



Tipperary Together Newsletter | March 2025 | Issue No. 3

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter '**Tipperary Together**'. The '**Tipperary Together**' newsletter will issue at the end of each month and will be a broader community focused newsletter showcasing supports and content of interest to community based groups and individuals.

This issue includes information on:

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| • Climate Action News | Revenue Over 65s Event |
| • Launch of Tipperary Heritage Portal | Mid-Tipperary Climate Action Opportunity |
| • Sports Partnership News | Tipperary PPN News |
| • RSA News | Community News |

If you would like to provide content to the next issue of this newsletter or add your organisation as a group that receives this on a mailing list please email: tipperarytogether@tipperarycoco.ie

Deadline for next issue content: 18th April 2025

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COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND

The Ballina Boher Tidy Towns Biodiversity Trails Project is currently underway with the support and guidance of Living Woodlands who are helping to create mini forests and restoring native biodiversity and returning wild spaces to the heart of the community. Recently the community of Ballina Boher came together to participate in this exciting project, it included members of the Ballina Boher Tidy Towns, Living Woodlands, neighbouring Tidy Towns groups, local primary school and other members of the community. Living Woodlands gave advice on how best to plant and gave a demonstration on site. Shovels and gloves were made available to anybody who wanted to participate on the day, it was very inclusive to all and it showed great community spirit. Marie O'Donnell, Community Climate Action Officer visited the site on the day and was extremely impressed by the project to date and the commitment of the group to see the project through to its final completed stage. The project was 100% funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate & Communication and administered by Tipperary County Council under the Community Climate Action Fund Call 1. It is expected that the next call for funding will happen in Summer 2025 which will be open to all community groups registered with the PPN within County Tipperary. It will be advertised through the PPN – Tipperary, Tipperary County Council social media platform and website.



**WE'RE
TAKING
CLIMATE
ACTION**



COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME

Community Climate Action Programme

Join Us for a Webinar to help your group apply to Phase 2 of this Programme.

Hear from groups showcasing their successful projects from Phase 1 of the Community Climate Action Programme.

Date: Thursday 10.04.25

Time: 7 -7.45 pm

Location: ZOOM

Meeting ID: 875 1146 5126



Please see below the link to the live webinar being held by the midland counties which includes Tipperary County Council to showcase previously approved projects under the Community Climate Action Programme funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications and administered by Tipperary County Council. This will be a good opportunity for community groups to get ideas for potential projects that they can apply for under the 2nd call of the fund, which we envisage this to be, Summer 2025.

Topic: **Community Climate Action Fund - Workshop**

Time: **April 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://tipperarycoco.zoom.us/j/87511465126>

Meeting ID: 875 1146 5126

All community groups that wish to apply to the fund when announced (Summer 2025) must be registered with the PPN Tipperary. Notification of the fund will go out through the PPN and on Tipperary County Council social media platforms and council website.

For full details on the Community Climate Action Programme previously advertised (not currently accepting applications until 2nd Call, to be announced Summer 2025) visit <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/climateaction/community-climate-action-fund>

Revenue Over 65 Event All you need to know about tax

**Government Office,
The Glen, Waterford, X91 P04E
Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 April 2025**

Capital Acquisitions Tax, Law Society – Making a Will and Local Property Tax

- Morning Session 8th April
10.00am to 12.00pm
- Afternoon Session 9th April
2.00pm to 4.00pm

Capital Gains Tax, PAYE/Income Tax and Citizens Information

- Afternoon Session 8th April
2.00pm to 4.00pm
- Morning Session 9th April
10.00am to 12.00pm

The full schedule will be available on
www.revenue.ie prior to event.



To register for any of these sessions please
call 01 647 4497 or email



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with your name and contact details.

ISL Interpreter Provided
Tea & Coffee provided.



Na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim: Imeacht "Os Cionn 65" An méid is gá a bheith ar eolas agat faoi cháin

**Oifigí an Rialtais,
An Gleann, Port Láirge, X91 P04E
Máirt 8 agus Céadaoin 9 Aibreán 2025**

Cáin Fáltas Caipitiúil, Dlí-Chumann na hÉireann – Uacht a dhéanamh agus Cáin Mhaoine Áitiúil

- Seisiún na Maidine 8 Aibreán
10.00am go 12.00pm
- Seisiún an Tráthnóna 9 Aibreán
2.00pm go 4.00pm

Cáin Gnóthachan Caipitiúil, ÍMAT/Cáin Ioncaim agus Faisnéis do Shaoránaigh

- Seisiún an Tráthnóna 8 Aibreán
2.00pm go 4.00pm
- Seisiún na Maidine 9 Aibreán
10.00am go 12.00pm

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Cuirfear tae agus caife ar fáil



LAUNCH OF HERITAGE TIPPERARY PORTAL

After a year in development we were delighted to gather at the Horse and Jockey on Tuesday evening the 18th of March for the launch of the Heritage Tipperary portal on the Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN)

[iCAN](#) is the leading organisation championing and supporting digital community archives in Ireland. With much of Ireland's material, intangible and cultural heritage in the care of its citizens and diaspora, iCAN is empowering local communities to document their own history, heritage and culture on digital platforms and make it accessible to people all over the world.

It works in partnership with the National Museum of Ireland , the Heritage Council and Local Authority Heritage Officers to support local groups to develop and maintain their own online community archive. There are currently 45 online archives.

We were delighted to welcome back Lorna Elms and Chris Reina to Tipperary and of course our 5 community sites Borrisoleigh Heritage and Cultural Society, Cahir Social and Historical Society, Ormond Historical Society, Slieveardagh Coalmining History and Heritage and Tipperary in the Decade of Revolution who along with Tipperary Heritage Office make up the Tipperary portal. We had short presentations on the night from each about their iCAN journey. Huge thanks to our pilot groups who put so much work into the portal and have developed such amazing sites. They have been very well received at home and abroad.

You can check out the Tipperary portal on <https://heritagetipperary.org/>
Or explore the broader website on <https://www.ouririshheritage.org/>

The focus for 2025 will be to promote the site but we will be looking for new members in 2026 and hope to bring the number of community archives up to 10.

If you are involved with a group and would like to contribute or know a group that might like to get involved queries can be directed to the Heritage Office.





Tipperary County Council is pleased to invite you to a free Public Information event called:

Mid-Tipperary Low Carbon Community and Climate Action Opportunities

This whole of community event will bring together a wide range of Climate Action and Local Carbon Community Service Providers into one venue (there will be information stands and presentations on the day) and is a unique opportunity for communities and businesses in the area to learn how they can play their part in positive climate action.

This event is focused on the **Mid-Tipperary Decarbonising Zone** [Mid-Tipperary Decarbonising Zone | Tipperary County Council](#) and the wider area.

Who Should Attend?

This is a whole of community event and will be of interest to local community groups, farmers, businesses and people of all ages including children.

Key Themes and Climate Action Services Providers who will attend:

- **Circular Bioeconomy and Green Businesses:** National Bioeconomy Campus, Lisheen, Thurles, Local Enterprise Offices, Tipperary Green Business Network, Tipperary Chamber of Commerce, Pathways2Resilience project etc.
- **Land use, Water, Agriculture, Biodiversity:** Biomethane for Carbon and Community Project, Teagasc, Tipperary County Council Heritage Officer, Local Authority Waters Programme, Bord na Mona etc
- **Education, Learning and Capacity Building:** Technological University of the Shannon, DASBE, Rediscovery Centre, Green Schools, Tipperary Education and Training Board etc
- **Regenerative and Sustainable Tourism and Heritage:** Tipperary County Council Tourism Activator, Tipperary County Council Heritage Officer etc
- **Sustainable Communities:** Tipperary Public Participation Network, TFI Local Link, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, Tipperary County Council Town Centre First Office, Community Power, Ecovision, North and South Tipperary Development Companies, Tipperary Energy Agency etc

Key Event Details

- **Date:** Wednesday the 16th of April 2025
- **Venue:** TUS Thurles Campus, Nenagh Rd, Racecourse, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, E41PC92
- **Time:** 1.30pm – 5.00pm (Presentations from 2.30pm to 3.30pm)



Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a movement shaping the future of sustainable and adaptive communities, enterprise, tourism and skills.

Register Here to Attend

[Public Information Event Thurles April 2025 | Tipperary County Council](#)



Event Highlights

- **Food Cloud Van** – Free Food samples from 1.30pm. Learn about how to reduce food waste [FoodCloud: Hungry for a kinder world.](#)
- **National Bio economy Campus** – learn about how Tipperary is leading the way in the Circular Bio economy [Home - Irish Bioeconomy Foundation.](#)
- **Free Children's Climate Action** training by the 'Rediscovery Centre' [The Rediscovery Centre](#) – 50 free places offered (Ages 8 – 12) (**you must register your child in advance**). Session 1 is from 1:45pm to 3:15pm and Session 2 is from 3.30pm to 5pm.
- There will be varied and interesting **Presentations** on the day.
- Over **20 Information stands** where you can equip yourself to be a local climate champion.
- See the facilities and hear from the **Technological University of the Shannon, Thurles Campus, Nenagh Rd, Racecourse, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.**

Let's have a low-carbon day!

- Please consider using **Public Transport or Car-Pooling** to help reduce the impact of the event and to ensure that there is enough car-parking!
- Please bring along your **Reusable Coffee Mug!**

A final agenda for the day will issue on the website closer to the date



Biomethane for Carbon and Community is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the EU Just Transition Fund Programme 2021-2027.

Pathways2Resilience has received funding from the European Unions Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101093942.

ADAPTO has received funding from the European Unions Interreg Europe programme

Tipperary County Council will be taking photographs this event and will use these photographs share news about the event and to support and promote other whole of community climate action initiatives and events. Images may be used in press releases, printed publicity and published on Tipperary County Council social media services.

Congratulations to Paddy Fitzgerald of Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams GAA Club who was selected by The Federation of Irish Sport as the Tipperary recipient of the Volunteers In Sport Awards for 2024. Tipperary Sports Partnership were delighted to support this event with the National Network of Local Sport Partnerships.



Paddy Fitzgerald second from right receiving his award from left Clare McGrath Federation of Irish Sport Chairperson, second from left Roddy Guiney Chair of the judging panel and on right Graham Russell, Louth Sports Partnership and Louth County Council Head of Sport, Federation of Irish Sport board member and member of the Awards Judging Panel.

Women In Sport Week ran from March 3rd to 9th and was a fantastic success. We had great attendance at our events, providing inspiring webinars and activities designed to support and empower women in sport. A huge thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the week impactful.



Taking in the stunning views. The ladies enjoyed a scenic hike around Lake Muskry as part of Women in Sport Week.



We had a great Spring Plenary!

Recently, we had our Spring Plenary in Loughmore Community Parish Hall, near Thurles.

Based in Loughmore is the now famous the Cottage Tearooms, which is a social enterprise, and is enterprising in so many ways. Refreshments for our Plenary was straight from the Cottage, so food was local and fresh on the night for the full house of groups who attended.

Mary Fogarty from the Cottage Tea Rooms updated us by showing the just-released video of the history of the Loughmore community and its innovative people.

There is always a little PPN business to do on the night so all attending community groups voted on the work for 2025 that the Tipperary PPN strives to do for all its members.

We had discussions on possible solutions to the harsh experiences suffered by electricity outages and water shortages due to the recent extreme weather events. There were great suggestions to help communities to adapt to the challenges of the changing weather systems happening here in Ireland and we are organizing a national event soon for similar conversations, to include PPN members, from all over Ireland.



Please contact Ruth on 087 4567111 or email coordinator@ppntipperary.ie for more information about the Tipperary PPN or any of the above

06 March 2025: The Road Safety Authority (RSA) has launched a powerful new advertising campaign highlighting the dangers of speed and complacency on rural roads.

The campaign, supported by bereaved families, depicts how small increases in speed, often unnoticed by drivers familiar with a route, can have devastating consequences, particularly on rural roads where almost three in four road deaths

(73%) and nearly half (47%) of all serious injuries occurred between 2020-2024*.

The advert follows a commuter's daily drive to work in a Groundhog Day-style. RSA research has highlighted the issue of unintentional speeding, where drivers can exceed limits simply because they are on 'autopilot' or unaware of a speed limit change. Many drivers also believe they are skilled enough to drive at higher speeds, particularly on roads that are familiar to them.

This is exactly what happens in the advert—the driver becomes increasingly comfortable and complacent driving with excessive speed on the same route, believing he has full control. On the final day, this leads him to take a bend at a higher speed, causing him to cross the white line into the path of an oncoming car—his evasive manoeuvre to avoid collision with the other car results in a single vehicle collision. The advert's final message delivers a stark warning: **"You never know what's coming. Slow down on rural roads."**

The rationale for the campaign's focus on worrying acceptance of speed is supported by research conducted on behalf of the RSA by Ipsos B&A which revealed that over 50% of drivers believe it is acceptable to exceed an 80km/h speed limit by up to 10km/h, with almost 30% considering it acceptable to exceed the limit by even more.

This campaign also aligns with the recent reduction in speed limits for rural local roads from 80km/h to 60km/h, reinforcing the importance of slowing down.

Commenting on the campaign, Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien said:

"Our priority is to protect all road users and make Ireland's road network safer. A speed limit is not a target to be reached or exceeded—it's there to save lives. The RSA's advertising campaign shows us the impact speed can have and why it's vital to watch your speed every time you take to the road. I would also encourage people to speak to their family about their driving habits – remind them that slowing down saves lives and helps keep everyone on the road safe."

Sharon Cleary's son, Adam Case, was a back-seat passenger when the driver of the car he was travelling in lost control and struck a tree on a narrow rural road, just three miles from his home in Co. Tipperary in 2017.

"Adam was a kind, fun-loving teenager who had his whole life ahead of him," Sharon Cleary said. "He had no chance of survival when the driver lost control of the car. No family should have to endure this heartbreak. This powerful campaign is so important—anything that helps prevent another tragedy like this is absolutely necessary."

Motorcyclist Christopher Fitzgerald was killed on a rural local road in 2018 when he was hit head-on by a car that had drifted onto the other side of the road. His heartbroken daughter June McArdle supports any campaign to raise awareness of road safety on rural roads.

"The tragic irony is that my dad was an incredibly careful and responsible driver—he always said his own driving wouldn't kill him, but someone else's could," said June McArdle.

"He was hit head-on by a car that drifted into his path and, in an instant, he was gone. It was just 11 weeks before my wedding, and he had been on his way home after dropping off my wedding invitations. This campaign is so important because no family should have to endure this kind of heart-break. We all have a responsibility to drive safely—not just for ourselves, but for everyone on the road."

Too many lives are lost because drivers become too comfortable on familiar roads, unconsciously creeping up their speed without realising the deadly consequences. This campaign is a wake-up call—because even a small increase in speed can have the serious and tragic results."

So far this year, 29 people have lost their lives on Irish roads—a stark reminder of the ongoing dangers*.

The campaign will launch across multiple platforms to maximise reach and impact. A high-profile TV campaign will feature a mix of 60" and 30" ads, supported by extensive digital activity, video-on-demand, and social media advertising across platforms like Meta, X, Snapchat and TikTok.

Save the date!

Say Hello on May 15th



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Mental Health Ireland

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Tipperary Parent Hub is a dedicated online resource offering support and information to parents and caregivers throughout County Tipperary. Our website provides access to a wide range of services, events, and resources tailored to meet the diverse needs of families in our community. Whether you're seeking parenting advice, local support groups, or information on child development, Tipperary Parent Hub is here to assist you. Explore our offerings at www.tipperaryparenthub.ie and connect with a network committed to empowering parents and nurturing children.

If you would like to feature any news or events on our website please contact: northtipp.parentshub@barnardos.ie or southtipp.parentshub@barnardos.ie



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Contact Numbers & Helplines



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Clonmel Resource Centre:

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Phone: 087-7526429

Email: SouthEastStopSmokingSupport@hse.ie

Tipperary Town:

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Contact directly for more information



Tipperary Volunteer Centre is a registered charity that provides a free service for organisations that involve volunteers and individuals currently or wishing to volunteer. If you have a question about volunteering in Tipperary, we are here to assist you. We can advise you on all aspects of your volunteer programme, from volunteer recruitment/retention and training to governance-related issues and Garda Vetting.

Check out our website for all the details. www.tipperaryvolunteercentre.ie Alternatively you can call us on 06264775 or email info@volunteertipperary.ie

ALONE setup a dedicated Coronavirus helpline for Older People **0818 222 024**, if you have any concerns or queries about COVID 19 call ALONE's dedicated support line 8am to 8pm.



Visit www.events.whatsonintipp.ie to register your community event or to see what events are happening.

"Tipperary PPN website www.ppntipperary.ie is the host for the community resources for Tipperary Together for Tipperary.

As part of the Tipperary Together Campaign we have setup a Tipperary Community [YouTube Channel](#) showcasing videos and content produced in Tipperary.



We are open for appointments, drop-in's & phone calls - contact your local Centre for details

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