across the country – both young and old. The Riverbed Diamonds played one of the best gigs of the festival and they launched their new single on the night. Other "greats" in the line up on the night included, Rob Strong, Loose Canons, Big Generator, Devils Cadillac and Papa Zitas.



Halloween Festival Clonmel

Clonmel Borough District in collaboration with West Gate Creative brought a series of events to the town.



The Zombie Walk was scheduled to commence at 6.30pm on 31st October 2022. However inclement weather threatened to cancel the event. Instead of parading through the town to finish in Gordon Street Car Park the event was brought indoors to Hearn's Hotel where Super Soul Machine entertained the crowd.

Clonmel had a spooky makeover with the traditional Halloween shop window installations in the town centre. Children were able to download a map with clues to follow the Spooky Trail. When the clues were solved the answer was to be found on messenger on "Halloween in Clonmel" on Facebook. There was a Halloween 2022 Costume Competition on the night with three categories (Film character, Halloween, Original) in age categories to suit all (0-3 years, 4-8 years, 9-12 years, 13+).

Clonmel Borough District collaborated with other groups including Clonmel Library, South Tipperary Arts Centre and the Museum.



Christmas In Clonmel 2022

Sat 3 Dec

Santa Claus comes to town

Clonmel Borough District, assisted by West Gate Creative and in association with the County Tipperary Chamber hosted a suite of events and initiatives for the first three weekends in December 2022. On Saturday, 3rd December Santa Claus was transported by his friends from the Fire Station to West Gate Car Park where he boarded his sleigh. He travelled down O'Connell Street turning the lights on as he went. He was joined by performers from the Alison Cronin Dance School. The parade progressed through Clonmel and finished in the Kickham Barracks Plaza where "Banna Cluain Meala", "Dave and the Hesitations" and the Alison Cronin Dancers entertained the crowd.

This event was sponsored by Boston Scientific.

Sat 10 Dec

Santa Dash and Christmas Karaoke

A number of Santa's along with their motor cyclist friends paraded down O'Connell Street and there was a short Santa dash to the Main Guard. Santa stopped to speak to some of the children and a Karaoke session took place under the Main Guard with members of the public joining in.

Sat 17 Dec

Music at The Kickham Barracks Plaza.



It was intended to hold the music event at The Kickham Barracks Plaza, however weather conditions made it unsafe to do so. Instead the performers, Conor

O'Gorman, "Uproar Rock Chorus," "Belle Voci Choir," and "The Spoofers" performed in CTI, The Mall, Clonmel, amongst the crafters who were taking part in a craft fair.

This event was sponsored by the Talbot Hotel, Clonmel.

Sun 4, 11 & 18 Dec

Santa's Grotto at East Lane

Santa was in residence in his grotto for the first three Sundays in December, where he met the children who told him what they wanted for Christmas. He also listened to their stories about the naughty elves who were wreaking havoc in homes everywhere.

This event was sponsored by Infosys.

The Festive Trail, The Bumper Win Wednesday Draw, The Seasonal Window Displays also proved a great hit throughout the festive period.

SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In March 2022 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Clonmel Borough District.

Schedule of the main programmes affecting the Clonmel Borough District in relation to road and infrastructure during 2022 were:

- Surface dressing works (RM) were carried out at Clashalaher Rosegreen, Red City Road Fethard, Killusty North, Loughcapple Killusty, Shanbally to Sladagh Lisronagh, Gortbrack Ballypatrick, Rathnasliggen Giantsgrave, Glenconnor Flyover towards Garryroe, Rathduff Upper to Rathronan Cross and Kilmore Thorny Bridge.
- Road strengthening (RI) works on public roads were carried out at Toor/Knockrathkelly Kilcash, Clonacody/Baptistsgrange Lisronagh, Rosegreen Village to Lowesgreen, Ballyglasheen (Kilsheelan to Fethard Rd.), Ballyglasheen Junction towards B'patrick, The Avenue - B'patrick to Kilcash Castle, Rathmacarthy Rosegreen and Ballyvaheen to Ballyveelish, Clerihan
- Road patching, drainage and other maintenance of regional and local roads were carried out around the District
- Road resurfacing and improvement works were carried out at Marlfield to Coole Road, Priorstown to Ballinamore West (off the N76), Ballinamore East to Killherrernan (off the N76), Gortbrack Ballypatrick Road and Ballyvaheen, Clerihan (Cashel Road)
- Safety Improvement Works were carried out at Mocklerstown, Ballyclerihan and at Rosegreen.
- Drainage Works were carried out at Dungarvan Road, Poulmucka Crossroads, Ballypatrick, Tullamaine, Rosegreen, and Griffith Avenue.
- Footpath repairs were carried out at Irish Town, Thomas St, McDonagh Crescent, Queen St, Western Road, Willow park, Elm park, Fairfields, Baron Park, Abbey Rd, Marlfield Rd and Dungarvan Road.
- Maintenance of LA housing units, based on Councils responsibility, priority and available budget.
- Voids/Pre-letting repairs, as required and based on budget allocation from centre. Based on necessary works to return a house to a habitable condition subject to available budget.
- Carried out street cleaning, litter management.
- Maintenance of St Patrick's Cemetery burial grounds.
- Management of parks and Open Spaces and Suir Blueway maintenance.



Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2022

Funding was allocated under the 2022 Tipperary Festivals and Events Grant Scheme in the Clonmel Borough District and it included groups in the categories below:

Premier Category:

Clonmel Junction Festival;	€30,000
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Municipal Category:

Clonmel Applefest	€10,000
Busking Festival	€10,000
“Pricked” Stagecraft	€7,000
Cross Clonmel Cycling Event	€3,000
Finding a Voice	€3,000

Community Category:

World Masters Running	€1,600
Fermoy Canine Club	€1,000
Rosegreen Development Association	€1,000
Clonmel Triathlon Club	€1,000
Clontempo Choir	€500
South East Mountain Rescue	€500
Clonmel Honey Show	€500
Bella Voci Choir	€500

Playgrounds

Government funding has been secured under the Play and Recreational Capital Grant to upgrade the playground in Mulcahy Park.

It is intended to complete these works in 2023. A new public playground is also being developed as part of the TUS Sports Complex Development with a planned opening in quarter 1 of 2023. Clonmel Borough District carry out weekly inspections of all playgrounds in the District to ensure the health and safety of the users with any defects that are observed acted on and maintenance carried out.

“Suir Island”

The Suir Island Masterplan promotes the development of Suir Island as a recreational amenity; a robust, sustainable and appropriate form of development for this key public asset and resource.

Funding was secured under Sláintecare Healthy Community Enhancement Scheme with Tipperary County Council providing match funding to complete an amenity area on Suir Island and to re-enhance the Garden Area. The Borough District has appointed a design team for the Suir Island Infrastructure Links project to develop the design for the pedestrian and cycle bridges to the Island and their connections to the Suir Blueway. Three options for the bridges were put on public display and submissions invited. Based on the submissions received a final design for the bridges is now being finalised for submission to An Bord Pleanála. In addition, a Design Team was appointed to the Suir Island House Gardens Project. Part 8 has been completed for the design of the Gardens and works will get underway in 2023.

The Borough District Office continues to examine how to progress proposals for the Flights of Discovery and the West Gate, however, there is currently no funding available for this project.

Tidy Towns

Tidy Town Groups from the District were given continued financial support in order to continue with funding projects throughout the year. These groups included Kilsheelan, Clonmel, Kilcash, Marlfield, Rosegreen, Killusty and Clerihan.

The District acknowledges the commitment, pride and huge effort demonstrated throughout the year by each of the Tidy Town Groups in continuing to promote their towns and villages and having them look so well. The news of both Kilsheelan Tidy Towns and Clonmel Tidy Towns retaining their well-earned gold medals in the competition is a testament to the work that was put in over the year.



AMENITY/BURIAL GROUND GRANTS

Other funding provided to organisations and voluntary groups include tidy town grants totaling €12,000 allocated to 8 tidy town groups, €12,600 allocated to 18 burial ground committees and amenity grants totaling €9,570 allocated to 29 applicants.

Tidy Town Grants

No.	Name of Committee	Grant Awarded
1	Clonmel Tidy Town	€1,500
2	Kilsheelan Tidy Town	€4,000
3	Marlfield Tidy Town	€1,500
4	Rosegreen Tidy Towns	€1,500
5	Kilcash Tidy Towns	€1,000
6	Killusty Tidy Towns	€1,000
7	Clerihan Tidy Towns	€1,000
8	Lisronagh Residents Committee	€ 500
Total Grants Awarded		€12,000

Burial Ground Grants

Burial Ground Committee 2022	Grant Awarded
Baptistgrange BG Committee	€700
Rathronan BG Committee	€700
Old Clerihan Graveyard BG Committee	€700
Donoughmore BG Committee	€700
Burnchurch BG Committee	€700
Clerihan New BG Committee	€700
Killaloan BG Committee	€700
Marlfield BG Committee	€700
New Chapel BG Committee	€700
Old Kilsheelan BG Committee	€700
Rosegreen BG Committee	€700
St Mary's Churchyard BG Committee	€700
Templetney BG Committee	€700
Old Powerstown BG Committee	€700
Lisronagh Old BG Committee	€700
St. Nicholas Church & BG Committee	€700
Shanavine BG Committee	€700
St Stephens Graveyard Committee	€700
Total Grants Awarded	€12,600

Amenity Grants

Residents Association	Amount
Ard Caoin Residents Association	€ 330.00
Ard na Sidhe Residents Association	€ 330.00
Auburn Estates Residents Association	€ 330.00
Barr An Aird Estate	€ 330.00
Beechwood Close Residents Association	€ 330.00
Beechwood Drive Residents Association	€ 330.00
Brookway Residents Association	€ 330.00
Cloughcarrigeen Residents Association	€ 330.00
Cois Coille, Kilcash	€ 330.00
Coleville Avenue Residents Association	€ 330.00
Fán Aoibhinn & Droimeala Residents Association	€ 330.00
Garden Grove Residents Association	€ 330.00
Gort na Manach Residents Association	€ 330.00
Gort na Smol Residents Association	€ 330.00
Highfield Grove Residents Association	€ 330.00
Honeyview Estate Residents Association	€ 330.00
Inis na Managh	€ 330.00
Ivowen Residents Association	€ 330.00
Killusty Tidy Village	€ 330.00
Knockaun Court Residents Association	€ 330.00
Marlfield Village Residents Association	€ 330.00
Moylebrook Residents Association	€ 330.00
Old Bridge Community Association	€ 330.00
Redwood Gardens Residents Association	€ 330.00
Rosegreen Development Association	€ 330.00
Springfields Residents Association	€ 330.00
The Paddocks Residents Association	€ 330.00
Tivoli Heights Residents Association	€ 330.00
Wilderness Grove & Carrigeen Residents Association	€ 330.00
Total Grant Awarded	€ 9,570.00

Kickham Barracks Phase 1 & Clonmel Regional Sports Hub Projects

Under the Government's Project Ireland 2040 Plan, and the 'Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration' a number of projects were well under construction in 2022.

The main 2 projects in Clonmel were phase 1 - Kickham Barracks Plaza and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. Kickham Barracks was open to the public on the first week of December and the Clonmel Regional Sports Hub will be open in Q2 of 2023.



Project Ireland 2040 Funds - Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF) - 2nd Call

The Borough District will continue to work on the following and hope to secure further funding on the next Call under the terms of the URDF.

The application, "Clonmel 2030 - Transformational Regeneration", comprises three intrinsically linked and integrated development pillars:

1. Kickham Barracks Regeneration (Phase 2);
2. "Clonmel Flights of Discovery" tourism;
3. Public Realm Enhancement.

"Clonmel 2030 - Transformational Regeneration" is an ambitious application of considerable scale that is seeking to transform and change Clonmel's town centre into a re-imagined, dynamic and energetic one for the 21st century; to re-activate centrally located brownfield sites and assets into new civic, cultural, education, recreational and tourism uses that work together to create a new role for the town; and to enhance the quality and attractiveness of the town resulting in increased critical mass and economic activity.

Suir Blueway

The Blueway is a very important natural amenity in Clonmel and surrounding areas.



It hosts a number of benefits to the user such as health, wellbeing, fitness and social interaction with the numbers using the Blueway continuing to increase in the last year. The District was successful in securing a further €450,000 as part of Blueway widening works and these works will get underway in 2023. The Borough District in association with the Tidy Towns group are working tirelessly to continue planting apple and other fruit trees to enhance the enjoyment of this walkway while at the same time promoting awareness of biodiversity.

Kickham Barracks Masterplan

The Council continued to engage with TUS and Tipperary ETB to explore funding options.

This came to fruition when funding in the sum of €34.8m was announced in December 2022 by Minister for Further Education, Simon Harris, to develop a new college on the Kickham Barracks site. The Council continues to liaise with the Office of Public Works (OPW) and Department of Justice and Equality in relation to the site for the new Garda Station. Part 9 planning process has been completed and we await further developments.

OPW - Flood Defence Scheme

The Clonmel Flood Defence Scheme is monitored and maintained by Clonmel Borough District.

The scheme is 100% funded by the Office of Public Works. Continuous monitoring by the Engineers in the District including Mr. Hugh Houlihan, Clerk of Works and his team provides a safeguard against flooding in vulnerable areas. The prior warning of flood events and the indication of the severity will be of vital benefit to inform the local authority staff, its Emergency response partners and the general public in affected areas to take appropriate action to prepare for flood events.

The Marlfield Flood Relief Scheme is currently at Preliminary Design Stage and Site Investigation works are ongoing. The current programme is for submission for Statutory Consent in 2024 with construction expected to commence in 2025.



Nenagh Municipal District

CATHAOIRLEACH

The Annual Meeting of Nenagh Municipal District was held on 16th June 2022. Councillor Hughie McGrath was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Phyll Bugler was elected Leas Chathaoirleach.



Cathaoirleach Hughie McGrath & Leas Chathaoirleach Phyll Bugler

SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In March 2022 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Nenagh Municipal District. This provided for a total expenditure of over €12.04 million on housing maintenance, roads, drainage, amenity areas, street cleaning and burial grounds.

Under the Roadworks Programme the following works were undertaken:

- 42km were improved under the Restoration Improvement Programme
- 50km were surface dressed under the Restoration Maintenance Programme
- 3km was improved under the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)
- A major programme of works was carried out involving bridge repairs, drainage improvements, pedestrian crossings, new footpaths and new HRA road surfacing
- A new road overlay was completed on the R493 in Coolbawn village.
- Approximately 8km of fencing retrofit was carried out including the removal of all post and rail fencing on the N52 Nenagh bypass.



Remedial Works at Shanballyedmond Bridge, Rearcross



Footpath Improvement Works at Cloughjordan



Bicycle Repair Station & Water Dispenser at Birdhill

John's Lane Car Park

EV Charging Points were installed in John's Lane Car Park and came into operation in May 2022. Cars can be charged using the EasyGo App. The chargers have a charge capacity up to 22KW.



EV Charging Points -John's Lane Car Park



EasyGo Charge Point

Working with the Community

During 2022 Nenagh Municipal District continued to work with the community throughout the District in various ways. This included provision of funding through grants and contributions, liaison with voluntary groups and associations, liaison with business groups, provision of advice and support and assisting with a variety of events.

Once again, this year the Tidy Towns Committees in the Nenagh District continued to deliver a very impressive programme of enhancement works.

The results of the Supervalu Tidy Towns 2022 competition were announced on 28th October 2022. Terryglass achieved gold medal status and county first. Birdhill were awarded bronze medal and county second. Silvermines received a bronze medal and county third. Nenagh achieved a bronze medal reflecting an increase of 8 marks from last year's competition.



Bridge erected over stream by Shallee Enhancement Group



Shallee Enhancement group created a beautiful flowerbed



Shallee Enhancement Group have created a bicycle sign post

In June 2022 Nenagh Tidy Towns Committee in conjunction with Nenagh MD launched their 'Residential Estate/Private Home Owner Garden Competition 2022'. This competition was arranged in appreciation of the lovely estates and gardens within the town of Nenagh and for the commendable work and effort by the various residential committees and individual property owners in achieving this.



Some of the winning entrants of the 2022 Garden Competition

In recognition of the contribution made by communities across the district, funding was allocated in 2022 to 79 clubs & organisations, 39 residents associations, 21 festivals & events, 30 Tidy Towns Committees and 68 burial grounds committees within the Nenagh Municipal District.

Events supported included:

- Spleodar
- Dromineer Literary Festival
- Nenagh Snooker Open
- Irish Youth Circus Gathering
- CloughJordan Honours Thomas MacDonagh
- Feile Brian Boru
- Tipperary Judo Friendship Games
- Reception of Sergeant Martin O'Meara's Victoria Cross to Lorrha

The Nenagh Municipal District Awards Evening took place on Tuesday 6th December after a break of three years due to Covid. Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD, Cllr. Hughie McGrath made presentations to voluntary groups and individuals in a number of categories in recognition of their commitment, dedication and achievements in their respective areas. On the night a number of 'Nenagh 800' medals were presented – these were commissioned by the 'Nenagh 800' Committee and commemorated 800 years of the development of Nenagh.

Awards were made under the following categories:

- Tidy Towns committees
- Residents Associations
- Burial Ground Committees
- Sporting Achievements
- Significant Contribution & Achievement Awards
- Best Cultural/Heritage Group



Pat Naughton – Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District Award alongside Cathaoirleach Hughie McGrath



Hillcress Manor Residents - Recipients of Nenagh Municipal District Award



Nenagh Ormond Brass Band - Recipients of Nenagh Municipal District Award



Seamus Harty - Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District Award



Shallee Enhancement Group - Recipients of Nenagh Municipal District Award



Kenyon Street Burial Ground - Recipient of Nenagh Municipal District Award

Enhancement of Nenagh

Following the successful completion of a painting and enhancement scheme in 2021 at Wolfe Tone Terrace, Nenagh, the Council commissioned Limerick based graphic artist Liam Madden to deliver a mural on the gable end at Hanley's Place.

The Council's vision was that the mural would reflect elements of the town's Historic & Cultural Quarter. The mural commemorates the famous maker of silent films Rex Ingram, who lived in Nenagh at the turn of the 19th century. It was in the town that he watched his first moving picture in 1901. As a young man, he attended a travelling circus that visited the town. The colourful mural pays homage to his unique contribution to arts and culture.



Mural of the silent film maker Rex Ingram at Hanley's Place

The Council also carried out restoration works on the Lannan's Farewell mural on the gable end of Sexton's old pub in Sarsfield Street, Nenagh. This mural was originally painted in 2015 and was inspired by the song "Lannan's Farewell to Nenagh" which was attributed to John Kelly from the late 1800s.



Restoration works on Lannan's Farewell mural

Enhancement works were completed at Ball Alley Lane. Resin bond treatment and ground recessed lights were installed.



Enhancement works at Ball Alley Lane

Refreshing of existing on street wheelchair accessible parking spaces in Nenagh was completed in 2022. New benches for Nenagh Town Centre were sourced and installed. The new benches continue the use of the cobalt blue colour which has been used for bins and the outdoor dining area in Kenyon Street.

Two Bus Shelters at Stereame Nenagh were installed in 2022



Bus Shelters at Stereame, Nenagh

GMA Projects in 2022

Mota Quay is a popular amenity area. €15,000 was spent on resurfacing works and giving the area a general facelift.



Resurfacing works at Mota Quay

Ardcroney Community Centre Field - €10,000 was spent on improvement works and widening of the existing entrance.

€30,000 was spent on road resurfacing works and footpath repairs at St Flannan's Crescent, Ballinaclough.

Works were completed on repair of a stone wall at Borrisokane Community Park costing €35,000.



Repair of Stone Wall at Borrisokane Community Park

Loughkeen Church Boundary wall was repaired costing €5,000



Loughkeen Church Boundary Wall -before/after

Projects funded by Development Levies/Active Travel

Resurfacing works were carried out at the carpark at Steppe, Silvermines.



Resurfacing works at Steppe Car Park

A new shared cycleway spanning a distance of 1.8 km was installed from Riverstown to Killeen National School and costs in the region of €500,000. This work was done by a contractor on behalf of Nenagh MD in conjunction with the Active Travel Team.



Riverstown resurfacing & footpath works



Riverstown resurfacing & footpath works

New footpaths were installed in the following areas:

- Gurteen, Rathcabbín
- Finnoe Road, Borrisokane
- Silvermines

Newport Town Park

The contractor, Sole Sports & Leisure, made substantial progress on this €1.6 million project and the town park and MUGA was opened to the public on Friday 28th October.

This was in addition to the Children's playground which had already been opened earlier in the year. The 6-acre site includes a children's playground, outdoor gym equipment, a multi-use games area and recreational walks. An upgrade of the public toilet block close to Newport Town Park was also completed in 2022.



Impressive new band stand at Newport Town Park



Slide and climbing frame at Newport Town Park

Newport Enhancement Plan

A revised Draft Enhancement Plan for Newport was received from the consultants, Nicholas De Jong Associates. It is anticipated that the Draft Plan will be finalised in early 2023.

Discovery Points - Castlough & The Lookout Portroe

This project is being undertaken jointly by Tipperary, Clare and Galway County Councils in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland. Six sites were identified as Discovery Points with two of the sites located in Nenagh MD area - Castlough and The Lookout.

The project will focus on site furniture, information points, approach road signage and key surfacing improvements. Cunnane Stratton Reynolds prepared a plan to be considered by each Local Authority. An Architectural and Conservation Report has been produced for each site.

Newport Courthouse & Bridewell

Newport Courthouse and Bridewell is a structure of historic significance. The building has been closed for a number of years due to concerns with public safety and the condition of the building. Funding for conservation and enhancement of historic structure and building was secured under the Historic Structures Fund. To date the roof has been refurbished and external walls repointed with limestone mortar. Issues with dry rot have been dealt addressed. In December 2022 funding was allocated under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme Project Development Measures for a Feasibility & Options Report for the redevelopment of the Courthouse into a community space.



Newport Courthouse & Bridewell

Ballina Access Promenade & Viewing Area

Funding was allocated in December 2022 under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme to provide an access promenade and viewing area which will drive economic activity and footfall and enhance accessibility of recreational spaces/amenities through facilitating connectivity within Ballina.



Concept drawing for Ballina Access Promenade & Viewing Area

Nenagh Tourist Office

Nenagh's Tourist office opened to visitors at the end of 2021. The official opening of the Tourist Office by local award-winning writer Donal Ryan was held on 19th May 2022.



Ann Scroope of Scroope Design, Consultant for Nenagh Tourist Office at Official Opening

The Tourist Office, which is located in Banba Square in the former Town Hall, is open all-year round Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Victoria Lee, Guide/Information Officer has been providing information to visitors about places to go and things to do in the local area and beyond.

During 2022 the Tourist Office hosted a huge range of events such as live music showcases, evenings of poetry and readings, talks/presentations to local nursing home residents, along with a local Christmas craft fair.



Christmas Craft fair vendor at Nenagh Tourist Office

An exhibition of An Garda Síochána memorabilia was held in the Tourist Office to mark 100 years in Nenagh of An Garda Síochána. Over 1,000 people attended the exhibition.

The Tourist Office has also played host to some prestigious visitors including local actor Daryl McCormack, Mick Foster - musician from Foster & Allen, Aisling O'Donovan - Tipperary Rose of Tralee candidate and Adam Harris - founder & CEO of AslAm.



Nenagh born Irish actor Daryl McCormack visits Nenagh Tourist Office

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

In 2022 the Government’s Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme included funding for several local projects in Nenagh Municipal District including the Ballinderry River Walk and the Clare Glens River Walk, The official opening of the Ballinderry River Walk (Phase 1) was held in July.

The new walkway spans a total of eight kilometres that winds its way around the verdant countryside of Ballinderry village in a route designed as “a figure of eight”. Phase 2 of this project will be progressed in conjunction with Ballinderry Development Association.



Map of Ballinderry Riverside Loop Walk

Funding was received for Clare Glens River Walk under the Project Development Measure. The funding will allow the Council to engage consultants to undertake detailed design and preparation works for the Planning phase of the Clare Glens Project. The scope of works and plans will be developed in conjunction with Limerick City & County Council.

Works continued in respect of the Béara-Breifne Way (Lorrha to Portumna) project which was allocated funding under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Measure 2. The contractor has substantially completed the works including a 650-meter footpath which has been constructed through bog.

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter

The Historic & Cultural Quarter includes many of the historic buildings in Nenagh such as Nenagh Castle & the Castle grounds & garden, the Governor’s House & Gatelodge, the Gaol and the whole public realm area linking these including Banba Square.

At the end of 2022 the lead consultants Scott Tallon Walker were working on finalising preparation of high-level costings for potential concepts. Work was on-going on development of the Business Plan.



Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter

The programme aims to have design and planning completed in 2023. It is intended that a funding application will be submitted for the next Category One call under the RRDF.



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Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub

In 2022 Tipperary Co Council was successful in securing funding for the Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF).

A Steering Group and a District Delivery Group has been established to deliver this project. Consultants were procured to assist with the preparation of the tender documentations for the Design Team. Tenders were invited for an Architect Led Integrated Design Team. 8 tenders were received and assessed. The successful tenderer will be appointed early in 2023.



The Rialto Nenagh

Platforms for Growth - Dromineer

A facility centre for Water Sports Activities is progressing for Dromineer.

The project will see demolition of the existing Toilet Block and the development of a new Facilities Centre under the Platforms for Growth Scheme through a partnership between Tipperary County Council and Fáilte Ireland.



Platforms for Growth Project - Dromineer

In June 2022, a planning application was lodged with An Bord Pleanála. Planning approval was granted in October 2022.

The next stage of the project will be to appoint consultants for the detailed design, procurement of contractors and overseeing the demolition of the existing toilet block.

Nenagh Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy

The application for 'A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre' was provisionally allocated €9.525 million funding under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

This plan includes a transformational town centre public realm project to deliver a low carbon multifunctional neighbourhood at Martyr's Road, Nenagh. The development of a Net Zero embodied carbon building is an exciting and transformational project measuring 1,600 square metres. The Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence will have a multi-functional use as office space (with over 100 working spaces), training centre, rentable meeting and conference room facilities, public educational space on community energy use and energy conservation technologies, an incubation hub and more.

The public realm works will connect the Centre of Excellence to the town centre with new road and street infrastructure improvement works including cycleways and pedestrian linkages.

The Department has indicated their acceptance of the Preliminary Business Case and requested some further details on funding and costings prior to approval to proceed with next stage of tender process. A site visit was held with the Department in December.



Conceptual image for Centre of Excellence

Public Consultation

Public consultation processes were undertaken in respect of:

- Draft Newport Town Park Bye-Laws
- Application to An Bord Pleanála for approval for the Proposed Platforms for Growth Facility Centre for Winter Sports Activities

Nenagh Live

In March 2022 Nenagh Live, in conjunction with local production company Spain AV, hosted a programme of festivities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. This successful initiative featured a host of local vendors and producers selling their wares, along with showcasing the many talents of Nenagh and surrounding areas.

In June Nenagh Tourist Office hosted a series of live music events called 'The Summer Sessions' featuring the very best of Nenagh's musicians, artists and songwriters.

'Nenagh for Ukraine' concert took place at Nenagh Courthouse also in June. This featured a remarkable line up of acts such as Trudi Lalor, Tradstone and Thin Az Lizzy.



Musicians performing at 'Nenagh for Ukraine' concert

On 27th November the official switch-on of Nenagh's Christmas Lights took place. As part of an outdoor musical extravaganza an open-air concert in partnership with Nenagh MD featured live bands, singers, musicians & performers which was programmed by Spain AV. The amazing display of the town's Christmas lights were turned on by the Cathaoirleach Hughie McGrath, Trudi Lalor of Tipp FM and Santa Claus was also present to do the honours.



Musicians performing for Nenagh Live programme



Trudi Lalor & Santa Claus at the turning on of the Christmas Lights

Covid Measures Grant Scheme

Two projects in Nenagh secured funding under the Covid-19 Measures Grant Scheme from the National Transport Authority – Kenyon Street and Hanley's Place.

The installation of a resin bond surface had been previously completed at Kenyon Street. A procurement process was carried out to secure the outdoor furniture. This furniture along with planters were manufactured and installed in 2022. This has since brought a whole new dining experience to Kenyon Street.

Enhancement works were completed in Hanley's Place with remaining planting finished in early in 2022.

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan

During 2022 planting was carried out at Emmet Place/Mitchel St. Nenagh as part of Nenagh Traffic Management Plan. Consultants are currently progressing the design work required for the one-way system.

Taking in Charge

No estates were Taken in Charge during 2022.

Visit of Moldovan Ambassador

On Monday 28th November Her Excellency Mrs. Larisa Miculet, Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova, visited Nenagh accompanied by Igor Moldovan, Counsellor from the Moldovan Embassy.

There are over 300 Moldovans living and working in the Nenagh area and the Ambassador was keen to meet with them and also to have the opportunity to meet with farming and business associations to discuss economic and investment opportunities offered by the Republic of Moldova.

On the day the Ambassador visited Ballina, Nenagh Tourist Office, Nenagh Castle and was then accorded a Cathaoirleach's reception by Cllr. Roger Kennedy at the Civic Offices, Nenagh. She ended her trip to Nenagh with a visit to Carey's Glass where she met members of the Moldovan Community working there.



Cathaoirleach Roger Kennedy presenting a picture of Nenagh Castle by artist Lynn Kenny to Her Excellency Mrs. Larisa Miculet, Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova

Thurles Municipal District



CATHAOIRLEACH

The Annual Meeting of Thurles Municipal District was held on the 20th June 2022. Councillor Peggy Ryan was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Noel Coonan was elected Leas Cathaoirleach.



Cathaoirleach of Thurles Municipal District,
Cllr Peggy Ryan

**The following members sit on
Thurles Municipal District:**

Councillors

- Noel Coonan,
- Seamus Hanafin,
- Shane Lee,
- Micheál Lowry,
- Eddie Moran,
- Jim Ryan,
- Sean Ryan,
- Michael Smith
- Peggy Ryan.

SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL WORKS

At the March Monthly Meeting of the Thurles Municipal District which was held on the 21st March 2022 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal Works for Thurles Municipal District.

Total expenditure of €11,011,708 was provided for and allocated to areas including: Roadworks, Housing Maintenance, Playground Maintenance, Amenities/ Open Spaces, projects undertaken under the General Municipal Allocation, Drainage, Tourism promotion and Maintenance of Public Conveniences.

Main programmes benefitting from funding included:

Housing Maintenance	€703,611
Roadworks	€8,305,602
Development Levy Projects	€416,850
Drainage	€52,510
Street Cleaning	€346,700
Burial Ground Maintenance	€197,050
Public Conveniences	€48,000
Amenity Area Maintenance	€607,849
General Municipal District Allocations	€215,036
Town Christmas Lighting	€80,000
Tourism Promotion	€38,500
	€11,011,708



General Municipal Allocation

The General Municipal Allocation, which is discretionary funding allocated by the Members, is essential in funding many projects including grant schemes, Christmas Lighting Contributions and Village Enhancement Works across the District.

In 2022 the GMA amounted to €215,036 and was used to fund the following projects:

Festivals and Events Grant Scheme	€12,000
Christmas Lighting Contributions:	€15,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrisoleigh, • Clonakenny, • Clonmore, • Gortnahoe, • Holycross, • Littleton, • Moyne, • Roscrea, • Templetuohy, • Horse & Jockey, • Ballysloe. 	
Residents Association Grant Scheme	€15,000
Village Enhancement Works – Horse & Jockey	€25,000
Village Enhancement Works – Killea	€25,000
Village Enhancement Works – Drumbane	€15,000
Village Enhancement Works – Knock	€10,000
Seed Fund District Project Pipeline Plan - Thurles LED	€11,195
Economic Development Support Fund	€11,000
Contributions to Community Groups	€54,805
Back Lanes Project	€7,000
Templemore Pitch & Putt Club Contribution	€12,000
Thurles Golf Club Contribution	€1,536
General Municipal District Allocation	€215,036

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Tidy Towns Grants



Thurles Municipal District awarded grants to 24 Tidy Towns committees in 2022. All Tidy Towns Committees in the Thurles District delivered an impressive programme of works

Roscrea Tidy Towns	€10,500.00
Gortagarry Dev Committee	€1,100.00
Moyne Tidy Villages	€1,100.00
Castleiney Tidy Village Committee	€1,400.00
Gorthnahoe Tidy Village	€1,100.00
Ballycahill Tidy Village	€1,100.00
Rathmoy, Borrisoleigh Tidy Village	€2,000.00
Shevry Dev Assoc	€1,100.00
Holycross Tidy Village	€1,400.00
Killea Tidy Village	€1,000.00
Two Mile Borris Tidy Village	€1,000.00
Knock Tidy Village Group	€1,400.00
Loughmore Tidy Village	€1,400.00
Upperchurch Drombane Dev	€1,400.00
Inch/Bouladuff Tidy Village	€2,000.00
Ballysloe Tidy Village	€1,300.00
Clonmore Dev Comm	€1,100.00
Templemore Tidy Towns	€2,524.00
Toomevara Community Dev	€1,200.00
Ballyboy Tidy Village	€1,400.00
Drom Tidy Village	€1,400.00
Horse & Jockey Tidy Village	€1,100.00
Littleton Tidy Village	€1,100.00
Clonakenny Tidy Villages	€1,100.00



Burial Ground Grants

Thurles Municipal District awarded grants to 54 burial grounds in 2022.

Rathnaveogue Burial Ground	€700.00	Moycarkey St Peters Burial Ground 1	€700.00
Upperchurch New Burial Ground Comm	€700.00	Littleton St Kevins Burial Ground	€700.00
Corbally Parish COI	€700.00	Inch Old Graveyard	€700.00
St Marys Church Littleton	€700.00	St Michaels Bouladuff	€700.00
Shyan Burial Ground Comm	€700.00	Quaker Burial Ground	€700.00
Drom Old Burial Ground Committee	€700.00	Courageneen Old BG	€700.00
Cooleeney Graveyard Committee	€700.00	Courageneen New BG	€700.00
Gortagarry Church Ground	€700.00	Clonakenny Cemetery Committee	€700.00
Moycarkey Old Burial Ground	€700.00	Boggaun Graveyard Committee	€700.00
Galboola Littleton	€700.00	Two Mile Borris Graveyard	€700.00
Templeree Graveyard Comm	€700.00	Upperchurch Old Burial Ground Comm	€700.00
Ballymoreen Burial Ground	€700.00	St Cronans COI	€700.00
Loughmore Old Cemetery	€700.00	Durlas Eile - St Marys Thurles	€700.00
St Burchins Burial Ground	€700.00	Killinan Burial Ground	€700.00
Holycross Old Graveyard	€700.00	Kyleanna Burial Ground Comm	€700.00
Killavinogue Graveyard Committee	€700.00	Templetuohy Burial Ground	€700.00
Aglisn Graveyard	€700.00	Moyaliffe Graveyard	€700.00
Killea St James Burial ground	€700.00	Moyne Old Cemetery	€700.00
Killea St Aodhs new Burial ground	€700.00	Timoney Graveyard	€700.00
Annameadle Burial Ground	€700.00	Ballycahill Burial Ground	€700.00
Fennor Burial Ground	€700.00	Moyne New Cemetery	€700.00
Rahealty Burial Ground	€700.00	Temple Seacht Sean Borrisofarney	€700.00
St Josephs Toomevara	€700.00	Toomevara Church of Ireland	€700.00
Boulick Burial Ground	€700.00	Latteragh Graveyard	€700.00
Knock Graveyard	€700.00	St Cronans Graveyard	€700.00
Kilfithmone Burial Ground	€700.00	Camblin Burial Ground	€700.00
St Josephs Templemore	€700.00	Toomevara Old Abbey Graveyard	€700.00

Amenity Grants

Thurles MD awarded grants for maintenance and improvement works in housing estates to 37 Residents Associations in 2022

Windsor Grove Res Assoc	€450.00	Rosemount Res Assoc	€750.00
Willow Res Assoc	€850.00	Sli na Suire Res Assoc	€750.00
Moyne Road/Bellevue Residents Assoc	€500.00	Cluain Airne 2nd Res Assoc	€350.00
Marlstone Manor Res Assoc	€750.00	Castlepark Res Assoc	€270.00
Knockanevin Res Assoc	€350.00	St Bridgids & St Josephs Residents	€300.00
Ikerrin Court Res Assoc	€500.00	Rathmoy Residents Assoc	€500.00
Hazelwood Res Assoc	€750.00	Caislean Cuir Res Assoc	€200.00
Dun Lia Residents Assoc	€500.00	The Orchard Borrisoleigh	€200.00
Cluain Glas Res Assoc	€850.00	Croke St Residents Assoc	€200.00
Cluain Ard Res Assoc	€300.00	Loughtagalla Park Residents	€500.00
Cluain Airne 1-17 Res Assoc	€350.00	Oakdale Park Templemore	€300.00
Church View Roscrea	€200.00	Cluain Doire Res Assoc	€400.00
Carraig Duin Res Assoc	€200.00	Orchard Court Res Assoc	€300.00
Ashgrove Res Assoc	€450.00	Rosslands Residents Accociation	€300.00
Ard Carraig Res Assoc	€400.00	Horse & Jockey Remembers Res. Group	€350.00
Kiltillane Court Res Assoc	€250.00	Parkmore Manor Res Assoc	€300.00
Willowmere Drive Res Assoc	€750.00	Toomevara Dev Group	€500.00
Elmwood Res Assoc	€650.00	Monadreen Res Assoc	€450.00
Castlecourt Borrisoleigh	€200.00		



Sports Grants

Thurles MD awarded grants to 49 Sports Clubs in 2022

Thurles Sarsfields Camogie	€650.00	Thurles Golf Club	€500.00
Thurles Rugby	€800.00	Roscrea Rugby	€350.00
Thurles Crokes	€800.00	Holycross Football Club	€450.00
Peake Villa	€800.00	Holycross Ballycahill Camogie	€350.00
Durlas Og Gaa	€800.00	Tipperary Warriors Multishports Club	€350.00
Thurles Special Olympics	€350.00	Toomevara GAA Club	€350.00
Grange Badminton Club	€350.00	Clonakenny Senior GAA Club	€350.00
Templemore Lions Club	€500.00	Thurles Gaels	€650.00
Knights Basketball	€350.00	Roscrea Hurling Club	€350.00
Gortahoola Racquet Ball Club	€350.00	Thurles Town AFC	€350.00
Roscrea Juvenile Hurling	€350.00	Templemore Camogie Club	€350.00
Templemore & District Gun Club	€500.00	Holycross Ballycahill Ladies Football	€350.00
Lakeside Pitch & Putt	€800.00	Templemore Badminton Club	€350.00
Templemore Athletic Club	€800.00	Templemore Ladies Football	€450.00
Slieve Felim Rapparees	€350.00	Moycarkey Borris Littleton GM&O	€350.00
Upperchurch Drombane GAA	€350.00	Drom Inch GAA	€350.00
Knock GAA	€350.00	Moneygall GAA	€400.00
Moyne Athletic Club	€350.00	Moyne Templetuohy Ladies Football	€350.00
Moycarkey Coolcroo Athletics	€350.00	Moycarkey Borris Ladies Football & Camogie	€350.00
Mid Tipp Hillwalkers	€350.00	Two Mile Borris St. Kevins Ladies F.C.	€350.00
Drom Inch Juvenile GAA	€350.00	Drom & Inch Gaa Club	€350.00
Blackcastle Harps	€800.00	St Cronans Camogie Roscrea	€350.00
Borroway Rovers	€350.00	Thurles Sarsfields Ladies Football	€400.00
Tipp Talons Basketball Club	€350.00	Borrisoleigh Camogie Club	€350.00
St Kevins FC	€500.00		



Painting and Enhancement Schemes

The Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme

This scheme provided grant aid to properties in the main retail areas of Thurles, Templemore & Roscrea to improve the streetscape through:



Removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and replacement with shop fascia signage (with an emphasis on hand painted signage);

Painting and general improvements to the frontages of commercial and residential building frontages

Erection of planters, floral hanging baskets or other environmental improvements.

15 applications were approved under this scheme in 2022.

Shaws Department Store, Roscrea	€500.00
Central Bar, Main St, Templemore	€500.00
Rujin Cai, T/A Choifook 55 Main St, Templemore	€500.00
Aisling Health & Beauty, The Mall, Thurles	€500.00
Elaine Kearney, T/A Park Avenue, Friar St, Thurles	€500.00
Peters Fruit & Veg, Templemore	€500.00
Star Systems, Rossa St, Thurles	€500.00
Bernies Supervalu, Roscrea	€3,200.00
Roderick & Nuala Corbett, (Fair Beauty), Roscrea	€500.00
Tasty Bites, Templemore	€500.00
McHugh Glynn & Assoc Ltd, Templemore	€345.00
Stakelums Office Supplies, Thurles	€1,000.00
Richard Morkan, Patrick St, Templemore	€500.00
Tipperary Lighting, The Mall, Thurles	€500.00
Haven Pharmacy, 11 Main St, Roscrea	€945.00

Street Enhancement Painting Scheme - Liberty Square, Thurles

Thurles Municipal District awarded funding to 8 businesses under the above Scheme. This scheme is a one-off targeted scheme to recognise the support of local businesses during the upgrade of Liberty Square.



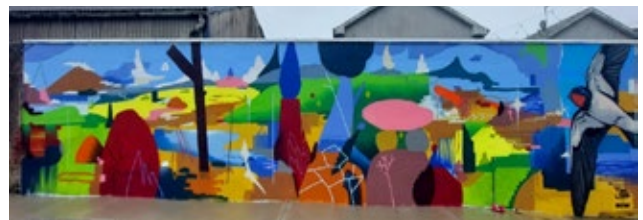
Sheppard Opticians, Thurles	€817.00
Sue Ryder Foundation, 23 Liberty Square, Thurles	€4,000.00
J. Dempsey, 62 Liberty Square, Thurles	€1,120.00
Hickeys Pharmacy, Thurles	€1,504.00
Poppys Gift Rooms Ltd, Thurles	€2,588.00
Liberty Hairstyles & Beauty, Thurles	€2,695.00
Grace Fashions Ltd, Thurles	€1,952.00
Ryans Daughter, Thurles	€280.00

TOWN ENHANCEMENTS

Thurles Municipal District commissioned artist Dan Leo through Street Art Link, to paint striking art work around Thurles, as part of the Thurles Walls Mural project in Liberty Square and Baker Street, Thurles.



Falcon by Dan Leo Design



In association with Thurles Pride, a Pride bench was installed on the new River Suir walkway in Thurles.

Christmas Lighting

Thurles Municipal District awarded funding to 12 towns and villages toward the funding of Christmas Lights.



Roscrea	€9,000.00
Borrisoleigh	€1,000.00
Clonmore	€700.00
Littleton	€1,000.00
Moyne	€700.00
Templetuohy	€500.00
Clonakenny	€500.00
Holycross	€500.00
Gortnahoe	€500.00
Two-Mile-Borris	€500.00
Horse & Jockey	€300.00
Ballysloe	€300.00

Thurles MD Business Christmas Window Display Grant

Thurles Municipal District introduced a Christmas Window Display Grant in 2022 to encourage local business to dress their windows with a Christmas theme.

Funding was awarded to 8 businesses under the scheme

Devlins Medical Hall, Thurles	€100.00
Horse & Jockey Shop	€100.00
Ni Riains, Thurles	€100.00
Dwans Hardware, Thurles	€100.00
John Duffe T/A JD Barbers, Templemore	€100.00
Elys Centra, The Mall, Thurles	€100.00
One 19 Coffee House, Templemore	€100.00
P.J. Hickey, Thurles	€100.00



Christmas in Thurles

Thurles MD supported Thurles Chamber to turn on the Christmas lights in Thurles town.

Santa came to town and met children in a specially designed Santa's Grotto on Liberty Square.



PLAYGROUNDS & AMENITIES

Playgrounds

The following playgrounds and outdoor exercise facilities fall under the remit of Thurles Municipal District:

		Playground	Gym	MUGA	Skatepark
Roscrea Area	Gleann Glas	✓			
	The Glebe	✓			
	Clonakenny	✓			
Templemore Area	Templemore Town Park	✓	✓		
	Templetuohy	✓			
	Borrisoleigh	✓			
Thurles Area	Thurles Town Park	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Monakeeba		✓	✓	
	Loughtagalla	✓	✓		
	Cabra Court	✓			

These recreational facilities are inspected weekly by Thurles Municipal District staff along with annually by an expert independent specialist to ensure the long-term safety of the site, equipment and ancillary items.



The maintenance budget for 2022 for these recreational facilities amounted to: €30,001.

Playgrounds not only promote free-play, spark imagination and get children active for longer periods of time but also give parents and caregivers the opportunity to relax and spend quality with their children. The outdoor exercise equipment and playgrounds are well used facilities within the community.



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Grants were approved for 15 organisations and groups across the municipal district in 2022. The following is a list of festivals that took place.

County Wide Applications

Municipal

Thurles Halloween Festival

Taste of Christmas Roscrea

Liberty Music Festival

Tangled Around Music Festival

Community

Tipperary LGBTQ + Pride 2022

Horse & Jockey Remembers

Circling the Square Poetry Festival

Liberty Music Festival

Roscrea St. Patricks Day Parade

Littleton St. Patricks Day Parade

Thurles St. Patricks Day Parade

Roscrea Halloween Festival

Circling the Square

Thurles Christmas Skyfest

Celebration of the Centenary of the Establishment of the NACAI

Halloween Festivals



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public consultation processes were undertaken in respect of the following:

- Road Improvement Works, Slievenamon Road, Thurles
- Junction layout improvement works, Bowes Corner, Thurles



- Active Travel Semple Stadium to LIT Footpath works
- Active Travel Cycling & Walking Path R445 Roscrea



- Thurles Local Transport Plan
- Local Area Plan Roscrea
- Local Area Plan Thurles
- Littleton Labyrinth Walking / Cycling Path, Littleton



TAKEN IN CHARGE

The following estates were taken in charge during 2022.

- Ashgrove Estate, Thurles

HEALTH & SAFETY

Thurles MD continues to hold a high standard in occupational health and safety.

A National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) Surveillance Audit was undertaken in February 2022 to assess closure of audit findings from any previous audit, management review actions, complaint handling, changes to the organisation and management system, internal audits, continual improvement, legal compliance and operational control. The assessment was based on a review of the organisation's documented system and a sample of records, activities and personnel.

The NSAI recommended that Thurles MD be continued for registration having identified its Strengths/Improvements/Changes as:

Excellent structure and integration of Management Review and Actions Plans into business processes;

- Evidence of staff commitment to OH&S through dialogue with staff members during audit.
- Completion of a comprehensive Culture survey with positive outputs.
- Embedding risk, opportunity for improvement and impact into all business activities.
- Effective communication is a key priority within business.
- OH&S included in all meetings as a priority.
- Migration to an on-line structured OH&S Management System.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project Ireland 2040 Funds



Project Ireland 2040: Regeneration and Development Funds

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

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

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



URDF - Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme Thurles

9.2 URDF -Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment/employment. Funding of €5,390,291 was secured through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund towards the works. Phase 1–Car Park and Eastern end of Liberty Square–The new Car Park off Liberty Square is completed and utilised to its full potential. Works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square are completed and was officially opened in June 2022 by Minister Peter Burke. Phase 2–Western end of Liberty Square–Consultants appointed to prepare Part 8 drawings and documentation. Preliminary Design options are under review. Extensive consultations undertaken with other statutory bodies. Surveys, assessments and data collection completed.

RRDF - Thurles Market Quarter



Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion’s Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated multi-functional space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers and it will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors. Funding of €3,443,130 has been secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Pre-Tender Approval under Decision Gate 2 was received from the Department of Rural & Community Development in February, 2022. The tendering process for the engagement of an integrated design team was completed during the year and the design team was appointed in September, 2022. The detailed design is currently in progress. Ongoing meetings are being held with stakeholders.

RRDF - Templemore Town Hall



Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with associated Civic Plaza - The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region.

The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with the Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and Tipperary Energy Agency. Funding of €2,107,500 was approved under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Detailed designs completed. Tendering for the construction stage completed. Final Business Case under Decision Gate 3 compiled and submitted to the Department in December, 2022

RRDF - Gantly Street, Roscrea.

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

This project will deliver a transformational change to the public space around Gantly Road and promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The project will be the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly

Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area. The works will involve (i) the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles; (ii) the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths; (iii) extensive bio-retention rain gardens and (iv) the provision of water service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Street Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imagining of Gantly Road is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area into the future which will transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town. RRDF Funding of €4,511,316 was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022.



Civic Receptions

The Cathaoirleach and members of Thurles Municipal District awarded a Civic Reception on the 7th April 2022 to Loughmore Castleiney GAA Club in recognition of their outstanding sporting achievements on winning the County Hurling & County Football Championship Finals in 2021.



An annual Civic Awards Reception was held in June, 2022 in The Templemore Arms Hotel to honour the following recipients for their outstanding achievements:

Bill & Anna Corcoran, Paraic Maher, Age Friendly Roscrea, Moycarkey Borris Under 21 Team, Roscrea Tidy Towns Committee, Thurles Musical Society, Down Syndrome Tipperary Thurles Branch, Templemore Graveyard Committee, Upperchurch Drombane Housing Association.



In June, 2022, Thurles Municipal District Elected Representatives and officials were delighted to welcome Minister of State Peter Burke, Dept of Housing Local Government and Heritage to officially open Phase 1 of The Liberty Square Enhancement Project.



On Monday, 24th October 2022 Tidy Town groups from across the District were invited to the Anner Hotel in Thurles for a reception hosted by the Cathaoirleach and Elected Representatives. The reception was held to honor the outstanding work that Tidy Town groups carry out in our villages and towns.



Town & Village Renewal

Thurles Municipal District were again successful in obtaining grant funding under Category 1 of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme from the Department of Rural and Community Development for development works at Templemore Town Park. The Town Park is a wonderful recreational amenity containing numerous meandering trails/paths around the picturesque woodlands and lake.

Grant funding, in the sum of €51,075, along with match funding from Tipperary County Council has been awarded to develop the outdoor exercise gym along with replacing the existing timber fence within the park. This project will enhance the park and also expand the fun activities on offer thus ensuring the park is a hub for social activity and community enjoyment. A place everyone wants to visit!

The funding was announced in December 2022 and works are scheduled to be completed in 2023.

Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

Tipperary County Council have successfully secured grant funding under Measure 2 of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2022 which is provided by The Department of Rural and Community Development towards developing Monaincha Abbey Looped Walk.

This project aims to extend and enhance the existing trail leading to and around the historic OPW site at Monaincha Abbey along with developing a looped walk. Works include the installation of a car park, signage installation and upgrading roadway leading into the beautiful Abbey and the establishment of a 4.5km looped walk through various natural environs including native forest and bog land. This project will deliver a unique outdoor amenity that can be easily accessed, experienced and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Grant funding in the sum of €197,991 has been secured and Thurles Municipal District have also committed to provide match funding for the project. Works are scheduled to commence in 2023.



Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Seating

This scheme was launched to provide support to hospitality and tourism businesses to provide additional outdoor seating and increase their outdoor seating capacity for summer 2022.



Baker Street, Thurles Outdoor Seating

CLÁR Funding

Tipperary County Council have successfully secured grant funding under Measure 1 of the CLÁR 2022 Scheme which is provided by The Department of Rural and Community Development.

Project details are as follows:

1. Drombane Village Car Park	€23,400	Resurfacing works
2. Clonakenny Playground	€15,141	Development and enhancement works at playground and adjoining car park



Tipperary County Council will be providing match funding for these projects and works will be completed in 2023.





Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District

The Annual Meeting of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District was held on 27th June, 2022. Councillor Micheál Anglim was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Michael Fitzgerald was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.



Councillors Michael Fitzgerald & Micheál Anglim.

Civic Receptions & Cathaoirleach's Welcome

Civic Receptions and a Cathaoirleach's Welcome were hosted by the Cathaoirleach and District Members during the year.

These included the following:

- Civic Reception for Her Excellency Dr. Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, Ambassador of the State of Palestine to Ireland.
- Civic Reception for the Voluntary Team Members of the South Eastern Mountain Rescue Association. (SEMRA)
- Cathaoirleach's Welcome to Mayor Vasilis and his wife Anthina from Florina in Greece.

Her Excellency Dr. Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, Ambassador of the State of Palestine to Ireland.

On the 14th of June 2022, the Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Councillor Marie Murphy and Elected Members of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District welcomed Her Excellency Dr. Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, Ambassador of the State of Palestine to Ireland to the Civic Offices in Tipperary Town. At the reception the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Murphy, spoke of her wish for a sustained ceasefire and peace in Palestine.

Following her visit to the Municipal District Civic Offices in Tipperary Town the Palestinian Ambassador visited a number of local community organisations.



From Left: Councillor Marie Murphy & Dr. Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid

Civic Reception for the Voluntary Team Members of the South Eastern Mountain Rescue Association. (SEMRA)

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan and Elected Members of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held a Civic Reception for the voluntary team members of the South Eastern Mountain Rescue Association (SEMRA), on 16th June, 2022.

SEMRA team members provide a search and rescue service for those who find themselves in difficulty on the mountains of the South East of Ireland and are on call 365 days a year.

Their area of operation includes, but is not confined to, the Galtees, Comeraghs, Slievenamon, Knockmealdowns, Blackstairs, Slieve Blooms and Ballyhours.

Members of SEMRA were presented with a carved bog yew sculpture that had been commissioned specifically for the occasion.



From Left: Gerry Tobin SEMRA Chairperson & Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan

Cathaoirleach's Welcome on Friday 18th November

The Cathaoirleach Micheál Anglim and the Elected Members of Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District welcomed Mayor Vasilis Giannakis and his wife Anthina from Florina in Greece together with Karen Fahey – Youth Work Ireland Tipperary and Lazaros Papoutzis – Youth Worker from Florina. Youth Work Ireland Tipperary have been working with the Association of Active Youths of Florina (OENEF) for 10 years.

Pictures below from Welcome.



From left:- Cathaoirleach Micheál Anglim and Mayor Vasilis Giannakis



From Left:- Anthony Coleman, District Administrator, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cllr Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), Mrs. Anthina Giannakis, Mayor Vasilis Giannakis, Cathaoirleach Micheál Anglim, Karen Fahey, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, Lazaros Papoutzis, Youth Worker from Florina & Cllr. John Crosse.

The European Charter of Rural Communities

Cashel is a member of the European Charter of Rural Communities which is a unique twinning of 25 communities across the EU. The following programmes was held in Cashel;

Cashel Welcomed Young Europeans

Cashel Friends of Europe hosted the spring LYCEUM event of the EU Charter of Rural Communities from the 28th April to the 1st of May on behalf of Tipperary County Council.

Young people aged between 18 to 30 visited Cashel from 9 EU countries, were hosted by local families. A full programme of events ran over the weekend, it included a series of workshops, a visit to the Rock of Cashel, a hands-on hurling experience and a cultural afternoon at Bru Boru.

EU on The Plaza ran on the Saturday afternoon in conjunction with the Cashel Arts Fest, and a farmers' market, with music from St. Patrick's Brass Band and the Dermot O'Hurley Pipe Band. The European delegates were officially welcomed to the town at the Plaza event on Saturday 30th April by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

Seán Laffey, the EU Charter of European Communities Ireland Communications officer thanked the EU and Tipperary County Council for generously funding this weekend. He said "It's a landmark gathering, it's the first one in Europe that has been organised since the pandemic put a stop to Charter meetings. Things are up and running again."

Photos of Events



SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In February 2022, the members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works. This provided for a total expenditure in excess of €15.6 million in respect of housing maintenance; road improvements; street cleaning; maintenance of burial grounds and maintenance of amenity areas including playgrounds together with undertaking capital projects.

The main projects and programmes which benefited from funding were:

Significant road strengthening, surface dressing and drainage works across the District.

Bridge Rehabilitation works at

- Tubrid Bridge
- Kilganny Bridge
- Gould's Cross Woodford Bridge
- Cappa Bridge

Roads safety Improvement Schemes at

- Doon Bridge
- Loughkent
- Toor Kilross
- Ballinree



Streetscape Improvements at

- Boherlahan
- Donaskeigh
- Hollyford
- Toem
- The Green Cashel
- Dundrum
- Dundrum Drive and St Ailbes Drive Tipperary Town
- Knockanrawley
- Townspark Cahir
- Pearse Street Cahir
- Newcastle
- Avondale Court
- Ballyporeen

Pedestrian crossing upgrades at

- Tipperary Town

Outdoor recreation improvements at

- The Green in Ardfinnan
- River Ara Walkway, Tipperary Town

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO ENHANCE TOWNS & VILLAGES

Tidy Towns Grants 2022

The Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District Members awarded 43 grants as follows:

No.	Name	Allocation	No.	Name	Allocation
1	Aherlow Road Residents Association	€1,500	23	New Inn Tidy Towns	€1,200
2	An Duiche Residents Association	€1,000	24	Newcastle Tidy Towns	€1,200
3	Ardfinnan Tidy Towns	€2,500	25	Oliver Plunkett Park Residents Association	€1,000
4	Ballyporeen Community Council	€1,200	26	Rockwood Residents Association	€1,000
5	Bansha Tidy Towns	€1,200	27	Rossmore Tidy Towns	€1,200
6	Burncourt Community Council	€1,200	29	Summercove Residents Association	€1,000
7	Cahir Tidy Towns	€5,000	30	The Rhododendron Walking Festival	€1,100
8	Cappawhite Tidy Towns	€1,200	31	The Steeples Residents Association	€1,000
9	Cashel Tidy Towns	€5,000	32	Tipperary Town Tidy Towns	€4,500
10	Caiseal Na Ri Residents Association	€1,000	33	Churchview Residents Association, Lattin	€1,000
11	Clogheen Tidy Towns	€1,300	34	Cullen Tidy Towns, Cullen	€1,000
12	Clonoulty Tidy Towns	€1,300	35	Golden Tidy Villages, Golden	€1,200
13	Donohill Tidy Towns	€1,200	36	Emly Tidy Towns, Emly	€1,300
14	Duhill Community Council	€1,300	37	Lattin Tidy Town, Lattin	€1,200
15	Dun Chormaic Residents Association	€1,000	38	Rockview Residents Association, Cashel	€1,000
16	Dundrum Tidy Towns	€1,300	39	Thomastown Tidy Towns, Thomastown	€1,200
17	Goatenbridge Tidy Towns	€1,200	40	Woodlawn Residents Association, Cashel	€ 600
18	Grange Tidy Towns	€1,200	41	Ballylooby Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€ 900
19	Highfield Residents Association	€ 600	42	Crescent Court Residents Association, Cappawhite	€1,000
20	Kilmananagh Residents Association	€1,000	43	Rosemount Residents Association, Cahir	€ 600
21	Kilross Tidy Towns	€1,200			
22	Murgasty Residents Association	€1,000			
				TOTAL	€58,600

Before and after photos Of Tidy Towns works

Ballyporeen Community Council

Before

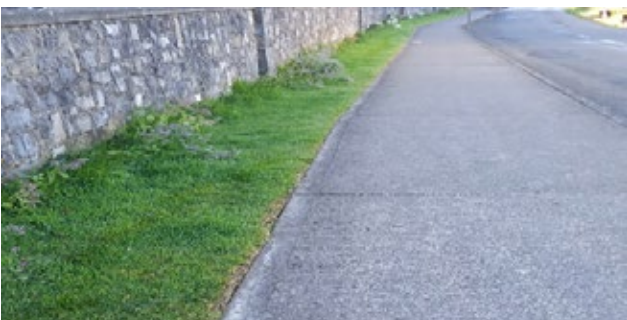


After



Summer Cove Meadows, Cashel

Before

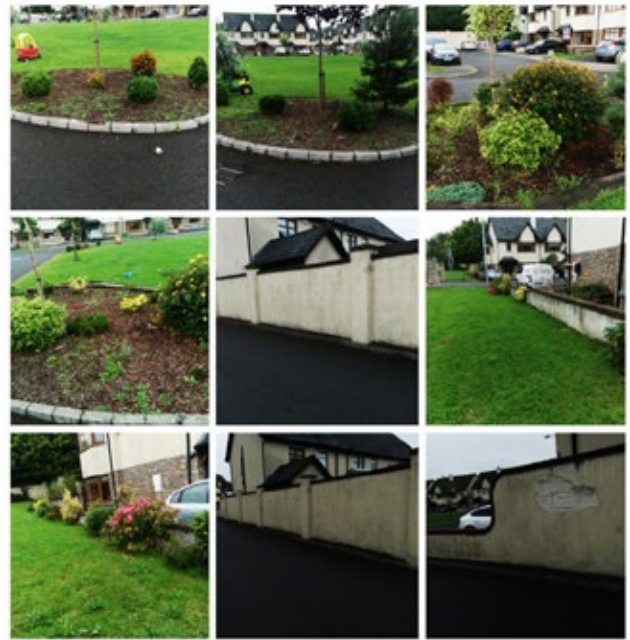


After



Crescent Court Residents Association, Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary.

Before



After



Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition

The national SuperValu Tidy Towns competition is an annual contest organised by the Department of Rural and Community Development and supported other organisations including Tipperary County Council.

Many towns and villages in the district participated in the competition with the following receiving special recognition for their work:

- Cahir overall winners in the Young Persons in Tidy Towns
- Cahir overall winners of the Inclusive Communities Award
- Ballyporeen winners of the Endeavour Award in South Tipperary
- Emly Silver medal winners
- Cahir & Cashel bronze medal winners

Photo below of Cahir overall winners of the Inclusive Communities Award.



Official opening of Aherlow Meadows, Tipperary Town

Aherlow Meadows, a new social housing estate in Knockanrawley, Tipperary Town, was officially opened on June 25th 2022. The housing development was designed by Tipperary County Council architect Liam Ryan and built by Townmore. As part of the €5.7 million development, 28 mixed housing units were constructed, as well as estate infrastructure and landscape works.

A naming stone, commissioned by Aherlow Meadows Residents' Association for the occasion was unveiled during the opening ceremony which was presided over by Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, her last official duty as Cathaoirleach of Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District. The event was organised by Aherlow Meadows Residents' Association which was established in January with the support of Catriona Crowe, Community Liaison Officer in the Council's Housing Section.





BURIAL GROUND GRANTS 2022

Grants were allocated to 69 burial ground committees to assist with the maintenance of burial grounds in the district:

Grant Recipient	Allocation	Grant Recipient	Allocation
1 Annacarty-Kilpatrick Burial Ground	€1,670	35 Lattin New Burial Ground	€935
2 Ardfinnan Burial Ground Committee	€935	36 Loughkent Burial Ground Committee	€735
3 Ardmayle Burial Ground	€935	37 Loughloher Burial Ground Mtce Committee	€735
4 Ballinacourty Burial Ground	€935	38 Monard Church of Ireland Burial Grounds	€665
5 Ballinatemple Burial Ground	€887	39 Mortlestown Burial Ground Committee	€665
6 Ballybacon Burial Ground Committee	€887	40 Mount Buis Burial Ground Committee	€735
7 Ballydrennan Burial Ground	€665	41 Mullough Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€665
8 Ballysheehan Burial Ground	€735	42 Neddans Graveyard Ardfinnan	€665
9 Bansha Old Burial Ground	€887	43 New Inn Graveyard Parish Committee	€887
10 Blessed Sacrament Golden	€735	44 Newcastle New Burial Ground Committee	€665
11 Cahir Abbey Burial Ground	€735	45 Newcastle Old Burial Ground Committee	€887
12 Cahir New Burial Ground	€935	46 Old Church Street Cahir	€887
13 Cahir Quaker Burial Ground Committee	€735	47 Old Donohill Burial Ground Committee	€735
14 Cappawhite Old & New Burial Ground	€1,822	48 Outrath Burial Ground Committee	€887
15 Cashel Cathedral Burial Ground	€887	49 Protestant Burial Ground, Ardfinnan	€665
15 Clonbeg Church St. Sedna's Glen of Aherlow	€665	50 Rossmore Church Grounds, Rossmore	€665
17 Clonoulty Old & New & Clogher Burial Ground	€2,335	51 Shanrahan Burial Ground Maintenance	€1,552
18 Cullen Graveyard Committee	€735	52 Shronell Graveyard Committee	€665
19 Derrygrath Burial Ground Committee	€735	53 Solohead Burial Ground Committee	€887
20 Duhill / Castlegrace Community Council, Clogheen	€665	54 St John the Baptist Graveyard, Cashel	€665
21 Duhill Burial Ground, Duhill, Cahir	€887	55 St. John the Baptist Graveyard, Clonoulty	€665
22 Emily Old/New Burial Ground Committee	€1,600	56 St. Johns Famine Graveyard, Tipperary	€665
23 Garranlea Burial Ground Committee	€665	57 St Mark's Famine Graveyard, Cashel	€665
24 Grange New Cemetery	€935	58 St Mary's Church of Ireland Tipperary Town	€665
25 Hollyford Burial Ground Committee	€935	59 St Senan's Burial Ground Committee	€935
26 Kiladriffe Burial Ground	€735	60 St. Mary's Church Dundrum	€665
27 Kilcommon Cemetery, Cahir	€665	61 St. Paul's Churchyard, Cahir	€735
28 Kilfeacle Burial Ground	€887	62 Toem Burial Ground, Cappawhite	€665
29 Kilshane Burial Ground	€735	63 Tubrid Burial Ground, Cahir	€735
30 Knockgraffon Burial Ground	€735	64 Templenoe Burial Ground Committee	€735
31 Kyle Burial Ground Committee	€665	65 The Reigh Famine Burial Ground	€887
32 Lady's Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€735	66 Tullaghmeelan Graveyard Committee	€735
33 Lagganstown Burial Committee	€735	67 Tullameelan Churchyard, Newcastle	€665
34 Lattin Cemetery Committee	€665	68 Whitchurch Ballylooby	€735
		Total	€57,098

MAINTENANCE PHOTOS OF BURIAL GOUNDS



Clonoulty Old & New & Clogher Burial Ground, Cashel



Bansha Old Burial Ground, Tipperary



Lady's Abbey Graveyard, Ardfinnan.

Tipperary Festival & Events Grants Scheme 2022

Grants were allocated to 51 organisations and groups across the Municipal District in 2022 under the scheme.

The following events and activities took place and availed of funding.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

No.	APPLICANT	FESTIVAL / EVENT	GRANT
1	Donohill & District Soccer Club	Donohill Festival of Soccer	€700
2	Burncourt Community Council CLG	Burncourt Annual Pumpkin Festival	€1,800
3	Cahir Development Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	Cahir St. Patrick's Day Festival	€1,500
4	Cahir Development Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	Taste of Cahir / Funday Sunday	€2,000
5	Cahir Development Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	Cahir Christmas Retail	€1,500
6	Knockavilla Community Council	Multeen Players Drama Production	€1,000
7	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce	Tipperary Town St. Patrick's Day Parade	€1,500
8	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce	Tipperary Town Christmas Lights event	€1,000
9	TIRD	The three bees of biodiversity	€1,000
10	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce	Summer Markets	€1,000
11	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce	Zombie Hunt	€1,000
12	Golden Tidy Towns	Commemoration on Banks of the River Suir in Golden	€1,000
13	Hillwalking Community Radio Group	The Ramble	€400
14	The Forge Players	The Forge Players Annual Drama	€1,000
15	Rockwell Music Academy	Storytelling in Music	€1,000
16	Cahir Comhaltas Trad Fest Committee	Cahir Comhaltas Trad Fest 2022	€2,000
17	Cappawhite Community Council	Cappawhite St. Patrick's Day Parade	€750
18	Friends of the Playground Cahir	Scare IN Cahir 2022	€1,000
19	Solohead Parish Heritage Group	Solohead Parish Heritage Events	€1,342.86
20	New Inn Festival	New Inn Festival	€1,000
21	The Rhododendron Walking Festival Committee	Petticoat Loose Spooktacular Halloween Hike	€1,500
22	The Rhododendron Walking Festival Committee	Solstice Winter Walk	€1,000
23	Galtee Walking Club	Slievenmuck Marathon & Galtee Challenge	€1,000
24	Caislean Nua Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann	Trad Fest on the Suir	€800
25	Light up the Plan	Light up the Plan	€1,000
26	Grange Community Council	Grange Field Evening	€800

No.	APPLICANT	FESTIVAL / EVENT	GRANT
27	Youth Work Ireland Tipperary	Tipperary Youth Pride	€1,000
28	Annacarty/Donohill Active Retirement	Trathnona Bealtainne	€500
29	Aherlow Kilross Community Council Clg	Aherlow Kilross Community Christmas Market	€750
30	Knockmealdown Active	St. Declan's Walking Way Event	€1,000
31	Bansha Show Society	Bansha Agricultural Show	€1,000
32	Cappawhite GAA Club	Cappafest	€1,000
33	Mountain Lodge restoration group - BCC	BCC Mountain Lodge Suaimhneas sna Coillte	€1,000
34	Duhill Community Council	Celebrate our Place	€750
35	Ballylooby Community Council	Ballylooby Day	€1,000
36	Ballylooby Community Council	Ballylooby St. Patricks Day	€500
37	Cahir Social & Historical Society	Summer Festival at the Castle	€1,200
38	Tipperary Excel Heritage Ltd	Young at Heart festival	€1,500
39	County Tipperary Ryan Youth Orchestra	Youth Orchestra Celebration Concert Event	€1,200
40	Cashel St. Patrick's Parade	Cashel St. Patrick on the Plaza	€1,500
41	St. Paul's Community Council	Vee Valley festival	€1,500
42	New Inn Festival Committee	Mary Doyle Memorial Run	€250
43	Knockmealdown Active 10th Anniversary	Knockmealdown active	€700
44	New Inn Tidy Towns	Christmas Lights Event	€800
45	Newcastle Tidy Towns	Christmas in Caislean Nua	€800
46	St. Pauls Community Council	Clogheen Christmas Event	€800
TOTAL			€48,343

MUNICIPAL GRANTS

No.	APPLICANT	FESTIVAL	Proposed Grant
1	Cashel Arts Festival	Cashel Arts Festival	€14,000
2	Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Thiobraid Árann	Fleadh Cheoil Thiobraid Árann 2022	€7,000
3	Ballyporeen Community Council Ltd	Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival	€5,000
4	The Rhododendron Walking Festival Committee	The Rhododendron Walking Festival 2022	€5,000
5	Cashel Rugby & GAA Club	Tipps Fittest Superstars	€1,800
Total			€32,800
Overall Total			€81,143

SOME FESTIVALS AND EVENTS HELD IN THE DISTRICT:

Burncourt Annual Pumpkin Festival

Burncourt Community Council focused on the scarecrow as part of their “street art”. The pupils of Burncourt National School made a huge contribution which saw a whole-school creative programme devised with school staff and there was also engagement with families locally.

Photo below of event



Cahir Development Association – Taste of Cahir / Funday Sunday

Sunday, August 21st was Heritage Sunday and Water Heritage Day and there were a range of activities in Inch Field in Cahir with the ‘Horsemen of Eire’ showing off some of their skills and displaying medieval artefacts alongside a ‘Galtee Archery’ demonstration and yoga with Shelly.

Photos from the event



Tipperary Chamber of Commerce - Summer Markets

Tipperary Town Chamber of Commerce hosted a Summer Market on Friday 22nd July at the Market Yard, Tipperary Town. The market featured over 20 different traders with a wide range of food produce and craft products.

Photos below of event



Hillwalking Community Radio Group - The Ramble

This event took place on Saturday 27th August on a looped walk near the Limerick - Tipperary border, where people came together, renewed old acquaintances, shared stories, met new people and made new friends.



Ballylooby Community Council - Ballylooby Day

Ballylooby Community Council hosted a family fun day on Sunday September 4th which included old-fashioned games, a raffle, kids entertainment and also craft stalls, music, and food trucks.



Newcastle Tidy Towns - Christmas in Caisleán Nua

Christmas in Caisleán Nua combined a series of events in the run up to Christmas. The main event was the Santa Test Run where Santa visited over 70 houses on his sleigh to greet young families in their village.



Cashel Arts Festival

The 20th Cashel Arts Festival took place from September 15th – 18th. Cashel was alive with beautiful art, music and lots of entertainment to celebrate this year's theme of stories or scéalta.



Ballyporeen Community Council Ltd - Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival

The festival took place over the second last weekend of August in Ballyporeen with some of the main performances in the new sensory garden featuring a wide range of local acts including the Kilshanna Junior Choir, D’Ellas, Amy Casey Kelly, Culleton and Strange Bedfellows.

Mickey Joe Harte headlined the Saturday evening show and was supported by artist Ciaran O’Gorman. Sunday afternoon started with Before the Ghosts from Mitchelstown. They were followed by David Hope.



D’Ellas perform at the afternoon session



Mickey Joe Harte in Ballyporeen on Saturday evening



David Hope who was part of the Sunday line up

Cashel Rugby & GAA Club - Tipperary’s Fittest Superstars

On Saturday 11th June Cashel RFC hosted Tipperary Fittest Superstars, an event produced by the combined efforts of Cashel King Cormac’s GAA Club and Cashel Rugby Club.

More than 40 teams pitted themselves against the gruelling obstacle course designed by GAA manager and Ireland’s Fittest Family producer, Davy Fitzgerald. A huge crowd gathered for this successful event.



Christmas Events & Initiatives

Contributions of €6,500 each were provided towards the provision of Christmas lights & voucher schemes in Tipperary, Cahir & Cashel towns.

An additional grant from the Department of Rural and Community Development was administered by the Council for the purchase of new Christmas lights in the amount of €7,000 for each of the 3 towns of Tipperary, Cahir, Cashel.

Voucher Scheme – Cahir – Cashel & Tipperary Town

Hosted by Duala Ploughing Association
in aid of SOUTH TIPPERARY HOSPICE

CHRISTMAS TRACTOR PARADE 2022

(Tractors, Trucks & Bikes) & Santa's Grotto

Register on from 5:00pm at Woodview Service Station
Parade through the town starting at 6pm
Contact: Mike Cunningham at 086 6009290. Registration is €7.00.
GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON! LIVE MUSIC IN THE TOWN
Kidies Tractors and Bikes decorated with lights will start at the Castle Car Park from 6pm, along with the Parade of Nations organised by The Cahir International Club.
Contact Andy Maloney for further details at: 086 3609110

SANTA'S GROTTTO WILL BE OPEN AFTER THE OFFICIAL SWITCHING ON OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS @ 6.00PM ON 3RD DECEMBER | €5 admission fee!

LIVE Saturday 3rd Dec: 6pm and the following Saturday: 4th Dec: 2.00pm – 6.00pm and Sunday 11th Dec: 2.00pm – 6.00pm
*Special offers will also be available in local businesses

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WIN CASHEL VOUCHERS

SHOP IN CASHEL BETWEEN 1ST -10TH DECEMBER

€150

TO BE WON EVERYDAY
(FOR 10 DAYS BETWEEN DEC 1st - 10th)

WIN IN TWO EASY STEPS

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SPEND €10 OR MORE INSTORE IN ANY CASHEL BUSINESS BETWEEN 1st - 10th DECEMBER TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING

2 EMAIL
A COPY OF YOUR RECEIPT TO infocashel@gmail.com

Switching on the Lights

with Special Guest
Louise Morrissey

Carol Singing
Light up Vintage Rally
Remembrance Tree
12 shopping days of xmas
€3000 in prizes
Top Prize
2 Nights B&B plus 1 evening meal for 2 people at The River Lee Hotel, Cork
Crib at the Maid of Erin
for more information go to www.tipperarytown.ie

Light up the Plan
Live Music Every Weekend
Santa Drive
Main Street Christmas Eve

Date	Time	Event
Wed 6th	8:00pm	West End Res. Association Christmas Tree Lights
Fri 9th	6:30pm-8pm	Christmas Remembrance Tree at the Market Yard
Fri 9th	8:11pm	Christmas Crazy Super Night
Sat 10th	12pm-4pm	Tipperary Town Food & Craft Fair
Sat 10th	5:30pm	Light up Tipperary Vintage Rally with Grand Speake appearance by Sara
Sat 10th	8pm	East Christmas Carols Concert
Sun 11th	3pm	Baird's Academy of Music Christmas Concert
Sun 11th	3pm	Christmas Carol Service, St Mary's Church
Fri 16th	Various times	Tipperary School Choirs - various locations in town
Sat 17th	12pm-3pm	The Green Stride Race 10K
Sat 17th	3pm	Tipperary Vintage Rally Tractor and Bike Race
Sat 17th	2.30pm	County Tipperary Band Youth Orchestra at Daragh Road Music Shop
Sat 17th	4pm-5pm	Christmas Pudding at Annet's
Sat 17th	5pm	Light up the Plan for Christmas
Sat 17th	6pm	Dec Annual Christmas/Psalm Party
Sun 18th	9pm	St Michael's Church Carol Service
Thurs 22nd to Sat 24th		Santa in the Whiskers
Wed 23rd	5pm	Santa's Grotto in the Tipperary Creek Union
Sat 24th	5pm	Kelham Band - Light up the Plan
Sat 24th	5:30pm	Santa's Christmas Dinner
Sat 24th	5pm	Remembrance Service - Light up the Plan

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town Centre Forums & Town Action Plans

The District facilitates and supports the Town Centre Forums of Cashel & Tipperary in their on-going efforts to enhance their towns, promote business opportunities and implement agreed actions.

Meetings of Cashel and Tipperary Town Centre Forums were held throughout the year and updates were received from representatives of agencies and local organisations on projects and initiatives in each of the towns.

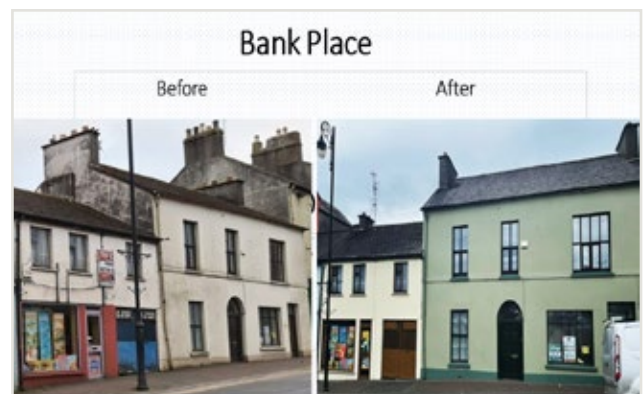
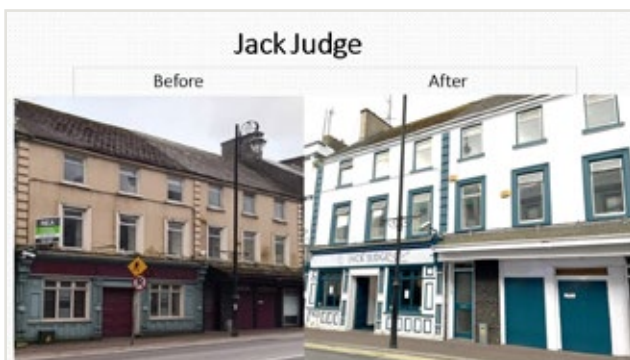
Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme 2022

The Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme provided grant aid to assist owners or occupiers of properties situated in the primary retail areas of Tipperary, Cahir, Cashel towns to improve the streetscapes.

Tipperary Credit Union provided additional funding to support a painting scheme in Tipperary town in cooperation with Tipperary Chamber of Commerce.

Many buildings in Church Street, Main Street, O'Brien Street and Bank Place in Tipperary Town have been painted for the first time in several years.

Photo below of works done



Department of Rural & Community Development's Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS): Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2021/2022

Expressions of interest were invited from property owners / occupiers in Cahir and Cashel for works under the Street Enhancement Measures 2021 and 40 applications were received, assessed and letters of offer issued to applicants.

A wide variety of measures were supported under the scheme and all approved works had to be completed and grants paid to applicants before the end of May 2022.

Works undertaken, and grants paid in Cahir:

- Total grant amount paid = €61,307.22
- Total amount of grant applicants paid = 14
- Total value of works completed = €105,600

Below are some of the properties that availed of the grant.

Cahir Arts, 26 Castle Street, Cahir.



Before Works



After Works

O'Brien Butchers, Castle Street, Cahir



Before Works



After Works

The Heritage News & Deli Ltd, The Square, Cahir



Before Works



After Works

Works undertaken, and grants paid in Cashel:

- Total grant amount paid = €60,745.15
- Total amount of applicants paid = 13
- Total value of works completed = €103,700

Below are some properties that availed of the grant.

**A.M. Office & School Supplies,
15 Friar Street, Cashel**



Before Works



After Works

**Cashel Heritage & Development Trust,
City Hall, Main Street, Cashel**



Before Works



After Works

Bowes & Co. Food, 26 Main Street, Cashel



Before Works



After Works

Back In 5 Disability Awareness Campaign

The “Back in 5” campaign involved the placing of wheelchairs and mobility aids in parking spaces to highlight the frustration experienced by Blue Badge holders when their parking spaces are used by others. The wheelchairs and mobility aids have notes attached that carry the message – “just gone to the bank” or “only be here for a few minutes”.

The campaign was a collaboration involving the Irish Wheelchair Association (South Tipperary) HSE, Tipperary County Council, An Garda Síochána and local Chambers of Commerce. The campaign started in Cahir Castle Car Park and finish in Tipperary Town on Friday August 26th.

Photos of the “Back in 5” Campaign below



TOURISM & RECREATION

Developing Cashel as a Destination Town in Ireland's Ancient East

Plans for Cashel Tourism and Recreation Park were prepared by the Paul Hogarth Company and approved by Elected Members following a Part 8 planning process. Detailed design plans are being prepared for the Bishop's Walk section of the park following consultation with National Monuments Section of the Department and construction work is planned for 2023.

The Council was awarded Fáilte Ireland funding of €500,000 for Cashel under the Developed and Emerging Destination Towns Capital Investment Programme. This funding is to assist in the implementation of a Cashel Signage Strategy and upgrading of the public plaza.

The Paul Hogarth Company were appointed as consultants to develop a Signage Strategy and new public realm plans for Cashel and they engaged in public consultation prior to proceeding to a Part 8 planning process which resulted in the Chief Executive's Report for the proposed development of Cashel Public Realm being approved by Elected Members at the October 2022 meeting.

The OPW also appointed Consarc Consulting to assess site options for a Rock of Cashel Visitor Experience development and to work with the OPW, Council and Fáilte Ireland on identifying suitable sites.

The site assessment report has been finalised and is being considered by the Partners' Steering Group which will progress the project to the design and planning stage, subject to the availability of funding from partners.



Playgrounds & Amenities

Playgrounds and multi-use games areas (MUGAs) in the district are open with signage in place which states the rules and responsibilities of parents and guardians bringing their children to use these amenities.

A new Community Playground Committee formed in Newcastle and the group completed refurbishment of the playground with grant funding of €2,533 from the Department's Capital Play and Recreation Grant Scheme. The group applied to enter into an agreement with the Council under the Tipperary Playground Policy and the playground is now reopened following an independent inspection of the amenity.

Cahir (Duneske) Community & Development playground was completely refurbished last year and the playground reopened. The Cahir Playground Committee was approved LEADER programme funding for the project and fundraised locally. The District also supported the project with funding from the GMA.

A new community playground was constructed in Ardfinnan and opened to the public. The local community has also signed an agreement with the Council.

Clonoulty Community Playground Committee has also signed a playground agreement with the Council covering Clonoulty playground.

Photos below of Playgrounds



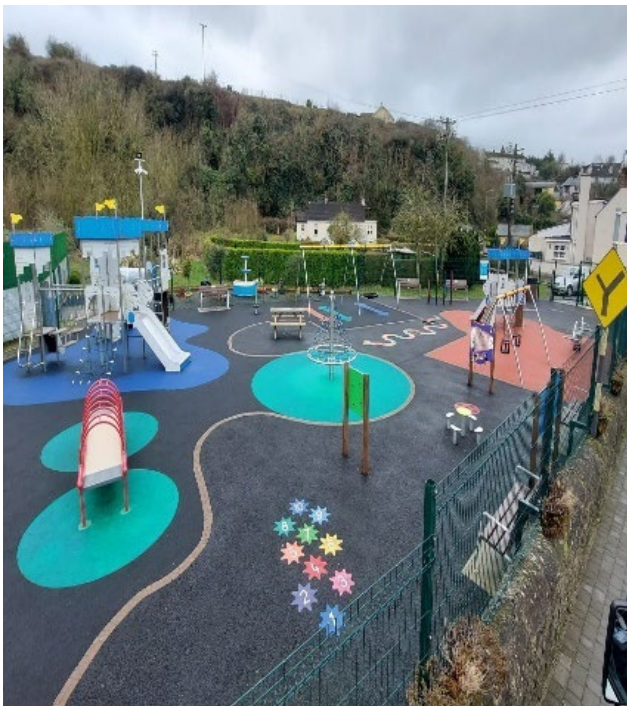
Newcastle playground



Cahir Playground

Ardfinnan Playground

Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cllr. Micheál Anglim and Minister for Gaeltacht Affairs and Sport, Jack Chambers TD, cutting the ribbon at the official opening of Ardfinnan playground.



Clonoulty Community Playground



Green Flag Awarded to Cahir Inch Field

Cahir Inch Field has received its first green flag and accreditation in the category of formal public Green Flag Park sites. Tipperary County Council applied for the award which is based on an assessment of a management plan, inspection of the amenity and adjudication by An Taisce appointed judges. Only awarded for exceeding tough environmental standards in green space management, and excellence of visitor attractions – the Green Flag Award Scheme is the mark of a quality park or green space and is recognised throughout the world. The Green Flag Award scheme aims to encourage the provision of good quality public parks and green spaces that are managed in environmentally sustainable ways.

The visiting judges for the Green Flag Award were impressed with Cahir Inch Field and commented that the bar was set high for a first-time applicant for a green flag. The Green flag Award is further recognition of the great work that has been undertaken in Cahir with the support of Cahir Tidy Towns volunteers, other organisations and businesses in the town.

Photo below



From Left:- John O Meara, Anthony Coleman & Cllr. Andy Moloney.

HRH Prince Charles & Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall visit to Cahir Town & Cashel Town.

On Friday 25th March HRH Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall visited Tipperary and was welcomed to the county by Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Cllr. Marie Murphy and Chief Executive, Joe MacGrath along with other public representatives.



Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall pictured at the Rock of Cashel

Cahir was first on the Tipperary itinerary as the Royal couple met members of Tipperary Food Producers Network, local school children and representatives from community and voluntary groups including, Cahir Development Association, Tidy Towns, Cahir Mens Shed and Cahir Comhaltas. They also visited Cahir Castle and met OPW staff.

In Cashel the couple visited the Rock of Cashel and Brù Boru Heritage Centre. After a performance of traditional music, dancing and singing, Prince Charles gave a speech during which he expressed his love for Ireland, its traditions and culture, and the need to strengthen connections and finally he spoke about the need to end gender based violence against women, a campaign supported by Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall.



Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall enjoying a dance at Brù Boru Heritage Centre.



Prince Charles and Camilla sample some of Tipperary's top cheese brands at the Farmers Market organised by Tipperary Food Producers Network.



Prince Charles tries his hand at playing the bodhrán with members of Cahir Comhaltas as Tipperary County Council Cathaoirleach Cllr. Marie Murphy looks on.

International Yoga Day in Cashel to celebrate spirituality

The Federation of Indian Communities in Ireland (FICI) in conjunction with Tipperary County Council launched the International Day of Yoga on Saturday 25th June at the Cashel Rugby Club grounds as a free outdoor event. This will be including a session of yoga, pranayama and meditation followed by Irish Dancing with Lucy Burgess and Scoil Ui Ruaire and Indian cultural performances.

Photos below of event



The event was officially launched at Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District Office by Councillor Declan Burgess, Margo Hayes from the Migrant Forum/ Tipperary County Council and District Administrator, Anthony Coleman, in the presence of FICI Board members Dr. Puri Babulal Yadav, Kuldeep Joshi, Sangeeta Molloy from Clonmel, Cllr John Crosse and Mairead Shaw from Amneal, Cashel.

Photo below of the Launch



Seán Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool

Internal refurbishments and external upgrade works were undertaken at Seán Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool in Tipperary town in 2022. The internal works included replacement of boilers in the plant room and installation of new pipework. New shower units were also installed.

External works included installation of a new pedestrian entrance, footpaths and resurfacing of the car park.

Swimming classes resumed in the pool following lifting of pandemic restrictions with updated operating times for the public, schools and clubs. Training courses were also provided by an external instructor to provide opportunities for people who wanted to become lifeguards and swimming teachers.

Photo below of works



Canon Hayes Recreation Centre

Tipperary County Council assisted the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre in undertaken a strategic and financial review of its facility which was carried out by Deloitte Ireland LLP. They worked with the board of CHRC and other stakeholders to review operations and structures and prepare a strategic plan to enable the facility to operate in a sustainable manner in the long-term. The Council is assisting the board of Canon Hayes Recreation Centre to implement the report's recommendations and provided financial support of €40,000 to carry upgrade works in the centre and assisted them to seek additional funding under the Sports Capital Programme and the Community Services Programme. In addition, a Community Sports Hub Officer, recruited by Tipperary Sports Partnership is based in the centre.

Broadband & WiFi Projects

Tipperary town centre has free Wi-Fi through the WiFi4EU initiative which is co-funded by the EU Commission and Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment with access points installed at various locations around the town.

The Council supported delivery of the National Broadband Programme and encouraged Eir, SIRO and other telecommunications providers to roll out networks and upgrade infrastructure in the district.

Contractors rolling out the National Broadband Ireland (NBI) Programme are working in the Municipal District which processed fourteen Section 254 licence applications from NBI in 2022 for the installation of new poles and other infrastructure to facilitate the rollout of broadband in rural areas.

Photo below at the launch of the free WIFI in Tipperary Town



Local Live Performance Market yard Tipperary Town

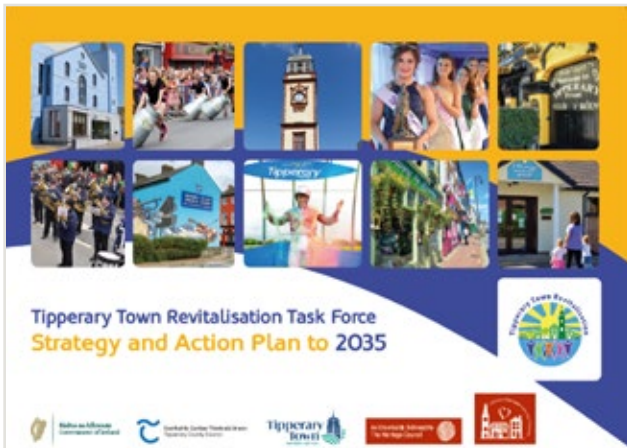
The LITHA series of events was a 4-day celebration of music and spoken word poetry which took place across Tipperary to mark the Summer Solstice. As part of this series Jerry Fish Kingfisher and special guests performed at the Market Yard Tipperary town on 23rd June.

Photo below of event



TIPPERARY TOWN REVITALISATION TASK FORCE

Tipperary Town Revitalisation Strategy and Action Plan



In July 2022 Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force published their Strategy & Action Plan to 2035. The document was developed over eighteen months through public and stakeholder consultation and follows on from the presentation of a draft plan and public consultation that took place.

The Strategy and Action Plan puts forward 100 actions aimed at driving the socio-economic development of the town under four pillars, Town Identity & the Public Realm, Economic Opportunity, Natural Environment and Sustainability and Social Inclusion. The plan also incorporates a socio-economic profile of the town and the Tipperary Town Collaborative Town Centre Health Check findings developed by the Heritage Council through the work of Alison Harvey.

Some of the developments already underway through the work of the Task Force and its partners include the development of the Tipperary ENGINE Digital Hub, development of a Youth & Further Education and Training Centre at Dan Breen House, and the redevelopment of 'The Plan' and 'The Hills'. The Task Force also led a community murals programme through a subgroup and are currently working on a business case for a food incubation hub in the town, along with assisting Canon Hayes Recreation Centre through a major infrastructural development in the coming years. They are also a key partner in the Creative Places that was awarded to Tipperary Town by the Arts Council, the programme will see an investment of approximately €500,000 in the arts and creative sector in the town over the next three years.

The full Strategy and Action Plan can be downloaded from the Task Force website at www.tipperarytownrevitalisation.ie

Tipperary Town Murals Programme



The Tipperary Town Murals Programme was commissioned by Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force and took place in September and October with a series of community workshops to determine the themes followed by the delivery of four high quality murals on Bridge Street, Blind Street, Abbey Street and in James Connolly Park. One further mural depicting the towns musical heritage will be delivered on James Street.

The themes covered biodiversity, heritage community and sport, and were painted by experienced national and international artists in collaboration with 'The Walls Project' who oversaw the programme.

The Tipperary Town Murals Programme is funded by Tipperary LCDC and South Tipperary Development CLG under the Rural Development / LEADER Programme.

Dan Breen House to get a new lease of life

Dan Breen House is set to undergo a major refurbishment in the coming years and repurposed as a Youth & Further Education and Training Centre as part of new plans for the building. The project is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, and Tipperary Education & Training Board and is supported by the Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force as a priority action under the Tipperary Town Revitalisation Strategy & Action plan to 2035.

The project will aim to provide the infrastructure to support a range of youth programmes and training opportunities in Tipperary Town and will target supports towards people from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds in particular. Research carried out by the Task Force shows that Tipperary suffers from very high levels of disadvantage relative to other comparable towns, with low educational attainment being a significant barrier for people trying to access the labour market. This new facility in the town will allow for greatly enhanced service and training provision, and will be a cornerstone in the efforts to address a myriad of socioeconomic issues that prevail in Tipperary Town.

Tipperary County Council have appointed Robin Lee Architecture as the lead architect for the project. The proposal will see a total refurbishment of the existing building and the demolition of the old library to make way for a new modern extension.



Left: At the contract signing for Dan Breen House Youth & Further Education and Training Centre (L-R Donal Kelly, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, Frank Cussen, Tipperary County Council, Robin Lee, Robin Lee Architecture, Colin Cummins, Tipperary Education and Training Board, Anthony Coleman, Tipperary County Council, Michael Begley, Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force)

Tipperary ENGINE Digital Hub & Co-working Facility

Tipperary Technology Park has just undergone a major facelift with a substantial section of the building having undergone a full refurbishment in 2022. The facility is to be rebranded as Tipperary ENGINE and will be part of a network of Digital Hubs in the Mid-West. The project was awarded funding of €500,000 by Enterprise Ireland under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF), with Tipperary County Council providing €127,000 in matching funding.

Tipperary ENGINE Digital Hub offers a range of facilities, from single desks aimed at remote workers to private enterprise spaces for start-ups and small businesses, up to a fully serviced 3,000 sq. ft office facility for larger businesses comprising of a mix of closed and open plan floor layout. High speed broadband is available throughout the building, with a cafeteria and free parking is available to all users.



Creative Places comes to Tipperary Town

Tipperary Town has been selected by the Arts Council of Ireland / An Chomhairle Ealaíon as one of twelve locations nationally to take part in an initiative aimed at getting more people involved in arts and cultural activities.

Creative Places works from the ground up and it builds on the creative things that are already happening in a place, like the writers' group, dance class or musical society. Creative Places also involves conversations with locals of all ages to find out what additional art activities people would like to take part in and enjoy.

The Arts Council are investing €371,000 over a three-year period in Tipperary Town and this will allow those who live and work here to collaborate with artists to build a brighter, more vibrant and creative town. The project is also being supported by Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Co-op. A project coordinator, Leisa Gray, has been appointed and the first activities will begin in early 2023.

The mission of Creative Places Tipperary Town is to:

Support and develop artists and creative practitioners to collaborate with those who live and work in Tipperary Town to explore identity, bring vibrancy to the place and high-quality arts opportunities to the people.

Below Left: Creative Places Launch Event, Below right: Leisa Grey, Creative Places Coordinator



Tipperary Hills Enhancement

Tipperary Hills will get a major investment as Tipperary County Council were awarded €500,000 under the Department of Rural and Community Development's Town & Village Renewal Scheme towards the enhancement of the much-loved public park. Match funding of €125,000 from Tipperary County Council will be used to carry out works including improved access and pathways, new picnic benches and furniture, improvements to the car park, landscaping and planting.



Work is expected to get underway in 2023 once the project has been approved planning permission. The area is maintained by Tipperary Pitch and Putt Club, Tipperary Tidy Towns and Tipperary County Council and this investment aims to ensure that the Hills will continue to be one of the best recreational amenities in the county.

Soloheadbeg Linear Walk

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the Task Force and other partners were awarded €42,500 towards the design of a linear walkway linking Limerick Junction to Soloheadbeg, as well as €200,000 to upgrade the existing Tipperary Town to Limerick Junction walkway along the N24. The project includes pathway widening and resurfacing, pedestrian safety measures and other improvements.

The funding is being made available under the Department of Rural and Community Development's Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS), and the projects are part of a broader plan to develop a way-marked walking route from Soloheadbeg Monument to the Glen of Aherlow via Tipperary Town to be developed in stages in the coming years.



Vacancy Workshop



In October 2022 Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force, Tipperary County Council and The Heritage Council held a Vacancy Workshop in the Tipperary Excel Heritage Centre aimed at owners of vacant, underused or derelict properties in Tipperary Town. The event highlighted supports and incentives to bring properties back in to use, along with providing advice and guidance on planning, fire and other regulations, along with providing some good examples from Tipperary Town and other areas.

The event was well attended and follows on from the Collaborative Town Centre Health Check (CTCHC) developed by the Heritage Council. The CTCHC measures key indicators in the town including building vacancy, footfall, business and consumer sentiment.

Bee the Change



Figure 1 L-R at the Bee the Change Biodiversity Plan Launch: Cathaoirleach Roger Kennedy, Éanna Ní Lamhna, Ruth Broderick, Michael Begley, Paul O'Callaghan, Anthony Coleman.

Tipperary Tidy Towns followed on their impressive marks in the National Tidy Towns competition by launching their Landscape and Biodiversity Plan 2022-2027 at St. Ailbe's School in November in conjunction with Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force.

The keynote speaker was Éanna Ní Lámhna, and there were updates given on projects underway and the exciting plans that the group has for the future. The evening also featured the launch of the Tipperary Tidy Towns Poster Experience, a series of printed images submitted by local businesses and organisations with the theme of 'Pride in our Community'.

TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL & RURAL REGENERATION

River Ara Project



Photo below of contract signing

Contract signing and sod turning ceremony for the River Ara Walkway in Tipperary Town

On the 24th June 2022, the contract to carry out works on the River Ara Walkway was signed by Tipperary County Council Chief Executive, Joe MacGrath and Paul Duffy from Metro Building Contractors in the Tipperary Civic Offices.

Afterwards a sod turning ceremony took place on the walkway site near the Abbey School. The project includes a 1km walkway along the southern bank of the River Ara which starts on the Link Road in Tipperary town at the new pedestrian bridge and connects to existing paths and amenities in Glenview Square, creating a looped walkway in the area.

Funding for the project was being provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund, Outdoor Infrastructure Recreation Scheme and Tipperary County Council. The design consultant for the project is VESI Environmental.



Sod turning ceremony

Works began on Tipperary town's long-awaited River Ara Walkway Project in July of 2022. The new walkway sits in over 3 acres of newly developed natural wildlife area that runs parallel to the River Ara for nearly 1km before it merges into Glenview Square and links to other popular walks around the town.

A 3m wide tarmac walkway surface provides access for all. The area has been extensively planted with a wide variety of native Irish trees and hedging that will provide food and shelter for wildlife as they grow and mature. The wetland area has also been planted with specific wetland planting that will, as it grows and matures, provide for pollinators. Areas of wildflower have also been sown to increase the biodiversity levels of the grassed areas. An amphitheatre has been constructed and can be used for performances, outdoor learning and a gathering point for people who wish to take a break and relax in the natural surroundings. The walkway was opened to the public on the 22nd of December 2022.



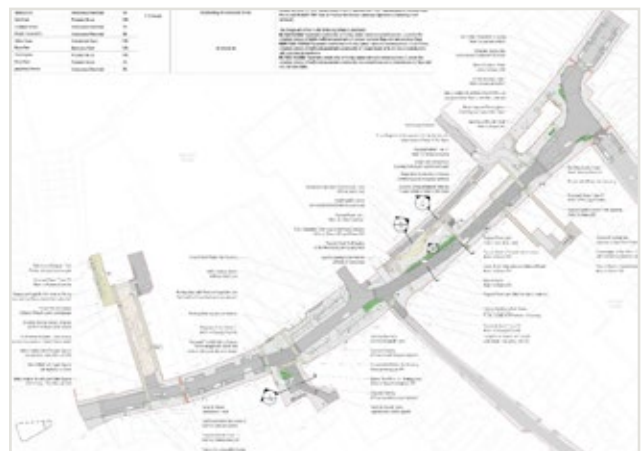
Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy

In December 2022 Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy was grant funded €14,894,686 from the Department of Rural and Community Development's Rural Regeneration Development Fund. This project will see the derelict Castle Court Hotel structure demolished and a bus and car park constructed on the site which will house facilities for EV charging and contain bike storage lockers. The historic Market House façade restored to its original form and a Business Development Centre housed in the building and the vacant adjoining building. A new start of the art library will be housed in the Granary building. This will see another semi vacant, protected structure in the heart of Cahir renovated to a high standard and brought into public use. The final element of Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy will see the public realm on Church Street, Old Church St, Castle St, St Marys Rd and the Square upgraded to provide more pedestrian friendly spaces and adaptable areas for public use along with incorporating nature based sustainable urban drainage systems. Detailed designs and tender documentation have been delivered by the respective detailed design teams and now the project delivery team are waiting for approval to proceed from the Department's RRDF Unit.



Cashel Town Centre Public Realm Design

In October 2022 the Cashel Town Centre Public Realm Design Part 8 was approved by the District's Elected Members. This design delivers a complete revitalisation and enhancement of Cashel's main street public realm from Lower Gate to Ladyswell Street. The design provides more spacious and safer pedestrian areas with pedestrian priority crossing points and appropriate street furniture and landscaping. The palette of materials to be used are high quality natural materials, fitting the heritage of Cashel town. The Project Delivery Team are looking forward to progressing this project through to delivery over the coming months of 2023.



Ardfinnan Green ORIS

The Ardfinnan Green project was substantially complete in October 2022 and has upgraded access and connectivity between the Suir Blueway and Ardfinnan village, formalising the walking route to provide universal access to this tranquil space on the banks of the River Suir.

This project has provided universal access to all areas on the green. The area has been planted with appropriate mature native trees and biodiverse low-level pollinator friendly plants. The installation of new seating and the development of picnic areas with accessible picnic benches. An accessible fishing platform will be installed on the banks of the Suir in 2023.

FAREWELLS & RETIREMENTS

Retirements

- Paddy Hoare, General Operative
- Tony Higgins, General Operative
- Jimmy Glasheen, General Operative
- Jerry Sutton, General Operative



From Left:- Jimmy Glasheen & Francis Fitzgerald.



From Left; Frances Fitzgerald & Jerry Sutton



From Left: Back Row; Patrick Lonergan, Joe Forrester, Jimmy Glasheen, Andrew Joyce, Noel Flavin, Sean Jones, Francis Fitzgerald, John Frewen, John Redfern, Willie Cranley, Middle row: left to right:- Francis Fitzgerald, Gerry Sutton, Billy Quinn, Pat Ryan, Peter Lyons, Brian Ahearne, Tony Riordan, Paddy Clarke, Pat Noonan, Front Row:-Bernie O'Brien, Brian Denny, Gerry Kiely, Tony Delaney, Mickey Morey, Eamonn Crowe

Farewells & Congratulations

- Robert Johnston, Executive Engineer
- Sharon Kenny, Clerical Officer
- Noelette O Dwyer, Assistant Staff Officer
- Anthony Coleman, District Administrator.

Sharon Kenny, Farewell



From Left:- Sharon Kenny, Adeline Walsh & Anthony Coleman

Robert Johnston Farewell



From Left:- Back Row:- Paul Farrell, John Ryan, Mairead Moloney, Tom Meagher, Tim Kilmartin & John Redfern. From Left:- Front Row:- Frank Cussan, Robert Johnston, Liz Stapleton, Marie Lynch, Clara Fitzell, Camille Donovan & Mairead Bradshaw.

Noelette O'Dwyer, Farewell



From Left:- Noelette O' Dwyer & Anthony coleman

Anthony Coleman, Farewell & Congratulations

Congratulations to Anthony Coleman who has been promoted to Director of Services for the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) & Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District



From Left Back Row:- Catherine O' Connor, Marie Lynch, Paddy Crowley, Robert Johnston, Mairead Bradshaw, Camille Donovan, Kathleen Prendergast, Francis Fitzgerald, Mairead Moloney, Adeline Walsh, Verena McGrath, Annette Heskett & Liz Stapleton. Front Row from left:- Mary Corcoran, Mary Lynch, Sharon Heffernan & Anthony Coleman.

10th Anniversary from Dan Breen to the Municipal District Office, Rosanna Road, Co. Tipperary

On Friday the 7th of October we marked the 10 year anniversary of the move from Dan Breen House to the Civic Offices on Rosanna Road. Photo below is of some of the original staff members who moved 10 years ago.

**Missing from this photo is Alice Holmes.*



From Left:- Francis Fitzgerald, Marie Lynch, Mairead Bradshaw, Mary Corcoran, Mary Lynch, Camille Donovan, Mairead Moloney, Catriona Crowe & Tony Delaney.

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District Light up the building for the following;

On 26th May to support the struggle in Ukraine the building was light up in the colours of the Ukrainian Flag.



On 10th September in support of World Suicide Day the Civic Offices in Tipperary town was light up in yellow.



On 1st December in support of World Aid's Day the building was light up in red.



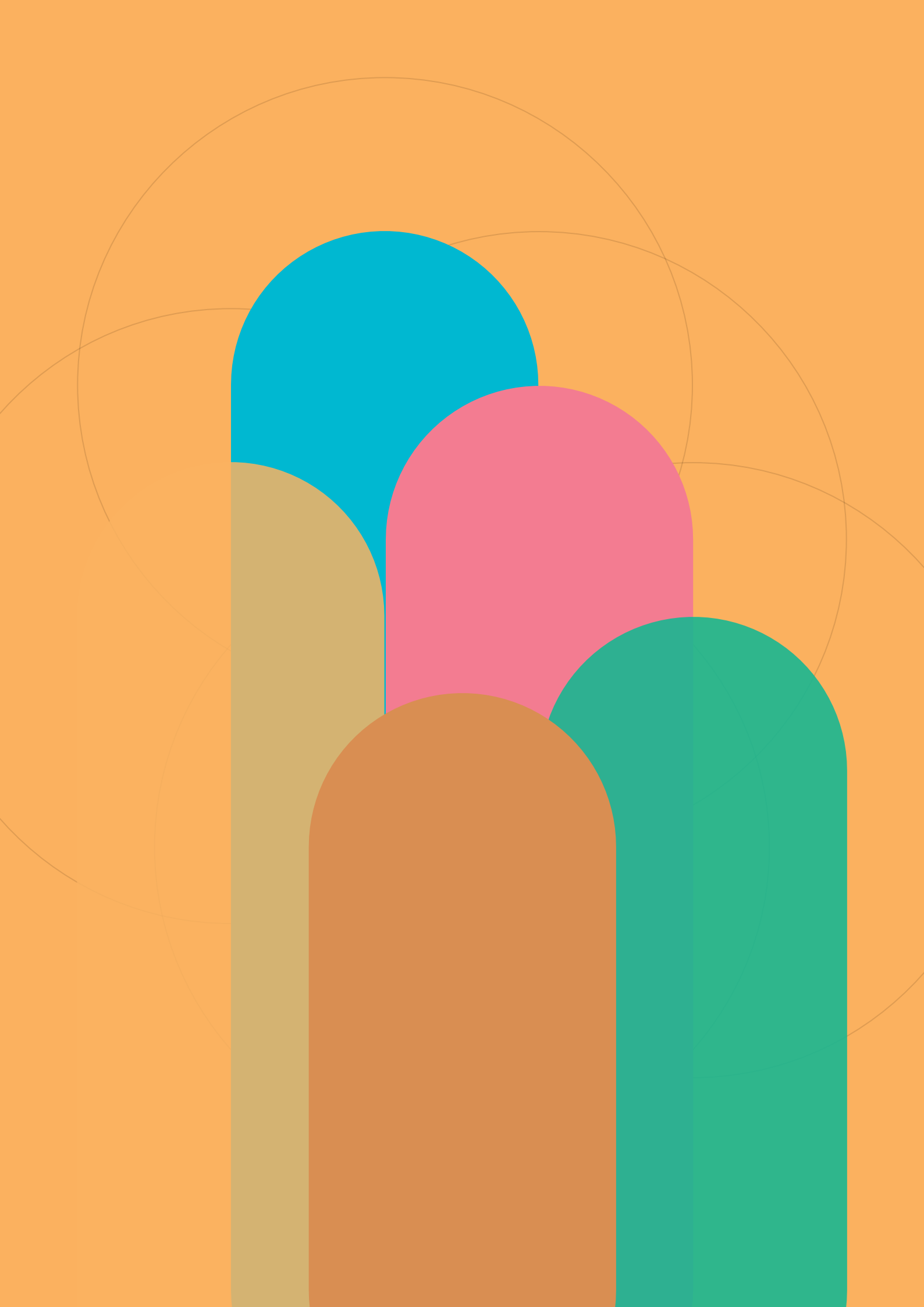
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District Facebook page

On 11th October 2022, Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District launched its Facebook page. Tipperary Cahir Cashel is the largest district in the county and this page is used to promote and highlight Council works and to acknowledge the voluntary work by linking in with community groups who benefit from financial support through festival and events, burial grounds and Tidy Towns grants. The page will also include details of classes and pool timetables for Sean Treacy Swimming Pool.

Photo below







Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for the overall control and management of the Council's finances, both Revenue and Capital. It is responsible for the short, and long-term financing of the Council's operations.

Included among the wide range of services provided by the Finance Department are:

- Financial Control, Cash Flow and Treasury Management
- Preparation of the Draft Annual Budget
- Preparation of the Annual Financial Statement
- Collection of Commercial Rates
- Collection and management of Housing Loans
- Non-Principal Private Residence - NPPR charge
- Administration and maintenance of the Financial Management System – Agresso
- All payments, including loan repayments and insurance premiums
- Monitoring the recoupment of government grants and subsidies
- Guidance in procurement to all sections
- Guidance in Green Public Procurement (GPP) to all sections
- Maintenance of financial records and the making of various reports and returns
- Internal Audit and checking section
- Motor Taxation

In the course of its work, the Finance Department liaises with all sections of the Local Authority.

Main Sections within Finance:

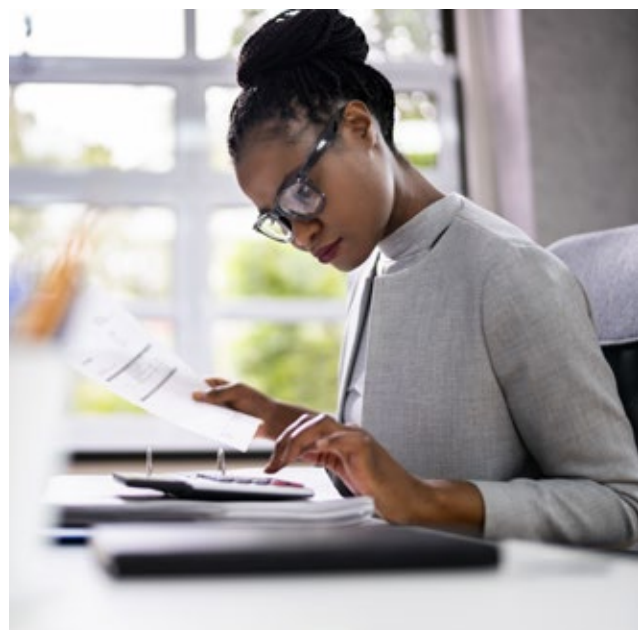
Financial and Management Accounting

Financial Accounting involves the preparation of the Annual Financial Statements (AFS), other statutory returns, reporting to external agencies and dealing with the Local Government Audit process.

Management Accounting involves the preparation of quarterly management reports to assist with budgetary control and the decision-making process within each directorate.

The Annual Budget process is managed in this section, in consultation with all the service divisions.

Treasury management, bank reconciliation, debtor management, monitoring of the Capital Account and ensuring draw down of grants are some of the other activities carried out by this section.



Revenue

In 2022 Revenue Section mainly dealt with the collection of Commercial Rates, Housing Loans and the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge.

A total of €32,301,387 was collected in Commercial Rates during 2022. Waivers to the value of €797,075 (funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage), were credited to Rates accounts.

The Housing Loans Team, based in the Revenue Section, Civic Offices Clonmel, continue to work closely with all local authority borrowers who are encouraged to engage with us at all times. In particular, where borrowers are in an arrears or in a pre-arrears situation, the team are available to discuss options to try to avoid an escalation of the problem. The team will meet with borrowers to review their financial situation in order to determine the best possible solution. All loan accounts are monitored on a monthly basis or as required. We endeavour to communicate with all borrowers in a fair and reasonable manner.

NPPR Charges in the amount of €543,220 were collected during the year.


1,320 Certificates of Discharge/ Exemption were issued in 2022.

Revenue Collection

Debtor type	% Collected
Rents	90%
Housing Loans	99%
Rates*	83%

* As per Draft Annual Financial Statement (AFS), 2022 - Appendix 7, after allowing for specific doubtful arrears relating to:

- Vacancy applications pending or criteria not met, and
- Accounts in examinership / receivership / liquidation, and no communication regarding likely outcome.

 **51,199 invoices**
were processed in
2022, totalling more
than €151M.

Accounts Payable

All invoices are certified for payment by the relevant sections of the council and forwarded to the Finance Department.

These include payments for goods and services provided to the Council for both revenue and capital purposes. The payments are then processed and paid by the Finance Department. Checks are carried out for Tax Clearance Certificate or Sub-Contractor's Certificates as appropriate. Withholding Tax is deducted at the prescribed rate from payments in respect of 'Professional Services' and paid over to the Revenue Commissioners.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 which came into effect on the 1st of January 1998, requiring local authorities to pay interest on payments which are not paid within the prescribed period.

Invoice Statistics

No of Invoices processed in 2022

Quarter	Quantity	Value
Quarter 1	12,477	€ 26,412,645
Quarter 2	11,898	€ 32,454,476
Quarter 3	13,579	€ 39,871,720
Quarter 4	13,245	€ 52,633,754
Totals	51,199	€ 151,372,595

Internal Audit

The role of internal audit is to provide independent assurance that the organisation's risk management, governance and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Internal Audit objectively examine, evaluate, and report on the adequacy of internal controls as a contribution to the proper, economic, effective and efficient use of resources.

During 2022, the Internal Audit section undertook a number of audits and the findings and recommendations from each audit were reported to management and the Audit Committee. Internal Audit continued to review the implementation of the recommendations from previous audits.



Procurement

The Procurement Section has a role in ensuring that Tipperary County Council has good purchasing practices in place. Procedures are designed to maximise value for money and to provide that all potential suppliers have a fair opportunity to tender. The general principles used in all elements of procurement are: equality of treatment, transparency, mutual recognition and proportionality. The procurement section works to provide high standards of openness, transparency and compliance with all relevant public procurement guidelines and legislation.

The Procurement section works with all sections to initiate Green Public Procurement (GPP), defined as: 'A process whereby public authorities seek to procure goods, services and works with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle when compared to goods, services and works with the same primary function that would otherwise be procured,' as required by government policy.

It is government policy that all contracts above €25,000 for goods and services, and over €50,000 for Works and Works Related Services are formally advertised on eTenders. www.etenders.gov.ie is the key national website where potential suppliers and service providers need to be registered in order to be kept informed of upcoming tenders. There is a range of guides on the www.tipperarycoco.ie website to assist potential suppliers find where to register and maximise their opportunities to tender for public sector contracts.

Agresso Financial Management System

The Agresso Support Team maintains the Council's Financial Management System, Agresso, helping to ensure proper control over the Council's financial records (an essential feature in the Council's system of Internal Control). The Agresso system was implemented in 2001 and was upgraded to Agresso Milestone 7 (MS7) in October 2022.

Agresso MS7 includes features which assist in the achievement of our business goals, including; automated workflow, web service access, procurement checks and enhanced controls.



MOTOR TAXATION

RECEIPTS –OFFICES CLONMEL & NENAGH	€	%
Private cars and motor cycles	4,280,870	58.92
Goods and other vehicles	2,397,820	33.00
Miscellaneous	587,397	8.08
Total Revenue 2022	7,266,087	100.00

	€	%
Number of tax discs issued by Clonmel & Nenagh Motor Tax Offices 2021	40,830	20.30
Number of tax discs issued On-Line	160,269	79.70
Total Number Of Tax Discs Issued 2022	201,099	100.00

	No.	%
Percentage of applications which are postal (Motor Taxation Transactions)	11,490	5.71%
Average number of postal applications and percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions) from receipt of application		
On the same day	11,354	98.82%
On the 2 nd or 3 rd day	88	0.76%
On the 4 th or 5 th day	9	0.08%
Over 5 days	39	0.34%

M.1 Percentage of motor tax transactions which:	2020	2021	2022
Are dealt with over the counter	10.18%	4.33%	14.59%
Are dealt with by post	8.14%	11.76%	5.71%
Are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online)	81.68%	83.91%	79.70%

M.2 Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions issued) from receipt of application	2020	2021	2022
(a) on the same day	16,379	22,711	11,354
(b) on the 2 nd or 3 rd day	275	470	88
(c) on the 4 th or 5 th day	11	16	9
(d) over 5 days	69	105	39

M.3 Public Opening Hours	2020*	2021*	2022
Average number of opening hours per week	20.00	20.00	20.00

*The public counter was closed during Level 5 Covid-19 restrictions

Motor Tax On-line

Tipperary County Council is continuing its policy of promoting the online motor tax facility www.motortax.ie

The total number of tax discs issued to the 31st December 2022 amounted to 201,099. In percentage terms, the number of discs issued on-line as of this date was 79.70% thereof.

A percentage of 83.91% was reflected for the equivalent period in 2021.

In addition, the Council also has facilities available at Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary and Thurles Municipal District Offices. These outlets cater for persons who do not have a Laser or Debit Card available to them. Payments are accepted in Cash or Postal/Money Order and the on-line aspect of the transaction is carried out by a member of staff. A total number of 683 transactions have been carried out by the three Municipal Districts from the 1st of January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

Computers with internet connection are also available for use by members of the public wishing to tax on-line at the Libraries in the County.

Main Reports Produced by Finance:

The Annual Budget

The Finance Department prepares the overall Draft Revenue Budget in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Management Team.

The budget is presented to the Corporate Policy Group and to the Elected Members for adoption at the Annual Budget Meeting.

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

Each local authority is required to prepare an Annual Financial Statement (AFS) by the end of March of the following year and to publish it by the end of June.

The AFS is presented to members at a Council Meeting, and undergoes an independent audit by the [Local Government Audit Service](#).

The AFS details the income and expenditure for the financial year for both revenue and capital. The Balance Sheet shows the assets and liabilities of the County Council at the end of the year.

Council & Management Reports

The management report provides details of the income and expenditure for the various services provided by the council, and is compared to Budget for purposes of ensuring proper and ongoing budgetary control.

Management reports are provided to the Management Team on a monthly basis and to the Council on a bi-monthly basis.

Department Quarterly Reporting

All Local Authorities report financial performance quarterly to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). These reports consist of a quarterly Income and Expenditure Report, a General Government Balance (GGB) Report which essentially consists of an abbreviated Balance Sheet, a Capital Account report and Debtors report.

In addition, various reports are produced for budget holders in Tipperary County Council relating to all aspects of the Council's activities.

Public Spending Code

All Irish public bodies are obliged to treat public funds with care, and to ensure that the best possible value-for-money is obtained whenever public money is being spent or invested. The Public Spending Code is the set of rules and procedures that apply to ensure that these standards are upheld across the Irish public service.

The Public Spending Code Quality Assurance Report for Tipperary County Council for 2021 was published, and submitted to the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) on 30th May 2022.

Financial Statement

The Revenue Account details monies spent and received on day-to-day items such as payroll, insurance, loan repayments, the purchase of materials and the maintenance of roads, housing, landfill sites, burial grounds, and so on.

There are four principal sources of Revenue Income for local authorities:

- Commercial Rates;
- The provision of Goods and Services, e.g. Planning Fees, Rents;
- Local Property Tax and
- Other Grants e.g. Road Grants.

The Council's Capital Account, on the other hand, relates to the Council's activities in terms of creating assets, and various Projects having a multi-year timeframe. These include the building of Council houses and road construction. When such schemes are completed, the day-to-day receipts and expenditure incurred in their maintenance is accounted for in the Revenue Account. The monies spent by Tipperary County Council on capital projects are recouped by means of State Grants. Occasionally, the Council borrows money for such projects. Housing Loan Redemptions and Planning Contributions are also credited to the Capital Account.

Draft Revenue Account 2022

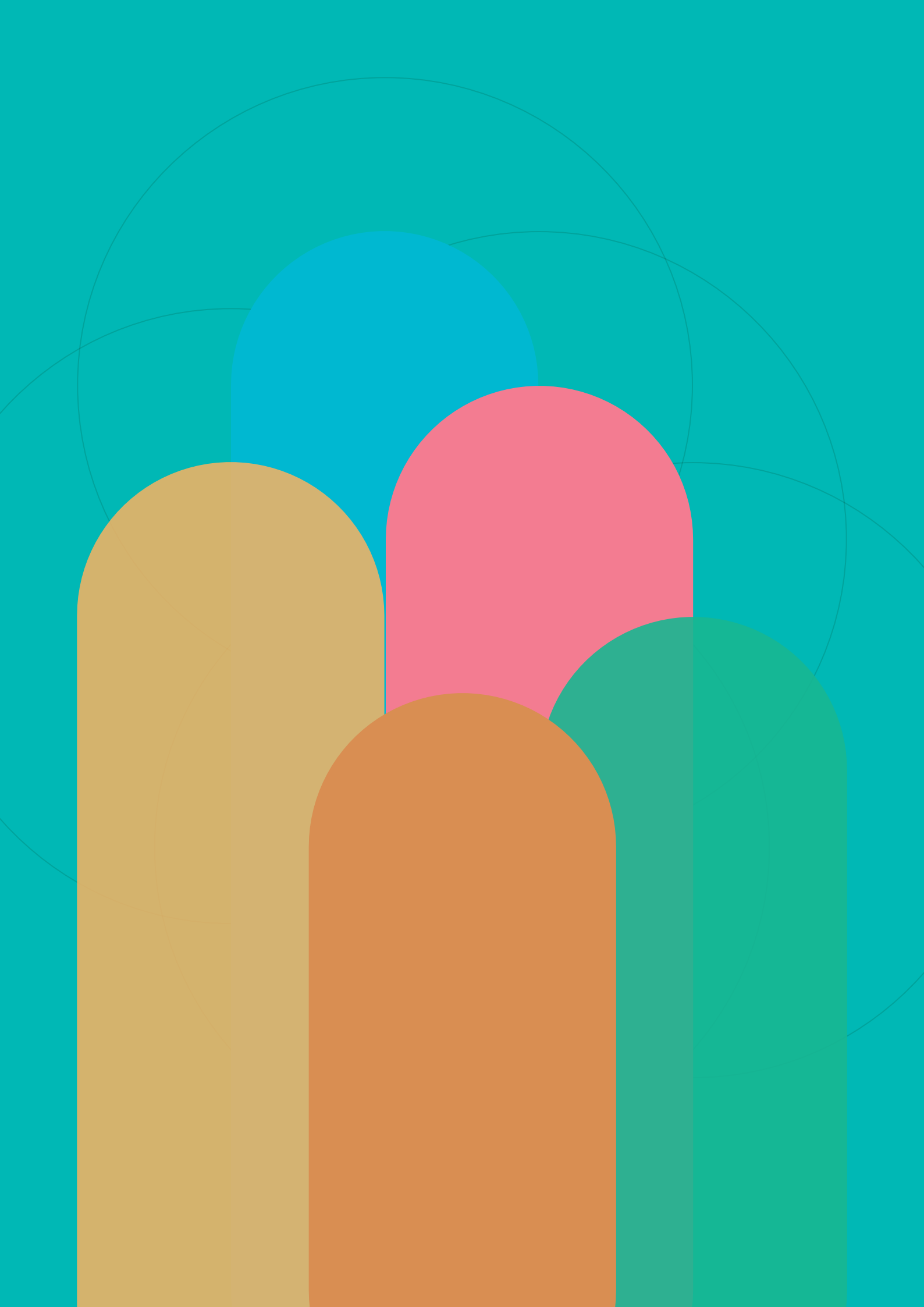
	Expenditure €	Income €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
Housing & Building	38,906,706	39,174,483	(267,777)
Road Transport & Safety	58,004,005	39,575,240	18,428,764
Water Services	14,549,970	14,172,690	377,280
Development Management	15,729,309	8,622,164	7,107,145
Environmental Services	28,966,950	13,466,308	15,500,642
Recreation & Amenity	14,112,339	2,963,320	11,149,019
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,713,282	1,298,535	414,746
Miscellaneous Services	12,820,613	14,950,588	(2,129,975)
Local Property Tax / LGF		27,158,964	
Rates		34,610,989	
	184,803,173	195,993,282	
Transfer from / (to) Reserves			(11,186,064)
Surplus for Year			4,045
General Reserve at 1st January 2022			5,573,356
General Reserve at 31st December 2022			5,577,401

Draft Capital Account 2022

Programme	Expenditure €	Income €
Housing & Building	49,565,266	50,408,653
Road Transport & Safety	21,445,118	18,440,219
Water Services	5,135,767	5,127,662
Development Management	18,497,590	21,853,020
Environmental Services	2,603,768	1,668,534
Recreation & Amenity	1,873,270	1,055,933
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	401,710	403,400
Miscellaneous Services	8,780,533	1,718,991
Totals	108,303,021	100,676,411



Appendices



Members - Tipperary County Council

Carrick-on-Suir Electoral Area

Name & Address	Tel No.	e-mail Address	Political Party
Kieran Bourke, Ballyrichard, Cregg Road, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary	051-600306(O)/ 086-8049772	kieran.bourke@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FF
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Imelda Goldsboro, Clashduff, Coalbrook, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	087-2444819	imelda.goldsboro@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FF
Kevin O'Meara, Woodview, Killaghy, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary	087 - 2065864	kevin.omeara@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
Mark Fitzgerald, The Thatch, Cloneen, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	052 6131751/ 087 6359397	mark.fitzgerald@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FG

Clonmel Electoral Area

Name & Address	Tel No.	e-mail Address	Political Party
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Niall P. Dennehy, 23 Inislounaght, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	086-2402753	niall.dennehy@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
Pat English, "Churchview", Rathronan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	052-6124014(h)/ 087-7684746	pat.english@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	WUA
John J. FitzGerald, D'Arcy's Cross, Clerihan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	086-2375473	johnj.fitzgerald@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FG
Richie Molloy, 6 Heywood Drive, Ardgaioithe, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	052-6129362(h)/ 086-1967482	richie.molloy@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
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Nenagh Electoral Area

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John Carroll, Kilcolman House, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	086-8041893	john.carroll@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FF
Gerard Darcy, Clashateeaun, Ardcroney, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	067-38149(h)/ 086-2752838	gerard.darcy@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FG
Joe Hannigan, Kilbarron, Coolbawn, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	067-28020(h)/ 087-2566157	joe.hannigan@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
Hughie McGrath, 19 Brooklands Drive, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	067-33452(h)/ 087-2559323	hughie.mcgrath@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
Séamus Morris, Rathnaleen, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	087-2859125	seamus.morris@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
John (Rocky) McGrath, Graunbeg, Killoscully, Newport, Co. Tipperary	086-1714224	rocky.mcgrath@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
Michael O'Meara, Lissernane, Rathcabbin, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	086-8379300	michael.omeara@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP

Thurles Electoral Area

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Shane Lee, 34 Cois Carrig, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	086-3296667	shane.lee@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
Micheál Lowry, Raheen, Holycross, Co. Tipperary	0504-22022(w)/087-2897585	micheal.lowry@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
Eddie Moran, Knocka, Drom, Templemore, Co. Tipperary	0504-31313(h)/086-2484363	eddie.moran@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
Jim Ryan, Mill Road, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	087 7043785	jim.ryan@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
Peggy Ryan, 136 Rosemount, Clongower, Thurles, E41 Y9R6	087 3887472	peggy.ryan@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FG
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Michael Smith, Behagloss, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	0505-43500(h)/086-8525634	michael.smith@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FF

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Electoral Area

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Declan Burgess, 1 Moore Lane, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	086-7330454	declan.burgess@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FG
John Crosse, Donohill Cross, Donohill, Co. Tipperary	062-76105(h)/ 087-9165851	john.crosse@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FG
Michael Fitzgerald, Rathclogheen House, Golden, Co. Tipperary	062-72136(h)/ 087-2292126	michael.fitzgerald@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FG
Mary Hanna Hourigan, Parkview House, Tipperary Road, Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary	062-75164(h) 085-8150689	mary.hanna@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FG
Roger Kennedy, Camus, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	062-61296(h)/ 086-8161058	roger.kennedy@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FF
Andy Moloney, Knocknaquil, Poulmucka, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	086-3609110	andy.moloney@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
Máirín McGrath, Garrencasey, Newcastle, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	087-2722236	mairin.mcgrath@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	NP
Marie Murphy, Kilballyboy, Clogheen, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. E21 HN63	086-8261387	marie.murphy@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie	FG
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Staff Structure

Note: The Following structure reflects a restructure carried out in November 2022.

Directorate: Finance & Information Technology Liam McCarthy, Director

Finance General

Section Head

- Claire Ryan, Financial Accountant
- Paddy Brennan, Management Accountant

Section Head – Other Grade

- Breda Moloney AO - Finance
- Peter Cleary AO - Revenue
- Rosarie Hickey AO – Motor Tax
- Eileen Horgan AO - Procurement

Information Systems

Section Head

Gerard Lynch, Head of IS

IS Project Leaders

- Yvonne Byrne
- Dermot Tobin
- Ruth Maher
- Eddie Meegan (GIS)

Directorate: Roads and Transportation, Active Travel, Health & Safety and Nenagh Municipal District Marcus O'Connor, Director

Roads

Section Head

- Liam Brett - Senior Engineer
- John Nolan – Senior Engineer (Capital)
- James Murray, Senior Engineer
- Paddy Crowley, A/Senior Engineer (Active Travel)

Section Head – Other Grade

- Shane O'Dwyer SEO – Local Authority Services National Training Group
- Michelle Maher AO
- Martin Dooley AO – Regional Training Centre

Health & Safety

Section Head

Liam Quinn, Health & Safety Advisor

Directorate: Planning and Development, Emergency Services & Emergency Planning, Libraries/Cultural Services/Biodiversity
Stephane Duclot, Director

Planning	Civil Defence
Section Head	Section Head
Ann Marie Devaney - A/Senior Planner	Dolores Fahey - Civil Defence Officer
Section Head – Other Grade	Section Head – Other Grade
Brian Clancy AO	Anthony Graham – Assistant Civil defence Officer
Fire Services	
Section Head	Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officers
Dave Carroll – Chief Fire Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray O’Leary – Clonmel • Eddie Ryan - Nenagh • John Shinnors - Nenagh • Gareth McLoughlin - Clonmel
Libraries	Culture/Arts
Section Head	Section Head
Damien Dullaghan - County Librarian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Scott AO - Arts Officer • Roisin O’Grady - Heritage Officer
Section Head – Other Grade	Section Head – Other Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess Codd - Senior Executive Librarian • Ann Marie Brophy - Senior Executive Librarian 	Marie McMahan - Museum Curator

Directorate: Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) & Tipperary, Cahir, Cashel Municipal District
Anthony Coleman, Director
LAWPRO Senior Management Team

- Carol McCarthy, Catchments Team Manager
- Margaret Keegan, Regional Coordinator, Midlands & East
- Fran Igoe, Regional Coordinator, South East & South West Regions
- Bernadette White, Regional Coordinator, Border & Western Regions

Catchment Managers	Specialist Support Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cormac McConigley - Western Region • Niamh Rogan – South West region • Eoin McAleer – Western Region • Gary O’Connell – Border Region • Ruth Hennessy – South East 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheevaun Thompson, Funding Lead • Michael Pollard, IT & Administration • Alan Walsh, Communications & Marketing Lead

Directorate: Housing Services and Clonmel Borough District
Sinead Carr, Director
Housing

Section Head	Section Head – Other Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cora Morrissey Senior Executive Officer • Jonathon Cooney A/Senior Engineer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Lonergan AO – Ukranian Response • Shane Grogan AO • Jim Dillon AO

Directorate: Environment & Climate Action, Water Services, Human Resources and Thurles Municipal District
Eamon Lonergan, Director

Human Resources	Environment & Climate Action
Section Head	Section Head
Paul Murray – Senior Executive Officer	Michael Moroney Senior Executive Officer
Section Head – Other Grade	Section Head – Other Grade
Ciara Byron AO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orla Kelly AO • Ruairi Boland – Senior Executive Engineer • Kieran McKenna – A Senior Executive Engineer • Colette Moloney – Senior Executive Scientist
Water Services	
Section Head	Section Head – Other Grade
Denis Holland – Senior Engineer	Eddie Loughnane AO – Change Manager
John Crowley – A/Senior Engineer	John Fogarty – A/Senior Executive Engineer
Gerry Robinson – A/Senior Engineer	

Directorate: Economic, Community & Rural Development, Corporate Services & Carrick on Suir Municipal District
Brian Beck A/Director

Economic	Community
Section Head	Section Head
Anthony Fitzgerald - Head of Enterprise	
Section Head – Other Grade	Section Head – Other Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Ryan – Senior Economic Development Officer • Ita Horan AO - Local Enterprise Office • Kathleen Prendergast – Economic Development Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margo Hayes AO • Fiona Crotty AO • Marie Cox AO • Valerie Coleville AO • Elaine Cullinan AO
Corporate Services	
Section Head	Section Head – Other Grade
Ger Walsh – Senior Executive Officer	David Coleman AO

Districts

District	District Director	District Administrator	District Engineer
Nenagh	Marcus O'Connor	Rosemary Joyce SEO	Barry Murphy SEE
Thurles	Eamon Lonergan	Sharon Scully AO	Thomas Duffy SEE
Clonmel Borough	Sinead Carr	Carol Creighton AO	Roger Noonan SEE
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	Anthony Coleman	VACANT SEO	James Swords SEE
Carrick-on-Suir	Brian Beck	Marie O'Gorman AO	Willie Corby SEE

Conference/Training Attended - 2022

Date	Conference Details	Location	Councillors in attendance
7th to 9th Jan	Celtic Conferences - The Finance Act 2021	Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	8
21st to 23rd Jan	Celtic Conferences - Housing for all, how will it help people find homes	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	1
3rd March	National Construction Summit 2022	Sport Ireland Campus, Blanchardstown	1
4th to 6th March	Celtic Conferences - Tourism & Digital Marketing	Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	5
9th & 10th Sept	La Touche Legacy Seminar	Greystones Golf Club, Wicklow	4
30th Sept to 2nd Oct	Celtic Conferences - A practical Guide to Budget 2023	Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	1
7th to 9th Oct	Celtic Conferences - Irish State Retirement Pensions & Benefits	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	2

Date	Training Details	Location	Councillors in attendance
17th February	AILG Module 1 - Elected Members Personal Safety & Risk Assessment	Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	1
19th February	AILG Module 1 - Elected Members Personal Safety & Risk Assessment	Clayton Silversprings Hotel, Cork	13
23rd & 24th March	AILG Annual Training Conference 2022	Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Inishowen, Co. Donegal	18
30th & 31st March	SEAI Energy Show 2022	RDS, Dublin	9
7th & 8th April	IPI - Annual Planning Conference 2022	Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny	2
11th & 12th April	LAMA - Spring Training Seminar	Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Kilkenny	14
28th April	Water Ireland Conference 2022	Dunboyne Castle Hotel, Co. Meath	6
27th & 28th April	The Suck Valley Way Conference	Abbey Hotel, Co. Roscommon	2
12th May	AILG Module 2 - Climate Action, the role of Local Government	Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis	2
14th May	AILG Module 2 - Climate Action, the role of Local Government	The Hillgrove Hotel, Co. Monaghan	9
18th June	AILG Module 3 - Finalising your Development Plan	Avalon House Hotel, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny	11
19th July	Energy & Farm Business Show	Gurteen College, Co Tipperary	3
22nd July	Letterkenny Tidy Towns Conference - Derelict in Donegal	Dillons Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	13
23rd July	AILG Module 3 - Local Authority Audit Committees and the Governance and Oversight Role of Elected Members	Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran, Co Donegal	7
28th July	AILG Module 3 - Local Authority Audit Committees and the Governance and Oversight Role of Elected Members	Horse & Jockey Hotel, Co. Tipperary	2
14th & 15th Sept	AILG Autumn Training Conference 2022	Knightsbridge Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath	20
13th Oct	National Women's Enterprise Day 2022	Cashel Palace Hotel, Co. Tipperary	3
19th & 20th Oct	ICSH Biennial Finance & Development Conference 2022	Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo	6
9th & 10th Nov	LAMA - Autumn Training Seminar	Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan	22
22nd Nov	Cork City Councils Women's Caucus - Pathways to Participation	Cork City Hall, Cork	2
26th Nov	AILG Module 6 - DATA Protection 'What Councillors need to know'	Newgrange Hotel, Navan	12

Councillors Meeting Attendance

1st January to 31st December 2022

Councillor Name	Total No. of Meetings	No. of Meetings Attended	Total % Rate of Attendance
Ambrose, Siobhán (FF)	36	35	97%
Anglim, Micheál (FF)	36	29	81%
Black, Tony (SF)	32	18	56%
Bonfield, Fiona (LAB)	32	30	94%
Bourke, Kieran (FF)	36	31	86%
Bugler, Dr Phyll (FG)	38	32	84%
Burgess, Declan (FG)	41	32	80%
Carroll, John (FF)	54	53	98%
Coonan, Noel (FG)	33	31	94%
Crosse, John (FG)	42	33	80%
Darcy, Ger (FG)	39	36	92%
Dennehy, Niall (NP)	27	25	93%
Dunne, David (SF)	39	32	82%
English, Pat (WUA)	40	34	85%
FitGerald, John (FG)	32	25	80%
Fitzgerald, Mark (FG)	40	27	70%
FitzGerald, Michael (FG)	42	38	90%
Goldsboro, Imelda (FF)	35	30	86%
Hanafin, Seamus (FF)	28	26	93%
Hannigan, Joe (NP)	44	41	93%
Hourigan, Mary Hanna (FG)	40	32	80%

Councillor Name	Total No. of Meetings	No. of Meetings Attended	Total % Rate of Attendance
Kennedy, Roger (FF)	42	41	98%
Lee, Shane (NP)	33	30	91%
Lowry, Micheál (NP)	37	31	84%
McGrath, Hughie (NP)	39	34	87%
McGrath, John(Rocky) (NP)	34	27	80%
McGrath, Máirín (NP)	30	28	93%
Molloy, Richie (NP)	36	34	94%
Moloney, Andy (NP)	32	31	97%
Moran, Eddie (NP)	28	25	89%
Morris, Seamus (NP)	28	23	82%
Murphy, Marie (FG)	46	44	96%
Murphy, Michael (FG)	33	28	85%
O'Meara, Kevin (NP)	27	25	93%
O'Meara, Michael (NP)	36	33	92%
Ryan(Shiner), Ann Marie (NP)	32	30	94%
Ryan , Jim (NP)	34	29	85%
Ryan, Peggy (FG)	32	31	97%
Ryan, Sean (FF)	32	32	100%
Smith, Michael (FF)	29	27	93%

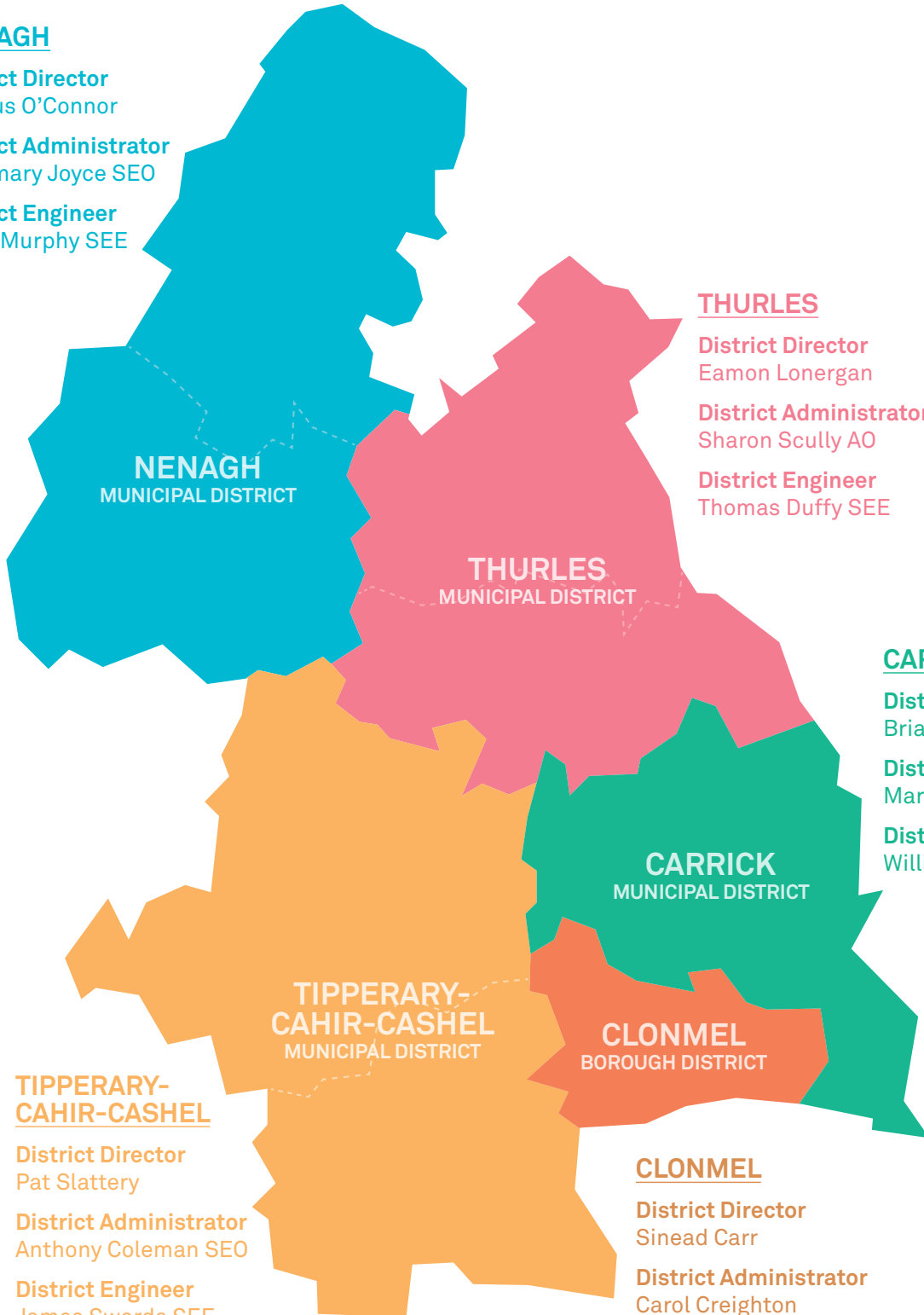
Municipal District Structure & Map

NENAGH

District Director
Marcus O'Connor

District Administrator
Rosemary Joyce SEO

District Engineer
Barry Murphy SEE



NENAGH
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**TIPPERARY-
CAHIR-CASHEL**
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

CLONMEL
BOROUGH DISTRICT

THURLES

District Director
Eamon Lonergan

District Administrator
Sharon Scully AO

District Engineer
Thomas Duffy SEE

CARRICK

District Director
Brian Beck

District Administrator
Marie O'Gorman AO

District Engineer
Willie Corby SEE

TIPPERARY- CAHIR-CASHEL

District Director
Pat Slattery

District Administrator
Anthony Coleman SEO

District Engineer
James Swords SEE

CLONMEL

District Director
Sinead Carr

District Administrator
Carol Creighton

District Engineer
Roger Noonan

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Membership

Councillors	Economic Development & Enterprise	Housing	Environment & Climate Action	Infrastructure(Roads Transportation and Water Services	Planning & Emergency Services	Community Culture & Library Services
Fiona Bonfield, LAB	√					√
Dr. Phyll Bugler, FG					√	
John Carroll, FF			√		√	
Gerard Darcy, FG					√	√
Joe Hannigan, NP	√				√	
Hughie McGrath, NP				√	√	
Séamus Morris, NP	√					
John (Rocky) McGrath, NP		√	√			
Michael O'Meara, NP				√*	√	
Noel J. Coonan, FG		√				
Seamus Hanafin, FF	√					
Shane Lee, NP		√				
Micheál Lowry, NP					√	√
Eddie Moran, NP			√			
Jim Ryan, NP				√		
Peggy Ryan, FG	√		√			
Sean Ryan, FF			√*			
Michael Smith, FF		√				
Kieran Bourke FF		√*		√		
David Dunne, SF		√		√		
Imelda Goldsboro, FF	√*					
Kevin O'Meara, NP				√		
Mark Fitzgerald, FG			√	√		
John FitzGerald, FG	√					√
Siobhán Ambrose, FF	√					√
Niall P. Dennehy, NP						√
Pat English, WUA		√	√			
Richie Molloy, NP			√			
Michael Murphy, FG			√			
Micheál Anglim, FF				√		√
Tony Black, SF	√					
Declan Burgess, FG			√	√		
John Crosse, FG	√					√
Michael Fitzgerald, FG				√	√*	
Mary Hanna Hourigan, FG	√	√				
Roger Kennedy, FF		√			√	
Andy Moloney, NP						√*
Máirín McGrath, NP	√					
Marie Murphy, FG		√			√	
Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), NP						√
Total	12	10	10	10	10	10

*Chairs Designate Strategic Policy Committee

Sectoral Representatives	Economic Development & Enterprise	Housing	Environment & Climate Action	Infrastructure (Roads Transportation and Water Services)	Planning & Emergency Services	Community Culture & Library Services
Seamus Hoyne, LIT	✓					
Pat Walsh, Agriculture	✓					
Laura Jones, Business/Commercial	✓					
Tom McGrath, Business/Commercial	✓					
Michelle Kavanagh, Development & Construction	✓					
Clare Cashman, PPN	✓					
Noel Byrne, PPN	✓					
Mary Spillane, PPN	✓					
Philip Brett, Trade Union		✓				
Tom Gallahue, Dev/Const.		✓				
Moira Merrigan, PPN Social Inclusion		✓				
Michelle Aylward, Business/Commercial		✓				
Niamh Ni Chillin, PPN		✓				
Iva Pocock, PPN		✓				
Baden Powell, Agriculture			✓			
Charles Stanley Smith, PPN Social Inclusion			✓			
Mary McMahan, PPN Environment			✓			
Charles Lamb, PPN Community & Voluntary			✓			
Krista Keating, PPN			✓			
Sarah Fogarty, Business/Commercial			✓			
Peter Farrell, Agriculture				✓		
Michelle Aylward, Business/Commercial				✓		
Sean Reidy, Dev/Const.				✓		
Philip Brett, Trade Union				✓		
Ger Shanahan, PPN Social Inclusion				✓		
Brian Pope PPN				✓		
Liam Browne, PPN				✓		
John O'Shaughnessy, Dev/Const.					✓	
Tim Harty, Agriculture					✓	
Mike Edwards, PPN Social Inclusion					✓	
Patti O'Neill, PPN Environment					✓	
Clare Ryan O'Keeffe, PPN Community & Voluntary					✓	
Vacant - Business/Commercial					✓	
John Butler, Business/Commercial						✓
Michelle Lawrence, PPN Social Inclusion						✓
Matt O'Meara, PPN Environment						✓
Peggy O'Brien, PPN Community & Voluntary						✓
Patrick Hanley, PPN Community & Voluntary						✓
Eamon Clancy, Agriculture						✓
Total	8	7	6	7	6	6
Total Committee	20	17	16	17	16	16

Associated Companies Register for Tipperary County Council

Company Name	Company Secretary	Directors		
		Community/Other Reps	TCC Nominees	Councillors
Nenagh Arts Centre Ltd	John Tooher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Molamphy • Suzannah O'Reilly • Sean Crowley • Tom Moylan • Virginia O'Dowd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Scott • Marcus O'Connor • Rosemary Joyce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hugh McGrath • Fiona Bonfield • Joe Hannigan
Thurles Swimming Pool	Michael Ryan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deirdre O'Shea • Matt Shortt(retired DOS) • Michael Ryan • Vacant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Ryan • Peter Ryan
Thurles Regional Arts Centre Ltd	Michael Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liam Ryan (until December 2022) • Peter Stocksborough (from Dec 2022) • Michelle Carew (resigned Feb 2023) Replacement TBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liam McCarthy • Michael Ryan • Matt Shortt • Damien Dullaghan • Eamon Lonergan • Melanie Scott 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Ryan • Seamus Hanafin • Peggy Ryan
Roscrea Swimming Pool Ltd	Eddie Loughnane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Guilfoyle • Eileen Doherty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eddie Loughnane • Liam McCarthy • John Jones • Patrick Slattery • Deidre O'Shea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Smith Jnr • Noel Coonan
North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Services Ltd	Rosemary Joyce	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcus O'Connor • Rosemary Joyne • Roisin O'Grady • Damien Dullaghan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerard Darcy • Hughie McGrath • Joe Hannigan
South East Regional Craft Centre Ltd	Ita Horan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liam Ahearne • Cyril Cullen • Mary Whelan • Mary Kinane • Maeve Sookram • Eileen Condon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ita Horan • Karl Cashen • Jess Codd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie Murphy • Michael Anglim • Siobhán Ambrose
Clonmel Business Development Park Company Ltd	Jim Dillon(appointed the 8th February 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walter Heneghan • Paula Carney-Hoffler(resigned 19th December 2022) • Michael Campbell(resigned 19th December 2022) • Paul Blanche 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Dillon • Anthony Fitzgerald • Jonathan Cooney • Ita Horan (resigned 8th February 2022) • Ger Walsh 	N/A
Shannon Broadband Ltd	Jennifer Kearns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban McMahon • Jim Dore • Ray O'Driscoll • Ray Bell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ger Lynch 	N/A

Company Name	Company Secretary	Directors		
		Community/Other Reps	TCC Nominees	Councillors
Tipperary Tourism Company	Marie Phelan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isabel Camble Una Ryan Todd McNamara Patrick Matin Killeen Elizabeth Nallen Noreen O'Sullivan John Egan Terry Cunningham Patricia McKeogh Marie Hennessy Sinead Delaney Cash 	Joe McGrath	N/A
Tipperary Energy Agency Ltd	Francoise Hickey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seamus Hoyne James Owen Lewis Thomas Cooke Isabel Camble Claire Ryan Walsh Marie Donnelly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liam McCarthy Marion O'Neill 	Michael Murphy
Munster Vales CLG	Triona O'Mahoney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Billy Duggan Aoife Potter Rose Carroll Declan Mulhearn Margaret O'Sullivan Christy Roach Jana Mannion Mary Barry Guerin Grainne Mannion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marie Phelan Pat Slattery Triona O'Mahoney 	N/A
Irish Bioeconomy Foundation CLG	Liam Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin O'Connor Ramesh Babu Padamati Michelle Collins John Morrissey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anthony Fitzgerald 	N/A
Tipperary Technology Park	Paul Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacqui Finnan Anne Halligan Michael Maguire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ken Conway Paul Murray Anthony Coleman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Fitzgerald John Crosse
Clonmel Community Resource Centre Ltd	Cora Gentles	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ita Horan Pat Slattery 	N/A
Tipperary Culinary Delights Ltd	Ita Horan	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat Slattery Ita Horan 	N/A

Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

Councillors	A.I.L.G	South Regional Assembly	IPBMI	LAMA	Education and Training Board	Local Traveller Consultative Committee	Audit Committee	South Tipperary Arts Centre	Thurles Regional Arts Centre	North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Centre	Rural Water Monitoring Committee	Regional Health Forum South
Fiona Bonfield, LAB			√		√							
Dr. Phyll Bugler, FG					√							
John Carroll, FF											√	
Gerard Darcy, FG										√	√	
Joe Hannigan, NP										√		
Hughie McGrath, NP						√				√		
Séamus Morris, NP												
John (Rocky) McGrath, NP											√	
Michael O'Meara, NP	√											
Noel J. Coonan, FG	√											
Seamus Hanafin, FF									√			
Shane Lee, NP					√							
Micheál Lowry, NP												
Eddie Moran, NP	√											
Jim Ryan, NP									√			
Peggy Ryan, FG									√			
Sean Ryan, FF												
Michael Smith, FF												
Kieran Bourke FF					√							
David Dunne, SF						√						
Imelda Goldsboro, FF												
Kevin O'Meara, NP												
Mark Fitzgerald, FG					√							√
John FitzGerald, FG								√				
Siobhán Ambrose, FF	√							√				
Niall P. Dennehy, NP												
Pat English, WUA					√							
Richie Molloy, NP						√						√
Michael Murphy, FG												
Micheál Anglim, FF			√	√	√							
Tony Black, SF												
Declan Burgess, FG					√							√
John Crosse, FG						√						
Michael Fitzgerald, FG	√										√	
Mary Hanna Hourigan, FG	√				√							
Roger Kennedy, FF					√		√					√
Andy Moloney, NP												
Máirín McGrath, NP					√						√	
Marie Murphy, FG							√					
Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), NP					√							
Total	3	3	1	1	12	5	2	2	3	3	5	4

Councillors	Regional Health Forum West	Local Community Development Committee	UCC Governing Body	Comhairle na nOg	Tipperary Sports Partnership	Tipperary Heritage Forum	Tipperary Transport Coordination Unit	Privilege & Procedure Committee	North Tipperary Food Enterprise Ltd	South East Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force	Mid West Regional Drugs Alcohol forum
Fiona Bonfield, LAB								√	√		
Dr. Phyll Bugler, FG									√		
John Carroll, FF	√	√									
Gerard Darcy, FG						√					
Joe Hannigan, NP		√					√				
Hughie McGrath, NP											
Séamus Morris, NP	√										√
John (Rocky) McGrath, NP											
Michael O'Meara, NP											
Noel J. Coonan, FG					√		√				
Seamus Hanafin, FF					√						
Shane Lee, NP											
Micheál Lowry, NP								√			
Eddie Moran, NP											
Jim Ryan, NP											
Peggy Ryan, FG	√				√					√	
Sean Ryan, FF											
Michael Smith, FF											
Kieran Bourke FF											
David Dunne, SF								√			
Imelda Goldsboro, FF							√				
Kevin O'Meara, NP											
Mark Fitzgerald, FG											
John FitzGerald, FG											
Siobhán Ambrose, FF							√	√			
Niall P. Dennehy, NP											
Pat English, WUA								√			
Richie Molloy, NP											
Michael Murphy, FG											
Micheál Anglim, FF											
Tony Black, SF											
Declan Burgess, FG		√		√							
John Crosse, FG											
Michael Fitzgerald, FG			√								
Mary Hanna Hourigan, FG											
Roger Kennedy, FF						√		√			
Andy Moloney, NP											
Máirín McGrath, NP				√							
Marie Murphy, FG								√			
Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), NP							√				
Total	3	3	1	2	3	2	5	7	2	1	1

Payments to Councillors 2022

Councillor Name	Representational Payment	Annual Allowance	Local Representational Allowance	Cathaoirleach's / Leas Cathaoirleach Allowance	Borough/MD Chair Allowance	SPC Chair Allowance	Conference Expenses	Training Expenses	Mobile Phone Expenses	Cathaoirleach Invitations Expenses	Total Amount Paid to Councillors 2022
Ambrose, Siobhan	€26,303.40	€6,197.76	€5,160.00	€2,874.76	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€2,907.48	€0.00	€109.00	€43,552.40
Anglim, Micheál	€26,303.40	€6,311.24	€3,760.00	€0.00	€3,104.74	€0.00	€580.00	€4,641.24	€0.00	€0.00	€44,700.62
Black, Tony	€26,303.40	€6,501.32	€1,680.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€375.28	€0.00	€34,860.00
Bonfield, Fiona	€26,303.40	€6,377.76	€3,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€35,841.16
Bourke, kieran	€26,303.40	€6,729.20	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€3,012.74	€0.00	€1,277.27	€263.20	€0.00	€42,745.81
Bugler, Dr Phyll	€26,303.40	€6,767.24	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€2,966.74	€535.17	€3,801.36	€139.67	€0.00	€45,673.58
Burgess, Declan	€26,303.40	€5,300.16	€3,960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€509.24	€757.49	€0.00	€0.00	€36,830.29
Carroll, John	€26,303.40	€6,197.76	€2,460.00	€0.00	€0.00	€2,966.74	€809.34	€4,760.16	€255.10	€0.00	€43,752.50
Coonan, Noel	€26,303.40	€5,678.12	€3,960.00	€3,127.73	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€39,069.25
Crosse, John	€26,303.40	€6,103.28	€2,400.00	€0.00	€0.00	€2,966.74	€543.45	€2,564.53	€0.00	€0.00	€40,881.40
Darcy, Gerard	€26,303.40	€6,425.24	€2,960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€35,688.64
Dennehy, Niall	€26,303.40	€6,245.04	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€402.30	€2,960.61	€186.98	€0.00	€41,258.33
Dunne, David	€26,303.40	€6,729.28	€1,440.00	€0.00	€3,265.72	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€37,738.40
English, Pat	€26,303.40	€6,079.68	€2,400.00	€0.00	€6,071.48	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€40,854.56
FitzGerald, John	€26,303.40	€5,630.88	€4,960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€531.33	€4,369.23	€200.80	€0.00	€41,995.64
Fitzgerald, Mark	€26,303.40	€5,867.08	€1,860.00	€0.00	€2,851.75	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€36,882.23
FitzGerald, Michael	€26,303.40	€6,150.52	€3,960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€3,012.74	€580.00	€4,335.09	€0.00	€0.00	€44,341.75
Goldsboro, Imelda	€26,303.40	€6,349.28	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€3,012.74	€520.64	€4,037.55	€600.00	€0.00	€45,983.61
Hannafin, Seamus	€26,303.40	€5,489.12	€1,284.00	€0.00	€2,782.76	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€653.54	€0.00	€36,512.82
Hannigan, Joe	€26,303.40	€6,615.24	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€33,878.64
Hourigan, Mary Hanna	€26,303.40	€6,150.52	€4,160.00	€0.00	€2,897.75	€2,966.74	€556.47	€3,928.59	€244.45	€0.00	€47,207.92

Councillor Name	Representational Payment	Annual Allowance	Local Representational Allowance	Cathaoirleach's / Leas Cathaoirleach Allowance	Borough/MD Chair Allowance	SPC Chair Allowance	Conference Expenses	Training Expenses	Mobile Phone Expenses	Cathaoirleach Invitations Expenses	Total Amount Paid to Councillors 2022
Kennedy, Roger	€26,303.40	€5,583.60	€2,560.00	€15,638.64	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€1,639.03	€51,724.67
Lee, Shane	€26,303.40	€6,500.12	€3,302.48	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€482.12	€888.13	€0.00	€0.00	€37,476.25
Lowry, Micheál	€26,303.40	€5,818.52	€4,960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€2,966.74	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€40,048.66
McGrath, Hughie	€26,303.40	€6,197.76	€3,060.00	€0.00	€3,265.72	€0.00	€370.13	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€39,197.01
McGrath, John Rocky	€26,303.40	€6,174.20	€2,460.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€34,937.60
McGrath, Máirin	€26,303.40	€6,434.76	€3,960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€1,261.57	€365.43	€0.00	€38,325.16
Molloy, Richie	€26,303.40	€6,197.76	€4,460.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€4,533.28	€416.72	€0.00	€41,911.16
Moloney, Andy	€26,303.40	€5,800.92	€1,380.00	€0.00	€0.00	€3,012.74	€551.09	€3,055.17	€0.00	€0.00	€40,103.32
Moran, Eddie	€26,303.40	€5,796.24	€960.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€393.91	€1,653.43	€420.66	€0.00	€35,527.64
Morris, Seamus	€26,303.40	€6,197.76	€4,550.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€501.83	€3,961.73	€416.95	€0.00	€41,931.67
Murphy, Marie	€26,303.40	€6,596.28	€4,560.00	€14,373.75	€0.00	€0.00	€556.71	€4,552.54	€0.00	€1,819.78	€58,762.46
Murphy, Michael	€26,303.40	€6,197.76	€5,160.00	€0.00	€5,841.50	€0.00	€600.00	€2,692.40	€110.26	€0.00	€46,905.32
O'Meara, Kevin	€26,303.40	€6,349.28	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€526.01	€1,998.32	€0.00	€0.00	€40,337.01
O'Meara, Michael	€26,303.40	€6,463.24	€2,160.00	€0.00	€2,736.77	€3,012.74	€547.50	€803.70	€0.00	€0.00	€42,027.35
Ryan (Shiner), Annemarie	€26,303.40	€6,539.28	€2,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€628.30	€0.00	€0.00	€35,630.98
Ryan, Jim	€26,303.40	€5,583.60	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€2,966.74	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€40,013.74
Ryan, Peggy	€27,807.06	€5,536.36	€250.00	€0.00	€3,219.72	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€36,813.14
Ryan, Sean	€26,303.40	€5,512.76	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€3,012.74	€239.51	€4,118.92	€0.00	€0.00	€44,347.33
Smith, Michael	€26,303.40	€6,463.24	€5,160.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€362.89	€869.55	€0.00	€0.00	€39,159.08
Totals	€1,053,639.66	€245,839.16	€137,746.48	€36,014.88	€36,037.91	€35,876.88	€10,699.64	€71,357.64	€4,649.04	€3,567.81	€1,635,429.10

Performance Indicators

01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022 (Annual)

Data is draft only for 2022 and final report will be available through NOAC on publication of Performance Indicator Report 2022 at the end of 2023

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H1, H2 & H4 Approved	A. Number of dwellings in the ownership of the local authority at 1/1/2022	5196	
	B. Number of dwellings added to the local authority owned stock during 2022 (whether constructed or acquired)	163	
	C. Number of local authority owned dwellings sold in 2022	28	
	D. Number of local authority owned dwellings demolished in 2022	3	
	E. Number of dwellings in the ownership of the local authority at 31/12/2022	5328	
	F. Number of local authority owned dwellings planned for demolition under a D/HLGH approved scheme at 31/12/2022	0	
	A. The percentage of the total number of local authority owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2022	1.76 %	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2022	94	
	A. Expenditure during 2022 on the maintenance of local authority housing compiled from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, divided by the no. of dwellings in the local authority stock at 31/12/2022, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	€750.77	
	Expenditure on maintenance of local authority stock compiled from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes (i.e. approved Regeneration or under the Remedial Works Schemes).	€4000107	
Housing: H3 & H5 Approved	A. The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2022 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2022	38.86 wk	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2022, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2022	€18026.82	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2022 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	176	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	6839 wk	
	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€3172721	
	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at the end of June 2022		
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2022		
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2022 not compliant with the Standards Regulations		
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2022 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)		Data not available on date of publication
	E. The number of inspections (including re-inspections) undertaken by the local authority in 2022		
Housing: H6 Approved	A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term (i.e. 6 months or more within the previous year) homeless as a percentage of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2022	40.82 %	
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2022 as recorded on the PASS system	49	
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2022, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months	20	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Roads: R1 & R2 Approved	A. (a) The percentage of Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2022	92.00 %	
	A. (b) The percentage of Local Primary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2022	98.00 %	
	A. (c) The percentage of Local Secondary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2022	96.00 %	
	A. (d) The percentage of Local Tertiary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2022	90.00 %	
	B. (a.1) The percentage of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2022	5.22 %	
	B. (a.2) The percentage of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2022	7.58 %	
	B. (a.3) The percentage of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2022	61.75 %	
	B. (a.4) The percentage of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2022	25.44 %	
	B. (b.1) The percentage of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2022	8.54 %	
	B. (b.2) The percentage of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2022	7.56 %	
	B. (b.3) The percentage of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2022	57.98 %	
	B. (b.4) The percentage of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2022	25.76 %	
	B. (c.1) The percentage of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2022	17.21 %	
	B. (c.2) The percentage of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2022	8.16 %	
	B. (c.3) The percentage of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2022	53.14 %	
	B. (c.4) The percentage of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2022	19.37 %	
	B. (d.1) The percentage of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2022	33.23 %	
	B. (d.2) The percentage of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2022	11.32 %	
	B. (d.3) The percentage of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2022	36.24 %	
	B. (d.4) The percentage of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2022	11.21 %	
	A.1 Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2022	22.3 km	
	A.2 The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2022	€4248162.00	
	A.3 The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m ²)	€29.67	
	B.1 Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2022	18.9 km	
	B.2 The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2022	€852901.00	
	B.3 The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m ²)	€7.09	
	C.1 Kilometres of local road strengthened during 2022	143.8 km	
	C.2 The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2022	€15239220.00	
	C.3 The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m ²)	€23.68	
	D.1 Kilometres of local road resealed during 2022	165.4 km	
	D.2 The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2022	€4199654.00	
	D.3 The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m ²)	€5.53	

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Motor Tax: R3 Approved	A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2022	82.89 %	
Water: W1 & W2 Approved	Percentage of drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements		
	The number of registered schemes monitored by each local authority as a percentage of total schemes registered	99.14 %	
	The number of registered schemes monitored in 2022	115	
	Total number of registered schemes in 2022	116	
Waste: E1 Approved	A. The number of households which availed of a 3-bin service offered by a licensed operator at 31/12/2022	27569	
	B. The percentage of households within the local authority that the number at A represents (based on agglomerations of more than 500)	120.37 %	
Environmental Pollution: E2 Approved	A. Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2022	1003	
	A. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	1081	
	A. Total number of pollution cases on hands at 31/12/2022	67	
	The opening number of pollution cases carried forward from the year end 2021	145	
Litter Pollution: E3 In Progress	A1. The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2022 was unpolluted or litter free		
	A2. The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2022 was slightly polluted		Data not available on date of publication
	A3. The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2022 was moderately polluted		
	A4. The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2022 was significantly polluted		
	A5. The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2022 was grossly polluted		
Green Flag Status: E4 Approved	A. The percentage of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2022	29.79 %	
	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2022	1	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2022	37	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2021 and therefore do not require renewal until 2023	18	
Energy Efficiency: E5 In Progress	A. The cumulative percentage of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2022 relative to baseline year (2009)		
Public Lighting: E6 Approved	A. Total annual consumption of the public lighting system	7104.25 MWh	
	B. Average wattage of each public light	96.82 W	
	C. Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent	34.58 %	
	Number of LED lights in the public lighting system	5974	
	Number of non-LED lights in the public lighting system	11304	
Climate Change: E7 Approved	1 a) Does the local authority have a designated (FTE) Climate Action Coordinator?	No	
	1 b) Does the local authority have a designated (FTE) Climate Action Officer?	No	
	2. Does the local authority have a climate action team?	Yes	

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Planning: P1 Approved	A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	32.44 %	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 by a builder or developer on the local authority	484	
	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2022 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2022 undertaken by the local authority	157	
Planning: P2 & P3 Approved	A. Number of local authority planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2022	10	
	B. Percentage of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation of the plan) the decision made by the local authority	80.0 %	
	Number of determinations confirming the local authority's decision (either with or without variation)	8	
	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 that were investigated	216	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2022	394	
	C. Percentage of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	46.19 %	
	D. Percentage of the cases at B that were resolved to the local authority's satisfaction through negotiations	0 %	
	E. Percentage of the cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	53.81 %	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2022	533	
	Number of cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	182	
	Number of cases at B that were resolved to the local authority's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
	Number of cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	212	
	Planning: P4 & P5 Approved	A. The 2022 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2022 Census	€23.90
AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2022		€4006428	
A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2022 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt		56.58 %	
B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2022 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant		38.16 %	
The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2022 that were not withdrawn by the applicant		76	
The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2022 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application		43	
The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2022 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period		29	
Fire Service: F1 Approved		A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2022 divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2022 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports	€55.92
	AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention for 2022	€9376133	

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Fire Service: F2 & F3 Approved	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	0 min	
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	5.52 min	
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	0 min	
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	5.71 min	
	A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes	38.50 %	
	B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	46.26 %	
	C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	15.24 %	
	D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	25.66 %	
	E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	47.55 %	
	F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	26.79 %	
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	748	
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	288	
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	346	
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	114	
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	530	
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	136	
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	252	
Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	142		
Library Service: L1 Approved	A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the local authority area per the 2022 Census	1.63	
	B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	397038	
	C. Library active members per head of population		
	D. Number of registered library members in the year	21561	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	272721	
Library Service: L2 Approved	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2022 divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2022 Census	€28.42	
	B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 1/01/2022 to 31/12/2022	€1.55	
	A. AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2022	€4764480.05	
	B. The annual expenditure on new stock acquired by the library in the year	€260000	

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Youth and Community: Y1 & Y2 Approved	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	56.67 %	
	Total number of second level schools in the local authority area at 31/12/2022	30	
	Number of second level schools in the local authority area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2022	17	
	A. The number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2022 and the proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	12.63	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register (maintained in accordance with section 128 of the Local Government Act 2001) for the local authority area as at 31/12/2022	1354	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2022	91	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	171	
Corporate: C1, C2, C4 & C5 Approved	A. The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2022	1061.92	
	A. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2022	3.59 %	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2022	0.24 %	
	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2022	9095.19 day	
	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2022	578.38 day	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2022	0 day	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2022	434.5 day	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	84	
	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022, divided by the WTE no.	€3617.98	
	Total ICT expenditure in 2022	€3842005	
	A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	2.08	
	Total Revenue expenditure from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 before transfers to or from reserves	184803173	
Corporate: C3 Approved	A. The per capita total page views of the local authority's websites in 2022	15.08	
	B. The per capita total number of followers at end 2022 of the local authority's social media accounts (if any)	0.87	
	The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the local authority for the period from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service or equivalent	2528805	
	The total number of social media users who, at 31/12/2022, were following the local authority on any social media sites	146232	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	60	
	Indicate if there was a change to the cookie policies on the local authority sites and the date this came into effect	n/a 2021	

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Finance: M1 to M4 Approved	A. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2018 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5555516	
	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2019 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5562106	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2020 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5569307	
	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2021 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5573356	
	E. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2022 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5577401	
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2022 as a percentage of Total Income in 2022 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	2.85 %	
	G. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2022	€1102.24	
	H. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2022 excluding significant out of county / shared service expenditure		
	The 2022 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€195993282	
	The 2022 Total Expenditure figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€184803173	
	The 2022 Revenue expenditure excluding county / shared service expenditure for the service providers of HAP, MyPay, DRHE and Dublin Fire Services		
	A. (a) Collection level of Rates in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2018	82.5 %	
	A. (b) Collection level of Rent & Annuities in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2018	93.3 %	
	A. (c) Collection level of Housing Loans in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2018	85.0 %	
	B. (a) Collection level of Rates in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2019	83.2 %	
	B. (b) Collection level of Rent & Annuities in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2019	95.4 %	
	B. (c) Collection level of Housing Loans in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2019	90.1 %	
	C. (a) Collection level of Rates in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2020	75.2 %	
	C. (b) Collection level of Rent & Annuities in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2020	96.9 %	
	C. (c) Collection level of Housing Loans in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2020	93.7 %	
	D. (a) Collection level of Rates in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2021	83.0 %	
	D. (b) Collection level of Rent & Annuities in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2021	97.0 %	
	D. (c) Collection level of Housing Loans in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2021	99.0 %	
	E. (a) Collection level of Rates in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2022	88 %	
	E. (b) Collection level of Rent & Annuities in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2022	90 %	
	E. (c) Collection level of Housing Loans in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2022	97 %	
	A. Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2022	€12.31	
	IPB Insurance: Number of notified claims for 2022	145	
	IPB Insurance: Number of settled claims for 2022	140	
	IPB Insurance: Total cost of settled claims for 2022	€2063274.02	
	Total cost of claims settled under excess for 2022		
	Self-insured: Number of notified claims for 2022		
	Self-insured: Number of settled claims for 2022		
Self-insured: Total cost of settled claims for 2022			
A. Overall central management charge as a percentage of total expenditure on revenue account	13.61 %		
B. Total payroll costs as a percentage of revenue expenditure	39.37 %		
Overall central management charge from the Local Authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget	€25145800		
Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2022 (including Salaries, Wages and Pensions)	€72756277		

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Economic Development: J1 to J5 Approved	A. The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 per 100,000 of population	141.9531	
	The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	238.0	
	A. The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2022 per 100,000 of population	29.2256	
	B. The number of trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2022 per 100,000 of population	14.9110	
	The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2022	49	
	The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2022	25	
	A. The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 per 100,000 of population	411.5447	
	The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	690	
	A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?	Yes	
	B. Does the local authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	
	The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2022 per head of population	€90.13	
	The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2022	€15111131	







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