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7 10:30 – 13.30 Woman,s Caucus Mtg, Horse & Jockey	<u>8'</u>	2	10	11 10:00 CPG Mtg 12:00 Southern Regional Assembly Annual Mtg
14 10:00: TCC Plenary Meeting	<u>15</u>	16 10:00 Cathaoirleach Training 11:00 Clonmel BD Meeting	17 10:00 Nenagh MD Meeting	18
21 10:00 LCDC Mtg 10:30: Thurles MD Meeting	<u>22</u>	23	24 14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Meeting	<u>25</u>
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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates

The third meeting of the Infrastructure SPC will be held on 29th September 2025. Recommendations from the SPC will be presented to the Plenary Council in due course.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban	2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:	
routes		
	Cahir to Limerick Junction: Arup appointed Oct	Cahir to Limerick Junction:
	2019 for Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020.	Phase 3: Design and Environmental
	Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in	Evaluation is 75% complete. This
	September 2020.	will define land take required for
	Phase 2: Preferred Transport Solution announced May	the preferred option. Phase 3 is
	2022. TCC published the Options Selection Report in	programmed for completion Q4
	March 2023. Phase 3: Design Update No. 1 took place	2025 after which the next step is An
	on 23 rd January 2023. Design Update No. 2 took place	Bord Pleanála application.
	on 25th October 2024 and announced a divided road.	
	The Draft Design was announced on 27th May 2025.	
	Waterford to Cahir: Arup appointed by Kilkenny	Waterford to Cahir:
	County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4.	Phase 2 – The Options Selection
	Website launched February 2021.	Report was due to be published
	Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021.	before the end of 2024. TII have
	Phase 2: Options selection commenced 3 rd May 2022.	provided a 2025 allocation of
	The Proposed Transport Solution was announced on	€80k whereas €2.5m is required,
	19th January 2024. A non-statutory public display of	and therefore this project is
	the Preferred Transport Solution was held from 23 rd	effectively shelved. Funding is
	January to 9th February 2024. Four in-person public	required for the project to progress
	displays were held in Carrick, Clonmel, Cahir and	to Phase 3.
	Mooncoin.	



Capital Programme 2025	Implementation of Programme	2025 TII Allocations received.
Implementation of 2025 Operational Road Works Programme	Implementation of Programme	2025 Regional and Local Road allocations received.
Rural and Community Schemes Community Involvement Scheme 2025 Local Improvement Scheme 2025	Implementation of Programme Rialtas na hibiteann Government of Ireland An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail Department of Rural and Community Development Tuaithe Our Rural Future	The allocation for Community Involvement Schemes in 2025 is €983,400. Applications are on hand for the 2025 programme of works. The allocation for Local Improvement Schemes in 2025 is €1,023,479. Applications are on hand for the 2025 programme of works. CIS will be advertised for applications for 2026/2027, in line
Consultation	Consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.	with DoT requirements. The Annual Meeting with TII will be scheduled for Q4 2025.
Speed Limit Review - update	The Department of Transport carried out a Review of Speed Limits nationally and this has resulted in changes to the default speed limits for roads in Ireland. These changes were signed into law in April 2024. The changes to the legislation will reduce the <i>default</i> speed limits on some road categories including: • 60km/hr on Rural Local Roads (reduction from 80km/hr) • 80km/hr on National Secondary Roads (currently 100km/hr) • 30km/hr in Urban Areas (currently predominantly 50km/hr). The default speed limit commenced nationally on 7 February 2025 and all Rural Local Roads in Tipperary now have a 60kmh speed limit. There was no requirement to revoke any element of our existing Special Speed Limit Byelaws. The stretches of Local Roads within urban areas (USLZ) were not part of this Phase One.	It is proposed by the National Group that implementation of the speed limits will be done in phases: • Phase 1 - Rural Local Roads • Phase 2 - National Secondary Roads and Urban Areas • Phase 3 - Other Special Circumstances, such as schools. Maps are being prepared for Phase 2. Notification of the commencement of the Special Speed Limit process issued in late January to relevant stakeholders. The time line for progression of further phases is now delayed nationally.



Ballina/Killaloe By Pass, Shannon Bridge Crossing (Brian Boru Bridge) and R494 Improvement Scheme

Official Opening

On 22nd May 2025, the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien TD officially opened the Ballina/Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme. This road project is a transformative 6.2km development which includes the first new vehicular bridge across the Shannon in more than three decades.

The project is located in the vicinity of the twin towns of Killaloe, Co Clare and Ballina, Co Tipperary, on opposite sides of the River Shannon. It provides a western bypass of Killaloe, the first new vehicular bridge crossing over the Shannon since 1991, and an upgrade of the existing R494 regional road from Ballina to Birdhill, Co. Tipperary.

The bridge, jointly named as the Brian Boru Bridge, was a complex engineering feat for those involved in the project that took 2.5 years to complete. The initial overall cost estimate for the scheme was approximately €88 million.

The scheme will greatly improve the quality of life for residents of both towns. The alternative route will take through traffic and HGVs out of both town centres, thereby significantly reducing congestion, protecting both heritage areas, and providing a much-needed boost to the local economy and the region's tourism sector.

The project was listed in the National Development Plan and comprises:

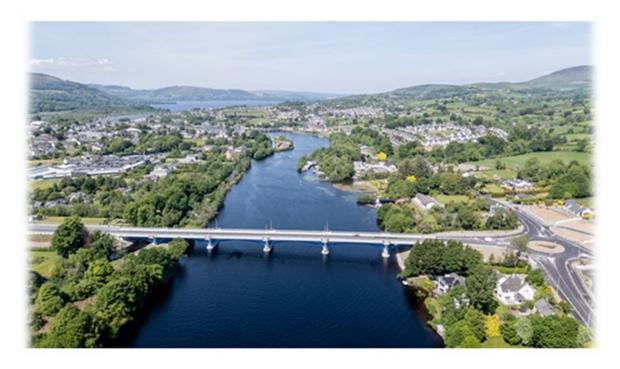
- 2km of new single carriageway bypass around the town of Killaloe which connects the R463 to the north of the town with the Brian Boru Bridge section and R494 to the south of the town;
- a new single carriageway bridge jointly named in honour of Brian Boru, crossing over the River Shannon approximately 1km south of the existing Killaloe Bridge and connecting the Killaloe Bypass with the R494;
- the upgrade and realignment of approximately 3.3km of the existing R494 from its junction with the R496 and Brian Boru Bridge south of Ballina, as far as the junction with the R445 (previously known as N7) north of Birdhill, and the M7 link road;
- the provision of dedicated, high quality new cycling and pedestrian facilities along the approximately 6.2km length of road development;
- the new Brian Boru bridge over the Shannon at Ballina-Killaloe is the first new vehicular bridge across the river since the opening of Shannon Way Bridge in 1991.

Speaking at the official opening, Minister O'Brien said: "I am delighted to officially open this transformative road project, which strengthens the connection between communities in Clare and Tipperary.



With approximately €88m million in funding allocated by my Department, this represents a significant Government investment in regional infrastructure and underscores our ongoing commitment to investing in and modernising Ireland's road network. "Road safety remains a key priority in all our infrastructure projects. The

completion of the project will significantly enhance safety and efficiency for all road users. The inclusion of dedicated pedestrian and cycling facilities not only improves safety but also encourages more sustainable, active travel along this vital corridor."







Tionscadal Éireann Project Ireland 2040



Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council Cllr Declan Burgess said: "The completion of the Brian Boru bridge is a historic day for the people of Ballina and Killaloe. There can be no stronger symbol of the connection between the twin towns than Brian Boru, celebrated equally on both sides of the river. The finished scheme will

remove traffic from the towns and allow them to fulfil their potential for both the existing residents and the many tourists that will be attracted to the area. This is a proud day for all of the people of Clare and Tipperary, and the twin towns can look forward to a bright future together."





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



Chief Executives Sinead Carr and Gordon Daly, with Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Transport





Gordon Daly CE, Alan Farrell, Director of Services, Clare County Council; Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien TD; Liam Brett, Director of Service, Sinead Carr CE, Tipperary County Council



Cathaoirligh and local representatives with the Minister for Transport



Directorate Projects (Capita	1)	
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
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 received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design. A tender competition for design phases 1 and 2 has been completed.	Preliminary design will commence when TII funding becomes available.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves: road pavement improvement works addressing a number of road safety issues the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village the extension of footpaths to the speed limit on the Portumna side and to the R493 Terryglass Road on the Borrisokane side of the village public lighting improvements some public realm improvements. RPS consultants have been appointed and the Preliminary design has been completed. Part 8 planning procedures commenced in June 2024 and approval received in October 2024. Advance works (drainage attenuation pond) have been completed.	Detail design of the scheme to commence later in 2025 subject to availability of funding.
Thurles Municipal District	nave been completed.	
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass N62 Slievenamon Road	Route Selected in 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbying for it to be included in the next NDP. This scheme involves the rehabilitation of	Promote the inclusion of a Thurles Bypass on the National Development Plan. It is anticipated that construction
Thurles, Phase 2	approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The scheme involves changes to the road layout, road rehabilitation, replacement and widening of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs, surface water drainage improvements, undergrounding of overhead power lines and public realm improvements. The preliminary design and Part 8 planning process have been completed.	will commence in 2026 subject to the availability of funding.



	Consultants for the detail design were	
	appointed in April 2024 and the detail design	
	has commenced.	
N75 Liberty Square to Anner	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of	A contractor has been appointed
Hotel	approximately 1km of road pavement on the	to carry out the work which will
	N75 National Secondary road within the town	commence in July 2025.
	of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street	
	to the Anner Hotel. The scheme was held up	
	due to funding restrictions but went to tender	
	in December 2024. Emergency funding was	
	made available by TII in June 2025.	

Directorate Projects (Capit	al)					
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage				
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District						
N24 Carrick-on-Suir	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of	12 months maintenance period				
Pavement Strengthening	3.5km of pavement on the N24 National	ongoing into 2025 and snags				
	Primary route. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd	are being addressed.				
	were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works					
	are substantially completed and are now in the					
	maintenance period. Some remedial works have					
	been carried out to date, with more required,					
	which will be undertaken during the					
	maintenance period.					
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Mu						
Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage				
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr	This scheme involves the N74 Fr Mathew Street	The scheme is now substantially				
Mathew Street, Tipperary	in Tipperary Town. Preliminary and detailed	complete.				
Town	design stages are completed and a Contractor					
	Glas Civil Engineering has been appointed to					
	carry out the works, which commenced on April					
	29, 2024. Construction works are well ahead of					
NOTE THE PARTY	schedule.					
N24 Knockagh Roundabout	This scheme comprises the pavement	Continuation of Construction.				
approach	strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the					
	N24 National Route extending east from the					
	Knockagh Roundabout. The Contract has been awarded to Tony Kirwan Civil					
	Engineering Contractors Ltd., and					
	commenced on site in February 2025,					
	continuing to November 2025. Works are					
	approximately 50% complete.					
Clonmel Borough District	аррижинасту 50% сотпресс.					
N24 Moangarriff to	Progression of this scheme has been delayed	Tramore House to progress				
Twomilebridge Pavement	due to resourcing issues and prioritisation of	Planning Phase.				
and Traffic Calming	other schemes. TCC has now identified					
3	resources within Tramore House RDO who will					
	progress the Design.	Derrygrath: PARR Approval				
N24 Derrygrath	Resources have been reallocated within the	received. Funding will be				
- 76	Clonmel Borough District to deal with 2 priority	requested for 2026.				



	areas. N24 Derrygrath near the Apple Farm and N24 Kilsheelan where existing pavements are failing. 1 Projects	Kilsheelan: Emergency funding received for 2025, works are being programmed.
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Project R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme Thurles Inner Relief Road Thurles Inner Relief Road Thurles Inner Relief Road Thurles Inner Relief Road Thurles Inner Relief Road	Progress to date The CPO was published in August 2020, an Oral Hearing was held on 1st & 2nd December and the CPO was confirmed on April 16th, 2021 without modifications. RPS consultants were appointed on 3 November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme. The detail design was substantially completed in Q4 2023. Advance works were completed in Q1 2024. Archaeological investigations to commence in June/July 2024. Archaeological investigations and excavations are substantially complete. The tender for the Main Works was advertised in March 2025 and tenders are currently being assessed. The Main Contractor for the scheme is John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. Works commenced on site in August 2022. Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with: a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction; a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access; 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir; public lighting; flood alleviation works along the River Suir. This scheme is on the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to new store. Business case and related documents have been submitted to the Department.	It is anticipated that construction will commence in Q3 2025. The scheme is now complete and fully operational. Do'T approval is now required to proceed to Detailed Design and Construction. Preparation for Procurement of a Consultant.



GREENWAY PROJECTS

Greenways 2025 Total Allocation: €625,000	Current Update
Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town	Phase 1 Feasibility Report was submitted to TII on 23 rd April 2025 following various rounds of TII comment. TCC are now preparing to close out Phase 1 and commence Phase 2 with a Public Consultation.
Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer	Phase 2 Options Selection Report was submitted to TII for review on 27th Sept 2024. TCC and their Technical Advisor are currently preparing responses to TII comments and revising the report.
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	Draft tender documents were submitted to TII for approval to appoint new Technical Consultants for the project. TII have not given an allocation for this project in 2025. TCC are reviewing options.
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel	An Bord Pleanála approved permission for this project on 15 th April 2025. Notices of the permission were published in the Tipperary Star and the Irish Independent on 30 th April 2025. Funding now being sought by TCC to progress.
Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report was submitted to TII and it was approved on 16 th December 2024. TII require revisions to the PEP report to close out Phase 1. TCC are currently preparing the revised PEP report followed by the Gate Review Statement for TII to move to Phase 2 and Public Consultation.
Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report was submitted to TII for comment in February 2025. TII commented on 26th March 2025 that progression of this scheme will require procurement of a new Technical Advisor.







Department of Transport (DoT)

Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2025			
Restoration Improvement	€19,319,000		
Restoration Maintenance	€2,425,500		
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€2,122,500		
Discretionary Grant	€4,846,500		
Bridge Rehabilitation	€1,070,000		
Specific Imp. Grant	€560,000		
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	€6,150,000		
Safety Improvement Works	€771,500		
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000		
Training Grant	€129,500		
Drainage Works	€1,073,000		
Former National Roads	€680,000		
Speed Limits Review Signs	€940,000		
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works	€938,490		
Community Involvement Scheme	€983,400		
Total Allocation	€42,053,390		







ADAPTO

Managing Climate Risks:

Drainage and Flood Management

Clonmel Flood Scheme

Adam Coffey, Executive Engineer Tipperary County Council











Adam Coffey, Executive Engineer, Clonmel Borough District, gave a presentation on the Clonmel Flood Scheme in Murcia, Spain as part of an Interreg Europe programme on flood and drought management, earlier this year.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

New Policy/Strategic Issues				
Policy Changes/Up-Date	Current status	Progression in Previous Months	Next Stage	
Residential Zoned Land Tax (reviewed and updated annually)	The Council evaluated all written submissions received (23no). In June 2025, the Council issued 14no. Determinations in respect of landowner submissions on the Draft Map for 2026; and 6no. Decisions on Rezoning Requests in respect of the Final Map 2025.	Final maps for 2025 were published on 31 January 2025. Draft Maps for 2026 were published on 01 February 2025. Submissions invited up to 01 April 2025 in respect of (a) the inclusion / exclusion of land on the Draft Map for 2026 (b) seeking a re-zoning of land identified on the Final Map for 2025. A total of 23no. submissions were received during the submission period. In April 2025, rezoning request acknowledgment letters were issued by the Council to the landowners who made re-zoning requests (6no.). This letter can be	Landowners can appeal the Local Authority Determinations on the Draft Map 2026 to An Bord Pleanala by 1 August 2025. Decisions on rezoning requests cannot be appealed to An Bord Pleanala. The Final Maps for 2026 will be published on 31 January 2026 and will take account of evaluations, determinations and any appeal decisions. The Draft Maps for 2027 will be published on 01 February 2026 with a 2 month consultation period (1 February to 1 April 2026).	
		used to support a claim for an exemption from the tax for 2025.		
Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031	The Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031 now has effect and replaces the previous Carrick- on-Suir Town Development Plan 2013.	Chief Executive (CE) Report on Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan was provided to Elected Members and at the plenary Council in May, the Plan was made.	No further stages.	



Record of Protected Structures (RPS) – Carrick-on-Suir	Elected Members are asked to resolve to update the RPS in the Tipperary County Development Plan at the plenary meeting in July.	Public Consultation open until on update to the RPS open from 24 th April until 6 th June 2025. 2 submissions received. Report on all submissions received circulated on 19 th June to all members for consideration.	All owners / occupiers notified in writing of update to the RPS within 2 weeks of the July plenary meeting.
First Revision to the Draft National Policy Framework (NPF)	First Revision to the NPF is now in effect.	Final changes to the First Draft agreed by Cabinet and the Oireachtas at the end of April 2025.	Changes to the housing figures in the revised NDP are likely to require a Variation to the Tipperary County Development Plan. Further information is expected from the Department in the coming weeks and months.
National Development Plan (NDP) Review	Department considering consultation responses.	Formal consultation on the NDP review commenced on 29th May, and the closing date for submissions was Thursday, 26 th June 2025. TCC made a submission to this review.	Final NDP expected to be published in Q3 2025.

Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)				
Policy Changes/Up-Date	Current status	Progression in Previous Months	Next Stage	
Town Centre First Policy	Carrick on Suir - Funding confirmed for new TCF Plan	Publication as part of LAP	Progress actions identified in plan	
	Draft Newport TCF Plan .	Draft Plan published for submissions. Town Team formed	Finalise draft.	
	Nenagh TCF Plan to be prepared.	Draft plan in progress	Publication in Q3	

Thurles Renewal Strategy to be updated to TCF Plan	Draft plan in progress	Publication in Q3
TCF Suite of Funding supports for towns < 10,000	Ongoing for Thurles and Cashel. Complete for Nenagh	
Thrive Strand 2	Application submitted for Clonmel	Awaiting result of competition

National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)			
<u>Project</u>	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage	
Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza	Works practically completed September, 2024. Department approval received in November, 2024 for additional kerbing, paving and resurfacing works. Facility was officially opened by Minister Heather Humphreys on 3 rd . December, 2024 and open to the public.	Complete additional kerbing, paving and resurfacing works by end of Q3 2025	
Thurles Market Quarter - Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers	Works commenced on site early August, 2024 with substantial progress being made. Canopy installation completed.	Complete construction works circa November, 2025.	
Carrick -on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our	Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park- Works are completed. Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay – Tender documents completed. Request for Tenders advertised on e-	Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park – Completed. Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay - Finalise Tender Assessment Report and recommendation. Complete documentation for Decision Gate 3 and	
Community's Ambition' Category 1	Tenders and tender submissions returned. Tender evaluations completed mid-June and Tender	obtain Approval to Proceed from the RRDF Unit. Commence works in Q3 2025 on completion of upgrade works	



	Assessment Report being finalised. Phase 3 Digital Hub – Contractor appointed on 18 th . November, 2024. Works commenced December, 2024. Phase 4 - Main Street, Sean Kelly Square and Stable Lane Car Park – Design stage review almost completed.	by Uisce Eireann. Complete works circa Q2 2026. Phase 3 Digital Hub – Complete works in Q4 2025. Phase 4 - Main Street, Sean Kelly Square and Stable Lane Car Park – Finalise design phase in Q3 2025. Tender for construction stage in Q4 2025. Commence works in Q2 2026.
Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy – Category 1	Phase 1a Car Park Site — Demolition and enabling works contract completed. Phase 1b Car Park Construction- Final Business Case completed and submitted to the RRDF Unit on 22 nd . April, 2025. Approval to Proceed with works received on 22 nd . May, 2025. Contracts signed on 12 th . June, 2025. Phase 2 Library- Pre-Tender Approval received from the Department. Tender documents finalised. Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works- Final Business Case completed and submitted to the RRDF Unit on 15 th May, 2025. Approval to Proceed with works received on 27th. May, 2025. Contracts signed on 12 th . June, 2025.	Phase 1a Car Park Enabling Works – Completed. Phase 1b-Car Park Construction- Works to commence on the week of 7 th July with an estimated 7-month timeline for completion. Phase 2-Library- Tender has been advertised to 5 contractors on the Protected Structures Framework. Tender closes on 17 th July. Assess tenders received. Obtain Approval to Proceed from the Department and sign contract by last week of August with works to commence by mid-September. Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works - works to commence on the week of 14 th July with an estimated 4- month timeline for completion.
Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea	Insurance check completed on successful tenderer. All documentation associated with the appointment of the design team completed. Design team appointed on 13th. May, 2025. Bi monthly progress meetings taking place.	Commence work on site surveys required. Engage with property owners and utility providers. Commence work on preliminary design.
Tipperary Town - Social, community and heritage led regeneration of Dan Breen House	Dan Breen - Works Requirements completed. Court House; Final revision of Works Requirements under review. Pricing Document	Obtain Pre-Tender Approval from the Department on completion of tender documents. Dan Breen House - Complete internal review on tender documents on receipt



and Tipperary	reviewed by internal team and	of Pricing Document. Issue tender
Courthouse and	requires updating by the design	documents to contractors entered on
Bridewell	team to align with revised Works	the Protected Structures Framework in
	Requirements.	July, 2025. (when Cahir library tender is
		complete) Assess tenders received.
		Obtain Approval to Proceed from the
		Department. Appoint contractor and
		commence works in September, 2025.
		Courthouse- Review Pricing Document
		on submission to ensure alignment with
		the updated Works Requirements. Issue
		tender documents to contractors
		entered on Protected Structures
		Framework in August, 2025. (When Dan
		Breen tender is complete) Assess
		tenders received. Obtain Approval to
		Proceed from the Department. Appoint
		contractor and commence works in
		October, 2025.

National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)				
<u>Project</u>	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage		
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme - Phase 2	Phase 2 Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach roads - Part 8 adopted at a Special Meeting of Thurles Municipal District in early December. Extensive consultations ongoing with statutory bodies. Tender documents for the engagement of a design team at an advanced stage.	Phase 2 –Complete tender documents for the engagement of a design team. Complete Pre-Tender Compliance check. Procure for design team in July, 2025 to prepare detailed design and oversee the construction stage. Appoint design team in Q3 2025. Commence detailed		
		design in Q3 2025.		



A Pathway to a	Ongoing progress meetings being	Complete stakeholder
Low Carbon	held with the design team. Extensive	engagement. Complete
Society: A Centre	stakeholder engagement is in	preliminary design by Q3 2025.
of Excellence for	progress. Project Steering Group	Complete Part 8 Planning by
Sustainable Energy	meetings and District Delivery Group	end of Q4 2025/early Q1 2026.
driving the	meetings in progress. Works are	
Transformational	ongoing on the preliminary design.	
Urban		
Regeneration of		
Nenagh Town		
Centre		

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Funds: Projects completed to date

The following projects are delivered.

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



Active Travel

In January 2025 the Council received notification from the National Transport Authority of an allocation of €4,500,000 for Active Travel Schemes in 2025 (see full details hereunder).

Project Name 2025	2025	Current Update
	Allocation	
SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	€ 5,000	Snagging works complete
R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel	€ 10,000	Project complete awaiting ESB to provide
Scheme		power supply
Active Travel Staff Costs	€ 350,000	Ongoing and seeking to appoint new staff
		to current vacancy
Ardfinnan Bridge	€ 120,000	The design team is working on addressing
		NTA feedback from the preliminary
		business case submitted for gateway 3
		approval
Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	€ 15,000	Finalising Part 8 planning documents and
		seek NTA approval to proceed to planning
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	€ 1,525,000	Phase 2 works ongoing on site
Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu	€ 50,000	Finalising Part 8 planning pack
Junction, Cahir		
Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	€ 400,000	Design team has been appointed for phase
		5 to 7
SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	€ 5,000	Design submitted to NTA pre-approval
		received to proceed with the Part 8
		process
SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	€ 25,000	Design team to be appointed
SRTS (R2) St Marys Central National School,	€ 20,000	Part 8 planning secured, design team to be
Killenaule		appointed for stages 5-7
Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel	€ 40,000	Part 8 planning approved
(Previously TCC/21/0014)		





Nenagh Urban Greenway (Previously	€ 20,000	Non-statutory consultation now complete
TCC/21/0006)		and the design team are finalising the
		planning documents including necessary
		environmental surveys
		,
Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active	€ 15,000	The current design layout is under review
Travel Scheme, Ballina (Previously TCC/21/0014)		
Emly Village Footpaths (Previously	€ 120,000	Construction substantially complete
TCC/22/0013)	,	, .
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Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme	€ 750,000	Preparing to publish the works tender
Thurles		
Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity	€ 250,000	Preparing Part 8 planning pack
Scheme		
SRTS Inch National School (Previously	€ 280,000	Works on going
,	€ 280,000	Works on going
TCC/22/0015 - TCC/22/0013)		
SRTS (R3) HSRR Presentation Secondary	TBC	Site inspection completed in June by the
School – Ballingarry Lower, Ballingarry		SRTS team in An Taisce
SRTS (R3) HSRR Mount Bruis NS – Mt. Bruis	TBC	Site inspection completed in June by the SRTS team in An Taisce
SRTS (R3) HSRR Tankerstown NS –	ТВС	Site inspection completed in June by the
Tankerstown	.50	SRTS team in An Taisce
SRTS (R3) HSRR Scoil Mhuire – Kilvemnon	TBC	Site inspection completed in June by the
		SRTS team in An Taisce
SRTS (R3) HSRR Poulacapple NS –	TBC	Site inspection completed in June by the
Poulacapple East, Poulacapple	6.4.000.000	SRTS team in An Taisce
Total	€ 4,000,000	
Allocations Through Other NTA Funding	g Streams	
Bus Stop Enhancement Programme		eam has approved funding allocations to
€500,000		n work or construction works at the
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	following locations:	
	Portroe (2), Rearcross (2), Ormonde Stores N76 (2), Dromineer (1), Ballina (2), Kilcommon (2), Cloughjordan	
	(2), Ballingarry N52 (2), Ballynonty (2), and design work for	
	the Local link s	, , , , , , , ,
Total NTA Allocation 2025	€ 4,500,000	



ZEVI (Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland)

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

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

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

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

We expect that the development of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy will be completed later this year.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2025

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

Tipperary County Council received the third highest award of funding in the sum of €367,285 after Dublin City Council and Cork City Council for 2025. We also received an extra allocation of €21,376.70 under the supplementary ring-fenced funding for historic thatched structures. 40 applications were received under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme which closed for applications on the 27th September, 2024. A thorough assessment was carried out by Eamonn Hunter, Executive Architectural Conservation Officer and 33 projects were recommended to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. All approved project works must be completed by the 15th of September 2025 so they can be inspected and grants paid out.



Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/1/25 to 30/6/25

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	91	87	4	3	6
Housing Development	7	6	1	2	0
NIA/EIA	5	5	0	0	0
Other Applications	416	406	10	22	1
Total	519	504	15	27	7

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 127 complaints received from the 1st January to the 30th June 2025. During this period 95 Warning Letters and 51 Enforcement Notices were issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

Applications Being Processed	DPI Developments	Taken-in- Charge in 2024	Taken-in- Charge To-Date in 2025	With District & Awaiting Approval	Applications Received in 2025
40	21	2	3	0	1

- 3 developments (132 housing units) have been taken-in-charge to-date by Tipperary County Council in 2025
- 0 housing estates are currently with Roads section for advertising.
- 1 taking-in-charge application has been received to-date in 2025.
- There are currently 21 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.



Planning & Emergency Services SPC

The first of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2025 were held on 12th February. Agenda covered: Nature Based Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, Update on Emergency Services and Vacancy Dereliction and regeneration. The second of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2025 were held on 13 May. Agenda covered: Anaerobic Digesters and Trees and Hedges, Update on Emergency Services First Revision to the NPF and the Review of the NDP, Update on the Working Group for Housing solutions, Agree Work programme and meetings Next meeting due 23rd September 2025

Town Centre First

There are Town Teams established under Town Centre First principles in Carrick On Suir, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Nenagh and Newport. In addition, there are plans to create an additional three Town teams in other towns throughout the county in 2025. The ambition is to have a Town team in place for every town in the county and work is underway to expand the programme county wide.

- We have Town Centre First (TCF) plans in place for Roscrea, Clonmel with associated action plans being pursued by Town Teams.
- The Carrick On Suir TCF plan has been finalised and is included as an appendix to the local area plan for the Carrick On Suir District. This TCF plan is published and the Town Team have commenced the process of prioritising projects for funding calls.
- Work is underway to create a TCF plan for both Nenagh and Thurles and a consultant has been appointed to assist with this process. We envisage that the process will be complete by Q3 2025.
- The TCF Plan for Newport is progressing with actions to be brought to the Nenagh MD for review.

Vacancy and Dereliction Team

- A second Vacant Homes Officer has been appointed and based in Clonmel.
- The Derelict Sites officer and Staff Officer posts has been vacated and work is underway to fill these posts as soon as possible.

Croi Conaithe fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

	Entire scheme	Q1 2025	
Applications received	615	131	
Fully approved	354	113	
Rejected	40	9	
Withdrawn	95	16	
Paid out	158	84	
Total Paid	€8,618,577	€4,513,404	
Approved total	€29,166,348		

Derelict Sites



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

At the start of 2025 the derelict sites register contained 84 properties and the owners of these properties were issued with a letter reminding them of their obligations under the Act to carry out works to render the buildings non-derelict. To date we have removed 4 of these properties from the register as the works have been carried out. In April the register has been updated now contains 81 properties. These property owners will be receiving a derelict site levy letter which is due to be issued in July 2025.

We have issued a further 22 properties with letters advising them of works needed to render the property non-derelict.

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

URDF Call 3

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

There are 77 properties on the list divided between the URDF designated towns of Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles and we have received approval to begin adding more properties to this list. Of these 77 properties 40 are in the process of being removed from the list as there are works underway or they have now been deemed to be not vacant or derelict. The team are engaging with the other 37 property owners to determine the best course of action to bring these properties back into use.

We are in the process of adding a further 22 properties to the list.



FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



	T		Tipperary Hit & Reseas Strike
SECTION PRIORITIES			
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month		Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	Tipperary County Council has taken over the Chair of both the regional steering & working groups.		Coordinate and administer this function in the region for 2025/2026
Building Control	Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.		Complete annual inspection programme for 2025 reaching Dept. guideline targets
Quality, Health & Safety	Onsite inspections ongoing Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in Jun 2025 – successfully certified to both standards		Implement annual objectives as per service delivery plan
Fire Safety	Primary schools programme being implemented along with station visits by schools at end of school year and continuing Home Fire Safety Visits.		Continue to complete Primary School programme and Home Fire Safety Visit Programme
ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES		To 30th June 2025	
Number of Emergency Calls Attended		935	
Number of Fire Safety Certificate		61	
Applications Received		02	
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted		57	
Number of Disability Access Certificate		42	
Applications Received			
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted		31	
Number of Commencement Notices Received		149	



Training Training of our volunteers is ongoing. In the last few months volunteers have undertaken specialized training in boat operations and maintenance organized by the Civil Defence Branch. Members of the boat crew also attended Sonar training to assist in the search for missing persons. Awareness sessions also took place in relation to the safe use, disposal and operations involving hypodermic needles /sharps. This was all in addition to our regular operational training and recertification which is ongoing.

International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes

More than 60 Officers & volunteers from across the country travelled to Lourdes on the 15th May as part of the annual International Military Pilgrimage. Some 18,000 Military & Civil Protection personnel from across the world participated in this event. Ann Carroll has represented Tipperary Civil Defence at this event for over 25 years and was honoured to attend again this year.





Road Safety Authority Vehicle Fleet Inspection A representative from the Road Safety Authority called to the Civil Defence training center in Clonmel to carry an audit on the vehicle fleet, maintenance and fleet management system. The audit went well but they did highlight the ageing fleet and noted issues arising as a consequence.

ISO45001 & Health & Safety

Engagement with the volunteers in relation to Health & Safety is paramount. A working group of volunteers is currently being established to review risk assessments, contribute to operational policies and to raise any Health & Safety concerns

We are currently working through our annual works plan.

President Michael D Higgins acknowledge 75 years of Civil Defence in Ireland

Uachtaráin na hÉireann marks 75 Years of Civil Defence in Ireland

On the 8 May 2025, President Michael D. Higgins hosted officers and volunteers from Civil Defence units across the country to mark 75 years of Civil Defence in Ireland.

The President paid tribute to decades of service by Civil Defence Volunteers stating;

"Sabina and I are delighted to mark 75 years since the establishment of the Civil Defence.

Whether it be through its service in medical rescue, search and rescue, emergency response, radiation monitoring, or community assistance, the Civil Defence volunteers have shown, time and again, their dedication and response capability in support of the primary emergency services and their local communities.

I take this opportunity to commend all members, past and present, for this work and for their spirit of volunteerism, giving back to their local community and indeed to wider society."

Tipperary was represented at the ceremony by Officer Dolores Fahey, A/Officer Matt Peters, and long serving volunteers Dan Walsh, Ann Carroll and Mark Quillinan.







Community Support & Duties

Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of First Aid and Ambulance cover at an array of events over the last few weeks including, Knockmealdown Walking Festival, Cahir Wellness Day.









Bealtaine Festival 2025



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



Thurles Library

 The Library Service hosted a series of concerts by Jim of the Mills who was accompanied by his daughter, Cáit Ní Riain. These concerts took place in Clonmel, Thurles, Tipperary Town, Nenagh and were very successful. These events took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



Tipperary Town Library



Nenagh Library



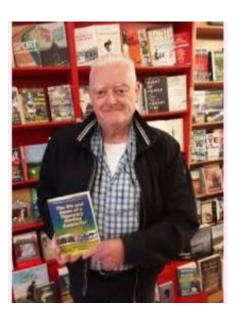
Clonmel Library



 Roscrea Library hosted a talk on Heart Health, Digestive issues and joint care by Shirley Sheil on 21st May.







- The author Tommy Treacy visited Libraries in Tipperary Town, Cloughjordan, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Roscrea, Clonmel and Nenagh during the month of May. Tommy spoke about his passion for the game of hurling and in particular Tipperary hurling which has inspired him to write his book "The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter". These talks took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.
- - Nenagh Library hosted a fashion workshop with Geraldine Du Berry headlining the Bealtaine Festival's Style Masterclass! Guests were treated to top-notch tips on how to banish wardrobe chaos and unleash their fashion flair. This event took place on 12th May.

- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a candle making workshop with Lisa Manton on 9th May. Participants were able to design and paint their own beautiful pillar candle, perfect for gifting or displaying at home
- Carrick-on-Suir hosted a Mindfulness and Wellbeing workshop with Jennie Hannigan on 20th May.



 Killenaule Library hosted a singing workshop with Suzanne Buttimer on 15th May. Participants were able to engage in interactive, fun singing session designed to engage and evoke happy memories. This event took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



Library Service



Thurles Library organised an outreach activity for Thurles Men's Shed on 7th May. Members of the Men's Shed visited the workshop of Furniture Maker & Artist Paul Carew. Participants enjoyed a handson experience in essential woodworking techniques, correct material applications, and sustainability by learning to repurpose materials as they completed a small project-a coffee table, gaining practical knowledge and application of wood construction, restoration and finishes.



• Thurles Library Craft Group held an Open Morning on 26th May.

Members of the craft group welcomed people to view their crafts, gain hands-on experience and share a cup of tea together. This event was designed to showcase the wonderful work that the craft group does and to encourage others to get involved.



Thurles Library in collaboration with Down Syndrome Tipperary-Meitheal 21 have collaborated on a project called **ReCreate: Art for ALL**. This is a vibrant and inclusive arts project designed to foster creativity and self-expression for people with Down syndrome and additional needs. This initiative provides a platform for Meitheal 21 members with Down syndrome, of all ages, from babies to adults, to explore various art forms in a supportive and inspiring environment. Through structured workshops, participants will engage in creative activities that celebrate their unique perspectives and talents. The project will culminate in a week-long exhibition from 16th–20th September in Thurles Library, The Source, Thurles, showcasing the artistic journey of all members, from the youngest participants to adults.



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



 Clonmel Library in partnership with the Junction festival, hosted a Haiku/Photography workshop on 10th May. Haiku Master Seán O'Connor and photographer Kevin Lim guided attendees through this novel mixed media workshop



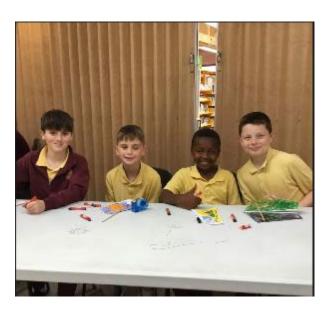
Clonmel Library hosted STAG's
 (South Tipperary Art Group) 57th
 Annual Exhibition which
 commenced on 9th June and ran for
 two weeks. There were over 70
 artworks on display by over 35
 STAG Artists with paintings on
 every subject and in every medium
 including Textile Art, Book Work,
 Ceramics and 3D.



 Clonmel Library hosted two talks by biodiversity expert Neil Halligan on 26th May. Two local schools attended the event and were hugely interested in the talk.







To launch Summer Stars Clonmel Library held a David Walliams Workshops and a Roald Dahl workshop run by Anyone4Science on 14th June. Three local schools attended across the two workshops and there were **57 attendees** in total.



 Nenagh Library hosted a fashion workshop on 7th May. *Dress to Impress*' Stylist Geraldine du Berry showed participants how to declutter their wardrobe and offered advice on fashion trends.



 Nenagh Library hosted a visit by bestselling Irish author, Patricia
 Gibney, spoke to librarian Margaret
 Ryan spoke about her journey as a writer and discussed what's next for her famous literary creation,
 Detective Inspector Lottie Parker.
 This event took place on 13th May.



 Nenagh Library hosted a jewellery making workshop with Gemmologist Tina Keating. There were twenty participants with each person able to take away a finished piece. This event took place on 21st May



 Carrick-on-Suir Library held a smartphone workshop with a tutor from the Tipperary ETB on 2nd May.



 Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted the Quinn Photograph exhibition during the month of May. The John James Quinn (1873 – 1944) Collection contains photographs, glass plate negatives, postcards, and personal letters created and collected by Irish photographer John J. Quinn of Ballypatrick in the late 19th and early 20th century



 Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a Mindfulness and Wellbeing workshop with Jennie Hannigan on 20th May.



Carrick-on-Suir Library and members of the Carrick-on-Suir Darkness Into Light collaborated to plant 'the Darkness Into Light 2025
 Tree' in the garden to the front of the library. Every year a tree is donated to be planted in the town in memory of those that were lost to suicide. Family and friends of those people can write messages and they are then buried now underneath the tree. The tree that was chosen this year is a native Irish rowan tree, and it was planted by Mary Power from the DIL Committee.



 Tipperary Town Library held a gardening workshop with Peter Donegan on 23rd May. Peter Donegan was Silver medallist and The People's Choice Award winner at 2024 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show and has previously won the gold medal winner.



 Tipperary Town Library hosted a performance by One Town, One Voice Choir on 20th May. There were over fifty people in attendance.



To celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg,
 Tipperary Town Library held a line dancing workshop on 7th June where there were over forty participants.



Staff from Tipperary Town Library were invited to participate in the Literacy Changing Lives event held at Croke Park on 16th June. Tipperary Town Library has received funding through the collaboration and innovation fund supported by Adult Literacy for Life. This funding has enabled Tipperary Town Library in partnership with the HSE to deliver Irish sign language (ISL) classes in our community. Over 60 people from Tipperary participated in these classes which were expertly facilitated by Pat Matthews of Trinity College Dublin and his colleagues including the exceptional Louise Skerritt who brought incredible passion and skill to the teaching.

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 Cashel Library hosted a dementia workshop on 13th May. Mai Nales, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Tipperary University Hospital who specialises in dementia spoke about her role and dementia projects within the hospital.



Community School
Transition Year have
completed their Women in
History Project in May. This
project was co-ordinated by
Maura Barrett, Cashel
Library, Maria Neayvn CCS
TY co-ordinator and history
teacher Seamus Carr. Along
with the many hours of work
the TY students also learned
to podcast their work under
the guidance of Bernard

Goldbach from the TUS Campus Clonmel.



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



• Templemore Library hosted the Family Nature Connection Course during May. This course was run in collaboration with Tipperary ETB and was held in both the library and the park. The participants explored the benefits of connecting with nature through play, creativity and connecting with others in the community. They explored the flora and fauna of the park and the benefits of connecting with nature. Literature and resources available through the library network were showcased to the participants.



 Templemore Library held an Art Workshop with Catriona Dwan on 6th May.



• Templemore Library facilitated a series of Community Skills Share workshops in June. The Community Room was used by locals who volunteered their time to share their creative passion. These workshops included Cross Stitch Class with Olena Mermoune and Collage Art Workshop with Aishling Hassett.



 Roscrea Library continues to facilitate weekly conversational English classes. These classes take place every Thursday Morning and is run in conjunction with North Tipperary Development Company



 Roscrea Library hosted a talk on Heart Health, Digestive issues and joint care by Shirley Sheil on 21st May.



 Roscrea Library held a needle felting workshop with Olivia O'Donovan on 19th May.



 Cahir Library held a photography workshop with Cher Gleeson on 12th May.



 Cahir Library held a wreath making workshop with Elke Wilson on 13th May.



 Cahir Library held a yoga workshop with Sinead O'Donnell on 28th May.



 Cloughjordan Library hosted a candle making workshop with Lisa Manton on 23rd May.



Borrisokane Library hosted a Sip and Paint workshop with Lisa Manton on 14th May.

Tipperary Studies



- The Derby Map was donated to Tipperary Studies by Margaret Moloney on behalf of her family. Her late father, Joe Moloney had retrieved the Map from the demolished Ballykisteen House in 1951. It consists of a book of folio maps surveyed in 1824 by John Longfield for the Earl of Derby.
- Tipperary Studies made the following acquisition in May: Ordnance Survey Map of the Knocklofty estate dated 1911 with changes in land ownership annotations in pencil.



Arts Service

As the year progresses, more funding schemes have been assessed and new one's have been published:

- Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Scheme three bursary awards to professional artists living in Tipperary have been awarded. Each bursary includes a one-week stay to develop work at the County Monaghan workplace for artists.
- Local Drama Scheme three drama groups have been awarded support towards the cost of professional development for their members.
- **Culture Night** celebrating its 20th edition, County Tipperary will once again celebrate Culture Night which takes place on Friday 19 September 2025. The annual celebration of arts, culture and creativity will coordinated by Tipperary Arts Office in partnership with the Arts Council and delivered by arts organisations, creative practitioners, artists, performers and community groups across the county. An open call for support towards Culture Night events in Tipperary closed on 19 June last and applications are currently being assessed with a view to supporting as much creative activity as possible for Culture Night Tipperary 2025. In addition, Tipperary Arts Office was successful in securing additional funding from The Arts Council for a Culture Night LATE event which will take place in

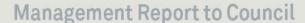
the Civic Plaza in Clonmel on 19th September.

Tipperary Bealtaine Festival 2025



Poetry Play by A.M. Cousins, with support of Festival in a Van, in Cashel Day Care Centre

Tipperary County Council Arts Office and Tipperary Library Service once again worked together to deliver a full and varied programme of almost 150 events and activities right across the county, the vast majority of which were provided free of charge. For Bealtaine 2025, the Arts Office curated a diverse programme of live performances, workshops & exhibitions. 2025 was the 30th Bealtaine festival nationally. Funding provided by the Arts Office enabled 10 professional artists to deliver 5 socially engaged projects resulting in events, including performances of a newly written play, an open mic night, a mini festival and a visual arts and poetry exhibition as well as the creation of a stop motion animation with specially composed music and visuals created by the participants. In all, 44 workshops and sessions took place in resource settings, community and civic spaces, and galleries.







Fethard Day Care Centre

Audiences of almost 600 people attended the live showcase events and the stop motion animation has been published on vimeo and which was available to view in Nenagh Arts Centre. Supports to the artists also included providing continued professional development and networking opportunities.

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

centres. 355 people in care settings enjoyed the programmes delivered. Feedback from these events has been very positive with all settings requesting more programmes in the future.

"it was most enjoyable for all. They love interaction", "Very well presented by Leisa Grey, clients loved the memories it evoked." "it got our clients talking and laughing together."

Feedback on Memory Box

"It was over and above expectations; the musicians were so interactive with residents."

Feedback on Music on Tour

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

The Arts Office also supported two film performances for Bealtaine audiences in conjunction with Access Cinema in Carrick on Suir and Terryglass and a folklore talk in Cloughjordan. Combined audiences of 102 people attended these three events.

Live
Performances, talks,
films, symposium
Audience: 742 people

Workshops Sessions: 44 Participants: 81

Events: 14	
Care Setting Engagement Audience in care settings: 355 people	Professional Artists Involved Artists: 10



Three Back, Three Forward Spoken Word event in Clonmel



Music on Tour at Hospital of the Assumption in Thurles



Map showing Bealtaine Events 2025

Artist in Primary School scheme



Artist Joanna Parkes at St. Mary's Primary School in Nenagh. Project: the Magic of a Good Story

The Artist in Primary School Scheme (APSS) provides funding to a professional artist of any discipline to work in a school for 50 hours on a project designed collaboratively between the school and the artist. The quality and diversity of the work that has been created by Tipperary students working with artists has been outstanding. The scheme provides opportunities for children to access and to engage with an artist and the language of creativity at an early age; and for schools and teachers to



work collaboratively across curriculum areas. This spring, several APSS projects have been realised, for example:

Drama facilitator Joanna Parkes used drama and story-telling techniques to explore the wonder and magic of stories, old and new. Playfully reflecting on the stories, the children were encouraged to notice connections, celebrate social and cultural diversity and to challenge stereotypes when creating their own stories.

"Joanna was a wonderful asset to have in my classroom while completing the Artist in Primary School Programme for 2025. The activities were chosen by Joanna to boost creativity, develop confidence and improve communication skills. It was very beneficial to the all students but also to the teachers who had the opportunity to learn from Joanna's expertise and gain knowledge and ideas about the teaching of drama. The theme of the programme - Challenging Stereotypes in Stories was very relevant and enjoyable for the children."



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

The result of their creativity can be viewed on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKzqDiAqQuiS9BEIjzoygdvwmdhKxXto

Opening Exhibition Damer House Gallery, Roscrea.



Arts Officer Melanie Scott, Artist Jenny Fox and Curator Therry Rudin (left), artwork by Jenny Fox (right), images by Damer House Gallery





• The Arts Office supports several arts venues across the County, through funding supports and in an advisory and promotional capacity. Arts Officer Melanie Scott opened the first 2025 Art Exhibition at Damer Gallery Roscrea of artist Jenny Fox, curated by artist Therry Rudin on Saturday 21 June. Dealing with the sudden loss of her father, Fox created an inspirational body of work - filled with symbolism - that comes together beautifully in the gallery spaces, and leaves room for quiet reflection on grief, memories and gratitude.

• Festivals Development









The Tipperary County Council Arts Office continued its successful Festivals Promotion Campaign, which was initiated in 2024. The intention of this campaign is to highlight the vibrant festival scene in Tipperary and enhance its reputation as a top destination for festivals and events in addition to supporting festivals own advertising strategies. Throughout the festival season, this campaign features on social media, distinctive using branding maximize visibility and engagement and highlights a number of festivals supported by the Council to inform the public about when and how to attend and to optimise linkages with partner organisations and sectors through joint promotion such as tourism agencies, local development etc.

Heritage Service

County Heritage Plan Actions

Maximum funding allocation was awarded in March for Tipperary Heritage Plan Programme and projects are now in progress. Of these



- A six-week Oral Heritage Course has been completed by 20 participants with very positive feedback.
- A social media course will take place in September, one days training for groups on how to navigate social media and engage the public with their heritage.
- The Heritage Week Grant Scheme closed on the 20 June. Applications are currently being assessed and successful applicants will be notified in July.
- Work is underway on the Event Guide for Tipperary for National Heritage Week which will take place in August.



Heritage Officers from around the country at a recent training event with Leave no Trace, The Heritage Council and Dark Skies Ireland

The Heritage Council ran a two-day training programme with Leave no Trace Ireland in Westport for the Heritage Officer and Biodiversity Officer network. This included a site visit to Croagh Patrick to see path conservation on the mountain and meet members of the Mountain Volunteer programme and a workshop with Dark Skies Ireland at Nephin National Park

<u>Irish Community Archive Network</u> <u>Tipperary iCAN</u>



ICAN Tipperary Regional meeting Borrisoleigh

Following on the launch of the Heritage Tipperary portal in February, the first Tipperary Regional Meeting in Borrisoleigh took place on May 8th which was hosted by Borrisoleigh Heritage and Cultural Society. The meeting was held in Borrisoleigh Community Hall and the new banners for the group were launched. On 23rd May members of Borrisoleigh Heritage and Cultural Society, Ormond Historical Society and Tipperary in the Decade of Revolutions travelled to Claregalway with Tipperary Heritage Office for the Annual Regional Meeting where groups from across the ICAN Network meet for training and site visits. This is a great opportunity for our groups to network with similar groups from other counties and share experiences and project ideas.



Margaret Kennedy, Chris Reina and Mary Starr Tipperary ICAN group

Adopt a Monument Programme





Programme is run by the Heritage Council and is a scheme to help communities become actively involved in the conservation and interpretation of their local archaeological and cultural heritage sites. It is a competitive scheme and the eight participants for 2025 were announced in June. Two Tipperary based Groups

(Killoscully Development association and Borrisoleigh Heritage and Cultural Society) have been successful in being accepted on the scheme for:

- Doonane Sweat House
- Glenkeen Church and Graveyard

Creative Ireland programme and Cruinniú na nÓg report



07.06.2025 Cruinniú na nÓg

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

Tipperary were delighted to present a busy day of FUN creative activities for all.



Unity Youth Hub Silver Arch Family Resource Centre Nenagh with their ceramic Creations



Children in DP Bridgewater House Carrick on Suir who created a new garden space with a local artist

- This year's festival for children and young people featured Dance, Circus, Music, Painting, Arts & Crafts, Robotics, Jewellery-making, Storytelling, Lego-making, Drama, Workshops, Baking, Drawing, Clayworks, Garden Design, Youth Theatre and a Shared Island project between Youth Work Cashel and Clonmore Youth Group, Armagh. Over 40 events & creative projects took place across the county with participants and audience members in excess of 2200.
- Tipperary County Council in conjunction with Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Council were awarded funding through the

Cruinniú na nÓg Shared Island initiative, in collaboration with Youth Work Tipperary - Cashel and Clonmore Youth Group, Armagh City. As a point of connection between both towns is the Royal Sites of Ireland i.e. Rock of Cashel and Emain Macha/Navan Fort, we were delighted to bring two groups of teenagers together to participate in creative activities focussing on culture and heritage, create a short docu/film and visit each other and the Royal Sites in Cashel and Armagh as part of this project. 30 teenagers across both counties participated in this project along with their group leaders





On the June Bank holiday weekend, Youth Work Cashel members and their leaders were warmly welcomed to Armagh to visit with members of Clonmore Youth Group and our colleagues in Armagh City, Banbridge, & Craigavon Council.



The group visited Emain Macha/Navan Fort and were entertained by the 'ancient' guides and participated in a weaving workshop contributing to making a giant Wickerman as part of the Wickerman Gathering for Lughnasa in August. On the weekend of the 14th & 15th June, our friends from Armagh visited Cashel where they enjoyed a guided Tour of the Rock of Cashel, a guided tour of Cashel Town and it's cultural amenities by local historian Tom Wood and Calvin from Youth Theatre Ireland hosted an energetic and fun drama workshop.

regional partners Clare County Council & Limerick City & County Council in the Súil Gallery, Ennis, 27th May at J O U R N E Y S – Everything Begins Somewhere An Art Exhibition by Young Creators This day was Inspired by and featuring artworks by young people with lifelong physical health conditions, created with Helium Arts during community workshops in Clare, Limerick and Tipperary, and by children attending the Paediatric Inclusion Health Clinics in Ennis Hospital, Tyrone Health Centre, Nenagh and University Hospital Limerick.









Creative Ireland Health and Wellbeing Funding

 Ann-Marie Keaveney, Creative Communities Engagement Officer represented Creative Ireland and our





• The Museum participated in the Clonmel Agricultural Show Mini Farm Day which was held on Friday 23rd May. Over 600 children from local primary schools attended.

Museum Service

Lecture Series A Quiet Revolution: Ireland 1960 - 2000

• The May lecture, entitled *The Catholic Church, 1960-2000: from ascendancy to retreat* was given by Eugene Broderick on 10th May.





 Mixed media artist Evelyn Kelly continued her series of monthly Museum art/craft workshops using the Museum's collection as inspiration. In May and June, fifteen children attended each workshop.

Loan box

 Created and developed by the Museum to spark conversation and memories with its service users. The



The Catholic Church, 1960-2000: from ascendancy to retreat



Museum worked in partnership with Tipperary Bealtaine coordinator Liz Powell and Tipperary Libraries. The Museum funded Leisa Gray to facilitate sessions with residents using the boxes.

Loan boxes were provided to the following Day care centres:

- Borrisokane
- Clonmel
- **-** Thurles
- **-** Templemore
- Creative Places Tipperary Town



Above: Lar Joy IMA, Heather McGuicken NIMC and Tony Canavan History Ireland

2025 sees Tipperary Museum celebrating 25 years in its current location in Mick Delahunty Square. A number of projects are planned throughout the year to mark the occasion. The first of these events was held on Saturday 17th May. A History Ireland Hedge School podcast was recorded. The hedge school was facilitated by Tommy Graham, History Ireland Editor and had contributions from Lar Joy IMA, Heather McGuicken NIMC and Tony Canavan HI. The podcast looked at the future of Museums -A Future for our Past, Museums in the 21st Century. Funding of €1000 was secured from ICOM for the event. The podcast can be accessed on the History Ireland Website.



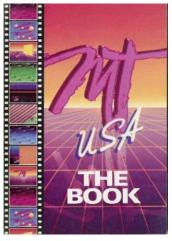
Raheen student reading out his creative piece



Raheen students, teachers and museum staff

Tipperary Museum worked closely with Second year students from Raheen college throughout the year. Having been given a number of indepth museum collection tours, the students used the objects that's inspired them to either write a creative piece, factual piece or create a piece of art. The end result is wonderful book which was highly commended by TUS lecturer Marie Walsh and Mayor, Pat English who both spoke in depth about their achievement on the night. Books are available at the school and museum reception.

New 1980s Exhibition:







 The Museum is currently planning a new 1980s and Vincent Hanley Exhibition, a visual feast of nostalgia. Vincent Hanley was a native Clonmel and 2FM presenter in his short life. Vincent passed away in 1987 aged 32. The Museum has received donations of materials relating to MTUSA from Conor McAnally former producer of MTUSA and friend of the late Vincent Hanley. This exhibition will be launched in July.



 The Museum ran two workshops to celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg. These Workshps were held on June 4th & June 7th. Local drama educator Tara Power facilitated both workshops.

Biodiversity Service

Biodiversity Week 2025

A number of events were facilitated and supported by Tipperary County Council for Biodiversity Week Including:

- Bat walks
- Moth trapping and Identification
- Business for Biodiversity Event (In collaboration with TUS & Tipperary Green Business Network
- Hedgerow foraging walk



Hedgerow foraging walk at Upperchurch bog



<u>Launch of Booklet on Insects for</u> <u>Children</u>

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

Teagasc Extensive Grassland Biodiversity Event In collaboration with the Heritage Council

On the 12th of June the Biodiversity Officer assisted with the Extensive Grassland Biodiversity day in Birr Castle. The aim of the event was to support farmers with extensive grassland and highlight the positive contribution these farmers make to

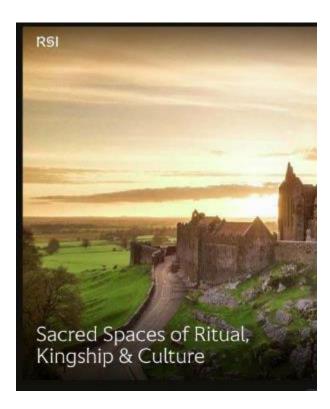
biodiversity and the agricultural industry.

The Royal Sites of Ireland Project





 The Royal Sites of Ireland Coordinator and Heritage Officers for Tipperary and Roscommon County Councils ran a Royal Sites stand at the Bealtaine Fire festival at the Hill of Uisneach on 10th May.



The first draft of new Royal Sites
Website was presented to the
Project Working Group for
feedback on 13th June. It is
anticipated that this website will be
launched by the end of Q3, 2025.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Rev	Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division									
	Year to Date 31st May 2025									
		EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	28,808,107	54,828,212	53%	26,020,105	26,635,901	53,219,758	54%	24,583,857	(172,206)
В	Road Transport & Safety	28,849,530	61,209,737	47%	32,360,207	20,306,717	40,638,533	50%	20,331,816	(8,542,814)
С	Water Services	5,820,232	13,654,538	43%	7,834,306	5,179,622	13,048,921	40%	7,869,299	(640,609)
D	Development Management	10,546,907	24,596,881	43%	14,049,974	4,766,423	11,433,968	42%	6,667,545	(5,780,484)
E	Environmental Services	21,753,569	58,729,485	37%	36,975,916	12,427,905	37,335,112	33%	24,907,207	(9,325,664)
F	Recreation & Amenity	7,428,401	16,934,762	44%	9,506,361	1,307,377	2,928,265	45%	1,620,888	(6,121,024)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health &	449,946	1,124,505	40%	674,559	168,406	275,246	61%	106,840	(281,539)
Н	Miscellaneous Services	6,928,033	17,762,618	39%	10,834,585	8,744,134	21,877,804	40%	13,133,670	1,816,101
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	12,141,619	29,139,885	42%	16,988,266	12,141,619
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	16,386,496	38,943,246	42%	22,556,750	16,386,496
	Totals	110,584,725	248,840,738	44%	138,256,013	110,064,600	248,840,738	25%	138,776,138	(520,125)

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Capital Account – Year to Date 31st May 2025

		Expenditure	Income
		Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A	Housing & Building	12,597,279	10,672,390
В	Road Transport & Safety	6,245,665	4,877,968
С	Water Services	863,416	1,334,138
D	Development Management	5,339,216	5,789,095
E	Environmental Services	907,850	547,927
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,022,419	546,443
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	78,208	23,856
Н	Miscellaneous Services	314,522	840,847
	Total	27,368,575	24,632,665

Collection Rates	YTD 202505	YTD 202405	YTD 202412
Rates	44%	46%	94%
Rents	85%	82%	94%
Housing Loans	104%	99%	101%



COMMERCIAL RATES

As at 31/05/2025 Rate Accruals for 2025 amounted to €39,271,422.

Arrears of €4,021,231 were brought forward from 2024, giving the total amount to be collected as €43,292,653.

Receipts of €18,957,322 were received to 31/05/2025.

RATES PAYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME 2024

2,038 customers benefited from our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme in 2024, and achieved total reductions in their rates of €348,678.

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

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

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

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

VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

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

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

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



DIGITAL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IS)

Business and GIS Systems

- Suir Flood Forecasting system Migrated system to the cloud environment.
- New Planning Enforcement System System Development underway.
- Customer Service Desk system upgrade
 System scope and analysis underway.
- iHouse upgrade preparation for version 4.4 underway. Training in new Admin module taking place.
- Electoral Register System Continued assisting Corporate section with Data cleansing for migration to hosted cloud system.

GIS Systems

- Processed AutoCAD Renewals.
- New ArcGIS Planning Application system now live.
- Upgraded 2025 Q1 GIS layers with data received from external agencies i.e.
 Tailte Éireann, ESB, Bord Gáis, GeoDirectory, OSI.

Mobile Phones/Billing/General

- Procurement of Mobile Voice and Data Communications – Supplier selected. Standstill period underway
- Continued processing mobile phone and telephony billing.
- Continued development of ICT Health and Safety to maintain ISO 45001 status.

Networks, Infrastructure, Phones

Phone System

Major system upgrade completed.

Cyber Security

- Received approval for Cyber Recovery business case, awarded contract for supply of solution.
- Progressed implementation of cyber resiliency network at major sites.

Networks

- Progressed deployment of SDWAN to remote sites.
- Decommissioned legacy remote access solution
- Decommissioned legacy mobile device management solution.
- Provisioned cloud access to on prem applications for LAWPRO users.
- Completed evaluation and preliminary award of RFQ for video conferencing solution in Thurles MDO chamber.

MS 365

- Configuration/testing/deploying features on-going.
- 450 user mailboxes migrated, these all had MDM devices which required a reconfigure.
- Shared Mailbox/Calendars tested and migrated a number of these to 365.
- Continued with migration to Exchange Online.
- Completed migration to Intune Mobile device management.

Windows 11 Upgrade

 Commenced testing migration to Windows 11.



Websites and eDevelopment

Progressed the following:

- Audit of Sharepoint Business Systems to migrate to 365
- Consolidation and upgrade of Local Authority Websites, Tipperarysports.ie
- Planning and requirements stage of Taking in Charge new digital system
- Sensor devices for Clonmel Town Centre Pedestrian usage patterns
- Digitisation of Grants & Schemes data gathering stage

All Teams

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

