



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

October 2025

Management Report to Council



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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE





October 2025 Summary Updates

- Roadworks Programme substantially completed across all 5 Districts
- N74 Fr. Mathew Street, Tipperary Town – Nearing completion
- N24 Knockagh Pavement Scheme – Nearing completion
- N24 Kilsheelan Village Pavement Repairs - Completed
- N74 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel, Thurles – In progress
- R498 Latteragh Realignment Project – approaching Award of Contract



<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>		
Policy Changes/Updates		
<p>The third meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 29th September 2025, and considered the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Harmonisation • Local Roads Policy • Winter Maintenance. <p>Recommendations from the SPC will be presented to the Plenary Council in due course.</p>		
Directorate Priorities		
Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction & Oola:</u> Arup appointed Oct 2019 for Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in September 2020. Phase 2: Preferred Transport Solution announced May 2022. TCC published the Options Selection Report in March 2023. Phase 3: Design Update No. 1 took place on 23rd January 2023. Design Update No. 2 took place on 25th October 2024 and announced a divided road. The Draft Design was announced on 27th May 2025.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021. Phase 2: Options selection commenced 3rd May 2022. The Proposed Transport Solution was announced on 19th January 2024. A non-statutory public display of the Preferred Transport Solution was held from 23rd January to 9th February 2024. Four in-person public displays were held in Carrick, Clonmel, Cahir and Mooncoin.</p>	<p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation is 75% complete. This will define land take required for the preferred option. Arup have advised a 6 month delay due to new legislation and Phase 3 is now programmed for completion Q2 2026 after which the next step is application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2 – The Options Selection Report was due to be published before the end of 2024. <u>TII have provided a 2025 allocation of €80k whereas €2.5m is required, and therefore the project is shelved.</u> Funding is required for the project to progress to Phase 3.</p>
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Involvement Scheme 2025 	Implementation of Programme <div>  <div> Riailtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland </div> <div> Tionscadal Éireann Project Ireland 2040 </div> </div>	CIS was advertised in August 2025 for applications for 2026/2027 programme, in line with DoT requirements. Applications



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Improvement Scheme 2025 	<div>  <div> <p>An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail Department of Rural and Community Development</p> </div> <div> <p>Ár dTíodhchái Tuaithe Our Rural Future</p>  </div> </div> <p>The allocation for Community Involvement Schemes in 2025 is €983,400 with the 2025 programme of works now completed.</p> <p>The allocation for Local Improvement Schemes in 2025 is €1,023,479 (Round 1), with work completed on 18 schemes.</p>	<p>received are currently being assessed.</p> <p>An allocation of €795,500 (Round 2) has been received for the Local Improvement Scheme with a further 14 schemes now offered. LIS will be advertised for applications in Q1 2026.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.</p>	<p>A date has been requested for the Annual Meeting with TII, scheduled for Q4 2025.</p>
<p>Speed Limit Review - update</p>	<p>The Department of Transport carried out a Review of Speed Limits nationally and this has resulted in changes to the default speed limits for roads in Ireland. These changes were signed into law in April 2024. The changes to the legislation will reduce the <u>default</u> speed limits on some road categories including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60km/hr on Rural Local Roads (reduction from 80km/hr) 80km/hr on National Secondary Roads (currently 100km/hr) 30km/hr in Urban Areas (currently predominantly 50km/hr). <p>The implementation of the reduction of a default speed limit on local roads to 60km/hr is complete. Tipperary County Council is awaiting feedback data from the RSA on the impact of this change.</p>	<p>It is proposed by the National Group that implementation of the speed limits will be done in phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 - Rural Local Roads Phase 2 - National Secondary Roads and Urban Areas Phase 3 - Other Special Circumstances, such as schools. <p>Progress on Phase 2 and 3 has stalled. We are awaiting the updated national guidance and guidelines, expected shortly.</p>



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council had received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design. Preliminary design work has stalled since funding was withdrawn.	Preliminary design will continue when TII funding becomes available.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	<p>The scheme involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> road pavement improvement works addressing a number of road safety issues the renewal and widening of footpaths the extension of footpaths to speed limit on Portumna side and to R493 Terryglass Road on Borrisokane side of village public lighting improvements some public realm improvements. <p>RPS consultants completed Preliminary design. Part 8 planning approval received in October 2024. Advance works (drainage attenuation pond) have been completed.</p>	A Consultant is required to carry out Detailed Design and TII 2025 funding is not being increased to allow this to progress. TCC has requested that this be immediately addressed and expects additional funding in 2026.
Thurles Municipal District		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route Selected 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbying for it to be included in the next NDP.	Promote the inclusion of a Thurles Bypass on the National Development Plan.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	<p>This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 447m of pavement on the N62 road Thurles. It includes changes to the road layout, road rehabilitation, replacement and widening of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs, surface water drainage improvements, undergrounding of overhead power lines and public realm improvements. The preliminary design and Part 8 planning process have been completed.</p> <p>Consultants for the detail design were appointed in April 2024 and the detail design has commenced. Complications with TII funding and an Uisce Éireann Surface Water separation scheme have delayed the project</p> <p>Thurles MD has carried out emergency inlay works in the interim.</p>	It is anticipated that design will continue into 2026 subject to the availability of funding.



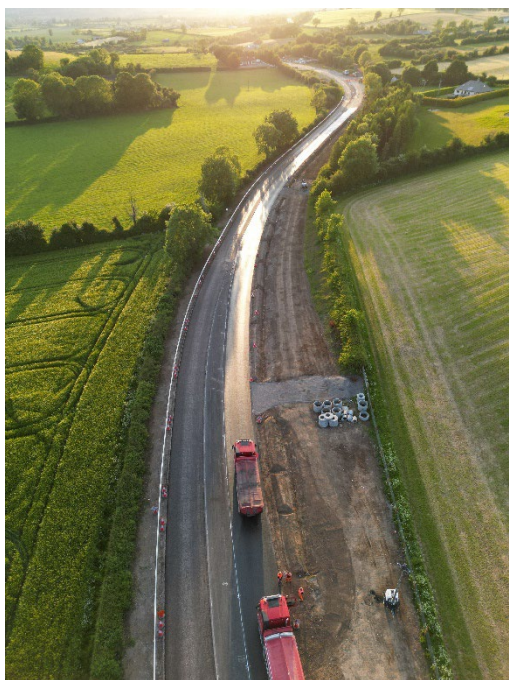
Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme was held up due to funding restrictions but went to tender in December 2024. Emergency funding was made available by TII in June 2025.	Works commenced in July 2025 and are due to be completed start of Q4 2025.
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works are substantially completed and 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.	12 months maintenance period ongoing into 2025 and snags are being addressed.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves the N74 Fr Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. Preliminary and detailed design stages are completed 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 schedule.	Full two-way traffic returned at end of May 2025 and snagging continues.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. The Contract has been awarded to Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Contractors Ltd., and commenced on site in February 2025, continuing to November 2025. Works are nearing completion.	12 months maintenance period commencing in October 2025.
Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	Tramore House RDO preparing the preliminary design to obtain TII approvals and for Planning Submission.	Tramore House to progress design for Planning Phase.
N24 Knockagh to Derrygrath Pavement Scheme	Approximately 3.5km of overlay - TII have approved the preliminary report.	Preparation of detailed design and Contract Documents. Funding requested for construction in 2026.
N24 Kilsheelan Village	Funding for emergency pavement repairs received in 2025.	Works Completed August 2025.
Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage



R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	<p>The CPO was published in August 2020, 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 Letter of Intent has issued.</p>	<p>It is anticipated that a contract will be signed shortly and construction will commence in 2025.</p>
Thurles Inner Relief Road	<p>Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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. <p>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.</p> <p>Business case and related documents have been submitted to the Department. The Brief for appointment of a Consultant is in preparation.</p>	<p>DoT approval is required to proceed to Detailed Design and Construction.</p> <p>Preparation for Procurement of a Consultant.</p>



Road Works at N24 Knockagh Pavement Scheme





GREENWAY PROJECTS

Greenways 2025 Total Allocation: €625,000	Current Update
Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report received informal TII approval to progress to Phase 2 Options Selection on 15 th September 2025 (formal written approval to follow). TCC will now commence preparations for a Public Consultation to display the various route options.
Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer	Phase 2 Options Selection Report was submitted to TII for review on 27 th Sept 2024. TCC and their Technical Advisor are currently preparing responses to TII comments and revising the report in line with TII comments.
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	TII have not given an allocation for this project in 2025. TCC are self-funding the Phase 3/4 Planning stage of this project and have requested the Consultants to update the Environmental Assessments, the Route Options Report and prepare the Planning Package for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála in Q1/Q2 2026.
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel	An Bord Pleanála approved permission for this project on 15 th April 2025. Funding options are now being examined by TCC to progress to Phase 5 Detailed Design and Tender.
Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report received informal TII approval to progress to Phase 2 Options Selection on 15 th September 2025 (formal written approval to follow). TCC will now commence preparations for a Public Consultation to display the various route options.
Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	TCC are commencing the preparation of Tender Documents for a new Technical Advisor for this project to take the project through Phase 2 (Route Option Selection), Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation) and Phase 4 (Statutory Process).



Digital Transformation – Roads Operational Management

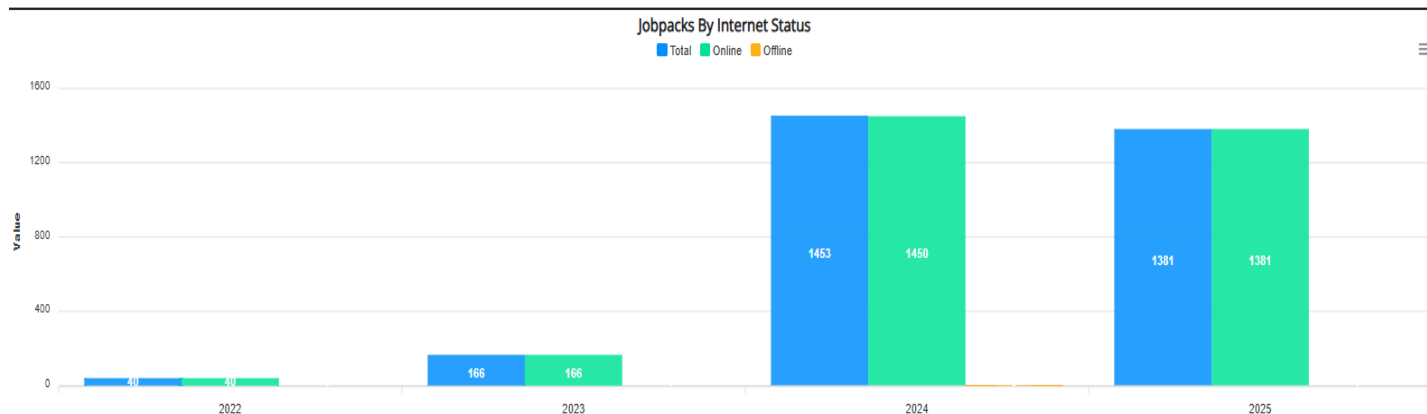
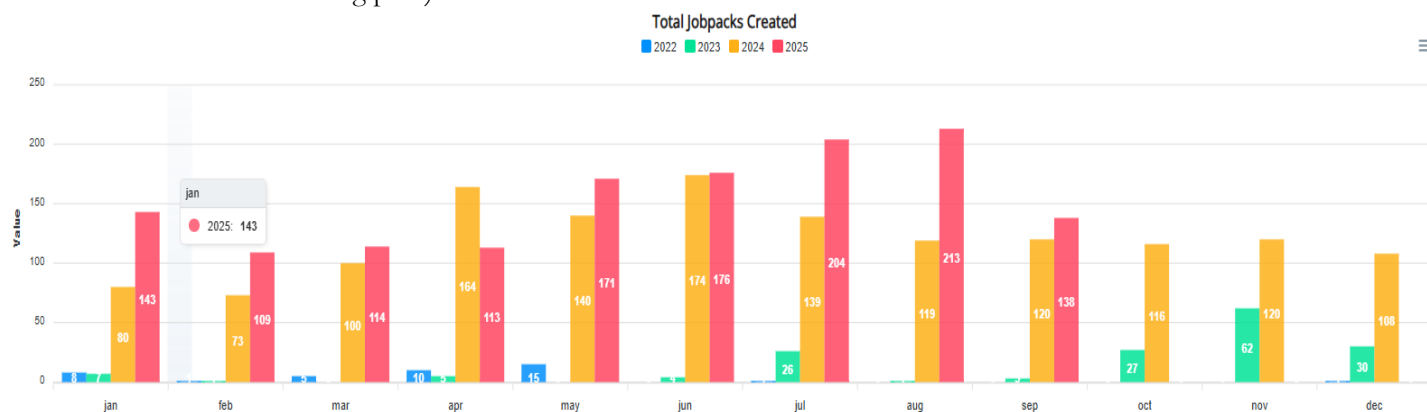
The Roads Directorate progress on the digital transformation of operations and asset management through the rollout of the ProWork software continues.

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

- Job details linked to the Safety Management System (SMS) Tasks
- TTMP – Temporary Traffic Management Plans
- SSWP – Safe System of Work Plan - linked to SMS Tasks
- TBT – Tool Box Talks - delivery and record management
- Staff Department and Area
- Staff PPE management (Thurles commencing pilot)

- Staff Training management (School Wardens, CPC and National Licences currently transferring to system)
- Equipment management and service record
- Plant and Vehicle Management and service record
- Asset Inspection and action management
- HSQA Inspection and action management.

In 2025 a projected 2,000 Jobpacks and 4,000 reports will be completed on the system. The system will allow review of operations, reduce administrative time, delivery of safety information, activity review and ease of audit for our SMS and ISO 45001. It will also identify opportunities for efficiencies and improvement.

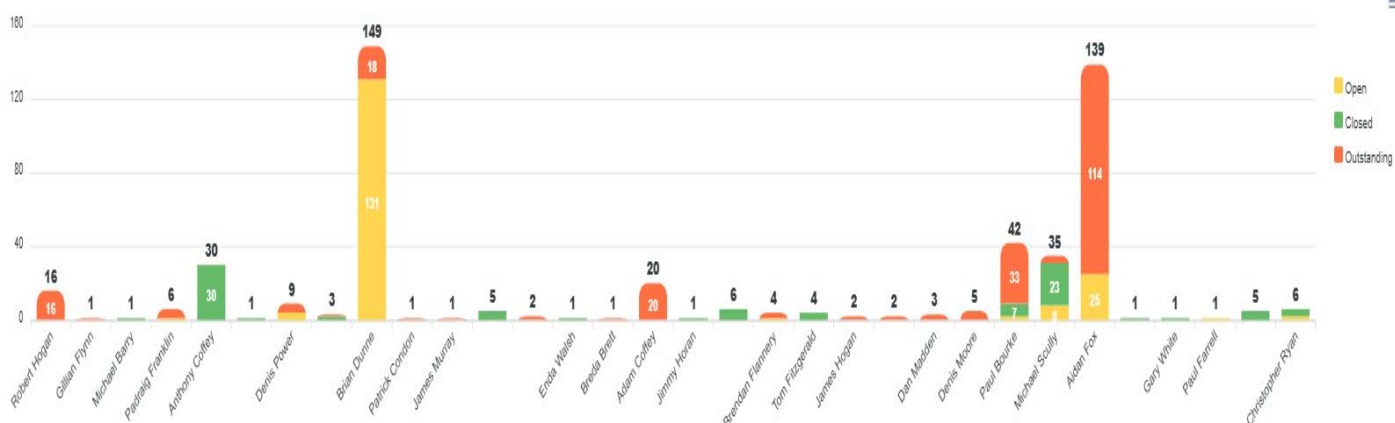




Asset Inspections Completed by Month Year (All Users)



Assignee List



PUBLIC LIGHTING

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

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

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

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

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



Roadworks completed at N24 Kilsheelan Village



FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL

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



The operational service is delivered through twelve fire stations located in Nenagh, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Carrick-on-Suir, Templemore, Newport, Borrisokane, Tipperary, Cloughjordan, Cahir and Cashel. The dedicated crews, together with modern vehicles and equipment, ensure delivery of a prompt, efficient and effective service, responding to between 1700-1900 incidents on a 24/7 basis, annually. This is supported by the Munster Regional Control Centre, which receives calls from the public through the 999/112 service and mobilises the appropriate fire service resources in Tipperary.

Following engagements at national level by both Labour Court and Workplace Relations Commission and intensive negotiations between National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM) and Local Government Management Agency and SIPTU, a new Agreement has been put in place in relation to pay and conditions for firefighters in all 12 Fire Stations in Tipperary. Fire Service are implementing this Agreement and continuing to strive towards having an established compliment of 12 firefighting personnel working on a week-on/week-off basis in all 12 Fire Stations.

The Council continues to encourage property owners to ensure that their property insurance covers for the cost of fire service charges. The income from Fire Service charges contributes a small proportion of the cost of delivering the service. A waiver scheme is operated for the benefit of service users where the charge might give rise to hardship, particularly in the case of fires in domestic buildings.

The Fire Training and Development Centre based at Heywood Road, Clonmel continues to provide a high quality service for a large number of fire authorities and some private sector training companies. The Centre is considered by many to be the premier fire service training facility in the country. A recent addition to the centre has been the development of the HYDRA Command Development Suite which is the only one of its kind in the Irish Fire Service and is the designated National Centre for Incident Command Training for Fire Services in Ireland. The income generated from the Centre's activities contributes towards the overall running of the service.

In line with efforts across the local authority to address the many challenges associated with climate change, the Fire Service is continuing to examine ways of introducing new techniques and practices within its operational functions. The new gas-fired solution in our training building in Clonmel is now operational after installation and extensive testing in 2023 and early 2024. This is now the only training facility of its kind in Ireland.

The Fire Service are also exploring alternative methods of fuelling our Fire Service vehicle fleet in order to achieve significant carbon emissions reductions.

It is hoped, subject to funding, to carry out all of these works in next 4 to 5 years and thereby achieve our targeted Climate Change targets by 2030.



Following grant approval from National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM) and placing of order 2 new Fire Appliances are currently in production in Scotland and should be delivered and go into service in Cashel and Thurles Fire Stations.


Also following approval from National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM) we have appointed Design Consultants to prepare design proposals for upgrading and extension to Roscrea Fire Station. It is intended to prepare a Part 8 Application for the proposed works and present to Council towards end of 2025/early2026. Then it is hoped to proceed to Tender for proposed works in 2026 and complete works in 2026/2027.

COMMUNITY FIRE SERVICE

Tipperary Fire Service continues to promote fire safety awareness in the community by engagement with various statutory, voluntary and community organisations throughout the County. Fire Service continue to carry out Home Fire Safety visits and install 10-year smoke alarms in homes of elderly and vulnerable people. These usually are a result of referrals from various statutory, charitable and community organisations throughout county. As part of Community Education Programmes Fire Service personnel continue to deliver the National Fire Safety Education package to every primary school in the County. We also continue to deliver a Fire Safety Education Programme to TY students in various secondary schools throughout county.

In addition, we continue to deliver fire safety messages through various media channels including; local media, Facebook and Tipperary County Council's website.

Civil Defence

Activities	
Training	<p>Training of our volunteers is ongoing. Recent training has taken place in Emergency First responder Recertification, Food Safety, and People Moving & Patient Handling. Volunteers also attended the specialised training organised by the Civil Defence College in Roscrea in Boat Maintenance & Management and in Personal Safety and Survival. More in-depth training on Boat Operations and Drone Operations to take place shortly.</p> <p>Recertification of Instructors is also vitally important and Recertification of Swiftwater & Flood Responder Instructors is underway</p>  <p>All our volunteers that drive Civil Defence vehicles are currently undergoing training and re-assessment of driving techniques by our Advance Driving Instructor. Drivers undergo a full RSA approved driving assessment and practical training on completion of Vehicle Safety Checklists</p>

Regional Support

In August, Tipperary Civil Defence were delighted to assist Wexford Civil Defence with medical cover for Fleadh Ceoil na hÉireann. Our team worked closely with the HSE, National Ambulance Service and other PRA's for the duration of the festival. Volunteers were recently recognised for this at a Civic Reception organised by Wexford County Council to acknowledge the outstanding medical cover provided by volunteers during the festival.




Members of Tipperary Civil Defence pictured alongside Wexford Civil Defence Officer Peter O Conner and Red Cross Officer at a recent Civic Reception to acknowledge the outstanding commitment of volunteers



Pictured: Tipperary Civil Defence Officer alongside Limerick CDO assisting at the Fleadh in Wexford

Tipperary Civil Defence also provide medial and ambulance support to Limerick Civil Defence for the great Limerick run.

Many thanks to Kilkenny Civil Defence for hosting a very informative training night on drowning, & hypothermia, which was attended by 8 of our volunteers

<p>Health & Safety</p>	<p>Civil Defence is currently reviewing risk assessments for our activities.& facilities. Instructors and senior volunteers are actively engaged in this process. It is hoped to have a new working group for Health & Safety up and running in Quarter 4.</p> <p>The section is currently awaiting a date for a surveillance audit from the NSAI, hopefully to be held by the end of the year</p>
<p>Community Support & Duties</p>	<p>We have had an exceptionally busy summer/autumn. 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, the Knockmealdown Challenge, Clonmel Horse Show, Thurles Liberty Music Festival, Boston Scientific Half Marathon , Moonlight Walk, Culture Night and the Sliebhnamon Loop Cycle Race and many cultural events</p>  <p>Liberty Music Festival Thurles</p> <p>Tipperary Civil Defence were also delighted to provide medical cover for various events organized by our Local Authority.</p>
<p>Recruitment of New Volunteers</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence are delighted to welcome on board 8 new recruits. They have all completed their minimum training standard and are now ready to become operational within our County. Some attended their first event at Culture night in Clonmel</p> <p>Some of these new members are already highly skilled to the level of Emergency Medical Technician and will be a great asset to our team.</p>



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Residential Zoned Land Tax (reviewed and updated annually)	<p>3 appeals have been made to An Coimisiun Pleanála against the Determinations of the Planning Authority. These appeals will be decided within 16 weeks.</p> <p>The Planning Authority are preparing the Final Maps for 2026 which will be published on 31 January 2026.</p>	<p>Draft Maps for 2026 were published on 01 February 2025 and submissions invited up to 01 April 2025.</p> <p>The Council evaluated all written submissions received (23no).</p> <p>In June 2025, the Council issued 14no. Determinations in respect of landowner submissions on the Draft Map for 2026; and 6no. Decisions on Rezoning Requests in respect of the Final Map 2025.</p>	<p>The Final Maps for 2026 will be published on 31 January 2026.</p> <p>The Draft Maps for 2027 will be published on 01 February 2026 with a 2 month consultation period (1 February to 1 April 2026).</p>
Record of Protected Structures (RPS) – Carrick-on-Suir	Records now incorporated into the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028	<p>Elected members resolved to incorporate the RPS for Carrick-on-Suir into the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 at July plenary meeting.</p> <p>All owners / occupiers were notified in writing of the update to the RPS within 2 weeks of the July plenary meeting.</p>	No further stages.



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First Revision to the Draft National Policy Framework (NPF)	First Revision to the NPF is now in effect.	Further to the updated national housing targets adopted in the NPF, planning guidelines were published in late July 2025 outlining revised approach local authorities should utilise to zone lands for residential development. Planning section reviewing all settlements (24 largest settlements in the county) with residential zoning and servicing within these settlements.	Further to the planning guidelines published in July, a CE report being prepared for Elected Members outlining recommendations to address guidelines. Variation to the County Development Plan to be initiated in the coming months to increase the quantum of zoning lands for residential use in the county.
National Development Plan (NDP) Review	National Development Plan review finalised and published in July 2025.	Consultation on NDP review closed on Thursday, 26 th June 2025.	No formal stages. NDP sets out capital investment programme for the nation up to 2030.

<u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Town Centre First Policy	Carrick on Suir - Funding confirmed for new TCF Plan Draft Newport TCF Plan . Nenagh TCF Plan to be prepared. Thurles Renewal Strategy to be updated to TCF Plan TCF Suite of Funding supports for towns < 10,000 Thrive Strand 2	Publication as part of LAP Draft Plan published for submissions. Town Team formed Draft plan in progress Draft plan in progress Complete for Nenagh Application unsuccessful	Progress actions identified in plan Finalise draft. Publication in Q3 Publication in Q3 Ongoing for Thurles and Cashel. Held on file for future potential funding calls



<u>National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
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. Additional works completed in September, 2025. Snagging in progress.	Complete snagging list.
Thurles Market Quarter - Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers	Works commenced on site early August, 2024 and are at an advanced stage. Procurement of a café tenant is complete and Section 183 approved by Thurles MD Councillors.	Complete construction works circa November, 2025.
Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition' Category 1	<p>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park- Works are completed.</p> <p>Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay – Procurement process completed, tender evaluation and recommendation completed and winning tenderer identified. Successful and Unsuccessful Letters issued mid-September.</p> <p>Phase 3 Digital Hub – Contractor appointed on 18th. November, 2024. Works commenced December, 2024.</p> <p>Phase 4a - Stable Lane Car Park – Design stage review almost completed.</p> <p>Phase 4b – Main Street – Design stage review almost completed.</p>	<p>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park – Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay – complete documentation for Decision Gate 3 and obtain Approval to Proceed with the works from the Department. Commence works in Q4 2025. Complete works circa Q3 2026.</p> <p>Phase 3 Digital Hub – Complete works in Q4 2025.</p> <p>Phase 4a Stable Lane Car Park - Detailed design to commence in Q4 2025. Works to commence in Q2 2026.</p> <p>Phase 4b - Main Street - Tender for construction stage in Q4 2025 and commence works in Q2 2026.</p>
Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration	Phase 1a Car Park Site – Demolition and enabling works contract completed.	<p>Phase 1a Car Park Enabling Works – Completed.</p> <p>Phase 1b-Car Park Construction- Complete construction works in Q1 2026.</p>



<p>Strategy – Category 1</p>	<p>Phase 1b Car Park Construction- Final Business Case completed and submitted to the RRDF Unit on 22nd. April, 2025. Works commenced 14th July, 2025. Phase 2 Library- Decision Gate 3 – Approval to Proceed with works received from the Department. Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works- Decision Gate 3 - Approval to Proceed with works received on 27th. May, 2025. Contracts signed on 12th. June, 2025.</p>	<p>Phase 2-Library- Appoint contractor and commence works in October. Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works - Works commenced in September with an estimated 4-month timeline for completion.</p>
<p>Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea</p>	<p>Design team appointed on 13th. May, 2025. Bi monthly progress meetings taking place. Preliminary design is completed. Engagement with Utility providers is ongoing. Stakeholder and landowner consultations are ongoing. Surveys have commenced on site.</p>	<p>Commence work on detailed design and complete all required surveys.</p>
<p>Tipperary Town - Social, community and heritage led regeneration of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell</p>	<p>Dan Breen – Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval received from the Department. Tender documents fully completed. Court House; Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval received from the Department. Tender documents almost completed.</p>	<p>Dan Breen House - Issue tender documents to contractors entered on the Protected Structures Framework end of September, 2025. Assess tenders received. Obtain Approval to Proceed with the works from the Department. Appoint contractor and commence works end of Q4, 2025. Courthouse- Issue tender documents to contractors entered on Protected Structures Framework in October, 2025. (When Dan Breen tender is complete) Assess tenders received. Obtain Approval to Proceed with the works from the Department. Appoint contractor and commence works in January, 2026.</p>

<u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme - Phase 2	Phase 2 Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach roads - Tender documents advertised on e-Tenders on the 22 nd July, for the procurement of a consultant to carry out detailed design with closing date for submission of tenders on 12 th September, 2025.	Phase 2 – Appoint design team in Q4 2025. Commence detailed design in Q4 2025 and complete circa Q3 2026.
A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre	Ongoing progress meetings being held with the design team. Extensive stakeholder engagement is in progress. Project Steering Group meetings and District Delivery Group meetings in progress. Works are ongoing on the preliminary design.	Complete stakeholder engagement. Complete preliminary design by Q4 2025. Complete Part 8 Planning in Q1 2026.

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



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



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 Allocation	Current Update
SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	€ 25,000	Project complete
R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	€ 165,000	Project complete
Active Travel Staff Costs	€ 350,000	Ongoing and seeking to appoint new staff to vacant Executive Engineer position.
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	Part 8 published, submissions deadline closed 19 th September.
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	€ 1,525,000	Phase 2 works ongoing, to be substantially complete by year end.
Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir	€ 50,000	Finalising Part 8 planning pack
Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	€ 100,000	Design team working on a detailed design and construction tender pack
SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	€ 5,000	Finalising design
SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	€ 25,000	Tenders being reviewed to appoint a design team
SRTS (R2) St Marys Central National School, Killenaule	€ 20,000	AECOM working on a detailed design and construction tender pack
Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel (Previously TCC/21/0014)	€ 40,000	Design team to be appointed in the coming weeks to develop the detailed design and construction tender pack



Nenagh Urban Greenway (Previously TCC/21/0006)	€ 20,000	Design team are finalising planning documents, surveys have taken place with no issues arising.
Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina (Previously TCC/21/0014)	€ 15,000	The current design layout is under review
Emly Village Footpaths (Previously TCC/22/0013)	€ 260,000	substantially complete
Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles	€ 750,000	A contractor has been identified for the works
Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	€ 25,000	Finalising Part 8 planning pack
SRTS Inch National School (Previously TCC/22/0015 - TCC/22/0013)	€ 280,000	Works substantially complete.
SRTS (R3) HSRR Presentation Secondary School – Ballingarry Lower, Ballingarry	TBC	Site inspection completed in June by the 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 – Tankerstown	TBC	Site inspection completed in June by the 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 – Poulacapple East, Poulacapple	TBC	Site inspection completed in June by the SRTS team in An Taisce
Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams		
Bus Stop Enhancement Programme €500,000	The NTA bus team has approved funding allocations to progress design work and construction works for Bus Stop Enhancements across Tipperary. Works are underway in Cloughjordan and Dromineer and 3 separate packages of works has been awarded for additional bus stop locations, with Design teams to be appointed to progress works to be constructed in 2026.	

ZEVI (Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland)

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

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

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

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

We are now at an advanced stage in Developing the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Draft Strategy which we expect will be finalised shortly.

When the Draft Strategy has been agreed it is our intention to host an Informational Webinar for the Elected Members and Local Authority Officials from the five Local Authorities in advance of launching the Public Consultation on the Draft Strategy.

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

Conservation Grant Schemes 2025

The allocation for Tipperary County Council under the **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2025** is €367,285 and 27 projects are in the final completion stages. Grants awarded range from €2,800 up to €37,500. On completion, the projects will be inspected by Eamonn Hunter, Executive Architectural Conservation Officer and once all terms and conditions achieved then the grants paid out.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2026

James Browne TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, announced the continuation of the **Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2026** for the repair and conservation of protected structures. This announcement also includes **Historic Thatch Buildings (HTB) 2026** funding for the conservation of historic thatched buildings.

Every year the owners and occupiers of Ireland's historic buildings help to preserve the architectural legacy of our towns and countryside by carrying out routine maintenance as well as more significant works to rescue, repair, or upgrade architectural features while contending with the higher costs and more complex requirements of maintaining older buildings.

Administered through the Local Authorities, the BHIS is designed to support these efforts by providing grants of between €2,500 and €50,000 for works to buildings which are protected under the Planning and Development Acts, and to vernacular buildings or historic shopfronts lacking in statutory protection but

which remain essential to our architectural heritage. Owners of thatched buildings can also apply for dedicated funding for their heritage structures under the separate thatched buildings stream, though only one grant may be awarded per applicant. The scheme also supports the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and trades people.

The closing date for submission of completed applications is **4.00pm on Friday 26th September, 2025**. The allocations for Tipperary County Council under the schemes will be advised following the publishing of the 2026 Estimates as soon as possible after Budget day.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/1/25 to 30/9/25

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	145	140	5	6	9
Housing Development	18	17	1	3	0
NIA/EIA	7	7	0	1	1
Other Applications	659	637	22	26	2
Total	829	801	28	36	12

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 190 complaints received from the 1st January to the 30th September 2025. During this period 147 Warning Letters and 65 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. The third was held on 23rd September 2025 Agenda covered RED III (renewable energy Directive), Fire Safety & Building Control aspects of Reusing Vacant “above -the Shop” units in Irish Towns , S28 Guidelines NPF Implementation – Housing Growth Requirements and Update on the Working Group for Housing solutions

Town Centre First

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

- We have Town Centre First (TCF) plans in place for Roscrea, Clonmel with associated action plans being pursued by Town Teams.
- The Carrick On Suir TCF plan has been published and is included as an appendix to the local area plan for the Carrick On Suir District. 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. The Staff Officer post is due to be filled in October 2025.

Croí Cónaithe fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

	Received to date	Received in 2025
Applications received	776	248
Fully approved	580	185
Rejected	40	13
Withdrawn	95	12
Paid out	213	28
Total Paid	€11,376,710	€1,253,825
Approved total	€33,150,098	

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. The latest register shows 110 properties with additional properties being added throughout the county.

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 44 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 33 property owners to determine the best course of action to bring these properties back into use.

We are in the process of adding additional properties to the list as they are identified.

Library Service



- Nenagh Library hosted a talk by Marina Postir on the history and craft of Irish Lacework on 19th August. This event took place as part of Heritage Week 2025.



- Nenagh Library hosted a talk by Pádraig Ó Flannabhra on his book 'Songsmith', a new collection of previously unpublished images of Shane MacGowan, lead singer of the Pogues on 26th August. This event took place as part of Heritage Week 2025.



- Nenagh Library hosted a HSE Heart Health Talk and free blood pressure and pulse check on 23rd September.

Over 50 attendees availed of the BP check. This event was organised as Healthy Ireland at your Library Programme.



- Clonmel Library hosted a talk on Vernacular Furniture with Michael Fortune, from folklore.ie. on 23rd August. There were over 30 in attendance. This event took place as part of Heritage Week 2025.



- Clonmel Library hosted Tommy Lanigan (aka Balór) who delivered a spirited Storytelling event on 23rd August. This event took place as part of Heritage Week 2025



- Clonmel Library hosted a Celtic Calendar Art workshop with Dabúlga Design (aka artist Colm Bolger) on 26th August. Attendees were given an overview of the Ogham alphabet and were guided on how to create their own bespoke calendars. This event took place as part of Heritage Week 2025.



- Thurles Library hosted a HSE Heart Health Talk and free blood pressure and pulse check on 29th July. Over 30 attendees availed of the BP check. This event was organised as Healthy Ireland at your Library Programme.



- Thurles Library, in collaboration with Down Syndrome Tipperary–Meitheal 21, hosted ReCreate: Art for ALL — an inclusive arts project funded by Creative Ireland that celebrates creativity, ability, and community. Down Syndrome Tipperary members transformed recycled materials into art, exploring nature, life, and self-expression. This exhibition ran for one week from 16th to 22nd September.



- Sinéad Hogan, Thurles Library represented the Library Service at the Jigsaw Read Mór Initiative on

19th September. Sinéad was on hand to assist with registering new members and discuss the services available, including Borrow Box, ComicsPlus and the Library Social Story website feature



- Cashel Library organised a Walking Tour of Historic Cashel, led by tour guide Maggie O'Malley-Brown on 16th August. This event took place as part of Heritage Week 2025.



- Cashel Library hosted a Ceilí sa Leabharlann with Michael Cooney on 22nd August. This event took place as part of Heritage Week 2025.



- To celebrate Culture Night, staff in Cashel Library organised a concert by Jim O' the Mills. This concert took place on 19th September.
- Roscrea Library, in association with Ecovision hosted four energy clinics in July - September, on 21st July, 5th & 18th August and 3rd September.



- Roscrea Library, In association with OurKidsCode, hosted two Coding Workshop on Monday 14th July & Wednesday 6th August.



- Roscrea Library held their Summer Stars presentation night on 10th September with Giggles entertainment, who provided entertainment with Minions, Chase (from Paw Patrol) and some balloon art and games.



- Tipperary Town Library held a coding workshop with Our Kids Code on 25th July. The purpose of this workshop is to allow parents and primary school children to explore coding together.



- Tipperary Town hosted a physiotherapy class with Caroline O Connell MISCIP Chartered Physiotherapist on 10th September. This event was held as part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme.



- Tipperary Town Library held a concert by the Ryan String Quartet.



- Templemore Library hosted a series of workshops on traditional Ukrainian Cross Stitch Class with Olena in July and August. Olena gave a presentation on the meanings attached to cross stitch patterns and colours in her region of Ukraine.



- Templemore Library hosted an art exhibition of work by local artists who participated in classes with art teacher, Laura Dunne. The exhibition ran through July and August



- Templemore Library hosted a Drop in Creative Workshop with local artist, Ellie Cullen. This workshop

was for all ages and participants were encouraged to try out techniques using oil pastels and water-based inks.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted an art exhibition by local artist, James Torpey. It was launched on 19th July by Cllr David Dunne, Cathaoirleach, Carrick-on-Suir MD and it ran for two weeks.



- Carrick Library were delighted to host Eddie Lenihan, a seanchaí (storyteller) and author on 21st August, who had the audience of almost 50 people enthralled from start to finish with his masterful storytelling, and a great afternoon was had by all. This event was held as part of Heritage Week.



- The Carrick-on-Suir Community Garden Committee gathered and along with the Suir Valley Community Based Drug Initiative and other various community groups that work on the community garden, planted a tree, the 'Tree of Hope' in the grounds of Carrick-on-Suir Library, to commemorate National Overdose Awareness Day which took place on August 31st



- Killenaule Library hosted a group from St. Mary's Central National School who visited the library as part of their July Provision programme. They enjoyed a Book Treasure Hunt and a story-time.

Tipperary Studies



- Tipperary Studies hosted the Exhibition "The Past From the Press" from 16th to 29th August. This exhibition was on loan from the National Library of Ireland



- Tipperary Studies held a SketchFab 3D Imaging Workshop by Caimin O'Brien, archaeologist with the National Monuments Service on 18th August. This workshop was attended by members of Historical Societies from around the county with a special interest in graveyard surveys and preservation.

Arts Service



Culture Night

- Celebrating its 20th edition, County Tipperary once again celebrated Culture Night on Friday 19 September 2025. The annual celebration of arts, culture and creativity was 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.



- The production of this exhibition “Through Our Eyes, the World We See” invited young people to create work inspired by their lived-experiences, inspirations, influences and motivations. As part of the Tipperary Rural Traveller Project Residency Programme 2024/2025, led by artist Francesca Hutchinson, the residency began in late 2024 and engaged a group of young people in exploring themes of growth and freedom. The participants attended a series of creative workshops over an extended period of time that introduced materials and techniques such as embroidery and drawing with thread, culminating in a collaborative piece rooted in traveller craftsmanship. The development of this work provided the young people with opportunities to control their learning which supported them to become independent thinkers with a sense of autonomy. The work was celebrated at the launch of the exhibition at the 6s&7s Gallery in Tipperary Town on Friday 4 July in

collaboration with the Tipperary Arts Office.



From L-R: Cllr Pat English, Mayor of Clonmel Borough District, Kevin Killen, Artist, Carol Creighton, District Administrator, Clonmel BD, Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Vincent O'Shea, Project Manager

Beelines – a New Art Work for Clonmel

- A new piece of public art has been sited at the N24 Cahir Road Roundabout, Ballingarrane, Clonmel Co. Tipperary. Capturing Clonmel's cultural identity, Beelines is an artistic marker on a journey to or through the town. Standing at 4.5 meters high, the sculpture acts as a permanent gateway to the town of Clonmel. Artist Kevin Killen uses cold rolled metal steel tubes to arrange a distinctive pattern that symbolises the energetic flight patterns of bees to create a contemporary flower-like form on a silver stem. The blue and ultraviolet colour tones of the flower are a reference to the sight of bees, in that bees see the ultraviolet end of the light spectrum. The metallic colours will change as the light changes, bringing a subtle mood to the artwork in all weathers. Similarly, the beautiful wild flowers and seasonal planting by Clonmel Borough District as it changes throughout the year will complement the artwork. Clonmel has long been known as the

Vale of Honey and the town's traditional association with bees and honey inspired the "Flights of Discovery" concept, introduced in the Tipperary Tourism Proposition for Clonmel. Beelines responds to these ideas with a contemporary artwork that has relevance to the town. Based in Belfast, artist Kevin Killen obtained a BA (Hons) in Fine Art from the Surrey Institute of Art and Design University College (now the UCA) in 1999 and completed specialist training in neon making in Dallas, Texas in 2009. His current practice focusses on capturing moments in time, representing life and people's journeys as snapshots of moments, often site-specific. His sculptures have been commissioned by public bodies in Northern Ireland, the UK and USA and have received a number of accolades including the Sculpture Abstract Award of the American Arts in 2014.

partner organisations and sectors through joint promotion such as tourism agencies, local development etc.



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, using distinctive branding to 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

Summer Sounds

- Summer Sounds Clonmel is a new initiative that brought vibrancy to the streets of Clonmel with the sound of music. Three sessions of live street music over four weekends in August, offered an exciting energy to the summer season. (Acoustic) music sessions were held in different locations on the streets of Clonmel during the summer. The performances covered different forms of music, and ensured enthusiasm and enjoyment for locals and visitors alike. An accessible way for new audiences to meet local talent, this project organised by Tipperary Arts Office, in cooperation with Clonmel Borough District, showcased the Clonmel



Heritage Service

Heritage Week 2025



Tipperary Retired Teacher Association

Age Friendly Roscrea



St Declans Way New Inn



Toor Tidy Village



Heritage & Biodiversity at Cabragh Wetlands

Heritage Week 2025

Exploring our Foundations was the theme for National Heritage Week 2025 which took place between the 16th and 24th August 2025. Huge amount of activity on across the county with 94 events registered online at www.heritageweek.ie and final figures indicated 100 events had taken place. The Heritage Week scheme funded 28 events and the supports for Council services funded programmes in Libraries and the Museum. The County Guide was launched 2 weeks in advance and campaigns were run across all the local press. Feedback was very positive with good attendance reported at all events. The Heritage Week Awards Ceremony will take place at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham on Friday 17th October.



Launch of Bolton Library Film

County Heritage Plan Actions

Maximum funding allocation was awarded in March for Tipperary Heritage Plan Programme and projects are now in progress. From July to October

- First Heritage & Biodiversity Conference held at the Horse & Jockey Hotel on September 6th. Six speakers spoke on topics relating to living with archaeology, the Irish Community Archive Network, and

Vernacular Architecture. There was 55 in attendance.

- Know your Locality course kicked off in September, this is a 6-week online course that teaches people how to research their own areas.
- The Bolton Library Film was premiered at Cashel Library with members of the Representative Church Body Library and the Glucksman Library at the University of Limerick
- Facilitated workshop took place with the Heritage Forum workshopping actions and objectives for the new County Heritage Plan.

Biodiversity Service

Biodiversity Action Plan

- The Libraries, Culture, and Biodiversity SPC held an additional workshop to discuss the draft objectives and action of the County Biodiversity Action Plan. Following some minor amendments, agreement was reached on the draft actions and AA/SEA screening is currently being carried out by the appointed consultants.

August - Heritage Week

- In celebration of Heritage Week 2025, Wild Child Day was held at the Cabragh Wetlands Centre on the 23rd of August. The aim of Wild Child Day is to encourage children and families to spend time outdoors, discovering an exploring nature. This year there were 35 in

attendance and families enjoyed activities including: Moth trapping, foraging walks and a nature-based scavenger hunting. On Sunday the 24th of August, a Butterfly and bee identification walk was held at Lough Dhoire Bhile. The walk was facilitated by Tipperary based entomologist Louise Garcia, the walk was very popular with 18 in attendance on the day.



Wild Child Day at Cabragh Wetlands



Wild Child Day at Cabragh Wetlands

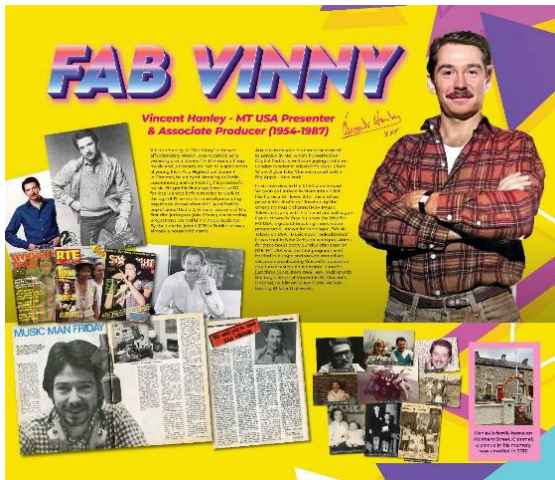


Butterfly and Bee Walk at Lough Dhoire Bhile

September – Biodiversity and Heritage Conference

- The inaugural Biodiversity and Heritage Conference was held in the Horse & Jockey Hotel on Saturday the 6th September. Speaker from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Butterfly Conservation Ireland and Birdwatch Ireland presented on the day. The conference was a free event and has been well received with requests from the public to facilitate the event again in 2026.

Museum Service



- The Museum officially opened a new 1980s and Vincent Hanley Exhibition, a visual feast of nostalgia at the end of July. 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 was launched by Conor McAnally who was the producer for MTUSA.

Medieval Day – Clonmel



- The Museum organised a Medieval re-enactment in conjunction with **Déise Medieval** on 23rd August. This led to Mick Delahunty Square being converted into a medieval settlement for one day only! The day featured medieval food, board games, pastimes, spinning and weaving, a weapon display and traditional craft demonstrations. There were also opportunities for visitors to interact with reenactors, handle artefacts, view traditional craft workers demonstrate their skills in stone and wood working, This event took place as part of the celebrations marking the Museum being located in Mick Delahunty Square for twenty-five years

Culture Night



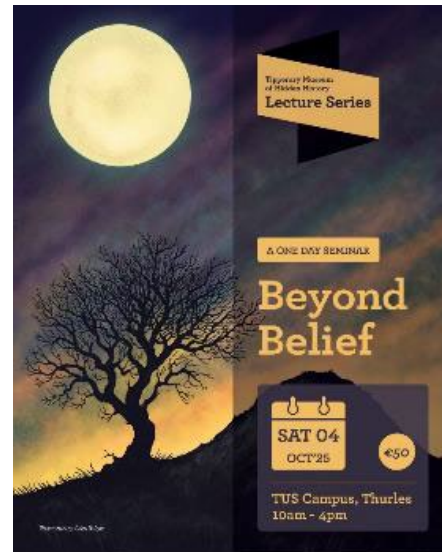


- To celebrate Culture Night, the Museum organised an ink writing workshop inspired by medieval manuscripts with Annie Hogg. In addition, a facilitated session with Leisa Grey was organised to share memories and spark conversation, using original and replica objects themed around pastimes and hearth and home.

Workplace Partnership & Museum Projects:

The Museum's successful inhouse collaboration is progressing with new initiatives set to be rolled out in 2025.

- Climate action and the environment will be at the forefront of our programming.
- A series of health & fitness wellbeing programmes will be piloted and rolled out to staff in Clonmel.



- The 2025/2026 Museum lecture series, entitled "Beyond Belief" commences with a One Day Seminar in Thurles Oct 4th 2025



- Tipperary Museum worked closely with Second year students from Raheen college throughout 2025. Having been given a number of in-depth 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 was the publication of a booklet entitled Inspiration



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 30th August 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	45,139,210	54,828,212	82%	9,689,002	44,150,611	53,219,758	83%	9,069,147	(988,598)
B	Road Transport & Safety	46,065,294	61,209,737	75%	15,144,443	32,381,175	40,638,533	80%	8,257,358	(13,684,119)
C	Water Services	8,957,412	13,654,538	66%	4,697,126	8,009,196	13,048,921	61%	5,039,725	(948,216)
D	Development Management	16,583,931	24,596,881	67%	8,012,950	7,615,494	11,433,968	67%	3,818,474	(8,968,438)
E	Environmental Services	32,331,130	58,729,485	55%	26,398,355	18,261,868	37,335,112	49%	19,073,244	(14,069,262)
F	Recreation & Amenity	11,461,109	16,934,762	68%	5,473,653	2,033,864	2,928,265	69%	894,401	(9,427,245)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health &	707,753	1,124,505	63%	416,752	237,107	275,246	86%	38,139	(470,646)
H	Miscellaneous Services	10,951,793	17,762,618	62%	6,810,825	13,920,970	21,877,804	64%	7,956,834	2,969,177
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	19,426,590	29,139,885	67%	9,713,295	19,426,590
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	26,220,352	38,943,246	67%	12,722,894	26,220,352
Totals		172,197,632	248,840,738	69%	76,643,106	172,257,227	248,840,738	69%	76,583,511	59,596



Capital Account – Year to Date 30th August 2025

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	18,439,682	16,769,783
B Road Transport & Safety	12,521,802	10,728,456
C Water Services	2,192,110	2,724,023
D Development Management	7,929,467	6,805,821
E Environmental Services	1,286,655	446,016
F Recreation & Amenity	1,794,409	1,058,302
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	128,088	55,416
H Miscellaneous Services	673,985	1,765,091
Total	44,966,198	40,352,908

Collection Rates	YTD 202508	YTD 202408	YTD 202412
Rates	71%	71%	94%
Rents	91%	89%	94%
Housing Loans	101%	102%	101%



COMMERCIAL RATES

As at 30/08/2025 Rate Accruals for 2025 amounted to **€39,330,530**.

Arrears of **€4,021,231** were brought forward from 2024, giving the total amount to be collected as **€43,351,761**.

Write Offs for Vacancy/Bad Debt have been processed in the amount of **€419,675**.

Receipts of **€30,530,202** were received to 30/08/2025.

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%



RECLASSIFICATION GRANT SCHEME

65 submissions were received under the scheme.

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

This Scheme is now closed.

DIGITAL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IS)

Business and GIS Systems

- Suir Flood Forecasting system - Migrated system to the cloud environment. Old system to be decommissioned.
- New Planning Enforcement System – System development is continuing.
- CRM Customer Service Desk system upgrade - Analysis is continuing. Councillor Reps section to be moved to MyCoCo platform.
- Housing iHouse- Upgraded user test environment to version 4.4. Training in new Admin module taking place.
- Electoral Register System - Continued assisting corporate section with data cleansing for migration to hosted cloud system. Upgraded to v 5.1.4.
- Document Mgt System (iDocs) – Scanner and computers purchased for new scanning function. Liaising with LGMA re configuration of iDocs and integration with iHouse. Scanning Procurement – Analysis of Tenders completed with the Housing section.

GIS Systems

- Public planning online viewer developed in Arc GIS.
- Development started on app for mapping Stormwater networks.
- Gas Networks Ireland App migrated to new Arc GIS system.
- Mapgrid Finder migrated to new arc gis system and integrated with power



automate for external contractors requesting OSI tiles.

- Processed AutoCAD Renewals.
- Upgraded GIS layers with data received from external agencies i.e. Tailte Éireann, ESB, Bord Gáis, GeoDirectory, OSI.
- Amended Polling districts mapped out for Corporate in advance of the Presidential election.

Mobile Phones/Billing/General

- Mobile Voice and Data Communications – commenced implementation of new contract with the procured Supplier.
- 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. Completed Disaster Recovery testing on phone system.
- Email - Preparing on-premises Exchange to be upgraded to Exchange SE.
- File Server - Segregation of file server – on-going

Video Conferencing

- Upgrade of Thurles Chamber video conferencing deferred to early Q4.
- MS Teams licenses assigned to all zoom users and training provided.

Networks

- Secondary Backup site - all Government Network configurations (VRFs) in place at secondary site. Failover connectivity testing to be carried out.

- Incident Response network being rolled out. SD WAN nodes being procured for Libraries Service approx. 11 sites.
- Micro segmentation -Entra Sync Serve & App Proxy segmented. Active directory and exchange outstanding.
- Move of LocalLink to new site in Templemore facilitated.

Cloud Data Centre

- Continued to pilot virtual servers (VMs) in Azure and migrating to Azure planned for Q4.
- Hybrid cloud sizing business case being developed.

Windows 11 Upgrade

- Continued with the Windows 11 upgrade across the organisation.

Cyber Security

- Vulnerability Management Contract has been renewed.
- Security awareness training continued.
- Carried out Phishing tests.
- Continued to tighten up on privileged access management.
- Cyber recovery solution implementation in progress, to be completed Q4.
- Schedule a penetration test to cover Active Directory and external test for early Q4.
- Presentation to Senior management team being organised for Q4.



MS 365

- Migrated mobile devices to new security platform (Intune).
- 886 Mailboxes migrated to 365, of which 36 are shared mailboxes. 240 Mailboxes remaining.
- Preparatory work for Teams and OneDrive deployment continuing.
- Preparatory work for SharePoint Online deployment continuing.
- MS Conditional access framework deployed.
- Conditional access policies incrementally being deployed.
- Licenses being provisioned as rollout progresses.

Websites and eDevelopment

- Continued to audit the Sharepoint Business Systems in preparation for migration to MS 365.
- Provided support and advice on Tipperary Tourism web site Tipperary.com which is going live.
- Moved and put live the Tipperary Sports Partnership site under the tipperarycoco.ie structure.
- Developed an App for C&E on grant investment & pipeline projects with BI dashboard reports.
- Developed a HR Probations Tracking System in Power Platform.
- Developed an Environmental Inspections App in Power App with integrated mapping features.
- Set up tools/utilities page for general use on SP365.
- All Websites- Ongoing hosting, patching, maintenance, accessibility and development of web services and public consultations

All Teams

- Provided technical support to staff and elected members.
- Continued to manage and support business systems,



geographical, social media, phones, desktop, devices.

- Kept our business systems, data, and network safe and secure, and at maximum uptime and performance .
- Performed security patching, application upgrades, system upgrades, systems analysis and end User support.
- Continued with ongoing hosting, patching and protection of web sites and online services.