



# Management Report to Council



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<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 10am: Community Culture & Library Services SPC Meeting
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> 10:30 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Mtg	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 10 am: CPG Meeting  10am: AILG Webinar 5 Housing for All, Pathway 3 & 4  11.30 Mgt Team Mtg
<u>13</u> 10am: TCC Plenary Meeting	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 11am: Clonmel BD Meeting	<u>16</u> 10am: Nenagh MD Annual Mtg followed by Ordinary Mtg  1pm: AGM.CoSMD  2pm: Carrick-on-Suir Annual Mtg followed by Ordinary Mtg	<u>17</u>
<u>20</u> 10am: Thurles MD Annual Mtg followed by Ordinary Mtg	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 10am: AGM Plenary Council
<u>27</u> 10am: Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD W/Shop followed by Annual Mtg followed by Ordinary Mtg  2.30pm: Housing SPC	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> 4pm Clonmel BD Annual Mtg	

## Report at a Glance



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**New Policy/Strategic Issues - Infrastructure SPC meeting held on 30 May 2022**

**Policy Changes/Updates**

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 30 May 2022 and the following items were considered:

- Transformation to Irish Water and Developments in County Tipperary – Presentation by Denis Holland, Senior Engineer
- Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project - Presentation by Michael Tierney, Public Lighting Executive Engineer
- N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction – Preferred Transport Solution – Overview by John Nolan, Senior Engineer.

The next meeting of the SPC is scheduled for 5 September 2022.

**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>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Consultants Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council in August 2020 to complete Phase 1 to 4. Website launched in February 2021. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility was completed in April 2021.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction.</u> Arup appointed on 22 October 2019 to complete Phase 1 to 4. Website launched in August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility completed in September 2020. Transport Options and Alternatives Public Consultation took place between 25 June and 6 August 2021.</p>	<p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced and options were announced 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. Phase 2 is due to be completed in 2023. This will announce a Proposed Transport Solution and open a Public Consultation process on same.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 2: Options selection was completed and a Preferred Transport Solution was announced on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. The Public Consultation process is open until 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.</p>



Capital Programme 2022	Implementation of Programme	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.
Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2022	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding.
Rural and Community Schemes (CIS, LIS, CLÁR)	Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department	<p>CLÁR 2022 – Measure 1 applications submitted to Department of Rural and Community Development for consideration.</p> <p>CLÁR 2021 projects being delivered in 2022 with an allocation of €104,000.</p> <p>2022 Community Involvement Scheme – schemes being offered in line with 2022 allocation of €983,400.</p> <p>2022 Local Improvement Scheme – schemes being offered in line with 2022 allocation of €644,070.</p>
Consultation	Annual Meeting with TII to be scheduled	Continued consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.
Public Lighting	Public lighting policy adopted in May 2018	Implementation of policy ongoing.
Road Safety	Strategy adopted in June 2018	<p>A meeting of the Road Safety Working Together Group is scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.</p> <p>Tipperary County Council is developing a new Road Safety Strategy in 2022, following the launch of the Government strategy ‘Our Journey Towards Vision Zero’.</p>



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
<b>Nenagh Municipal District</b>		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and procurement for same is now underway with the preparation of tender documents.	Preliminary design is expected to commence after consultants have been procured and appointed in Q3 2022.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ road pavement improvement works</li> <li>▪ addressing a number of road safety issues</li> <li>▪ the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village</li> <li>▪ the extension of footpaths to the speed limit on the Portumna side and to the R493 Terryglass Road on the Borrisokane side of the village</li> <li>▪ public lighting improvements</li> <li>▪ some public realm improvements.</li> </ul> Feasibility work has been completed and the Preliminary Design stage has commenced. Land acquisition for footpath widening and extension works is currently underway. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and procurement for same is now underway with the preparation of tender documents.	It is expected that preliminary design work will be completed in Q1 2023.
<b>Thurles Municipal District</b>		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route Selected in 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbying for it to be included in the next NDP.	Continue lobbying for scheme to be included in the next NDP.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The works consists primarily of planing and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs and public realm improvements. Consultants were appointed and the preliminary design is substantially complete.	Part 8 will be advertised in Q2 2022.



N62 Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 3.9km of pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road from Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South. Consultants were appointed in 2021 to complete the design and procure a Contractor to carry out the works. Tenders for the construction works have been received and are being assessed.	Construction is expected to take place in Q3 2022.
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 is at preliminary design stage.	The scheme is at preliminary design stage and it is anticipated that the scheme will go ahead in 2023.

<b>Directorate Projects (Capital)</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
<b>Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District</b>		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. Design work is being undertaken by Tramore House Road Design Office and the Main Works tender was published in April 2022. Advance Works on watermain replacement on the Clonmel Road commenced in March 2022.	Tenders were due to be received on 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022.
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village, improvements to footpaths, landscaping and pavement strengthening. Part 8 Planning was approved in July 2021.	Tender published on 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 and received on 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022. Tenders are being assessed with contract award expected in June 2022.
<b>Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District</b>		
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. The Tender process is completed and Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd was awarded the contract. The Main Contract has commenced and will continue throughout 2022.	Contract management throughout 2022. Works are ongoing on-site.
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme proposes a significant upgrade to the public realm through the centre of Tipperary town between Church Street and Cashel Road. The scheme is 1.6km in length and encompasses two national routes through the town, the N24 and N74. Part 8 for the scheme was passed in January 2021 and the Municipal District Council decided not to proceed with the N24 Main Street element of	It is anticipated that works will commence in Q3 2022.



	the scheme. The Fr Mathew Street element of the scheme is at final design stage. Funding is available in 2022 to commence construction.	
N74 Golden to Knockroe Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74, located approximately 4km west of Cashel Town. The scheme is at preliminary design stage. Consultants were appointed in 2021 to complete the design and procure a Contractor to carry out the works. Design is substantially complete.	It is anticipated that subject to the availability of funding that construction on this scheme will commence in 2023.
N24 Ballydrehid Realignment	This scheme involves the preparation of proposals for possible improvements to the N24 at Ballydrehid. Feasibility report submitted to TII.	Awaiting TII response. It is expected that TII are awaiting the outcome of the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction design process in order to decide how this scheme will be delivered.
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. Preliminary design report submitted to TII for approval. Draft Part 8 documents being prepared.	TII to approve the preliminary design report which would allow TCC to progress to Part 8 planning process in 2022.
<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
<b>Clonmel Borough District</b>		
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary Design is under way along with liaison with TII Road Safety engineers.	The Planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals in 2022.



<b>Strategic Non-National Road Projects</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	Part 8 procedures and preliminary design work is completed. The CPO was confirmed on April 16th, 2021 without modifications. Tender documents have been prepared for the appointment of a consultant to carry out the detailed design, procurement and supervision of the Works contract. Approval from the DoT to go to tender for design consultants was received and the tender was advertised on March 11th 2022. Tenders for design consultants have been received and are currently being assessed.	It is anticipated that a design consultant will be appointed in Q2 2022 with design and tender documentation for the works contract finalised by Q3 2023. Subject to final approval and DoT funding the scheme will commence construction in Q3 2023.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	Clare County Council is lead authority. Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed. Design was substantially completed in Q2 2020. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer is completed. Tenders for the works contract were received in November 2021. The works contract was awarded on February 16th, 2022 to John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd.	Works on site have not yet commenced as the Contractor is currently dealing with supply chain issues which have arisen as a consequence primarily of the war in Ukraine. The Council is reviewing options in relation to how and when the works will progress.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction</li> <li>• a new priority junction with Mill Road and</li> <li>• 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access</li> <li>• 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir</li> <li>• public lighting</li> <li>• flood alleviation works along the River Suir.</li> </ul> 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.	Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition.

## N24 CAHIR TO LIMERICK JUNCTION PROJECT – PREFERRED TRANSPORT SOLUTION

Tipperary County Council is progressing the development of the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Project in partnership with Limerick City & County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Department of Transport. Arup are the appointed Technical Advisors to advance the project through the planning and design phases. The project is being managed by the Mid-West National Road Design Office on behalf of Tipperary County Council. The project is a priority investment in the Government's National Development Plan 2021-2030.

A public consultation on the feasible Alternatives and Options proposed for the project was held in Q2 2021 and significant public feedback was received.

Following consideration of the public feedback and detailed appraisal, a Preferred Transport Solution has been identified that includes a combination of active travel measures for walking and cycling, improvements to public transport, demand management measures along with new and improved road infrastructure for the communities along the N24 transport corridor from Cahir in County Tipperary to west of Brooks Bridge in County Limerick.

Details of the Preferred Transport Solution are now available on the project website [www.n24cahirlimerick.ie](http://www.n24cahirlimerick.ie) including information boards, maps, a brochure and an interactive web map.

The Project Team hosted an in-person Public Display of the Preferred Transport Solution in the Great National Ballykisteen Golf Hotel, Limerick Junction, Co. Tipperary, on Tuesday

24 and Thursday 26 May 2022 which was very well attended.

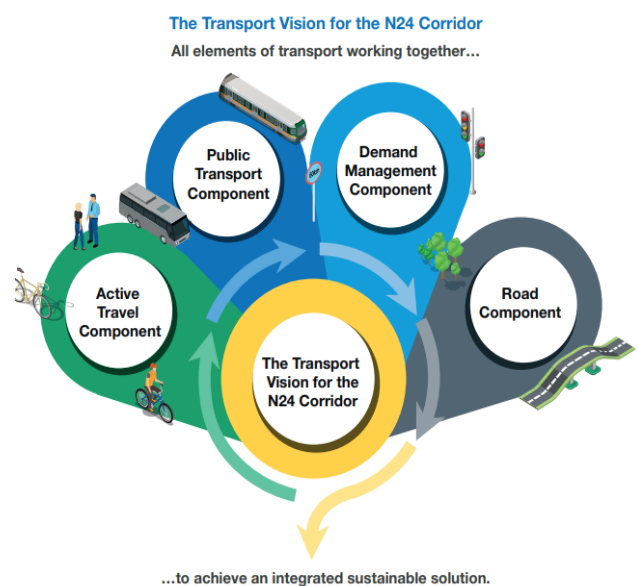
Property owners along the preferred corridor for the road component were notified by post and invited to consult with the project team, either in person, or by online or telephone meetings.

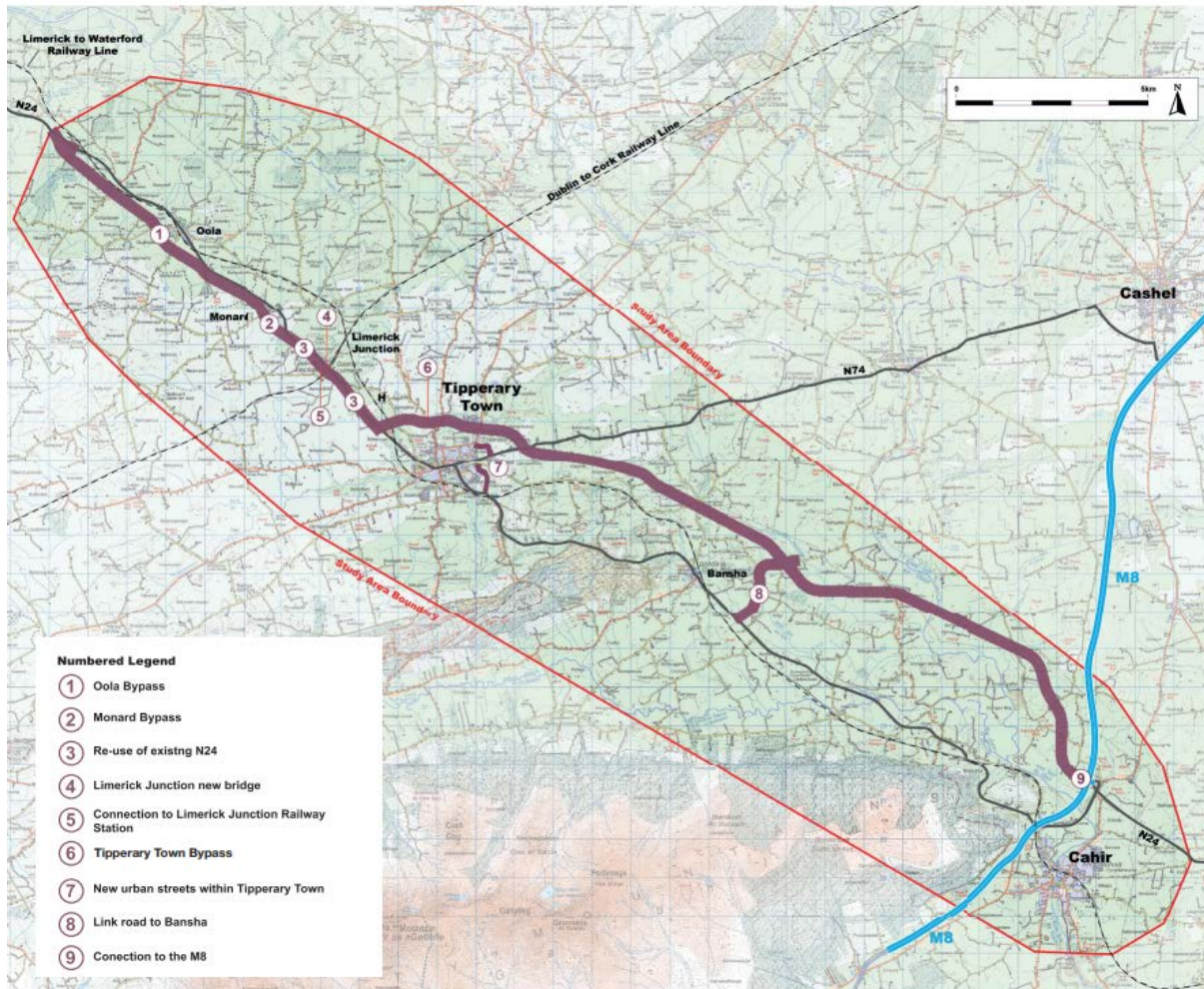
The Public Display material including maps are available to view from **Friday 27 May 2022 until Friday 17 June 2022** at the following locations:

- Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District Offices at Rosanna Road, Tipperary, E34 WD51
- Cahir Library, The Square, Cahir, Co. Tipperary, E21 WD89
- Cappamore Library, Gortnascarry, Cappamore, Co. Limerick, V94 C6X4

For further information visit [www.n24cahirlimerick.ie](http://www.n24cahirlimerick.ie) or contact the project team at [cahirlimerick@midwestroads.ie](mailto:cahirlimerick@midwestroads.ie) or telephone (061) 951000.

[Click here to visit www.n24cahirlimerick.ie](http://www.n24cahirlimerick.ie)





### What Happens Next?

Following this public display, the Phase 2 (Option Selection) process will be finalised, culminating in the publication of the Option Selection Report in Q3 2022.

These documents will be made available on the project website ([www.n24cahirlimerick.ie](http://www.n24cahirlimerick.ie)). The Option Selection Report contains all of the supporting detail behind each step in the analysis during Phase 2, documenting both the assessments undertaken and the decisions made.

Subject to the receipt of the necessary approvals and funding, the project will then proceed to the next phase of the planning and design process, i.e. Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation).

The purpose of Phase 3 will be to further develop the design of the Preferred Transport Solution selected in Phase 2 and undertake an environmental evaluation of the design to a sufficient level of detail to establish landtake requirements and to progress the project through the statutory process.



**ROADS ADMINISTRATION**

<b>Admin / Licensing Process During 2022</b>	<b>Number</b>
Roads Abutting Certificates Requested	332
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	251
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	86
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	77
Road Opening Licence applications received YTD	460
FOI requests processed	18
AIE requests processed	1
Internal Roads Abutting Requested	6
Internal Roads Abutting Issued	4
<b>Proposed Estates to go on Public Display for Taking in Charge Process</b>	
West Meadows, Boherlahan Ashrove Estate, Thurles	

**GREENWAY PROJECTS**

<b>GREENWAY PROJECT</b>	<b>CURRENT UPDATE – JUNE 2022</b>
<b>Suir Blueway - Gas House Bridge - Suir Island, Clonmel</b>	Preparing to submit planning application to An Bord Pleanála by end of June.
<b>Suir Blueway - Waterford Greenway Link - Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden</b>	Tobin Consulting Engineers have been appointed to prepare a feasibility study for the project.
<b>Suir Blueway - Marlfield to Cahir</b>	O'Connor Sutton Cronin Consulting Engineers have been appointed to prepare a feasibility study for the project.
<b>Lough Derg Greenway - Ballina to Dromineer</b>	Clandillon Civil Consulting Engineers have been appointed to prepare a feasibility study for the project.
<b>Cashel to Cahir Greenway - Cashel to Cahir Town</b>	Sweco Consulting Engineers are currently finalising the feasibility study for the project.

### CLÁR MEASURE 1

The Council, under CLÁR Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures, made a submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development for funding for a number of projects in 2021. Three projects received approval to proceed, Drangan NS, St. Brigid's NS, Donaskeigh, and Carrig & Riverstown GAA & Community Car Park, within a total allocation of €104,000. These projects are being delivered in 2022.

4 applications for funding under revised CLÁR Measure 1 2022: Developing Community Facilities and Amenities have been submitted to the Department for consideration.

### LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2022

The Local Improvement Scheme 2022 (LIS) has been allocated funding of €644,070 and schemes are being offered across all Districts, subject to payment of local contributions. The LIS Scheme applies to non-public accommodation roads. Projects must benefit two or more parcels of land owned or occupied by different persons or serve the public.

### ROAD SAFETY

Road Safety Section has begun work on the new Tipperary Road Safety Strategy 2022 to 2030 with an Action Plan for Phase 1 from 2022 to 2024.

The second meeting of the Tipperary Road Safety Working Together Group in 2022 was held on 27 April 2022. Items discussed included the Post Plan Review of the Road Safety Strategy 2018-2021 and the ongoing development of the Strategy for 2022-2030.

Road Safety Section welcomes the introduction of the Mainline Average Speed Cameras (A.S.C.) on the M7 motorway between Junctions 26 and 27 in both directions. The cameras went live at 07.00 on Monday 25 April 2022.

Analysis of traffic data by TII shows that speeding is typical of driver behaviour on low traffic volume sections of the motorway network throughout the country. This type of driver behaviour is very dangerous, and it is compounded during rain or hail showers increasing the potential of serious accidents. It is hoped that the introduction of these cameras will encourage people to slow down and save lives.



**Ireland's 1st Mainline Motorway Average Speed Safety Camera System**

Live from the 25th April 2022 on M7 in Tipperary (between Junction 26 and 27 in both directions)

Motorists driving in excess of the 120km/h motorway speed limit will be prosecuted.	Prosecution = a Fixed Charged Notice fine of €80 + 3 penalty points
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Visit [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie) for details about the Fixed Charge Notice system.

**The Pilot Scheme:**

<b>BEFORE:</b> Motorist compliance with the 120km/h motorway speed limit was <b>BELOW 70%</b>	<b>DURING:</b> Motorist compliance with the 120km/h motorway speed limit rose but remains <b>BELOW 90%</b>
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**Analysis of traffic data by Transport Infrastructure Ireland shows:**

<b>TYPICALLY</b> motorists speed on low traffic volume sections of the motorway network throughout the country: Speed + rain/hail showers = increased risk of serious accidents	<b>MOTORISTS</b> are not adequately altering their speeds in response to adverse weather conditions: Heavy rain/low road temperatures
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## PUBLIC LIGHTING

A Public Lighting policy was adopted by the Council in May 2018. Public lighting queries are dealt with daily by the Roads Section, the Customer Service Desk and the Municipal/Borough Districts.

**Enerveo** (formerly SSE Airtricity) is notified of the relevant queries and corrective action is taken as appropriate.

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of more than 17,800 lights in the county and public lighting is one of the biggest users of energy in the Council's overall energy usage. Upgrading of lights to LED is ongoing.

The Council will continue to avail of external funding where same is available from SEAI, TII and EU funding for energy efficiency projects.

**For the benefit of Members, the following are the options available to facilitate reporting of public lighting faults:**

- Internet: [www.airtricitysolutions.com](http://www.airtricitysolutions.com)
- Internet: [www.enerveo.com](http://www.enerveo.com)
- Phone: Enerveo Call Centre 0818 372 772
- Customer Services, Tipperary County Council - 0818 06 5000

## ROAD MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES PUBLIC LIGHTING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT



Do Chomhairle:  
ag lasadh ár bpobal –  
ag cosaint ár n-aeráid

Your Council:  
lighting our community –  
protecting our climate

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the RMO and 23 other local authorities has signed up to participate in a large-scale street lighting upgrade to LED. The primary aim of the project is to enable Local Authorities to reach their statutory energy efficiency target to be 50% more energy efficient by 2030.

The southern region project has gone out to tender and a Contractor is to be appointed shortly. The Eastern Region which Tipperary is part of has also gone out to tender with the responses now being assessed. Works are likely to begin in this area in late-2022.

## INTERREG SMART SPACE PUBLIC LIGHTING PROJECT



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

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Energy Agency are partners in the Smart Space project along with three other European cities Saint-Niklaas and Ostend in Belgium and Middleburg in the Netherlands.

In Tipperary, the project has replaced 600 standard street lights with LED street lights. These new LED lights are equipped with smart technology allowing the Council better control over the light and can provide information on energy use.

In some areas a pilot will be trialled where motion detectors will allow lights to dim down if there is no movement in the area and light up again once the system detects cars or pedestrians approaching. Another pilot project will see street lights that can change colour for events being trialled in Liberty Square, Thurles.

The three areas in Tipperary included in the project are Thurles, Clonoulty and Drangan.

The SMART-SPACE project is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the transnational co-operation programme Interreg North-West Europe.

Installation of the 600 lights is nearing completion. The testing and analysis of the system will be ongoing for several months.

[www.nweurope.eu/smart-space](http://www.nweurope.eu/smart-space)

## THE EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS 2021



The All Ireland Community and Council Awards are presented by IPB Insurance and LAMA. These awards recognise and celebrate community and councils working together. They provide a great opportunity to highlight and celebrate the work done within our communities, to reward our unsung heroes and recognise the contribution made to our lives.

Tipperary County Council was shortlisted for the 2021 All Ireland Community and Council Awards, with the awards ceremony being held in Dublin on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

The Interreg North West Europe (NWE) SMART-SPACE Project had been shortlisted in the Best Energy Smart Initiative and received a Bronze Award on the evening.



*Pictured above:  
Michael Tierney, Public Lighting Engineer;  
Cllr Siobhan Ambrose, Leas Cathaoirleach;  
Marty Morrissey, Awards Host;  
James Hayes, Senior Staff Officer, Roads*

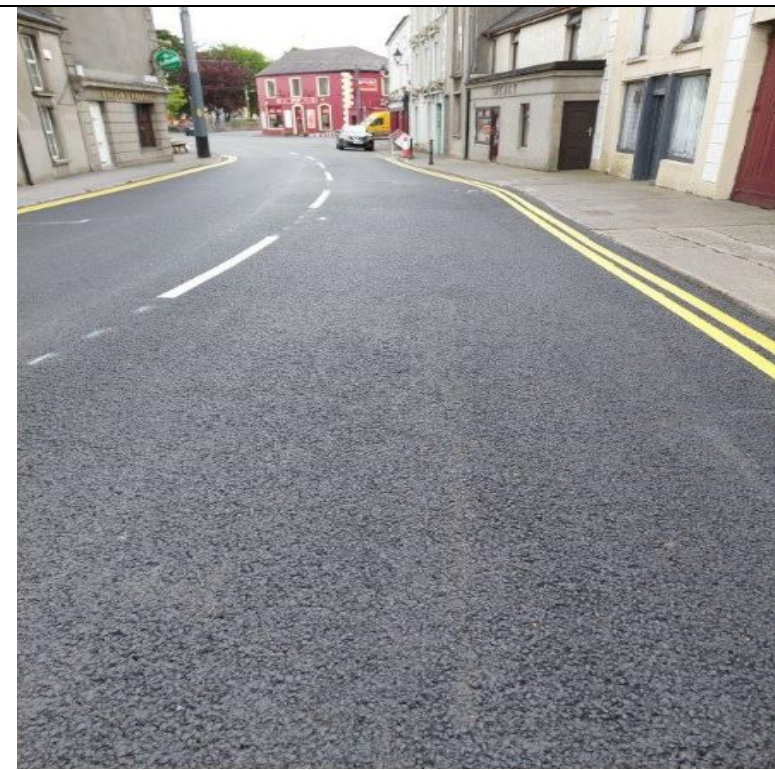
## BUS SHELTERS

The National Transport Authority have approved funding for 2 Bus Shelters at Borrisokane, and 1 in Ardfinnan. These shelters are at procurement stage and scheduled for construction in Quarter 3 of 2022.

ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2022



Ballyglasheen, Ballypatrick, Clonmel R-706-5



Abbey Street, Roscrea L-3135



**ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2022**



**Toor/Knockrathkelly, Kildash L-6511-0**



**Targeted Intervention Programme 2022 - Priorstown/Kilheffernan L-6507-0**

**ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2022**



Rebuilding damaged parapet walls of a culvert under the R493 at Coolbaun, Nenagh, resurfacing to follow



Resurfacing at Carrigagown South, Kilbarron, Nenagh – L-1099



### **Parnell Street Carpark Thurles**

**Recent upgrade works including new footpaths, resurfacing and line marking.  
EV charging points and bike parking rack currently being installed.  
Funded by Development Levies.**

**ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2022**



**Thurles / Limerick Road – R503 – 2km resurfaced**



**670 metre of existing river walk at Ladyswell, Thurles upgraded**

**ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2022**



360m of existing walk between Mill Road and College Green housing estate, Thurles upgraded



The Avenue, Kilcash - L-6510-0



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>
<b>County Development Plan 2022-2028</b>	Commenced	The Draft Plan was on public display from 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021. 615 submissions were received. A Chief Executive’s report on the submissions received was considered by the Members at the March 2022 Plenary meeting. It was resolved to amend the Draft Plan and the Material Amendments were placed on display for public consultation. 41 submissions were received. The Chief Executive’s Report on the submissions received on the Material Amendments was circulated to the members on 27 <sup>th</sup> May for their consideration.	The Chief Executive’s Report on the submissions received on the Material Amendments was circulated to the members on 27 <sup>th</sup> May for their consideration. A further workshop will be held on June 29 <sup>th</sup> . The Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 will be considered by the members at the July Plenary Meeting. Once made, the plan will take effect 6 weeks later.

<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>
<b>Tipperary Town Regeneration</b>	<b>Market Yard</b> - Detailed Designs completed. Contractor appointed for the construction stage. Works commenced on 21 <sup>st</sup> . June, 2021. Works substantially completed in October, 2021. <b>River Arra Walkway</b> – Design team appointed and detailed	<b>Market Yard</b> – Works are completed and were officially opened by Minister Heather Humphreys in November, 2021.  <b>River Arra Walkway</b> –



	<p>designs completed. Final Business Case approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development with additional RRDF grant aid of €455,264. Tender validity period of most economically advantageous tenderer extended to 24<sup>th</sup>. June, 2022. Purchase of the land is almost complete. Construction of the bridge is completed under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.</p>	<p>Complete purchase of the land in the next few weeks. The appointment process for the contractor is underway and works will commence in June, 2022. River works to be completed between July and September in compliance with decision issued by An Bórd Pleanála. Complete project by year end.</p>
<b>Fethard Town Park</b>	<p>Phase 1a - Groundworks and pitches were completed in January, 2022 and opened for use in February, 2022.</p> <p>Phase 1b – Stand and Community Annex to the Pavilion - Approval received from the Department of Rural and Community Development on 25<sup>th</sup>. April, 2022 to extend the project scope to include these elements which are being funded by the Magnier Foundation (Coolmore Ireland) and carried out under a separate contract.</p> <p>Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works- Final Business Case was approved on 20<sup>th</sup>. December, 2021 together with additional grant aid of €403,445.</p> <p>Successful/Unsuccessful Letters issued early January, 2022.</p> <p>Successful tenderers insurances approved by IPB Insurances in February, 2022. Letter of Acceptance issued on 4<sup>th</sup>. March, 2022. Works commenced on 21<sup>st</sup>. March, 2022.</p>	<p>Phase 1a – completed.</p> <p>Phase 1b – complete works by Q2 of 2023.</p> <p>Phase 2 – Manage contract and complete works by Q2 of 2023.</p>
<b>Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza</b>	<p>Design team appointed. Consultative group established with ongoing meetings. Detailed designs presented to Consultative Group and revisions agreed.</p>	<p>Complete revisions to detailed designs in Q2 of 2022. Prepare tender documents and advertise for tenders for the construction stage in Q3 of 2022. Assess tenders received and</p>



	Ongoing meetings held with the design team to revise the detailed designs to capture additional design elements deemed critical to the project.	compile Final Business Case for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development. Appoint contractor and commence works in Q4 of 2022. Estimated programme duration for completion of works is 18 months.
<b>Thurles Market Quarter - Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers</b>	Part 8 completed. Verification and Due Diligence Phase completed. Approval in Principle issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development together with additional funding of €549,270. Pre-Tender Approval for the design stage issued by the Department in February, 2022 following receipt of Council submission. Tender Documents for the engagement of a design team completed and advertised on e-Tenders in December, 2022. Assessment of tenders completed in April, 2022. Successful and Unsuccessful Letters issued in May, 2022. Ongoing meetings being held with Mary Immaculate College and Thurles Farmers Market.	Arrange review and sign off on insurances of most economically advantageous tenderer by IPB Insurances. Issue Letter of Acceptance and appoint design team in Q2 of 2022. Complete detailed designs by end of Q4 of 2022.
<b>Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan</b>	Steering Group and Implementation Group established with ongoing meetings being held. Design team appointed. Significant public consultation undertaken. Market testing completed on preferred concepts. Feedback from Project Steering Group on final report prepared on concept testing pertaining to Phase 1 Visitor Experience Development forwarded to the design team.	Commence concept development and pre-design end of May, 2022. Commence detailed designs and Part 8 Planning in Q3 of 2022 and complete in Q1 of 2023.
<b>Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan-A Journey from the Suir</b>	Part 8 Planning approved in January 2022. Detailed design is at an advanced stage. The RRDF Category 1 Business Case and	Detailed design will be fully completed before going to tender pending successful Category 1 application.



<p><b>Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter</b></p>	<p>application was submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development in April 2022 with all required Consents in place.</p>	
<p><b>A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter</b></p>	<p><b>Cahir Market House Business Centre:</b> – Part 8 Planning approved. Design team appointed. Preliminary Designs completed. Detailed designs completed.</p> <p><b>Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park:</b> - Design team appointed. Preferred designs agreed. Part 8 Planning for the proposed car park site approved in December, 2021 with the public realm approved in January, 2022. Detailed designs completed for the proposed car park site. Purchase of two sites for the proposed car park is completed.</p>	<p><b>Cahir Market House Business Centre:</b> – Part 8 Planning and detailed designs completed in accordance with the Category 2 approved project.</p> <p><b>Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park:</b> - Complete discussions with the Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO) regarding NBSUDS measures. Complete detailed designs on the public realm which are at an advanced stage. Tender for the construction stage pending successful Category 1 application.</p>
<p><b>Kilsheelan - Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing &amp; Low Carbon Planning</b></p>	<p>Verification and Due Diligence Phase completed. Approval in Principle issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development together with additional funding of €51,896. Design team appointed in January, 2022. Pre-Tender Approval for the design stage issued by the Department in February, 2022. Working Group established to develop a Serviced Sites Scheme for the sale of the sites.</p>	<p>Progress the development of a Serviced Sites Scheme. Complete detailed designs in Q2 of 2022. Complete tender action, evaluation and award for the construction stage in Q3 of 2022. Commence works on site by end of Q3 of 2022. Estimated completion of construction works by end of Q2 of 2023.</p>
<p><b>Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh</b></p>	<p>Funding approval of €1,208,847 announced by the Minister of Rural and Community Development on 6<sup>th</sup>. January, 2022. Verification Forms for the Due Diligence and Verification Phase completed and returned to the Department in January, 2022</p>	<p>Complete preparation of tender documentation for the engagement of an integrated design team and advertise on the Official Journal of the EU in Q2 of 2022. Appoint design team in Q3 of 2022. Complete required surveys, preliminary design &amp; Masterplan in Q4 of 2022. Commence</p>



	<p>and Approval in Principle issued on 10<sup>th</sup>. May, 2022. Project Steering Committee and Project Delivery Group established and meetings are ongoing. Consultant appointed in March, 2022 to prepare tender documents for the procurement of a design team. Project Charter, Risk Register, Task Schedule and Roles/Responsibilities documentation prepared.</p>	<p>detailed designs and the Part 8 Planning process in Q4 of 2022 and complete in Q1 of 2023.</p>
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<b><u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u></b>		
<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Progress in Previous Months</u></b>	<b><u>Next Stage</u></b>
<p><b>Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme-Phase 1 and Phase 2</b></p>	<p><b>Phase 1:</b> -New Car Park off Liberty Square is completed. Works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square are substantially completed. <b>Phase 2:</b> -Proposed enhancement works relate to the Western end of Liberty Square and junctions of the approach roads. Scheme extents drawing completed. Extensive consultations held with other statutory bodies. Companies engaged to complete required surveys. Consultants appointed to prepare the Part 8 drawings and documentation and meetings are ongoing in regard to concept options.</p>	<p><b>Phase 1:</b> - Complete snagging and agree Final Account.  <b>Phase 2:</b> - Complete all surveys required to advance the Planning process – (topographical; traffic; pedestrian; heritage etc). Complete Part 8 Planning by the end of Q3 of 2022. Procure for design team and appoint design team circa Q4 of 2022.</p>



<p><b>Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration - Clonmel Regional Sports Hub and Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1</b></p>	<p><b>Regional Sports Hub</b> – Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Contractor appointed and works began on site mid-August, 2021.</p> <p><b>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1</b> Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Car park completed. Contractor appointed for the plaza and public realm. Works commenced on site on 10<sup>th</sup>. June, 2021.</p>	<p><b>Regional Sports Hub</b> - Complete construction phase. Programme duration is approximately 12 months.</p> <p><b>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1</b>- Complete construction phase by August, 2022 as per the current programme timelines.</p>
<p><b>A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre</b></p>	<p>Project Steering Group meetings and District Delivery Group meetings are ongoing. Provisional Approval issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 25<sup>th</sup>. August, 2021. Project Financial Tables completed following in-depth review of costings and returned to the Department in September, 2021. Consultants procured and appointed to review and update the Preliminary Business Case which is almost complete. Project Charter completed. Consultants appointed to prepare tender documents for the engagement of a design team. Request for Tenders under Stage 1 of the Restricted Procedure advertised on the Official Journal of the EU on 25<sup>th</sup>. March, 2022 with latest date for submissions on 13<sup>th</sup>. May,2022. Communications Plan and branding for the Centre has been completed and agreed and name of Centre identified.</p>	<p>Complete review and update of Preliminary Business Case and submit to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in Q2 of 2022. Obtain Approval in Principle from the Department under Decision Gate 1. Assess submissions received under Stage 1 Restricted Procedure prequalification process for integrated design team services. Submit Project Brief and Procurement Strategy to the Department for approval under Decision Gate 2-Pre-Tender Approval. Complete Stage 2 Restricted Procedure tendering process and assess tenders received for the engagement of a design team. Appoint the design team.</p>

## PLANNING SECTION

### County Development Plan

The Pre-Draft 'Shaping Our Future' consultation stage ran from 18<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020. 190 submissions were received during the public consultation period, and were summarised and considered by the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. A Workshop with the Elected Members was held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The Chief Executive's Report was considered at the March 8<sup>th</sup> Plenary Council Meeting whereby the Elected Members issued directions to the Chief Executive regarding the content of the draft Plan. The Draft Plan was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. 13 Workshops with the Elected Members were held over June and July 2021 to discuss the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan was considered at the July 16<sup>th</sup> Plenary Council meeting whereby the Elected Members agreed by resolution to put the Draft Plan on public display subject to amendments. The Draft Plan was on public display for the period 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021. 615 submissions were received. A series of Workshops were held in February and the CEs Report and Material Amendments were considered by the Members at the plenary meeting in March where it was agreed, by resolution to amend the Draft Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 in accordance with the Chief Executive's Report, and as further amended by the inclusion of the Members Amendments. Material amendments to the Draft Plan were placed on public display from April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. 41 submissions were received during the consultation phase. The CEs Report on the submissions received to the Material Amendments was circulated to the Members on May 27<sup>th</sup> for their consideration. A further workshop will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 will be considered by the members at the July Plenary Meeting. Once made, the plan will take effect 6 weeks later.

### Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

The National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2027 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework). These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The following projects are currently being delivered.

**Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration** seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are € 15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**



**Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles** seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. Funding was received in 2019 to undertake works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square and to develop a new car park off Liberty Square. Additional funding of €1m was secured in March, 2021 to undertake enhancement works to the Western end of Liberty Square and the junctions of the approach roads. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €10,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,291.**

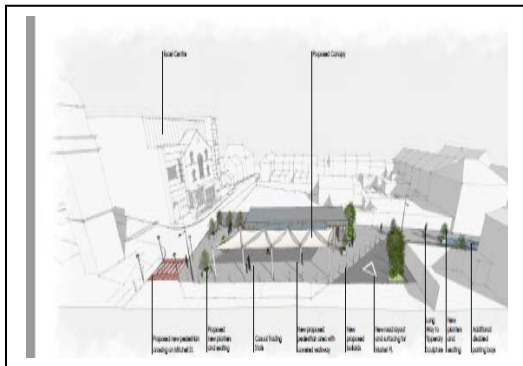


**A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh:** -The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr’s Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland’s first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr’s Road Town Park, Martyr’s Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Funding was approved in March, 2021 under the Second Call for funding support from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**



**Sustainable Centre Of Excellence for Energy, Nenagh**

**Tipperary Town Regeneration** - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It includes: Upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre; Development of an 800m gravelled walkway parallel with the existing river channel and connecting to the existing path near Glenview; Installation of a new pedestrian bridge to access the walkway from the Link Road. Funding was approved in 2018 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €1,442,018 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,081,513.00.**



**Fethard Town Park**

The project proposal is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs for Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works are €3,137,927 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,003,445. Groundworks and pitches were funded by the Magnier Foundation (Coolmore Ireland) who have also recently agreed to fund the stand and community annex of the pavilion. Revised project costings for Phases 1 and 2 now amount to €7,092,521.**



**Total project costs for Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works are €3,137,927 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,003,445. Groundworks and pitches were funded by Coolmore Ireland.**

### Templemore Town Hall Cultural and Enterprise Centre with Civic Plaza

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €2,810,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,107,500.**



### Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter - A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan

It comprises a Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €896,712 and RRDF grant amounts to €672,534.**



### **Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan ‘A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter’**

Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €487,500 and RRDF grant amounts to €365,625.**



### **A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre: Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter**

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir’s historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €986,354 and RRDF grant amounts to €663,362.**



### **Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers**

is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion’s Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC

Students' Union. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €3,825,700 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,443,130.**



**Thurles Market Quarter**

**Kilsheelan – Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing and Low Carbon Planning**

The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of



Tipperary County Council's **'Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing'**. The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be model for serviced site developments across the Country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and nationally. The scheme at Kilsheelan was subject to a Part 8 process and approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. The project also includes the development of a new public park in the heart of this picturesque village and a new arrival point for the River Suir Blueway. The project was awarded

RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €670,833 and RRDF grant amount is €603,750.**

### Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh



Funding has been approved to prepare detailed designs and planning for the adaptive re-use of the former iconic 1940's Rialto cinema into a modern digital and enterprise hub facility using best practice and appropriate modern architectural intervention to provide excellent office, collaboration and meeting spaces. The associated brownfield site will be master-planned to explore the potential for further digital and enterprise office space, the creation of a new streetscape along Emmet Place, the potential provision of town centre residential units and the delivery of a new public amenity heart in the town centre.

The Hub will be an exemplar sustainable, green, town centre regeneration project that will revitalize the town centre of Nenagh through the provision of much needed incubator enterprise space, public realm enhancement, improved permeability/linkages with existing streets and backland/infill development through planning for the delivery of town centre homes. The overarching aim and purpose of the proposal is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities while preserving and saving a protected historic structure which was purchased by the Council in December, 2020. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in January, 2022. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €1,511,059 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,208,847.**

### Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – Fourth Call, Category 1 Projects

Three applications have been submitted under the Fourth Call for Category 1 projects for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The closing date for submission of applications was 29<sup>th</sup>. April, 2022 at 12NOON.

### Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy

This funding proposal follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of a new Business Development Centre in the heart of Cahir, public realm enhancements in the Square and the re-location of on-street car-parking from the Square to a central backland site acquired through the fund. The application, if successful, will provide for (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business Development Centre Cahir which will be run by Cahir Development Association and provide offices, a large training and conference room, co-working spaces and hot desks to satisfy the unmet demand in the town ; (ii) the refurbishment of the Granary building to provide a state-of -the-art library for the community on the ground and first floors; (iii) Cahir Square Public Realm Enhancements to include the recalibration of the traffic circulating around the Square to a more rationalised flow that prioritises pedestrian and cyclist movements and the redistribution of public realm in favour of recreational space; (iv) the provision of a new car park consisting of 86 car parking spaces, 3 coach parking spaces, 2 minibus parking spaces and bicycle parking on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings which have been acquired by the

Council under the Category 2 approved project. **The project value is €14,894,686 and grant funding of €11,915,749 is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**

#### **Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition'**

This funding proposal follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of extensive public realm enhancements in the town centre, development of Suir Blueway linkages and the regeneration of the Ormond Castle Quarter. The application, if successful, will provide for (i) the transformation of Main Street, Sean Kelly Square, Greystone Street, Bally Alley Street and Chapel Street through the installation of high-quality public realm; (ii) provision of a new Enterprise and Digital Hub in a vacant town centre building owned by An Post on Main Street which will be managed and operated by Carrick on Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee; (iii) the creation of an arrival point at Sean Healy Park through design, enhancement and orientation measures integrating best practice in user needs for kayakers, cyclists, walkers and other users and the integration of the Suir Blueway Tipperary into the town centre through the creation of shared spaces along the Quays and linkages to Main Street.; (iv) public realm upgrade of Castle Street and repurposing of Ormond Castle Park as a high-quality Amenity and Biodiversity Park. **The project value is €17,989,387 and grant funding of €14,391,509 is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**

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

This funding proposal is an intervention by Tipperary County Council to deliver a transformational change of the public space around Gantly Road and to promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The Project is the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood, an ambitious masterplan to create a more vibrant and appealing place for people of all ages to address specific social, environmental and economic challenges within the community. The proposal entails the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles, the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths, extensive bio-retention rain gardens and the provision of water service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Road Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imagining of Gantly Street is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area into the future. Development of the Gantly Street masterplan area would transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town. **The project value is €5,639,145 and grant funding of €4,511,316 is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**

#### **Conservation Grant Schemes 2022**

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

The scheme opened for new applications on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and closed on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. 20 projects have been approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage with grants ranging from €2,800 to €10,000. The list of projects supported is as follows;



Former AIB, Templemore	3,800.00
15 Anne Street, Clonmel	9,000.00
Curraghbawn House, Newtown	3,800.00
Old Parochial House, Borrisokane	9,000.00
St Marys Church, Kilenale	7,000.00
Bawnbeg, Coolagarranroe, Burncourt	6,400.00
Knocklofty House, Clonmel	10,000.00
Ballyboe, Ballypatrick	9,600.00
Dromore House, Newport	3,200.00
Deerpark House, Carrick on Suir	10,000.00
Monsea, Ballycommon	6,400.00
St Marys Church, Clonmel	5,800.00
Cahir Presbyterian Church	3,500.00
Southpark, Roscrea	4,200.00
St Anns Church, Clonmore	5,000.00
St Pauls Church, Cahir	7,400.00
Gorteenrainee, Barna, Thurles	3,000.00
St Ruadhans, Lorrha	7,500.00
Public Fountain Rosemary Square, Roscrea	9,000.00
Ferns Hollow, Ballina	2,800.00

The works must be completed by the end of September so the projects can be inspected and Grants paid out.



The **Historic Structure Fund 2022** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. The focus is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public and will seek to:

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

Inspections took place in early November and works were complete on all projects except the Tipperary Courthouse. This was delayed due to the appointment of a contractor but works have now commenced.

The scheme opened for new applications on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and closed on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Tipperary County Council nominated 5 projects to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for funding. However the Department decided to support only two projects as follows:

- Corabella House Newcastle, Clonmel; Stream 1 €39,250
- Pdraig Ó Cuinneáin's, Upperchurch; Irish Sign Stream €2,200

Any queries on the scheme can be directed to Fergal Condon, Staff Officer, Planning, Clonmel.

### Town Walls

There are 4 towns currently members of the Irish Walled Towns network – Clonmel, Cashel, Carrick on Suir and Fethard. Membership is renewed annually by the Heritage Office.

Funding for conservation works and interpretation is offered annually by the Heritage Council (subject to competitive application), and the Council is responsible for annual maintenance of sections that have been subject to conservation works.



Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/22 to 31/05/22

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	No. of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	159	154	5	0	0
Housing Development	12	12	0	2	1
NIA/EIA	3	3	0	0	0
Other Applications	321	315	6	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

Enforcement Proceedings

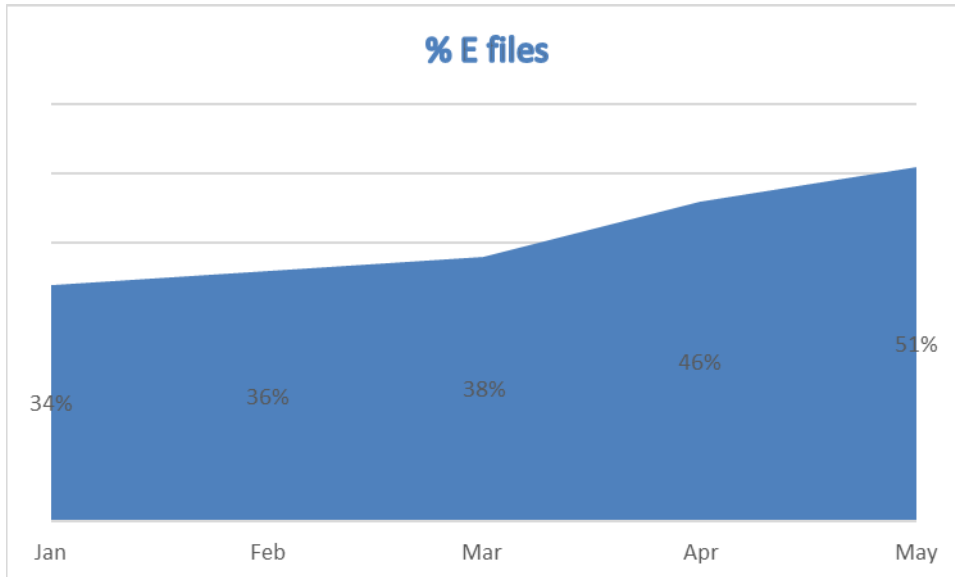
There were 60 complaints received from the 1<sup>st</sup> January to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. During this period 52 Warning Letters and 9 Enforcement Notices were issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

Being processed	Taken in Charge in 2022	Advertised	New applications 2022
29	0	3	7

E-Planning

In association with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), Tipperary Planning Authority has successfully completed the pilot of phase one planning portal <https://planning.localgov.ie>. The percentage of planning applications submitted online continues to steadily increase. Set out below are the monthly figures % of E- applications received for 2022. Work is continuing with the LGMA and our third party providers on preparing for online submissions to planning files and part 8 applications to also go online. We aim to pilot this in quarter 2 of 2022. We continue to liaise with Galway County Council to assist them with pilot project. Once phase two has been piloted the online planning portal <https://planning.localgov.ie> will roll out nationally in three phases.



We also surveyed agents using planning portal where the results are set out below

96% would recommend planning portal to other agents, 97% were satisfied with the experience of using the portal, 98% found it easy to use and finally 97% preferred it to paper files.

#### **OPR Pilot Programme – Review of Tipperary Co. Council’s Systems & Procedures**

The Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) published their review report in September 2021. The report acknowledged that the Council’s planning service is operating effectively with robust systems and procedures in place to deliver statutory planning functions.

The independent review made 16 recommendations and a six month progress report on the implementation of these recommendations was submitted to the OPR in April 2022. The OPR in response noted the contents of the report and welcomed the progress made to date in implementing the recommendations. It was acknowledged that significant progress has been made by the planning department to date, particularly in relation to the resourcing of the department, including business case preparation and the successful recruitment of additional planning staff.



## FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	<p>Finalising the Business continuity software package.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with MW regional steering &amp; working groups.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Proposal from Inoni on how to proceed received and currently under consideration.</p>
Building Control	<p>Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.</p> <p>Onsite inspections ongoing</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Complete annual inspection programme for 2022 reaching Dept. guideline targets</p>
Health & Safety	<p>Audit to ISO 45001 &amp; 9001 completed in Jan 2022 – successfully certified to both standards</p> <p>New fire kit on test in two stations for January</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>All stations and staff being visited by CFO in May to reinforce the Health &amp; Safety message.</p> <p>Sizing underway across all stations and order to be submitted in June.</p>
Fire Safety	<p>Fire Safety Strategy prepared and signed off for delivery in 2022</p>	<p>Primary schools programme underway along with station visits by schools at end of school year.</p>



<b>CURRENT PROJECTS</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress in Previous Month</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
Cashel Fire Station	Approval to appoint preferred contractor received on 1 <sup>st</sup> June.	Agree project plan for the construction stage with the preferred contractor.
Roscrea Fire Station	Improvement works included in Department allocation.	Seek department approval to appoint design team – application currently with Department.
New appliances	Final design meeting held with Emergency One and TFRS	Signed contracts have been exchanged with Emergency One UK Ltd – significant delay (6-9 months) on delivery of the chassis to the supplier

<b>ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES</b>	<b>To 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>
<b>Number of Emergency Calls Attended</b>	<b>570</b>
<b>Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Number of Commencement Notices Received</b>	<b>195</b>

### Transition Year Youth Fire Service Programme

Community Fire Safety has always been to the forefront of Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service, through our Community Smoke Alarm Scheme, our 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Primary Schools Programme and many more initiatives with which we strive to help our communities take a more active role in their own fire safety. While we

**Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service**  
**YOUTH FIRE SERVICE PROGRAMME**  
Reach higher. See further.  
Shine Brighter.

**Week 1: Fire Safety**  
Learn the basics of Fire Safety, what to do and more importantly what not to do, become a Fire Safe member of your community. We also take a look at what happens when things go desperately wrong.

**Week 2: Careers in the Fire Service Calling 999 / 112**  
Learn how to make that all important call to the emergency services, when to make it and when not to make it. Plus all you ever need to know about joining your local Fire Service.

**Week 3: Fire Marshal Training 1**  
Begin your fire marshal training by learning what is expected, roles and responsibilities of a Fire Marshal. At the end of this lesson you will be able to create a fire escape plan and draw it.

**Week 4: Fire Marshal Training 2: Practical Element**  
Learn how to correctly use a fire extinguisher on live fires, experience first hand firefighter techniques and procedures.

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

have always been very active promoting Fire Safety at a primary school level there has, up to now, been less of an opportunity to do this at a secondary school level. Consequently, this year we launched the Youth Fire Service Programme. This is aimed at the secondary school senior cycle, primarily, but not limited to, transition years. This programme runs in conjunction with the secondary school curriculum covering areas such as Fire Science, Case Studies and even Career Investigation (where we look to the Fire Service for potential career opportunities). There is both a theoretical and practical element to the programme, which seems to appeal to all, both student and teacher alike.

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

Currently we have put more than 50 students through the pilot stage of the Youth Fire Service Programme and all feedback has been very positive.

Interest in the programme is also very high and many schools have already come forward to request that their school be considered for this programme next year.

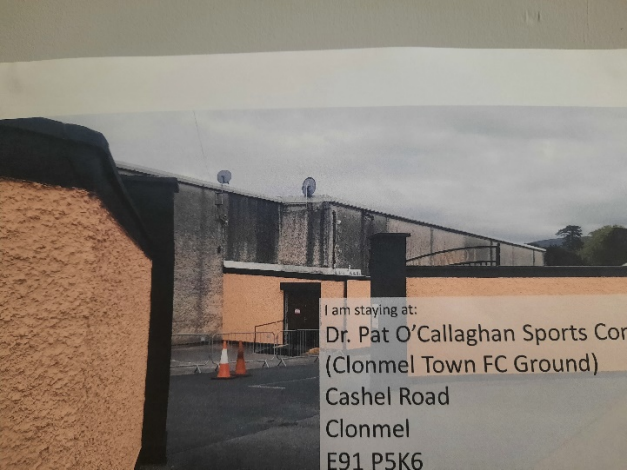




Tipperary Civil Defence

Activities	COVID -19 Response
<b>Littleton Rest Centre</b>	<p>Since the 18<sup>th</sup> March Tipperary Civil Defence has been heavily involved in the set up and administration of two temporary rest centres in the county. The Moycarky – Borris sports/community facility in Littleton was the first Centre to be set up by members of Civil Defence. This state-of-the-art facility was transformed in a matter of 48hrs and made good to receive and house on a temporary basis 60 displaced persons. With the assistance of staff from the Housing section, Tipperary volunteer Centre, under the direction of Derek Fanning and members of the local community in Littleton people fleeing war in Ukraine were facilitated in the Littleton Centre. The input of first two groups the Centre was operated and managed by Tipperary Civil Defence, Staff from Tipperary Co. Co. the Volunteer Centre and local committee members from Moycarky Borris Club. The facility since the third input is managed by the Lions Club Trust in Thurles and the administration and inter departmental processes are still carried out by Civil Defence. Transport to appointment, doctors' visits are also undertaken by Civil Defence under the direction of Anthony Graham A/Civil Defence Officer. Littleton is now awaiting its 8<sup>th</sup> input of displaced person with on average 57 persons per input.</p>
<b>Blood Transfusion Service</b>	<p>Volunteers continue to supply Meet and Greet and wellness checks for the Blood donation clinics at various locations throughout the county. Most recent clinics in Tipperary Town, Cannon Hayes Centre</p>
<b>Vaccination Centre Response</b>	<p>Since April 2021 Tipperary Civil Defence has aided the HSE with Meet and Greet and post vaccination observation in vaccination centers. Volunteers have been outstanding in their response to this activity request. This support continues 2 days a week at the Clonmel Centre in Gurtnaflur.</p>

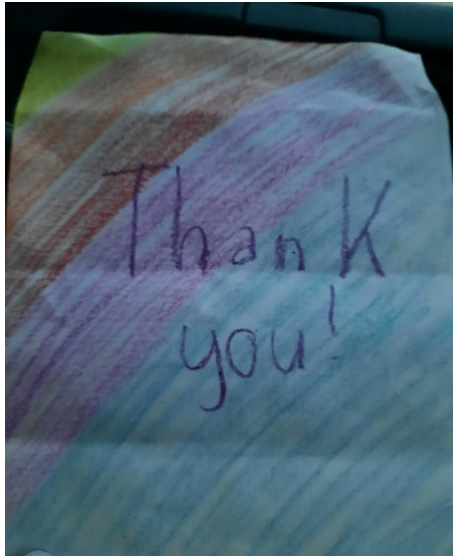


<p><b>Pat O Callaghan Complex Clonmel</b></p>	<p>The Dr Pat O Callaghan Complex Cashel Rd Clonmel was selected as the second site for a rest centre. With the very professional and dedicated assistance of the housing contractor team under the guidance of Michael O Shea and Civil Defence this sports centre was transformed into a centre with a capacity to welcome 60 displaced persons. Considerable upgrade works took place and the centre, which is now operational. The facility is managed by Clonmel Rotary Club and as in Littleton the inter departmental relations, transport and re set of the facility is conducted by Civil Defence. Assistance is given by the Housing section with initial registration of each input. This centre is now fully operational and awaiting a fourth input. The longest stay at the facility was 8 days. This facility offers the residence access to local amenities, public transport exceptional out door space at the complex.</p> 



A message from our residence  
from Ukraine

The people from Ukraine are so very grateful for the support, help and respect that they are shown at both our centres





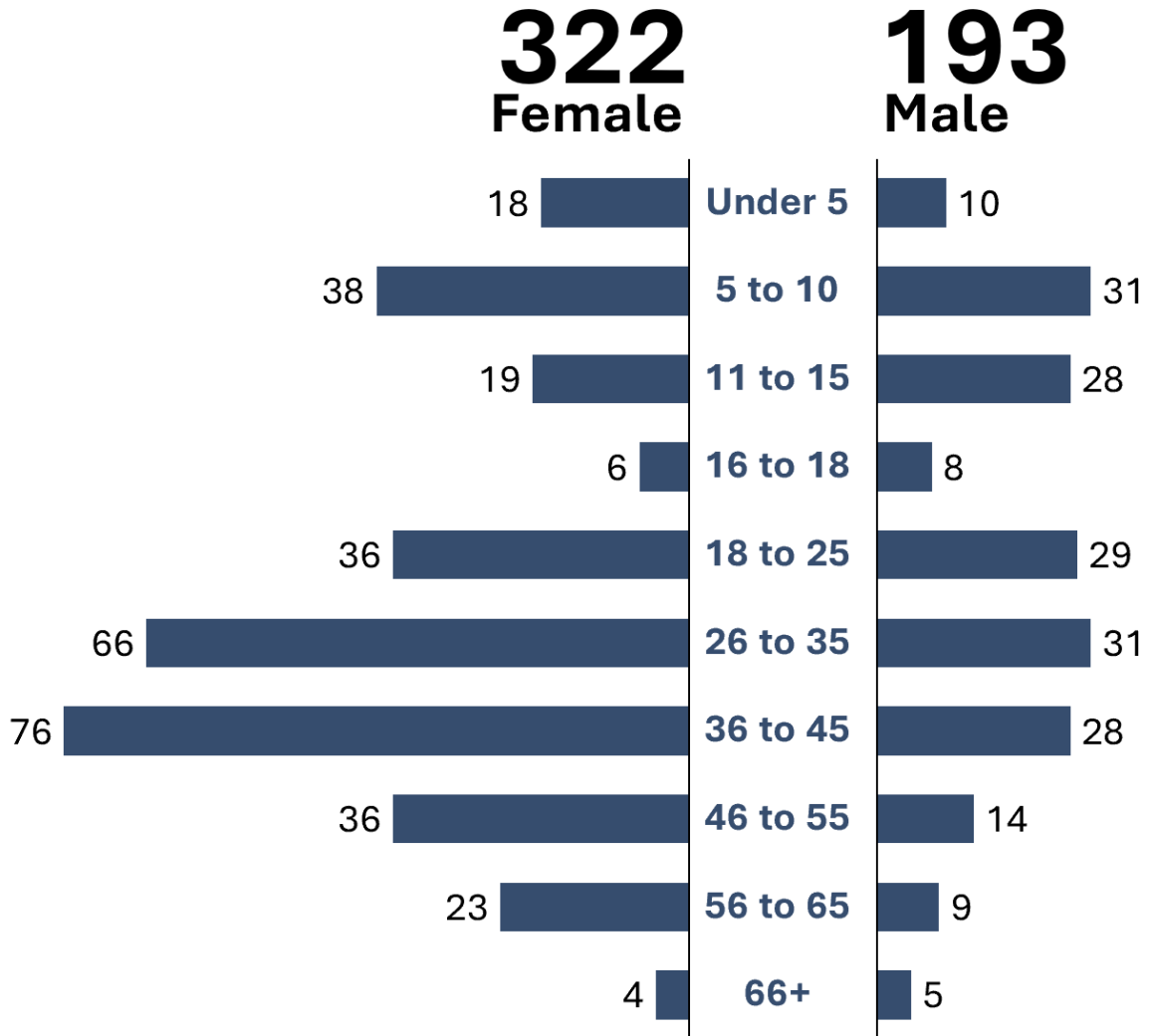
[Outing to St Patrick's Well](#)

While the residence are in centre Civil Defence provides transport to various local amenity sites such as the Lake in Littleton, St Patricks Well, River Suir and Mulcahy Park





Age on Arrival



Group Sizes / Location



Arrival Date	Group Size	Location
02-Apr	53	Littleton
09-Apr	60	Littleton
17-Apr	55	Littleton
24-Apr	38	Littleton
05-May	103	Littleton & Clonmel
12-May	53	Littleton
14-May	52	Clonmel
15-May	8	Clonmel
20-May	39	Littleton
23-May	54	Clonmel

Nights at Centre

Arrival Date	Group Size	Nights at Centre
02-Apr	53	3
09-Apr	60	5
17-Apr	55	4
24-Apr	38	4
05-May	103	4
12-May	53	5
14-May	52	5
15-May	8	4
20-May	39	4
23-May	54	8



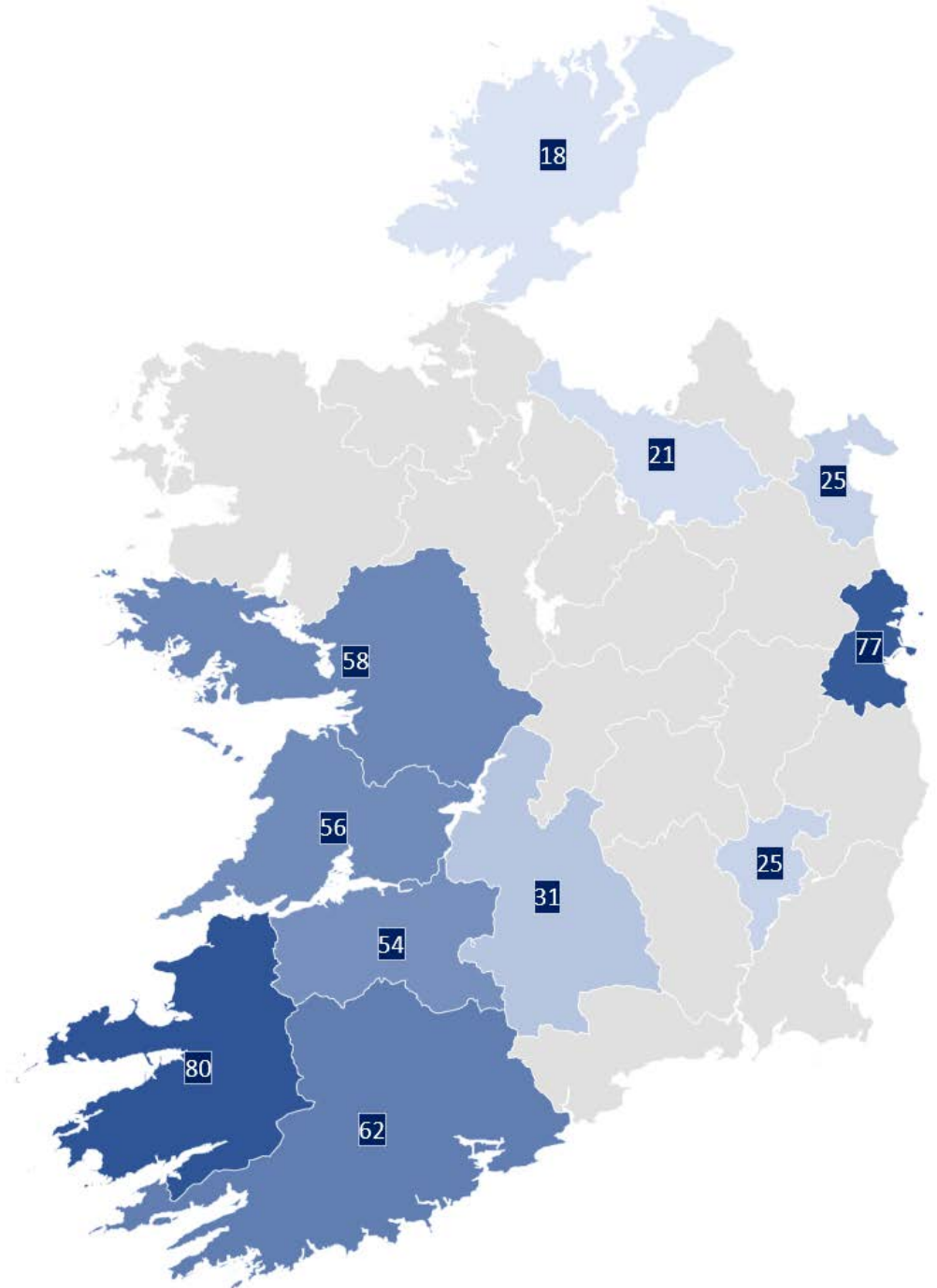
Family Size

Family Size	Count
Travelling Alone	60
2 people	71
3 people	55
4 people	18
5 people	6
6 people	5
7 people	1
9 people	1




[Stats from the recent inputs in Clonmel and Littleton](#)

Destination Sites





	
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Health & Safety	<p>Risk Assessments reviewed Civil Defence has reviewed a substantial number of operational Risk assessments and has completed the sectional Risk assessments for COVID related activities. First SMCC meeting held. Risk assessments are being conducted for our work at the Rest centers in both Clonmel and Littleton</p>
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<b>Civil Defence Training</b>	Training of volunteers has recommenced. One of our members recently passed his assessment at EMT level. Well done to Mark Quillian..
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## Bealtaine Festival 2022



Launch of the Bealtaine Festival in the Excel  
From left to right: Valerie Madden, Catherine Fogarty, Cllr. Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach, TCC, Damien Dullaghan, Éanna Ní Lamhna, Una Molloy, Melanie Scott, Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, TCC, Cllr Anne Marie Ryan

- Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine takes place as an annual nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is an initiative of Age & Opportunity, the national organisation working to enable the best possible quality of life for us all as we age. Locally the Tipperary County Council Bealtaine Festival is led by The Arts Office and Library Service working with other partners such as arts venues and community groups. Events take place in Arts Centres, Libraries, Day Care Centres, Community Halls, in Nursing Homes and with Active Retirement Groups
- The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival was officially launched on 5<sup>th</sup> May in the Excel Theatre by Cllr Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council. As part of this event, acclaimed botanist, zoologist and Irish Wildlife expert Éanna Ní Lamhna gave a Talk and Walk tour around Tipperary Town. The launch began with a very informative talk by Éanna Ní Lamhna which was then followed by a walking tour of Tipperary Town.



The Wood of O in Cashel Library

- Cashel Library held a musical evening with the group The Wood of O on 13<sup>th</sup> May. This event was organised for the Bealtaine Festival.
- Cashel Library hosted the launch of Tom Wood's Scrap Book, a collection of photos and memorabilia from the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Century by Oliver Corbett on 21<sup>st</sup> May. This event was organised for the Bealtaine Festival.



- Thurles Library hosted a play entitled "The Pauper Priest" on 7<sup>th</sup> May. This event was organised for the Bealtaine Festival.



- Thurles Library hosted a 'Get to know your Smartphone' workshop in conjunction with the Tipperary ETB on 17<sup>th</sup> May. This event was organised for the Bealtaine Festival.
- Nenagh Library organised a storytelling event on 10<sup>th</sup> May entitled *Reminiscing - Back in my day* with author Jimmy Duggan. Library users were invited to meet with Jimmy and share their stories in a morning of reminiscing. This event was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Staff at Nenagh Library organised a crocheting class with Sandra Coote on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. This event was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Nenagh Library organised a concert with the Drawing Room Opera Company on 10<sup>th</sup> May. In existence now for almost 25 years the Drawing Room Opera Club has played to audiences both in Ireland and throughout Europe and the Library event was very successful. This event was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.
- Clonmel Library hosted a Ceramics Workshop with Paulette O'Donovan on 9<sup>th</sup> May. This event was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.
- Clonmel Library hosted a writing workshop entitled Focus on Four on 11<sup>th</sup> May. This was a Tipperary Bealtaine creative writing project involving the publication of a book, 'Bridging the Distance,' showcasing the poetry and prose of four Tipperary writers: Mary Caulfield from Cahir, Ann Dempsey from Carrick-on-Suir, Clogheen native Richard Cahill and Clonmel woman, Mary O' Gorman.



Wednesday May 25th 7-8pm  
Booking advised - 052-616-6130



- Clonmel Library hosted a lecture entitled *Brexit: that'll leave a mark!* by Dr. Brian Lucey, TCD on 25<sup>th</sup> May. This event was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Tipperary Town Library hosted a musical performance by the County Tipperary Ryan Youth Orchestra on 6<sup>th</sup> May. The event included traditional Irish section of solos and lots of jigs and reels for the entertainment of the audience. This event was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.
- Tipperary Town Library organised a Yoga class with Lara Slattery on 18<sup>th</sup> May. This event was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- The Art Exhibition 'Tosú Arís Starting Over' went on display in Carrick-on-Suir Library from 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May. This very special project focused on honouring experiences of bereaved people and their loved ones. The participants who helped create the exhibition spent time in the library every day to speak to those who wanted to view the exhibition. This was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Staff in Carrick-on-Suir Library organised 'Carrick Library Miscellany' – an evening of poetry, prose and musical interludes from local writers and poets on 25<sup>th</sup> May. The writers and poets were Breda Joyce, Joe Whelan, Wattie Dunphy, Ann Dempsey and Annette Condon, and the musician was pianist Laura Britton. Over 40 members of the public attended the miscellany. This event was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Roscrea Library hosted a gardening workshop with Michael Maher on 20<sup>th</sup> May. This event was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.
- Roscrea Library hosted a traditional Music Session with Roscrea Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann on 25<sup>th</sup> May. This event was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.
- Cahir Library hosted a Watercolours Art Workshop with Tina Looby on 10<sup>th</sup> May. This event was organised as part of the Bealtaine Festival.

services on offer including the Magic table.

Library Service



- Staff at Cashel Library organised a series of events during April to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Library opening in Friar Street.



- Cashel Library hosted visits from Scoil Chormaic, Cashel on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May. Students were given a demonstration of the new sensory



- Thurles Library hosted a Little Library Event on 6<sup>th</sup> April as part of the First 5 programme. A Storytelling & Puppetry show was organised with Storygate. Children from Sunnyside Daycare, Gort na nÓg Preschool, Lámha Beaga Playschool and Muddy Puddles Preschool attended the event.



- Students from the Ursuline School visited Thurles Library on 3<sup>rd</sup> May where they received a tour of the Library and a workshop on Library online resources including e-books.
- Thurles Library hosted a visit from Rehab Day-Care Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> May. Students were given a demonstration

of the new sensory services on offer including the Magic table.



- Nenagh Library hosted an exhibition entitled *Looking Back: a lockdown collection* by Kevin Walsh in April. Kevin Walshe is the owner and managing director of Walshe signs in Nenagh but is perhaps equally well known for his creative side and work as a graphics artist.



We were delighted to welcome author Roisín Meaney to Nenagh library for our annual 'Spring into Storytime'.

- Nenagh Library held a series of storytelling events with author Roisín Meaney on 13<sup>th</sup> April as part of the Spring into Storytime campaign. Spring into Storytime is part of the national Right to Read programme which aims to promote literacy and reading development for people of all ages and backgrounds.



James (8) and his sister Anna (6) had fun madding 'The Beach.'



- Nenagh Library's Lego Club continues to meet on a regular basis. The month of May saw some very creative work by its members.



- Clonmel Library in partnership With Calmast (STEM Engagement Centre at WIT) facilitated two events for the Syrian and Ukrainian students attending Raheen College. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, Eoin Gill, Chartered Engineer held a bridge building workshop in the library and on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May local naturalist Brain White brought the students on a Biodiversity Walk on the Suir Blueway. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of May a visit to the library was made by Ukrainian families currently staying at the Dr. Pat O'Callaghan Sports Complex.
- A debate on the use of nuclear energy in Ireland was held in Clonmel Library on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. The guest speakers included Economist Colm McCarthy and Energy Engineer Denis Duff.



- The *Sign of the Times* project was officially launched by Cllr Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council in Tankerstown NS

on 19<sup>th</sup> May. *Sign of the Times* is a video storytelling project where the stories are filmed in Clonmel Library and voiced by the library staff and signed by Mary Kiely, Midwest Deaf School, Limerick. The primary objective of the *Sign of the Times* project is the promotion of Irish Sign Language (ISL). *Sign of the Times* is a partnership project led by Tipperary Gold Star, partnered by Tipperary County Council, members of the Deaf Community and participation by community and voluntary sector. The stories can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLk7C9IRfVci0D11NuMRSukMMKNpv7gnnt>



- Tipperary Town Library held a historic costume workshop with Tara Nelson on 18<sup>th</sup> May.
- Tipperary Town Library held a Community Garda Talk on Crime Prevention on 19<sup>th</sup> May.



- Tipperary Town Library hosted a 'Get to know your Smartphone' workshop in conjunction with the Tipperary ETB on 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- Roscrea Library hosted an event entitled *A Celebration of Africa* on 25<sup>th</sup> May. This was held to mark Africa Day.

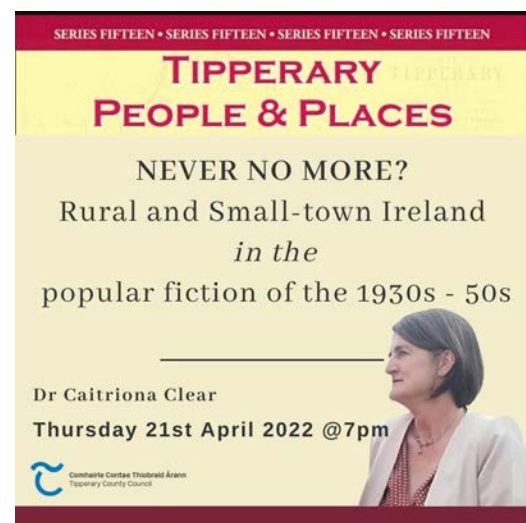


- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted four story time with puppet shows with all preschools in the Carrick-on-Suir catchment area and with the children of Bridgewater House Direct Provision Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

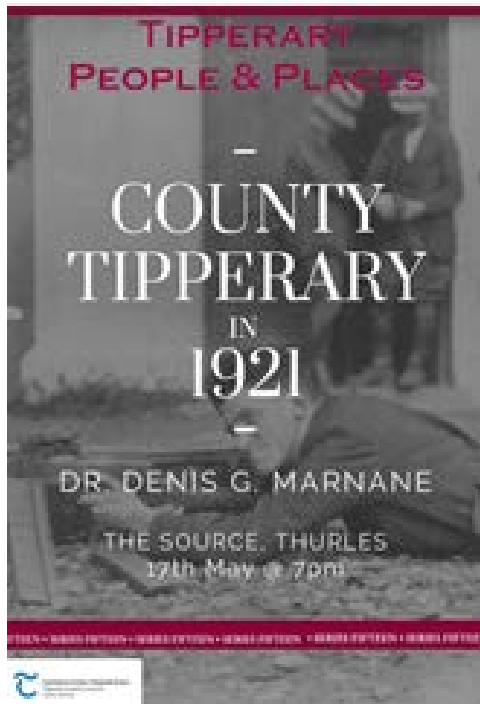


- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a biodiversity event with the Green School and artist Margueritte Kent on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Tipperary Studies



- Dr Caitriona Clear gave an illustrated talk entitled “*Never No More: rural and small-town Ireland in the popular fiction 1930s – 1950s*” in Thurles Library on 21<sup>st</sup> April.



- Dr Des Marnane gave a talk on the Tipperary People and Places Lecture Series (in association with The Treaty Exhibition) on 17<sup>th</sup> May.



- *The Treaty, 1921: Records from the Archives* exhibition was hosted by The Source Library from 6<sup>th</sup> May, to 31<sup>st</sup> May. This follows a hugely successful three-month exhibition at Dublin Castle where the Anglo-Irish

Treaty 1921 went on public display for the first time. The exhibition marks the centenary of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty (6 December 1921). Tipperary was one of only six counties who were chosen to host this exhibition.



- Tipperary Studies in collaboration with Tipperary County Archives organised a lecture entitled ‘Towards an understanding of Mary MacSwiney: Trauma and the Brixton Hunger Strike of 1920’. The lecture was given by Dr Leeann Lane, DCU and took place on 10<sup>th</sup> May in the Source Gallery, Thurles.

[Arts Service](#)

Tipperary Bealtaine Festival



- The new Tipperary Festivals and Events Strategy was developed in consultation with the sector locally during 2021 and seeks to support the re-emergence of the festival offering in Tipperary by listening to the needs as identified by festival makers during the consultation process last autumn. During February and March, six connected workshops were offered to festivals and event organisers under the Festivals and Events Supports initiative offered by Tipperary County Council. Workshops were designed to address the requirements of festivals and events in the County as we emerge from the periods of lockdown and restrictions which were such a feature of life over the past two years. Free of charge and delivered online workshops were offered in Health and Safety for Festivals and Events, Toolkits for Festivals and Events, Marketing for Festivals and Events, introductions to the Arts Council commissioned Digital Toolbox a resource for festivals wishing to generate digital content.
- Some highlights included:

Writer Margaret Galvin's **Focus on Four** is a Tipperary Bealtaine creative writing project culminating in a publication 'Bridging the Distance,' which will showcase the poetry and prose of four Tipperary writers: Mary Caulfield, Ann Dempsey, Richard Cahill and Mary O' Gorman. These writers address a diversity of subjects and presented readings from 'Bridging the Distance' at venues around the county during May.



- The **Eco Showboat** expedition is a four-month arts voyage from Limerick to Enniskillen on the Mayfly, the first solar electric boat to make this journey. The project is the brain child of artists Anne Cleary and Denis Connolly, aka [School of Looking](#).

This project is a series of encounters with artists, activists, scientists and members of the public as they travel upriver from Limerick to Enniskillen, discovering the beauty of the Shannon and the Erne waterways. We welcomed the Eco Showboat in Dromineer on 18<sup>th</sup> May last for a very special celebration of the arts and literature with Tipperary poets Eleanor Hooker and Emily Cullen and organic farmer Ailbhe Gerard for an afternoon of discussion, discovery and the arts. Local school children also visited the Eco Showboat and participated in a slow looking drawing workshop with artists Cleary Connolly and scientist Rachael O'Malley who facilitated a kick sample workshop investigating and drawing invertebrates collected from the Nenagh River which were later returned to their habitat.



- The aim of the **Tipperary Artist in Primary Schools Scheme** is to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off unique project to be originated and planned between the artist and the school. 8 artists residencies in schools throughout the county were selected by an independent selection

panel to take place during 2022. Projects across a range of artistic disciplines ranging from theatre to visual arts and music to storytelling will take place in Tipperary schools this year engaging pupils in a creative arts programme. Two projects were completed this term. A project by visual artist Katy Goodhue called **HERE! Not Now, back THEN!** Took place in two small rural schools in the Slieveardagh Hills; Ballysloe NS & Slieveardagh NS investigating the history of the area particularly the rich mining heritage and medieval ruins in the area. Theatre artist Joanna Parkes worked with students in Gaelscoil Bhríde, Durlas also seeking inspiration from their locality and heritage investigating how life and culture in Ireland has been influenced by history, linking to themes of community, interdependence, kindness and wellbeing.

In the Open | Faoin Spéir



  
**Faoin Spéir**  
In the Open



- In the Open | Faoin Spéir is an Arts Council funded programme developed in response to the COVID-19 crisis for 2021/22 which supported a variety of outdoor arts events taking place in public spaces around Ireland. Tipperary Arts Office partnered with the South Tipperary Arts Centre and Clonmel Junction Arts Festival to develop an exciting programme for Clonmel with an overarching theme of “Come out to Play”. This programme focuses on making creativity visible through large scale visual arts events, performances, music and theatre with events taking place from October 2021 to May 2022. This is an ambitious programme of events for Clonmel

which was demonstrated once again with the transformation of the Parade Grounds in Kickham Barracks into a performance space for the third event in the programme PRISM with Spraoi and local performers from 8-10 April. This event was attended by almost 1000 people over three nights with 31 local performers. There was a great response to this magnificent large scale outdoor multi-disciplinary event led by Tipperary Arts Office.



- The fourth event in the programme INSIDE OUT recently emerged on the streets of Clonmel led by The South Tipperary Arts Centre. Artist Joe Caslin created a new temporary mural which is central to the exhibition, along with “Tread Softly” by Canvaz which was installed last Autumn.

The work of 7 local artists selected through an Open Call is also presented on a large scale around the town, bringing the gallery outside and the streets to life from late April to late May.

### [Heritage Service](#)

#### **County Heritage Plan Actions:**

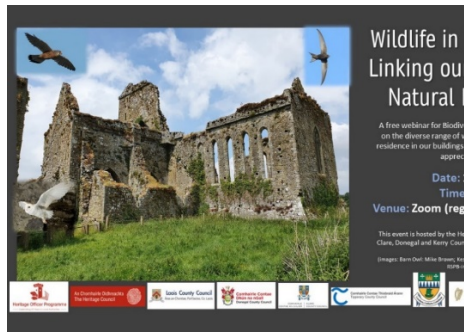
- **Holy Wells Audit Field Survey:**  
Field work has commenced and over the next 2-3 months all holy wells in the county will be visited and documented. Holy wells are a unique feature of our cultural landscapes, they are scattered across the entire county and are part of the heritage and folklore of our communities. To ensure that all of the traditions and customs associated with these wells are documented, all data gathered will be combined with last year's desk survey and uploaded on to the Tipperary Holy Wells website as a permanent record of these sites later this year.
- **Tipperary Industrial Heritage Project:** Industrial heritage can be very vulnerable as it may not fall under any designation. Nonetheless it is an important part of heritage. Therefore, the Heritage Office will work with two groups this year to conserve elements of it. An assessment of the Copper Steeple has been carried out as part one of this project. A site meeting has taken place with a local group in Ballynonty to progress the mill project.
- **Raising Awareness:** Templemore will be our pilot town for a new

initiative supporting local groups to action their Heritage. This project will commence in August.

- **Bolton Library Film Project:**  
Filming has wrapped up on this project and the short film about the history of this hugely significant scholarly library is in production. It is hoped to premiere same in September.

#### **National Biodiversity Action Plan Actions:**

- Applications were submitted for five Biodiversity projects which include the next phase of the Wetlands Survey, Training for communities on wildflowers and natural habitats, bird surveys on three bog sites and Invasive Species eradication on the Little Brosna River. We are still waiting on the outcome of a funding decision.
- A video about 'Wildlife in Buildings' has been produced by Birdwatch Ireland and supported by Heritage Offices in Tipperary, Clare and Laois. This is to accompany the publication launched last year in conjunction with Kerry and Donegal County Councils. The video was formally launched at a webinar during Biodiversity Week.



### Historic Towns Initiative

- Tipperary Town received €163,000 for the conservation of the Glove Factory which has been unused for over 50 years. The funding was awarded under a new element to this scheme which is the re-use of historic buildings. The Glove factory is to be developed for housing and a commercial unit.
- Works have commenced on site. A visit took place in advance of work to assess objects and documents relating to the Glove Factory. The Museum of Hidden History in Clonmel and the County Archives are temporarily storing items until a suitable location for their display can be identified in Tipperary Town.

### Irish Walled Towns Network

- Funding was allocated to the Heritage Officer under this year's IWTN Interpretation scheme for a booklet highlighting the history of Irish Walled Towns and the key features in the four walled towns of Cashel, Carrick on Suir, Fethard and Clonmel in Tipperary that are network members.
- Work has commenced and it is hoped to launch the booklet around Heritage Week in August

### Community Monuments Fund

- The Community Monuments Fund was first established in 2020 to provide investment in Ireland's archaeological heritage. This funding is prioritised for local authorities, private owners and custodians and community groups for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments. Four projects in County Tipperary were awarded funding in this year's scheme:
  - Kilnarath Church, Newport - €78,087 for Stabilisation Works
  - Boolabaun Castle, Roscrea - €68,253 for Stabilisation Works
  - Coolquill Castle, Killenaule - €49,432 for Stabilisation Works
  - Loughloher Castle/Tower House - €14,528 for Conservation Plan



### Commemorations Programme:

- All grants have been accepted and the Commemoration events and projects are taking place around the county.
- Funding was allocated to Galway, Clare and Tipperary for a special project this year, remembering Aleen Cust. Aleen Cust was born in Cordangan, Tipperary and became the first female Vet in Ireland and

the UK. She worked in Galway and Roscommon. The Heritage Officers have been working with the Aleen Cust Memorial committee and local people to raise awareness of this trail blazing woman. A conference will take place in Mount Bellew Agricultural College in June and a series of podcasts and educational resources as well as a short film on her life will also be produced.

- Our Landscapes of Revolution project has begun a series of community engagement workshops, you can keep up to date with events on their blog <https://landscapesofrevolution.com/tipperary-ira-map-project/>



*Aleen Cust 1868-1937*

### Creative Ireland Programme:

- All grants were accepted and work is progressing at various locations across the county.
- Cruinniú na nÓg, the national day of free creativity for young people takes place on 11 June 2022 and there is a high-quality line up of activity for Tipperary. The programme can be viewed at:

<https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/events/location/tipperary/>

- This is Art! 2022, Ireland's most exciting young people's art competition brought to you by RTE and the Creative Ireland Programme was launched earlier in the year. Over 2000 submissions across a wide range of disciplines and age groups across Ireland. The theme for 2022 was 'This is Extraordinary'. Winners will be announced during Cruinniú on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. An online gallery of all submissions is now live on RTE's website and you can view the submissions from Tipperary on the link

<https://www.rte.ie/thisisart/gallery/county/tipperary/>

- Six young Cruinniú Ambassadors were chosen from across Ireland including Anouk Baldin-Merer and Millie Shepard from the Cloughjordan Circus Club. Read more about their creative lives here <https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/ambassador/anouk-baldin-merer-millie-sheppard/>



*Anouk and Millie, image Creative Ireland*

### **Royal Sites Bid**

- The second meeting took place with the TLTG (Tentative List Technical Group) in April in which we made a presentation to the group in response to the EAG (Expert Advisory Group) recommendations.
- The World Heritage Unit team visited Cashel on the 10<sup>th</sup> May as part of a familiarisation tour of all the Royal Sites.
- A pilot mapping exercise of the OUV attributes was completed successfully and will be rolled out to all sites which will be the basis for the next phase of public engagement.
- An announcement on the Tentative List is due in June 2022.



## Museum Service

### Lecture Series:

The Civil War Lecture Series is completed. Audience numbers as follows:

Lecture 1: Brian Hanley – ‘Remembering the Revolution’: **154 Views**

Lecture 2: David McCullagh – ‘The most hateful of Conflict’s: de Valera’s Civil War’: **67 Views**

Lecture 3: Sean Hogan – ‘Fire as a Weapon in the decade of Revolution’: **29 Views**

Lecture 4: Gemma Clark – ‘Everyday Violence during the Civil War’: **39 Views**

Lecture 5: Brenda Malone – ‘The Irish Wars and the Politics of Display’: **50 Views**

Lecture 6: Pat McCarty – The Irish Civil War the first phase **56 Views**

Lecture 7: Gabriel Doherty – The other Treaty debate **33 Views**

- The lectures will remain online for one year.



### ARTiculation:

- The National Final was held in The People’s Museum, Limerick on 7<sup>th</sup> April. Schools from Kerry and Tipperary participated in Final which was won by Kate Coyne, Presentation, Clonmel.



- Three consultation sessions with the ladies’ group in Knockanrawley Resource Centre have been completed. These included a walking tour looking at architecture with Barry O’ Reilly, photography session with Barry O’ Connell and local history/folklore with Mary Alice O’ Connor. The group are now working on selecting the route, taking images and researching clues. The group are currently submitting text and images and work will be forwarded to the designer.



- The Museum has issued a public call out for potential artefacts for the new Civil Ware Exhibition.



- Tipperary Museum of Hidden History has been fully accredited under this programme for several years. As part of the standards set down by the Heritage Council for this accreditation, a detailed review of Museum policies must be carried out every five years. Marie McMahon brought forward three policies for consideration and review by the SPC in March.
  - Loan Policy
  - Deaccessioning Policy
  - Exhibition PolicyThese draft policies should be brought forward to a plenary Council meeting for adoption.



- The Museum hosted a Failte Ireland Farm Trip Thoroughbred Horse Experience on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Jayne Sutcliffe gave a talk on the Drangan Horse Skull which is on display in the Museum. This horse skull demonstrates the importance of the horse in the context of Irish history. The horse as far back as the Iron age was a very important element of daily life, not just for travel but for farming and warfare. The Horse skull on display in the Museum dates to the early 1800s and was buried under the alter of a church built in 1806 in Drangan, Co. Tipperary. Marie McMahon then, brought the group to Joe Channons Farrier to demonstrate Farrier techniques and local traditions



**FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE**

**Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division**

Year to Date 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022

	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) €
<b>A</b> Housing & Building	17,502,360	34,559,408	51%	17,057,048	17,054,276	34,709,748	49%	17,655,472	(448,084)
<b>B</b> Road Transport & Safety	17,052,973	59,048,543	29%	41,995,570	10,511,766	41,786,965	25%	31,275,199	(6,541,207)
<b>C</b> Water Services	4,333,138	14,885,125	29%	10,551,987	3,955,482	14,444,814	27%	10,489,332	(377,656)
<b>D</b> Development Management	5,142,001	14,611,039	35%	9,469,038	2,336,468	5,451,283	43%	3,114,815	(2,805,533)
<b>E</b> Environmental Services	9,351,122	29,570,114	32%	20,218,992	4,045,965	12,402,770	33%	8,356,805	(5,305,157)
<b>F</b> Recreation & Amenity	4,631,296	13,813,198	34%	9,181,902	840,364	2,605,159	32%	1,764,795	(3,790,933)
<b>G</b> Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	508,381	1,929,188	26%	1,420,807	368,775	1,272,475	29%	903,700	(139,607)
<b>H</b> Miscellaneous Services	6,120,433	16,486,224	37%	10,365,791	4,311,958	9,271,617	47%	4,959,659	(1,808,474)
<b>LG</b> Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	9,052,989	27,156,665	33%	18,103,676	9,052,989
<b>RA</b> Rates	0	0	0%	0	11,789,058	35,801,343	33%	24,012,285	11,789,058
<b>Totals</b>	<b>64,641,705</b>	<b>184,902,839</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>120,261,134</b>	<b>64,267,101</b>	<b>184,902,839</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>120,635,738</b>	<b>(374,604)</b>



*Note regarding Rates figures -*

**Capital Account – Year to Date 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
<b>A</b> Housing & Building	11,049,447	10,391,199
<b>B</b> Road Transport & Safety	1,932,627	1,736,427
<b>C</b> Water Services	444,328	347,799
<b>D</b> Development Management	5,506,939	4,980,841
<b>E</b> Environmental Services	343,343	112,944
<b>F</b> Recreation & Amenity	298,532	152,579
<b>G</b> Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	203,112	96,426
<b>H</b> Miscellaneous Services	206,460	16,310
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,984,788</b>	<b>17,834,525</b>

- 2021 year-end % takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the end of April figures.

- 2021 year-end % also takes account of Rates Waiver of €7.54m, the corresponding figure for 2022 is €0.8m

<b>Collection Rates</b>	<b>YTD 202204</b>	<b>YTD 202104</b>	<b>YTD 202112</b>
<b>Rates</b>	31%	23%	83%
<b>Rents</b>	72%	90%	97%
<b>Housing Loans</b>	92%	91%	94%

- 2021 figures include credit brought forward of €3.04m, the corresponding figure for 2022 is €1.41m.



## COMMERCIAL RATES

Rate Accruals for 2022 amounted to **€35,531,577**. This has been adjusted to **€35,469,059** following appeal results from the Valuation Tribunal. This may be adjusted further downwards as results from other appeals to the Valuation Tribunal following ReVal 2019 are decided.

Payments of **€15,334,583** were received to 18/05/2022. This figure includes deferred income from 2021 in the amount of €1,413,800 – this arose where customer accounts were in credit at the end of 2021 due to the application of the 2021 Covid relief waiver.

## COVID 19 COMMERCIAL RATES WAIVER SCHEME

The 2022 Covid19 Rates Waiver Scheme has been applied to customer accounts, in the amount of **€792,822**. This is restricted to certain uses within the Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism categories.

## EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES 2021

The terms for our Early Payment Scheme for 2022 are;

- Applied to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €12,000 for 2022.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 5%, subject to a maximum of €500, payment of rates must be made in full, (less the reduction under the Waiver Scheme) by 31st July 2022.
- Customers paying by Direct Debit can avail of the 5% reduction if payment is made by September 2022.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they meet the following requirements:

- a) Pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates, net of waiver, by the same timelines outlined above and
- b) Enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.

1,346 customers benefitted from our Early Payment Scheme in 2021, achieving total reductions in their rates of €92,304



## 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% Vacancy Relief
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	85% Vacancy Relief 15% to be paid
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	70% Vacancy Relief 30% to be paid



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

### Business Systems & GIS

#### Housing

- Continued to support Choice Based Letting which has been up and running for 2 months to this point, to date there have been 34,000 logins.
- Commenced the iHouse upgrade to v3.8 – the latest version will replicate the current application form and include other improvements.

#### Finance

- Continued planning for Agresso upgrade to Milestone 7.
- Implemented new SBASC system for auditing purposes.

#### Roads

- Updated the GIS system with the new route options for the N24.

#### GIS

- Commenced planning of upgrade of ArcGIS - scheduled for July.
- Continued to provide map data for other sections, e.g. museum.
- Facilitated 3<sup>rd</sup> Party maps where required.
- Renewed licencing as required.

#### Corporate/Organisation/HR

- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.
- Commenced process of identifying upgrade\decommission paths for out of support servers.

- Tested and implemented Auto-addressing for CRM system.

#### Web Site and eDevelopment

- Continued with redevelopment of the council website Tipperarycoco.ie
- Continued improvement of online forms/grant applications

#### Networks & Infrastructure

- Commenced rollout of new security solution for existing remote access users.
- Commenced implementation of new remote access solution to facilitate blending working initiative.
- Continued with rollout of WIFI solution.
- Deployed WIFI connectivity for fire stations vehicle inspection system.
- Configured Zoom video conferencing solution for Carrick on Suir Chamber
- Rolled out new laptops and e-mail addresses to Councillors and migrated their accounts to 365.
- Tested softphones for CSD Staff,
- Commenced planning of pop up call centre in the event of major emergencies.

#### All Teams

- Continued to provide technical support to staff and elected members
- Continued to manage and support business systems, websites, geographical, desktop and network systems