



Management Report to Council



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<u>13</u> 10:00: - 16:00 TCC Plenary Meeting	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 10:00 -17:00 UE WSP 11:00 – 13:00 Clonmel BD Meeting	<u>16</u> 10:00 Nenagh MD Meeting	<u>17</u>
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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



Soil Nailing and Bridge Supports at the R498 Latteragh Realignment Project



<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>
Policy Changes/Updates
Two meetings of the Infrastructure SPC have been held in 2026 to date, and considered the following Agenda Items: • Annual Allocations • Public Sector Duty • Speed Limit Review Process



- Policy on Roadside Memorials
- Draft Tipperary County Council Parking Bye-laws.

The next meeting of the Infrastructure SPC will be held on 7th September 2026.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030: <u>Cahir to Limerick Junction & Oola:</u> Arup appointed Oct 2019 for Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in September 2020. Phase 2: Preferred Transport Solution announced May 2022. TCC published the Options Selection Report in March 2023. Phase 3: Design Update No. 1 took place on 23rd January 2023. Design Update No. 2 took place on 25th October 2024 and announced a divided road. The Draft Design was announced on 27th May 2025. <u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021. Phase 2: Options selection commenced 3rd May 2022. The Proposed Transport Solution was announced on 19th January 2024. A non-statutory public display of the Preferred Transport Solution was held from 23rd January to 9th February 2024. Four in-person public displays were held in Carrick, Clonmel, Cahir and Mooncoin.	<u>Cahir to Limerick Junction & Oola:</u> Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation: This will determine the land take required for the preferred option. Phase 3 is programmed for completion in Q3 2026 after which the next step is application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. <u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2 – Progress has been held up due to a lack of funding since 2023. On 17th Feb 2026 funding of €500,000 was announced which will allow the Project to proceed to Phase 3 whereby the Design and Environmental Evaluation can be progressed. THRDO are preparing this process.
Capital Programme 2026	Implementation of Programme	2026 TII Allocations received.
Implementation of 2026 Operational Road Works Programme	Implementation of Programme	2026 Regional and Local Road allocations received. Works are in progress. Volatility in the fuel markets is creating some cost uncertainty, and we are monitoring the situation.
Consultation	Consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.	The Annual Meeting with TII will be scheduled for Q4 2026.



Speed Limit Review - update	The Department of Transport carried out a Review of Speed Limits nationally and this has resulted in changes to the default speed limits for roads in Ireland. These changes were signed into law in April 2024. The changes to the legislation will reduce the <u>default</u> speed limits on some road categories including: • 60km/hr on Rural Local Roads (reduction from 80km/hr) • 80km/hr on National Secondary Roads (currently 100km/hr) • 30km/hr in Urban Areas (currently predominantly 50km/hr). The implementation of the reduction of a default speed limit on Rural Local Roads to 60km/hr is complete.	It is proposed by the National Group that implementation of the speed limits will be done in phases: • Phase 1 - Complete • Phase 2 - Urban Areas • Phase 3 - Other Special Circumstances, schools etc. Progress on Phase 2 has commenced with pre-consultation letters issued, and all 3 AGS Divisions have been met and consulted with. Our 5 District Councils have also been met and consulted with. Formal consultation with AGS and TII is due to commence in July. The nationally set time frame for adoption of the new bye-laws is 30th October 2026 with the enactment date set as 1st March 2027. This is a very challenging time frame given the nature of the review.
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Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding. A ground investigation has been completed, and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design. Preliminary design work has stalled as funding has not been provided by TII. The Council continues to look for funding to progress with the preliminary design.	Preliminary design will continue when TII funding becomes available.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	The scheme involves: - road pavement improvement works. - addressing a number of road safety issues - the renewal and widening of footpaths. - the extension of footpaths to speed limit on Portumna side and to R493 Terryglass Road on Borrisokane side of village. - public lighting improvements. - public realm improvements. RPS consultants completed Preliminary design. Part 8 planning approval was received in October 2024. Advance works (drainage attenuation pond) have been completed. A TII allocation has been notified in 2026 to complete the detailed design. Business case developed. TII approval to proceed to tender for consultants for detail design and procurement of works contractor received.	Appoint consultant for detail design and procurement of works contractor in Q3 2026, subject to TII approvals and funding. Appoint works Contractor in Q2 2027 subject to TII approval and funding.
N52 Ardcroney Village	Preliminary design has commenced for a pavement rehabilitation scheme in Ardcroney village.	It is anticipated that a portion of the scheme will go through a Section 38 procedure in Q3 2026. Construction is anticipated in 2027.
Thurles Municipal District		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route selected and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbied extensively for the project to be included in the NDP. On 25 th November 2025 the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan was announced which referenced the Project.	An allocation of €50,000 in 2026 has been notified for this project. TII have advised this is to prepare the Project Outline Document for Phase 0.



N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 447m of pavement on the N62 Slievenamon road, Thurles. It includes changes to the road layout, road rehabilitation, replacement and widening of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs, surface water drainage improvements, undergrounding of overhead power lines and public realm improvements. The preliminary design and Part 8 planning process have been completed. Consultants for the detail design were appointed in April 2024, and the detail design has commenced. Complications with TII funding and an Uisce Éireann Surface Water separation scheme have delayed the project. Thurles MD has carried out emergency inlay works in the interim. A TII allocation has been notified in 2026 to complete the detailed design.	Completion of the ground investigation, detailed design and procurement of a works Contractor (subject to TII approval). It is anticipated that the scheme will be ready for construction in 2027.
Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles, from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme was held up due to funding restrictions but went to tender in December 2024. Emergency funding was made available by TII in June 2025 and construction was completed in Q4 2025.	Works are substantially complete. Snagging work ongoing.
N62 Roscrea Bypass at Tullaskeagh	Consultants have been appointed and Preliminary Design for a safety scheme has commenced.	Part 8 will be advertised in July 2026. Construction is anticipated in 2027.
N62 Turtulla Cross Roundabout	Consultants have been appointed and Preliminary Design has commenced for a safety scheme with a roundabout at Turtulla Cross.	Part 8 will be advertised in July 2026. Construction is anticipated in 2027.
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N76 Southlodge to Grangemockler	Gathering of surveys and data for design in 2026/2027. PARR submission prepared for issue to TII. Further surveys required to finalise PARR.	Issue to TII to seek funding. A separate scheme on the N76, Southlodge to Glenbower, has been prioritised by TII and the design team has been diverted to that until later this summer.



N76 Southlodge to Glenbower	Funding provided by TII for a 1.7km pavement resurfacing of this section of the N76. Scheme has been Tendered and awarded to Roadstone Ltd.	Works due to commence on 13 th July. Duration of approximately two weeks.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	GLAS Civil Engineering was appointed to carry out the works, which commenced on 29 th April 2024. Construction works are substantially complete.	Snagging ongoing.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. The Contract was awarded to Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Contractors Ltd., and commenced on site in February 2025, continuing to November 2025. Works are substantially complete.	12 months maintenance period commenced in October 2025, and minor snagging works are being carried out.
Clonmel Borough District		
Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	Tramore House RDO preparing the preliminary design to obtain TII approvals and for Planning submission.	Tramore House to progress design for Planning Phase.
N24 Knockagh to Derrygrath Pavement Scheme	Approximately 3.5km of overlay on the N24 between Knockagh and Derrygrath. The Tender was advertised April 2026, for return in May 2026. Tenders have been received and assessed. A recommendation for appointment of the Contractor has been made to TII. It is anticipated that, subject to TII approval to award that the works will commence by the end of July.	Awaiting TII approval of award.



Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	The CPO was published in August 2020 and confirmed on 16 th April 2021 without modifications. The detail design was completed in 2024. Advance works were completed in 2024. Archaeological investigations were completed in 2025. The Main Works commenced in November 2025 and are progressing to programme.	It is anticipated that the Main Works will take 18 months to complete and be completed by mid-2027.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with: - a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction; - a new priority junction with Mill Road; 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access, and a 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir; public lighting; flood alleviation works along the River Suir. This scheme is in the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to proceed to detailed design. Business case and related documents have been submitted to the Department. DoT have carried out a review of Consultant's Brief and following minor amendments this will be advertised for Tender shortly.	Approval by DoT to advertise tender for appointment of Consultant.



GREENWAY PROJECTS

Greenways 2026 Allocation: €500,000	Current Update
Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town Allocation: €100,000	TCC received TII Gate Approval to move from Phase 1 to Phase 2 'Options Selection' on 3 rd October 2025. TCC held the Phase 2 Public Consultation for Proposed Options from 25 th February to 25 th March 2026. Two open evenings were held, one in Cahir and one in Cashel with moderate attendance. Routes were displayed online, in two TCC Offices and two Libraries. There were approximately 120 submissions which the Council is currently evaluating. A large majority of submissions were supportive of the greenway.
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Road to Marlfield Allocation: €0	TII has not given an allocation for this project in 2026. TCC is self-funding the Phase 3/4 Planning stage of this project and has requested the Consultants to update the Environmental Assessments, the Route Options Report and prepare the Planning Package for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála in Q3/Q4 2026.
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel Allocation: €50,000	An Bord Pleanála approved permission for this project on 15 th April 2025. Funding is insufficient for the project to progress to Phase 5 Detailed Design and Tender.
Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage Allocation: €50,000	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report received formal TII Gate Approval to progress to Phase 2 Options Selection on 3 rd October 2025. TCC are currently advertising the Phase 2 Public Consultation for Proposed Options from Monday 22 nd June to Friday 17 th July 2026. Two open evenings were held in Cahir and Clonmel on 22 nd and 23 rd June. Routes are being displayed online, in two TCC Offices and Cahir Libraries with advertisements in local newspapers and local radio.
Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden Allocation: €50,000	TCC is preparing Tender Documents to procure a Consultant for Phases 2 to 4 with a view to commencing Phase 2 Route Options in Q4 2026.

CFRAM FLOOD RELIEF SCHEMES

Flood Relief Schemes	Current Update
Ballina FRS	The first consultation with the public and stakeholders took place online from 8th November – 6th December 2021. The second public consultation day was held on 12th June 2025 during which the community were presented with five options developed to alleviate flooding including the emerging preferred option. Significant requests for further information and amendments to the scheme were made by attendees. The design team has undertaken a high-level review taking these submissions into consideration. Upon selection of the emerging preferred option, the scheme will then proceed to Stage II, the planning process, where the preferred option will be developed and an application submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.
Holycross FRS	Stage 1 Option Selection for Holycross FRS is complete. The proposed Capital Flood Relief Scheme was not accepted by the benefitting property owners.
Knocklofty FRS	In July 2024 the OPW approved the Preferred Option in the Options Report, which enabled progression of the Knocklofty FRS. The Preferred Option is to construct raised defences on the River Suir to prevent flooding with stormwater drainage behind the defences. Total budget of €1.1m. This option was presented to the public for feedback on 17th April 2025 during the second Public Consultation Day for the scheme. The scheme received largely positive feedback and issues raised by the public have been taken into consideration. This project is currently in Stage II, the planning process, where the preferred option is being developed and an application will be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála in 2026.
Marlfield Lake FRS	The ground investigation for the scheme was completed in January 2026 and samples taken during this have been sent for laboratory testing. The results will facilitate the Design Team in selecting the most appropriate design options for the Marlfield Flood Relief Scheme. Upon selection of the emerging preferred option, the scheme will then proceed to Stage II, the planning process, where the preferred option will be developed and an application submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála. In parallel with the Capital FRS in Marlfield, work is continuing with the interim dam rehabilitation protection works involving various measures that will protect the existing dam and the surrounding area. Undertaking work in Marlfield Lake area is complex with many environmental and statutory constraints, however we have been engaging with the relevant stakeholders, and significant progress has been made. All the above is subject to OPW funding and approval.



Flood Relief Schemes	Current Update
Nenagh FRS	The scope and complexity of the Nenagh Flood Relief Scheme has evolved significantly, and the scheme was formally reclassified in September 2023 from a ‘small project’ to a major flood relief scheme. This decision reflects the scale of works required, the inclusion of critical infrastructure, and the need for robust governance and resources for a capital project of such magnitude. Preparatory work by the OPW has been ongoing with preliminary site surveys (topographical and CCTV) completed in Q4 2025. A Steering Group has been established to oversee delivery of the Nenagh FRS. Tender documents for the procurement of consultants to progress both the engineering and environmental elements of the scheme are currently being prepared. Stage I – Option Identification & Preliminary Design will commence following the procurement and appointment of the Design Team. This is expected to progress in 2026 subject to OPW approval.

Digital Transformation – Roads Operational Management

The Roads Directorate continues to embed a digital operations and asset management platform. One-to-one training is ongoing with GSS’s and relevant staff.

The system facilitates operational oversight and governance, reduces administrative time, delivers safety information and notices to the staff on the ground, and provides an auditable system for our Safety Management System and ISO 45001. This transition now underpins our operations and safety management. It has also identified opportunities for efficiency and improvements across other sections.

The three core Roads Risk Assessment are currently being reviewed and will be combined in a single RA to allow the full integration of the digital platform and the SMS.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

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

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

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

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

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Residential Zoned Land Tax (reviewed and updated annually)	The Council evaluated all written submissions received (12no.) and issued determinations in respect of whether land was in scope (7 no.). Further decisions were also made in respect of requests for land zoning to be changed (7 no. – some submissions made requests to be excluded from the scope of the tax as well as changing the land use zoning)	Final maps for 2026 were published on 31 January 2026. Draft Maps for 2027 were published on 01 February 2026. Acknowledgement letters for landowners seeking ‘rezoning’ exclusions sent in April 2026.	Landowners can appeal the Local Authority Determinations on the Draft Map 2027 to An Coimsuín Pleanála by 1 August 2026. The Final Maps for 2026 will be published on 31 January 2027 and will take account of evaluations, determinations and any appeal decisions. The Draft Maps for 2028 will be published on 01 February 2027 with a 2-month consultation period (1 February to 1 April 2027).
Variation (No.1) to the Tipperary County Development Plan	Consultation on Proposed Material Alterations began on 1 July and closes on 30 July 2026 at 4pm.	114 submissions were received during the initial consultation period. CE report provided to Elected Member on 15 May 2026. Workshop on 22 May 2026. Plenary meeting on 8 June 2026. Further workshop on 11 June 2026. Decision made to amend the Draft Variation at Special Meeting on of the	A CE Report will be provided to Elected Members by 31 August 2026 on the consultation on Proposed Material Alterations. Decision on making the Variation at Plenary Council on 14 September 2026. If the Variation is made, it becomes effective immediately.



		Council on 18 June 2026.	
Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)	The SRA will publish a Director's Report on the submissions received in Q2 / Q3 2026 on the Issues Paper consultation. The SRA have set out an indicative timeline for the publication of the Draft RSES in Q1 2027.	Submission for TCC noted by the Council at May plenary. Final submission to the Issues Paper made by the Council on 20 May 2026.	Await Director's report and further engagement from the SRA.
Record of Protected Structures	Preparation work ongoing for the consultation on transposing the RPS for the towns of Cashel, Tipperary and Templemore into the main whole-of-county Record of Protected Structures.	Reviewing RPS for each of the towns and all administrative work that needs to be undertaken. Transposing the RPS for the 3 towns into the whole-of-county Record of Protected Structures will create a single record for the entire county, reducing the administrative burden of managing a number of records.	Public consultation to begin on 16 July until 31 August 2026. Report on all submissions received will be prepared and circulated subsequently.

<u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Town Centre First Policy	Carrick on Suir - Funding confirmed for new TCF Plan	Complete	Progress actions identified in plan
	Draft Newport TCF Plan .	Finalise draft	Publication in Q1 2026

	Nenagh TCF Plan to be prepared.	Draft plan complete	Published
	Thurles Renewal Strategy to be updated to TCF Plan	Draft plan in progress	Publication in Q3 2026
	Establish two new Town Teams Cashel	Survey re TCF plan is live. New plan is in draft	Follow up meetings to discuss potential projects for TCF plan
	Ballina	Initial consultation complete with both local Councillor and Clare CoCo	Open event to identify participants for town team

<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>
Thurles Market Quarter -Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers	Substantial Completion of external works on 20 th March 2026 and of building on 30 th March 2026. First food and craft market was held on Saturday 21 st March.	Complete minor snagging. Obtain and agree Final Account.
Carrick -on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition' Category 1	Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park- Completed. Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay – Contractor appointed on 1st December 2025. Works commenced in January 2026 and are progressing satisfactorily. Phase 3 Digital Hub – Contractor appointed on 18th. November 2024. Works commenced in December 2024 and are at an advanced stage. Phase 4a - Stable Lane Car Park – Departmental approval for a Change of Scope received. Phase 4b – Main Street – Detailed design stage at an advanced stage.	Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park – Completed. Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay – Complete works by end of Q1 2027. Phase 3 Digital Hub – Complete works by end of Q3 2026. Phase 4a Stable Lane Car Park- Prepare Pre Tender Approval Report for the Department. Phase 4b - Main Street – Complete detailed design in Q3 2026. Tender for construction stage in Q4 2026.



Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy – Category 1	Phase 1a Car Park Site –Demolition and enabling works contract completed. Phase 1b Car Park Construction- Works commenced on 14th July 2025. Car Park opened to the public on 12th June 2026. Phase 2 Library- Contractor appointed on 9th. October 2025. Works commenced on site on 28th October 2025 and are in progress. Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works- Works are in progress. Phase 3b Market House Main Works- Pre-Tender Approval received 9th June 2026. Tender documents for the construction stage completed. Phases 4, 5 & 6 Public Realm Works – Tender documentation completed by the design team and under review. Replacement of watermains by Uisce Eireann is in progress.	Phase 1a Car Park Enabling Works – Completed. Phase 1b-Car Park Construction- Minor snagging to be completed. Obtain and agree Final Account. Phase 2-Library- Complete construction works by end July 2026 and fit out of building by end of September 2026. Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works – Complete works in Q3 2026. Phase 3b Market House Main Works- Tender for construction stage by end of Q3 2026 and appoint contractor. Commence works in Q4 2026 on relocation of the library staff to The Granary building. Phases 4, 5 & 6 Public Realm Works –Obtain Pre-Tender Approval from the Department. Tender for construction stage by end of Q3 2026 and appoint contractor. Commence works in Q4 2026.
Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea	Detailed design is completed. Tender documents for the construction stage are under preparation.	Complete tender documents and procurement process for the construction stage. Appoint contractor and commence works circa Q4 2026.
Tipperary Town - Social, community and heritage led regeneration of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell	Dan Breen – Extensive value engineering exercise undertaken. Call for Tenders advertised on e-Tenders with closing date of 17th July 2026 for submission of tenders. Court House – Extensive value engineering exercise completed. Tender documents circulated to contractors approved on the Protected Structures Framework	Dan Breen House – Assess tenders received. Obtain Approval to Proceed with works from the Department. Commence works circa Q4 2026. Courthouse- Assess tenders received. Obtain Approval to Proceed with works from the Department. Commence works circa Q4 2026.



	with closing date for receipt of tenders end of July 2026.	
The Transformational Regeneration of Roscrea: A Town Centre First Approach	Stage 1 tender documents for the engagement of an integrated design team through the establishment of a Framework Agreement published on e-Tenders on 21 st May 2026.	Conclude Stage 2 procurement process by end of July 2026. Obtain Approval of the Department to the appointment of a design team. Appoint design team in Q3 2026. Commence preliminary design in Q3 2026.
Goldcrop Rehabilitation & Regeneration	Design team appointed in March 2026 to prepare detailed design and surveys pertaining to the demolition works. Surveys completed. Draft tender documents currently under review.	Complete detailed design and Part 8 Planning for demolition works in Q3 2026. Commence demolition works in Q4 2026.

<u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme - Phase 2	Phase 2 Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach. Detailed design drawings are almost finalised.	Phase 2 – Complete detailed design in Q3 2026. Prepare all documentation associated with Pre-Tender Approval Gate 2 and submit to the Department early Q4 2026. Obtain Pre-Tender Approval from the Department.
A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre	Ongoing progress meetings being held with the design team. Extensive stakeholder engagement is in progress. Site agreed for the building. Works are ongoing on the preliminary design. Enabling Works Report prepared and submitted to the Department.	Complete preliminary design and site surveys in Q3 2026. Commence detailed design in Q4 2026.

Placemaking and Town Regeneration

A priority for this Council term is the rejuvenation of our town and village centres. As part of a multi-faceted approach to tackle this problem a dedicated Placemaking Team have been established to act as a coordinating body to direct the regeneration of our town centres. The purpose of the team is to build on achievements to date, while ensuring a renewed emphasis on the delivery of a positive and visual impact on our nine key towns and selected villages over the next five years.

The team is also tasked with ensuring that there is a streamlined and co-ordinated approach to development and implementation of plans and projects across the full range of funding opportunities. The Placemaking Team have met with the Municipal District management teams and Sections within the wider organisation and have developed a programme to recognise the work which is ongoing across the county including the sharing of learning and good practice, identifying areas for improvement and developing a coordinated countywide approach to town centre regeneration.



The poster is for a 'VACANT HOMES ROADSHOW' organized by Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann (Tipperary County Council). It features the council's logo at the top and bottom. The main title 'VACANT HOMES ROADSHOW' is in large blue letters. Below it, text says 'Find out about funding and support to bring vacant, underused or derelict properties back into use'. A central illustration shows a two-story house with a blue door and windows. Below the house, it says 'Find out more: www.tipperarycoco.ie/housing/vacant-homes'. At the bottom, it says 'ALL WELCOME' in large blue letters, followed by the council's name and the tagline 'Delivering regeneration through reuse of existing buildings'.

The team, with the support of Municipal District staff from the TippCashelCahir MD, organised a series of workshops and presentations in Tipperary Town, Cashel and Cahir. These workshops pulled together information from Planning, Vacant Homes, the SEAI, the Fire Service and the LEO to provide a one stop shop event for property owners and the public who were interested in acquiring or developing a town centre property. These events were very well attended and generated new interest in grant applications from those who attended.

The planned rollout of the next phase of the roadshows will see Thurles, Clonmel, Carrick and Nenagh municipal district areas being visited in the next phase. This is due to commence in late July and continue on a rolling basis for the rest of 2026.

Town Centre First

There are Town Teams established under Town Centre First principles in Carrick On Suir, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Nenagh and Newport.

Plans are also well advanced to establish new town teams in Cashel, Tipperary Town and Ballina, with the longer-term ambition to have a Town team in place for every town in the county.

- We have Town Centre First (TCF) plans in place for Roscrea, Clonmel, Thurles, Nenagh, Tipperary Town and Carrick On Suir with associated action plans being pursued by Town Teams.
- The TCF Plan for Newport is progressing with actions to be brought to the Nenagh MD for review.
- The TCF Plan for Cashel is being written with an online survey complete and a public information event to be held mid-July. The online survey attracted close to 1,000 responses demonstrating the public interest in the development of the TCF plan.

The team held an event in the Horse and Jockey for all the town centre first teams in Tipperary. We had representatives from Planning, Tourism, Climate Action and the SEAI as well as presentations from the National Town Centre First office and the National Night-Time Economy Advisory Service. This networking event afforded Tipperary Town teams the opportunity to network with each other as well as meet with Council staff.



Croí Cónaithe fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

The value of approved grants to date is **€41.7m** and Tipperary is the fastest local authority in the country at processing these grants with an average of **28 days** to approval from date of receipt. This is well below the national average of 56 days. This grant funding has resulted in an additional c. **€59m** in private funding being invested by those refurbishing residential properties in the County.

	Carrick MD	Clonmel BD	Nenagh MD	Thurles MD	Tipp Cahir Cashel MD	Total
APPROVED	29	33	78	94	102	336
PAID	32	38	90	100	102	362
Pre-Approval	5	11	15	23	26	80
REJECTED	7	6	7	9	15	44
WITHDRAWN	15	13	39	34	43	144
TOTAL	88	101	229	260	288	966
Total monies paid out to date	€41.7 m					
Total private investment	c. €59 m					

We have received five Above the Shop grant applications and three Expert Advisory Grant applications however we expect the numbers to increase throughout the rest of the year as awareness of the new grant and familiarity with the process grows amongst the public.

Croí Conaithe Vacant Property refurbishment examples

Before



After



Before



After



Derelict Sites

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

Derelict Sites TCC	Added	Removed	Grand Total
January 2025	0	0	85
January 2026	49	19	115
July 2026	31	5	141

The target for derelict site notices for 2026 is an additional 100 properties.

District	No of derelict sites on the register
Carrick	16
Clonmel	37
Nenagh	18
Thurles	12
TippCashelCahir	58
Grand Total	141

The register is being actively reviewed, and we are updating the register monthly by adding new entries and removing some current entries where the owners have brought these buildings back into use. We continue our focus in 2026 to maintain and update the Register with new properties once we have identified these properties with the support of the Municipal Districts. The team have completed surveys of many of our towns including Templemore, Cashel, Tipperary Town and Carrick

on Suir. The surveys are ongoing with additional towns being targeted over the summer months and into the autumn. The teams are focussed on preparing additional Derelict Sites reports arising from these surveys and engaging with property owners. We have also issued Derelict Sites Levies for 2026 for €1.1m and we will follow up with this process in early Q3 where we will exercise our powers under Section 23 of the Derelict Sites Act to collect those levies.

Compulsory Purchase orders (CPO)



Figure 1 Kearney's Castle Hotel in Cashel

We have successfully concluded two CPO processes in 2026 with vesting orders being issued for properties in Clonmel and Cashel. 25 Morton Street in Clonmel was acquired through an agreed CPO and will be disposed of to FHIST for the construction of age friendly social housing in Clonmel town centre. Kearney's Castle Hotel in Cashel, which has been derelict for almost 10 years, was acquired following the conclusion of a contested CPO process which required a decision by An Coimisiún Pleanála.

No of CPO's 2026	
Concluded	02
Commenced	24
Being prepared	28
Grand Total	54



URDF Call 3

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

There are 85 properties on the list divided between the URDF designated towns of Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles.

- 7 recent commencements following identification of property owner
- 39 where negotiations are underway
- 37 properties no longer vacant or being brought back into use
- 2 subject to CPO acquisition

We are in the process of adding additional properties to the list as they are identified. Several key properties have been identified and will be progressed as part of the CPO process and will be a vital source of funding to minimise risk when it comes to the acquisition of derelict properties in 2026.

URDF and RRDF projects

Phase 1b Cahir Car Park opened June 2026



Thurles Market Quarter opened March 2026



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

The following projects are delivered.

- Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration – Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 was the winner of the Urban Regeneration category at the Irish Planning Institute Awards.
- Tipperary Town Regeneration: Market Yard and River Ara Walkway
- Fethard Town Park

- Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Category 2
- A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter - Category 2
- Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan – Category 2
- Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement -Phase 1 New Car Park and Eastern end of Liberty Square
- Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh – Category 2
- Templemore Town Hall Enterprise & Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

National Planning Framework: New Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund

Minister James Browne, Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage announced the new Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF) on 5th. March 2026 which will replace the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF). The Fund will support transformative, impactful regeneration projects that deliver long term social, economic and physical renewal of our town centres particularly in disadvantaged areas. Tipperary County Council will be submitting two applications for shovel ready projects in Clonmel which must commence on site by September 2027. The Council will also be submitting two development projects for eligible towns in the County. This is the maximum number of applications that can be submitted by our local authority. The maximum funding available for shovel ready projects is €7.5m and €9m in disadvantaged areas identified on the Pobal Index and the maximum funding available for development type projects is €150,000.

Active Travel

In January 2026 the Council received notification from the National Transport Authority of an allocation of €4,500,000 for Active Travel Schemes in 2026 (see full details hereunder detailing the current update for each project).

Project Name 2026	2026 Allocation	Current Update
Active Travel Staff Costs	€ 350,000	Ongoing and seeking to appoint new staff to current vacancy
Ardfinnan Bridge	€ 100,000	Updated business case has been submitted to NTA in March for their review and for gateway 3 approval for the project
Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	€ 15,000	Part 8 planning secured and detailed design works underway
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	€ 225,000	Project is substantially complete. Some small works to be finalised
Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir	€ 3,000	Finalising Part 8 planning pack when stakeholder engagement complete



Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	€ 1,365,000	Works expected to start on site by the end of July
SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	€ 15,000	NTA has approved the scheme to proceed to Part 8 Planning and the planning pack is currently being prepared
SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	€ 40,000	The options selection report has been submitted to the NTA for their consideration
SRTS (R2) St Marys Central National School, Killenaule	€ 480,000	Construction works scheduled to start mid-August
Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel (Previously TCC/21/0014)	€ 240,000	Consultants reviewing detailed design and preparing tender pack.
Nenagh Urban Greenway (Previously TCC/21/0006)	€ 6,000	The draft Planning application to be updated and submitted to the NTA for their approval before submitting the planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála
Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina (Previously TCC/21/0014)	€ 5,000	The current design layout is under review
Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles	€ 1,100,000	Works ongoing on site
Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	€ 10,000	Preparing Part 8 planning pack
SRTS (R3) HSRR Presentation Secondary School, Ballingarry	€5,000	Draft designs for the scheme have been received and will proceed through the Road safety Audit review.
SRTS (R3) HSRR Mount Bruis NS, Mt Bruis	€5,000	Draft designs for the scheme have been received and will proceed through the Road safety Audit review.
SRTS (R3) Tankerstown NS, Tankerstown	€5,000	Draft designs for the scheme have been received and will proceed through the Road safety Audit review.
SRTS (R3) HSRR Scoil Mhuire, Kilvemnon	€5,000	Draft designs for the scheme have been received and will proceed through the Road safety Audit review.
SRTS (R3) Poulacapple NS, Poulacapple	€5,000	Draft designs for the scheme have been received and will proceed through the Road safety Audit review.
SRTS (R4) Burncourt NS	€5,000	Site inspection complete and delivery report submitted
SRTS (R4) Scoil Mhuire, Portroe	€5,000	Site inspection complete and delivery report submitted

SRTS (R4) Scoil San Isadoir	€5,000	Site inspection complete and delivery report submitted
Clonoulty Active Travel Scheme	€6,000	Initial funding allocation for the project has been secured in 2026
Total	€ 4,000,000	
Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams		
Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000	New bus shelters have been installed in Dromineer, Obama Plaza, Rearcross, Portroe, and three locations in Clonmel. A further six shelters scheduled to be installed later in the year.
Total NTA Allocation 2026	€ 4,500,000	

Examples of completed bus shelters



Barrack Obama Plaza



Poppyfields, Clonmel

Ongoing works at Castlemeadows, Thurles



ZEVI (Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland)

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

As part of the Regional and Local EV Charging Network Plan 2024 -2030 Tipperary County Council as lead Authority for Region 5 is developing the strategy in collaboration with the local authorities of Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford.

A Public Consultation was completed in May 2025 whereby residents, stakeholders and the public were invited to share their views on the future of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in their areas. A significant number of individuals and groups participated in this Public Consultation and provided their views to help shape the final strategy.

We hosted a further Informational Webinar in December last for the Elected Members and Local Authority Officials from the five Local Authorities to provide information on the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Draft Strategy.

We are at an advanced stage in the development of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy which we expect will be finalised in Quarter 3 2026.

Funding for a Pilot EV site secured



Visualisation of the EV Charging Pilot Project at Suirside Carpark, Clonmel.

Following the submission of an Expression of Interest and the development of a Gateway 1 Business Case under the ZEV Local Authority EV Charging Pilot Programme, approval was granted by ZEV for the delivery of a pilot project to provide Electric Vehicle Chargepoints at Suirside Car Park, Clonmel.

The project has secured Part 8 planning and a supplier has been identified for the pilot project. Construction is anticipated to commence in Q3 2026, with project completion scheduled before year end.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2026

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2026** seeks to encourage conservation of structures which are protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. 44 Applicants are currently progressing their works under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme along with 7 applicants under the **Historic Thatch Structures Scheme**.

The **Historic Structures Fund 2026 (HSF)** seeks to invest essential capital in our valuable built heritage and help the owners and custodians of historic structures to safeguard them into the future for the benefit of communities and the public. Tipperary County Council was successful in securing funding for 2 projects under the 2026 scheme and these applicants are currently progressing their works.

Future Applications – 2027

If you are aware of any persons or organisations who may be interested in applying under any of these schemes for 2027, please encourage them to contact Jacqui Dowling or Eamon

Hunter. Their details can then be added to the Council's mailing list of potential applicants. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage typically issues scheme notifications in July, with a September closing date for the submission of completed applications.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/1/26 to 30/06/26

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	84	80	4	2	2
Housing Development	9	9	0	2	0
NIA/EIA	4	3	1	1	0
Other Applications	424	408	16	18	3
RED III	1	1	0	0	0
Total	522	501	21	23	5

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 145 complaints received from the 1st January to the 30th June 2026. During this period 113 Warning Letters and 51 Enforcement Notices were issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

Information based on the period of 1st January 2026 to 30th June, 2026

Applications Being Processed	DPI Developments	Taken-in-Charge in 2025	Taken-in-Charge To-Date in 2026	With District & Awaiting Approval	Applications Received in 2026
30	20	5	3	1	3

- 3 developments (61 housing units) have been taken-in-charge to-date by Tipperary County Council in 2026
- 3 taking-in-charge application has been received to-date in 2026.
- 1 estate with Roads for advertising
- There are currently 20 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.



Planning & Emergency Services SPC

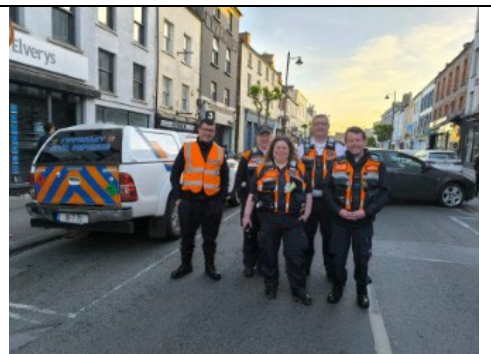
Report and recommendations prepared by SPC on 'Housing Solutions in a Housing Crisis' was presented to the plenary Council in January 2026. The first of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2026 took place on the 24 March 2026 items on agenda were Derelict Sites update, To Note Circular (PL 02/2018 Discussion of planning applications at Council meetings), Forward planning update and work programme for the year. Second meeting took place on the 28 April 2026 items on agenda were Draft Regional Spatial Economic Strategy review, Placemaking, Unfinished housing estate/ developer provided infrastructure update, and Fire Safety Strategy. The next meeting is scheduled for 7th July 2026



FIRE SERVICE AND BUILDING CONTROL

SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management Building Control Quality, Health & Safety External NSAI Surveillance Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in March 2026 – successfully certified to both standards Fire Safety	TCC continues to participate in both the regional steering & working groups. ----- Commencement notices, DAC and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment. Onsite inspections ongoing ----- EVG External Validation Group - TFRS hosted peer led evaluation on June 18 th . Received a high rating of our Quality and Health & Safety arrangements. ----- Vacancy & Dereliction information talks given in Cahir, Cashel and Tipperary Town as part of a proactive Fire Safety approach to bringing vacant urban centre properties back into use.	Coordinate and participate in this function in the region for 2026 Complete annual inspection programme for 2026 reaching Dept. guideline targets Ongoing Implementation of annual objectives as per service delivery plan. Ongoing Implementation of annual objectives contained in Fire Safety Strategy Document.
ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES		To 1 st July 2026
Number of Emergency Calls Attended		805
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received		50
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted		18
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received		39
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted		20
Number of Commencement Notices Received		253

Civil Defence

Activities	
Training	Training of our volunteers is ongoing with special emphasis being placed on driver training & assessments, especially with our new recruits who are being put through their paces with our Approved driving Instructor Malachy. Several sessions have been held for drivers to maintain their driving skills and the completion of the necessary vehicle defect check lists. In July/ August it is intended to roll out the newly designed off-road and severe weather driving course to relevant volunteers to assist in the response to adverse weather. The maintenance of minimum training standards is ongoing with courses in Manual handling; first Aid responders have taken place. In addition to this extensive training of volunteers, we have also run Level 1 and Level 2 radio communication courses on the use of V.H.F, U.H.F and Tetra radios systems.  
Community Support & Duties	Our Volunteers remain extremely busy in supporting the local community with the provision of first aid and ambulance cover at an array of events over the last few weeks including, sporting & cultural events such Darkness Into Light, the Rhododendron Walking Festival and Clonmel Triathlon, and in addition support to Tipperary County Council events such as the Gig Rig Clonmel, Sports Partnership events in Littleton and Thurles and the Age Friendly Expo in Thurles. Sincere appreciation to our volunteers for giving so freely of their time.  

Search for missing persons

Civil Defence were once again tasked by the Gardaí to assist in the search for a missing person in the Cahir area. Well done to our crews who responded in such a fast time. The search was responded to with ground crews and drones and the Civil Defence Seach Dog. A massive thanks to Kilkenny, Carlow and Dublin Civil Defence Units for their assistance throughout. During this search, we worked closely with Gardaí from the Cahir & Tipperary Town Districts and other search & rescue agencies with boats sonar and K9 capacity. Well done to all involved.



International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Once again this year, more than 60 Officers & volunteers from across the country travelled to Lourdes for the Annual International Military Pilgrimage. Some 18,000 Military & Civil Protection personnel from across the world participated in this annual event.

Ann Carroll has represented Tipperary Civil Defence at this event for over 26 years and was honoured to attend again this year.



**Retirement
of 2
volunteers**

A Special event was recently held in Clogheen, Co Tipperary to recognise and honour the extensive commitment of 2 long standing members Geoffrey Burke from Goatenbridge and Martina Carey from Clogheen as they retire from active service with Tipperary Civil Defence. Between them they have over 55 years' service to their community. The occasion was celebrated with family & friends and Civil Defence colleague from Ballyporeen /Clogheen units and Instructors



**Opportunity
for career
progression**

The training that volunteers receive in Civil Defence equip them to progress into the statutory and medical profession as a career. Pictured are Tony Murray, now Paramedic and tutor with the National Ambulance service, Jessica Demspey Paediatric Nurse with a speciality in Emergency and Children and Adrian Barry, trainee Paramedic. All started their medical training in Civil Defence and still remain as acting serving members. Pictured on a recent patient transfer.



Library Service

Bealtaine Festival 2026



From L-R, Sinead Carr, CE, Tipperary County Council & Cllr John Carroll, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council

- 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.
- Nenagh Library hosted “An Evening with Author and Musician Stephen Travers,” featuring the bestselling author of *The Bass Player* on 11th May. Held as part of the Bealtaine Festival programme, the event offered a profoundly moving and insightful presentation in which Stephen reflected on his upbringing

in Tipperary, his experiences on the showband circuit, and his remarkable journey of resilience following the 1975 Miami Showband Massacre. He also shared the story behind his book and discussed his international work supporting victims of terrorism.



- Nenagh Library hosted a four-week DIY and Home Maintenance course for beginners, facilitated by Paul Carew. The workshops were supported by Tipperary ETB and delivered as part of the Bealtaine programme.



- Nenagh Library hosted an Ancient Textile Techniques – Coiled Basket Weaving Workshop with fibre and

textile artist Sharon Wells on 12th May as part of the Bealtaine Festival programme. Supported by Tipperary ETB, this hands-on workshop introduced participants to the traditional craft of coiled basket making, drawing inspiration from Ireland's rich cultural and archaeological heritage.



- As part of the Bealtaine Festival 2026 programme, Clonmel Library hosted a four-week Chair Yoga course with instructor Sinéad O'Donnell. The free programme provided a gentle and accessible introduction to yoga, using supported chair-based movements and mindful breathing techniques to improve flexibility, mobility, strength, and overall wellbeing. Designed for all abilities and requiring no previous experience, the sessions encouraged participants to enhance physical fitness, reduce stress, and build confidence in a welcoming and inclusive environment.



- As part of the Bealtaine Festival 2026 programme, Clonmel Library hosted a special performance by classical soprano Bryony Morison on 16th May. The event featured a collection of Irish songs and local poetry drawn from *Slievenamon in Song and Story* by Seán Nugent, celebrating the rich cultural heritage, landscape, and traditions of the Slievenamon region. The performance was further enhanced by a display of locally grown wildflowers supplied by Lady Iveagh Flower Farm, creating a unique and immersive artistic experience for attendees.



- As part of the Bealtaine Festival, Thurles Library hosted a Resin Jewellery Workshop facilitated by local artist and craft tutor Tina Keating on 6th May. The workshop provided participants with an opportunity to learn the art of resin jewellery making in a relaxed and supportive environment.



- As part of the Bealtaine Festival, Thurles Library hosted an evening of music featuring the Thurles Community Orchestra in collaboration with the Kilkenny Community Orchestra on 12th May. Over 90 people attended this event.



- As part of the Bealtaine Festival 2026, Cashel Library hosted a special Memory Café craft workshop led by Lisa Manton on 12th May. The event formed part of the library's ongoing Memory Café initiative, delivered in collaboration with the Dementia Advisor Service, South Tipperary Development Company and The Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

Through creative participation and social engagement, the workshop provided an enjoyable and supportive opportunity for people living with dementia and their carers to connect with others, enhance wellbeing, and celebrate creativity within their community.



- Templemore Library welcomed floral designer Róisín O'Connell to deliver a Hand-Tied Bouquet Workshop on 20th May. Participants learned the techniques involved in selecting, arranging, and presenting seasonal flowers to create attractive hand-tied bouquets. This event was held as part of Bealtaine Festival 2026.



- As part of the Bealtaine Festival 2026 programme, Templemore Library hosted *Our Creative Place*, a mixed-media workshop led by local

artist Aisling Hassett on 27th May. Participants explored themes of place, culture, and heritage through the ancient Ogham alphabet, creating personalised clay plaques to take home.



- As part of Bealtaine Festival 2026, Roscrea Library welcomed fitness instructor Eimear Byrne to deliver a Zumba Gold workshop on 14th May. This seated exercise session combined music and movement to promote physical activity, coordination, and wellbeing while encouraging social interaction and active ageing



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a Hand-Tied Bouquet Workshop on 20th May. Participants learned the techniques involved in selecting, arranging, and presenting seasonal flowers to create attractive hand-tied bouquets. This event was held as part of Bealtaine Festival 2026.



- Tipperary Town Library held a series of events to celebrate Bealtaine 2026 including a talk on legal matters Ronan Kennedy of Kennedy, Frewen, O'Brien solicitors LLP, on 1st May. His talk included important topics including power-of-attorney, the fair deal scheme and lifetime planning.



- Tipperary Town Library hosted an informative talk entitled **"Building**

Lasting Health” by qualified nutritionist TJ Hickey on 18th May. The engaging session explored a wide range of topics relating to health and wellbeing, including nutrition, supplements, vitamins, lifestyle habits, and the foods we should and should not be eating. TJ shared practical advice and natural approaches to improving overall health, delivering the information in an accessible and engaging manner. This talk was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- As part of the Bealtaine Festival programme, Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a talk by local herbalist Saffron Wells on medicinal herbs and their traditional uses. The session which took place on 13th May introduced attendees to a variety of medicinal plants found locally, with examples of herbs displayed and discussed. Participants learned about the health benefits and traditional applications of these plants, as well as where they can be found in local hedgerows, gardens and natural environments.

- As part of the Bealtaine Festival, Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a series of mindfulness workshops facilitated by Sarah Covey of Tipperary Education and Training Board (ETB).



Library Activities

- Nenagh Library hosted a talk entitled “A gentle first step into AI” by Bernie Goldbach on 14th May. This talk was practical and accessible overview of artificial intelligence (AI) for those with little or no prior experience. The speaker used simple language and everyday examples to explain what AI is, how it is being used in daily life, and the potential benefits and limitations of current AI tools



Margaret Ryan, Nenagh Library on a school visit

- Throughout June Nenagh Library launched a programme of outreach to Primary Schools and Early Learning Centre's to promote the national/Summer Stars Reading Programme and the national initiative, 'My Little Library Book Bag' to all pre-schoolers, starting school in September. In all fourteen Early Learning Centres and twenty primary schools had visits from staff in Nenagh Library
- Carrick-on-Suir Library welcomed author Helena Byrne on 20th April for a special reading session. The

event was attended by the three senior infant classes from Presentation Primary School, accompanied by their teachers. Helena delighted the children with lively retellings of well-known fairy tales, as well as stories inspired by Irish mythology, featuring faeries and banshees.



- To celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg, Nenagh Library held a day-long event entitled *The King of Many Cloaks and Crowns*. This was a fun, interactive drama workshop designed for children which encouraged imaginative play, movement and storytelling.



- To celebrate Sustainability Week, John Kelly delivered a workshop for students from Toomevara N.S. on renewable and non-renewable energy. Through hands-on activities,

including building LED circuits and model windmills, students explored practical applications of sustainable energy.



- Students from Sisters of Charity NS and St Peter and Paul School enjoyed a fascinating Fun Fungi workshop at Clonmel Library on 8th May. This workshop was given Delia Termini. Through interactive discussion and learning activities, students discovered the essential role fungi play in ecosystems, from recycling nutrients and supporting plant growth to contributing to food production and medicine.



Bernice Cass & Angela Sheehan, Economic, Community & Rural Development (ECRD)

- Clonmel Library hosted an information and survey stand organised by the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) in collaboration with the Department of Justice on 22nd May. The initiative formed part of a wider national effort to place local communities at the centre of identifying and addressing issues that affect community safety



From L-R: Lesley Lynch, STAG, Cllr Pat English Mayor of Clonmel BD, Francis Delahunty, STAG and Maureen Purcell, STAG.

- Clonmel Library hosted the official launch of the South Tipperary Art Group (STAG) Annual Exhibition on 10th June. The event was formally opened by Cllr. Pat English, Mayor of Clonmel Borough District. The launch celebrated the creativity and artistic achievements of one of the region's longest-established community arts organisations. Founded in 1968, the South Tipperary Art Group has been promoting art, craft, and creativity in Clonmel and the wider South Tipperary area for more than five decades. The group supports both adult and junior artists, providing opportunities for learning,

collaboration, exhibitions, and community arts projects.

- Thurles Library took part in Cruinniú na nÓg 2026, Ireland's national day of free creativity for children and young people, on 6th June 2026. Events held Pottery Making with Laura from Firefly Parties for children, a Toy Making Workshop with Artist Paul Carew of Lúchta Studios, a Tape Resist Art Workshop, a Slime Making with Firefly Parties and a Drumming Workshop with Music Generation



- In partnership with the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT), Thurles Library hosted two Lantern Workshops for adults on 16th June as part of Refugee Week. Participants created decorative lanterns in a welcoming and inclusive environment, promoting creativity and community connection. The completed lanterns were displayed in the main library throughout the week, creating a colourful exhibition celebrating diversity and inclusion.



- Thurles Library hosted a popular Toddler Messy Play Workshop on

10th June. The purpose of this workshop was to provide young children with an opportunity to learn through creative, hands-on play.



- Cashel Library is now hosting a monthly **Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) Clinic**. This is a free drop-in information and support service aimed primarily at migrants, refugees, international protection applicants, and other people seeking help accessing local services. An Integration Support Worker can provide information on:
 - Employment and job opportunities
 - Health services
 - Education and training
 - Social welfare schemes
 - Volunteering opportunities
 - Community services and local support groups
 - General integration and settlement queries in County Tipperary



Salome Halpin and Suzanne Brosnan, Cashel Library

- Cashel Library took part in Cruinniú na nÓg 2026, Ireland's national day of free creativity for children and young people, on 6th June 2026. Events held included storytelling sessions, drumming workshops, wooden toy making, slime creation, sensory play activities, and art workshops.



Lieutenant Commander Marie Gleeson and Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD

- Cashel Library hosted the local launch of *Be Like the Sea* by Lieutenant Commander Marie Gleeson, a native of the area and a high-profile member of the Irish Defence Forces Naval Service. The event was formally launched by media presenter Cathal Minogue of Today FM,



- Templemore Library hosted a joint exhibition of artwork created by participants from the Tipperary ETB Art Portfolio Course and the Youthreach Art Class (Céim Eile Programme) in May. The exhibition showcased the creativity, skills and artistic development of learners engaged in further education and youth education programmes within the Templemore area.
- As part of Refugee Week, Templemore Library hosted a LAIT (Local Authority Integration Team) Drop-In Film Screening and Draw Together event aimed at promoting inclusion, community connection and family participation. The event provided a welcoming and informal environment where families could drop in throughout the session to enjoy activities together. The event featured a family-friendly short film screening, offering an opportunity for children and adults from diverse backgrounds to come together through storytelling and shared experiences.



- Templemore Library hosted an exhibition featuring the work of local artists Lisa Gedigk and Noel Morrissey in June. This exhibition showcased a diverse collection of handcrafted art and watercolour paintings.
- Roscrea Library hosted two “Tipp of Our Tongues” sessions facilitated by Fiona Bolger, Tipperary ETB on 12th June. The project is a multilingual and intercultural creative writing initiative that encourages participants to draw on all the languages they know as a source of creativity, storytelling and community connection.



- To celebrate National Biodiversity Week, Roscrea Library held an educational Seed Bomb Making Workshop on Thursday, 21st May. The workshop introduced pupils to the importance of biodiversity, native wildflowers, and the role of pollinators such as bees and butterflies in our environment.



- Tipperary Town Library held a series of coding classes for Children in June. Our Kids Code is a family-focused coding initiative, designed to introduce primary school children and their parents or guardians to the world of computer programming in a fun, interactive and accessible way.

The programme aims to promote digital literacy and computational thinking while encouraging families to learn together.

- Tipperary Town Library took part in Cruinniú na nÓg 2026, Ireland's national day of free creativity for children and young people, on 6th June 2026. Events held included a chess tournament, children's yoga classes and a magic show with Joe Daly.





- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted “The Watermen” during the month of May. This was a local history exhibition celebrating the lives and traditions of those who worked on and around the River Suir. The exhibition highlighted the important role the river has played in shaping the heritage, culture and identity of Carrick-on-Suir over many generations



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a talk entitled “*Finding Tipperary and the 1926 Census*” by Stephanie Woods, Local Studies Librarian on 5th May. This talk explored Ireland’s first census following the establishment of the Free State.



- As part of Men’s Health Week and Refugee Week, Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a welcoming Coffee Evening in the Community Garden in partnership with the South Tipperary Development Company and the Local Authority Integration Team on 17th June. The event provided an informal opportunity for members of the local community

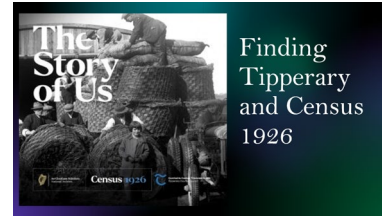
to come together, socialise and build new connections in a relaxed outdoor setting. Visitors were invited to drop in for a cup of tea or coffee and a sweet treat while enjoying the peaceful surroundings of the community garden. A key feature of the evening was the opportunity for participants to take part in a walk-and-talk garden tour, where they could learn about the various plants, vegetables and flowers being grown in the garden.



- In May, Killenaule Library celebrated the completion of a vibrant new wall mural created by a talented team of Transition Year students from Scoil Ruain. The mural, painted in the children's area of the library, has transformed the space into a bright, colourful and welcoming environment for young library users. Inspired by the much-loved children's picture book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen, with illustrations by Helen Oxenbury, the artwork depicts scenes from the classic story as the family journeys through grass, mud, water and forest in search of a bear

Tipperary Studies

Bealtaine Festival and Census 1926 workshops



- Workshops continued on the 1926 Census for the Bealtaine Festival in Cashel, Nenagh, Cloughjordan and Carrick on Suir libraries. The workshop in Nenagh library was attended by Dr Caitlin White from TCD who is collaborating with Tipperary Studies to bring the 1926 Census National Touring Exhibition to the Source in November. Caitlin was interested to hear feedback on the census and how it is being received and used by the public and some issues that people have around using the 1926 Census in their family research.

Opening the Archives launch



From L-R: Jane Bulfin, Damien Dullaghan, Stephanie Woods, Caleb Barrett, Cllr Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach, Thurles MD, Mary Guinan Darmody, Des Marnane

- On May 15th Tipperary Studies launched the short documentary film

series Opening the Archives. This project was funded by Tipperary County Council's Heritage Office and showcases some of the archival collections held in Tipp Studies. The series was launched by Cllr. Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach of Thurles Municipal District with an audience of elected members, staff and friends of Tipp Studies. The documentaries can be viewed on the Tipperary Studies YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0vSTXFKiSs>

Acquisitions

- Tipperary Studies acquired an important diary and an 18th century map of Tipperary at auction in May. The diary is to be transcribed and made available on the Tipp Studies Digital Archive. We also acquired by donation some material from David Barry Solicitors in Cashel. The material comes from the offices of the family firm dating back four generations covering land acquisition, marriage settlements and public administration. The material will be archived.

Tipperary Historical Society AGM and Journal launch

- The AGM of the Tipperary Historical Society took place in Tipperary Studies on Saturday June 13th at 2.30pm. The committee members were re-elected for the coming year. After the Society's AGM the 2026 Tipperary Historical Journal was launched by Joe Walsh from Cahir. Contributors and society members were delighted to

receive copies of the 38th edition of the journal. Staff will be busy over the coming weeks posting copies of the journal to Ireland, the UK, Australia and Canada. The THJ 2026 is available through Tipperary Studies.

Pictured below at the AGM of Tipperary Historical Society and the launch of 2026 Tipperary Historical Journal are Joe Walsh who launched the journal, Luke Healy (contributor), Margaret O'Sullivan (Chair of THS) and Aidan Mahon (contributor).



Arts Service

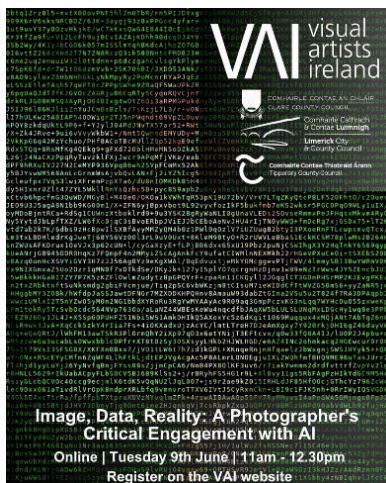
- **Culture Night** now entering its 21st edition, will once again be celebrated in Tipperary on Friday 18 September 2026. This annual celebration of arts, culture and creativity will be coordinated by Tipperary Arts Office in partnership with the Arts Council, and delivered by arts organisations, creative practitioners, artists, performers and community groups across the county. An open call for support for Culture Night events in Tipperary closed on Thursday 18 June, and applications will be assessed with a view to supporting the widest possible range of creative activity for Culture Night Tipperary 2026. In addition, Tipperary Arts Office was successful in securing additional funding from the Arts Council for a Culture Night Late event, which will take place in the Civic Plaza in Clonmel.

Arts Office continued its training provision partnership with VAI this June with the webinar *Image, Data, Reality: A Photographers Critical Engagement with AI*. Held online on Tuesday 9 June, the session was led by lens-based visual artist Jialin Long and explored her evolving engagement with AI image-making and critical practice.



Tipperary Bealtaine Festival 2026

- For the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival 2026, Tipperary County Council Arts Office, in partnership with Tipperary Library Service, delivered a wide-ranging programme of over 130 activities across the county, the vast majority of which were provided free of charge. A key element for the Arts Office each year is in bringing events to people in hospitals, nursing homes and day care settings making a show or programme accessible to people who wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to participate or get involved. This year the Arts Office funded and coordinated music, circus and reminiscence events in 14 care settings. The live Music on Tour programme brought professional musicians to perform in 8 settings, including residential care



- Visual Artists Ireland serves as the representative body for professional visual artists in Ireland. Tipperary

homes, hospitals, day care and community centres. The Arts Office also provided for 8 professional artists to deliver 5 socially engaged projects. Alongside this, the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival also presented a strong programme of public events including *Songs of May and Summer*, featuring Jim Ryan of The Mill and Cait Ní Riain, which officially launched the festival at Source Arts Centre and Thurles Library. Additional highlights featured a contemporary circus performance by Tumble Circus, pioneers of Irish circus, at The Showgrounds Shopping Centre in Clonmel. Literary and heritage programming included *Stories, Traditions and Ancient Wisdom of Ireland*, presented in partnership with Dromineer and Nenagh Literary Festival, with Jo Kerrigan delivering a talk on Irish folklore, myths and traditions. The programme also included a special screening in Roscrea of *Rootstock*, a 2024 documentary that follows the Irish feminist art collective Na Cailleacha as they created a full-scale re-enactment of Raphael's The School of Athens fresco with women of Ireland of all ages.

Festivals Development

- The Tipperary Arts Office will continue its successful Festivals Promotion Campaign throughout 2026. The intention of this campaign is to highlight the vibrant festival scene in Tipperary and enhance its reputation as a top destination for festivals and events in addition to supporting festivals own advertising

strategies. The festival promotional campaign introduced a refreshed design and visual identity this year, with carousel posts released to date performing strongly across all channels. As seen below, posts are reaching up to 1.4k views.



Festivals Training

- Further to this, both community and professional festival organisers were invited to take part in a training opportunity titled "Reaching New Audiences," which took place on

Monday 11th May from 7 to 9pm. The session, attended by 23 participants, was offered by Tipperary Tourism and the Tipperary Arts Office, and funded by the Local Enterprise Office. This practical and participatory workshop encouraged festival and event organisers to grow, diversify and better engage their audiences. The session explored who is currently attending events, who is missing, and why. Through a combination of guided exercises, discussion and real-world examples, participants developed a clearer understanding of their audiences and identified realistic ways to reach new and underrepresented groups, including younger people, visitors, diaspora and local communities. Attendees gained practical tools and were provided with a workbook to support ongoing audience development beyond the session. The workshop was facilitated by Clóna Maher, a creative producer, arts manager and theatre practitioner with over 30 years' experience working across Ireland, the US and France. She has extensive experience in festival development and audience engagement, including as Artistic Director of Clonmel Junction Arts Festival and founder of Finding a Voice.

Artist in Primary School scheme

- The Artist in Primary School Scheme provides funding to a professional artist of any discipline to work in a school for 50 hours on a project designed collaboratively between the school and the artist.

Having worked with children and adults in community projects for over 20 years now, seasoned artist Margueritte Kent took part in the Artist in Primary School scheme at Newtown Upper NS from April to June 2026. After an introduction to artists like Andy Goldsworthy and Richard Long and designing artworks in class with different mediums, the pupils took to the forest that flanks the school and used what was provided in nature to create sculptures. Working with Junior infants to sixth class, Margueritte teamed up different age groups and got the whole school, pupils and teachers, involved. Newtown Upper NS: "The project adapted to the needs of all the class levels, involved lots of group work and guidance for the younger children. [...] This project was very successful, and all the children gained so much from taking part."



EU Presidency Cultural Programme

- Ireland holds Presidency of the Council of the European Union from 1 July until 31 December 2026. As part of the Presidency, cultural

activity in every county in Ireland and wider Europe will ensure that Irish citizens can participate in the EU Presidency and reflect on Ireland's role as an EU Member State. The Department of Culture, Communications and Sport via Culture Ireland, rolled out a Local Authority Programming Scheme. The Arts Office was successful in their bid for funding and is now cooperating with several festival organizers to present an ambitious programme, combining large-scale outdoor spectacle, music, literature, language, and community celebration. Taking place across Clonmel, Carrick on Suir, Roscrea, Cashel, Nenagh, Cahir, Thurles and Tipperary Town, the programme reflects the county's rich cultural heritage while fostering connections with European artistic traditions.

[Heritage Service](#)



Planting for a Changing Climate course with Aoife Munn, a joint initiative between Heritage Office and Biodiversity Office for Biodiversity Week

County Heritage Plan Programme

- Planting for a Changing climate took place in Cabragh Wellands in May, courses on Social Media Skills for Heritage Groups, Recording Place names and Fieldnames, as well as heritage skills will run throughout the summer.
- The Draft Heritage Plan is out for consultation which will close July 22nd
- Site visits to potential heritage projects and advisory visits with groups are ongoing.

Heritage Week 2026

- The Heritage Week Grant Scheme 2026 closed on June 26th, and successful applicants will be notified in early July

- The Theme for Heritage Week 2026 is *Heritage at Risk*, and it will run from August 15th to 23rd
- Merchandise will be delivered to groups and event organisers in early August
- Heritage Week Council Services scheme also accepted applications during month of June

Community Monuments Fund

- All eight projects are underway

iCAN Tipperary



Tipperary iCAN Groups with John Creedon (photo Caitriona Kenny)



John Flannery (Ormond Historical Society), John Connors and Eddie Stapleton (Borrisoleigh Heritage

& Cultural Society) with Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary-Cashel-Cahir MD



Lorna Elms iCAN Coordinator, Virginia Teehan CE Heritage Council, Cllr Roger Kennedy TCC. Dr Eimear O Conner Interim Director National Museum of Ireland, Roisin O Grady Heritage Officer TCC (Caitriona Kenny)

- On May 22nd Tipperary Heritage Office along with local Tipperary Groups co-hosted the Annual iCAN Gathering at Ballykisteen Hotel Limerick Junction. Ican is an initiative of the National Museum of Ireland and the Heritage Council delivered in partnership with local authority Heritage Officers. The Tipperary groups involved in iCAN are Cahir Social and Historical Society; Ormond Historical Society; Borrisoleigh Heritage and Culture; Tipperary in the Decade of Revolution and Our Slieveardagh Hills. Over 115 delegates from 56 community archives across the country arrived in Tipperary the morning where they were welcomed by Cllr Roger Kennedy. They then heard presentations from each of the

Tipperary groups, Virginia Teehan of the Heritage Council and Dr Eimear O Connor of the National Museum of Ireland. Michale Harty and Jessica Gray of Cahir Comhaltas provided a lovely musical interlude before breaking for lunch. In the afternoon we were joined by John Creedon of RTE, himself a huge heritage enthusiast who took on the roll of MC for a hugely entertaining Heritage Champions Table quiz. Call for expressions of interest to expand the Tipperary Network will issue in July following an information evening at the Horse and Jockey Hotel.



Margaret and Katy from Our Slieveardagh Hills



Cahir Historical Society Members with John Creedon

[Creative Ireland](#)





Cruinniú na nÓg Photos: Tipperary Town Library, Joe The Magician and mask making at STAC, Clonmel as part of Cruinniú na nÓg celebrations

Cruinniú na nÓg

- Cruinniú na nÓg, a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan, took place on 6 June and was a tremendous success. A total of 42 events were held across the county, bringing creative experiences to young people in a wide range of venues, including libraries, arts centres, parks, churches, town halls, shopping centres and car parks.

Creative Health and Wellbeing Grant

- Tipperary County Council with Clare and Limerick City and County Council were successful in our joint application for Creative Health & Wellbeing funding. This project will be in partnership with CAMHS HSE Midwest

Musicians on Call Grant

- Tipperary County Council with Clare and Limerick City and County Council were successful in our joint application for Musicians on Call funding. This project will provide a total of 48 live music visits across 12 nursing homes.

Creative Communities on a Shared Island Grant

- Creative Ireland Tipperary in partnership with Clonmel Junction Festival and Susan Buttimer were successful in our application for Strand 3 Shared Island funding for 2026-2027

[Biodiversity Service](#)



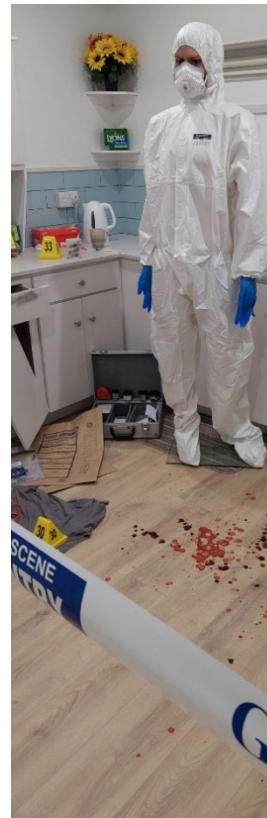


- Biodiversity Week 2026, held from 15th to 24th May, was a great success, with a wide range of events taking place across the county. Highlights included a foraging walk at Lough Dhoire Bhile, a bat walk in Templemore Park, and a “Planting for a Changing Climate” workshop at Cabragh Wetlands. In addition to these, the week featured a variety of activities designed to appeal to all ages and interests. Events included swift walks to learn about these remarkable migratory birds, bat walks, and insect scavenger hunts aimed at engaging children with the diversity of invertebrate life. There was a practical workshop on gardening for a changing climate, helping participants create wildlife-friendly spaces at home, as well as guided foraging walks that highlighted the value of native plants and traditional knowledge. Events took place in a number of towns across the county, including Ballina, Nenagh, Templemore, Thurles, Clonmel and Monard, ensuring that communities throughout the county

had the opportunity to take part in Biodiversity Week 2026.

Museum Service

Exhibitions



- A major new exhibition, ‘*Order from Chaos: The Policing History of Tipperary and Ireland*’, will officially launch on Thursday 9th July and to the public Friday 10th July 2026, offering visitors a compelling journey through more than 200 years of policing history and its impact on Irish society. Designed to appeal to a broad audience—including families, schools, history enthusiasts and tourists—the exhibition combines storytelling with authentic artefacts,

interactive displays and reconstructions. Visitors will also have opportunities to engage directly with members of An Garda Síochána throughout its extensive run. A standout feature will be an immersive, hands-on crime scene experience, allowing visitors to examine evidence and follow investigative processes, offering a unique insight into modern policing techniques. Additional educational elements such as jigsaws, dress up area, fingerprint station and so much more will be included in this first of its kind exhibition of its in Tipperary. The exhibition aims not only to inform but also to inspire reflection on the relationship between policing and community life, highlighting the challenges and achievements of those who have served over the past two centuries.

- *The Museum Memory Box, 'Hearth & Home'* workshops were facilitated by Artist and Community Facilitator Leisa Grey at Day Care Centres across Tipperary as part of the Bealtaine Festival.
- 15th May –Borrisokane
- 21st May - Cashel and Tipperary Town
- 22nd May - Nenagh

Children's Workshops and Summer Camp



- Week 1 of the Summer Camp commenced on Tuesday, 30th June. Due to increased demand and the popularity of previous camps, three weeks of Summer Camp are being offered this year for the first time. All camp places have been fully booked, with 30 children enrolled in each of the three weeks. The camp programme is providing participants with a variety of engaging and educational activities designed to encourage creativity, learning, and social interaction. As part of the week's activities, the children will attend a field trip to the Rock of Cashel on Friday, offering an opportunity to explore one of Ireland's most significant historical and cultural landmarks.

Cruinniú na nÓg



- The Museum held a day of drop-in weaving workshops, inspired by artworks currently on display in the Museum Gallery, on Saturday, 6th June as part of the national **Cruinniú na nÓg** programme. Supported through grant funding from **Creative Ireland**, the event enabled a professional artist to deliver a full day of free, hands-on workshops for young people. The workshops attracted over 30 participants aged between 10 and 16 years, providing an opportunity for children and teenagers to engage creatively with the exhibition while developing new artistic skills

of walking heritage tours in Clonmel. Our new Walking Tour Facilitator is Johanna St. John, she comes highly experienced and proficient in her delivery. The tour will run for 10 weeks, Tuesday each week and alternative Saturdays and Sundays. The first tour kicked off on Tuesday 30th June with 13 participants, an incredible start so early into the pilot stage.

Lecture Series:

- Work is progressing on the 2026/2027 Series which will focus on **'The Normans'**. 2027 is dedicated the Year of The Normans internationally. Collaboration with Tipperary Heritage Office and Local Studies Library on a one Day Seminar as part of the upcoming series, along with several other projects/publications.



Clonmel Walking Tours

- Clonmel Walking Tours is a new initiative setting out to pilot a series



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 31st May 2026

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME			NET	
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	26,876,947	65,741,050	41%	38,864,103	25,985,490	64,202,410	40%	38,216,920	(891,458)
B	Road Transport & Safety	28,037,255	64,232,773	44%	36,195,518	18,541,838	42,295,557	44%	23,753,719	(9,495,417)
C	Water Services	4,358,759	12,180,177	36%	7,821,418	3,529,245	11,272,541	31%	7,743,296	(829,514)
D	Development Management	10,196,848	25,743,403	40%	15,546,555	4,463,941	11,775,404	38%	7,311,463	(5,732,908)
E	Environmental Services	28,463,404	68,237,374	42%	39,773,970	19,572,705	45,593,897	43%	26,021,192	(8,890,699)
F	Recreation & Amenity	7,342,140	17,886,506	41%	10,544,366	1,301,801	2,966,863	44%	1,665,062	(6,040,339)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health &	386,454	1,180,857	33%	794,403	128,149	356,681	36%	228,532	(258,305)
H	Miscellaneous Services	7,754,322	18,956,705	41%	11,202,383	9,775,682	24,403,346	40%	14,627,664	2,021,360
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	12,522,920	30,055,007	42%	17,532,087	12,522,920
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	17,322,885	41,237,139	42%	23,914,254	17,322,885
Totals		113,416,130	274,158,845	41%	160,742,716	113,144,656	274,158,845	41%	161,014,189	(271,475)



Capital Account – Year to Date 31st May 2026

	Expenditure Expenditure YTD €	Income Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	18,085,368	15,897,382
B Road Transport & Safety	11,529,917	10,256,249
C Water Services	1,848,352	1,485,362
D Development Management	5,713,556	4,769,332
E Environmental Services	2,209,141	1,508,190
F Recreation & Amenity	1,120,732	818,559
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	534,164	63,959
H Miscellaneous Services	363,862	88,996
Total	41,405,092	34,888,029

Collection Rates	YTD 202605	YTD 202505	YTD 202512
Rates	47%	44%	94%
Rents	88%	85%	95%
Housing Loans	105%	104%	101%



COMMERCIAL RATES

As at 31/05/2026 Rate Accruals for 2026 amounted to **€41,574,924**.

Arrears of **€4,560,357** were brought forward from 2025, giving the total amount to be collected as **€46,135,281**. Write offs for Vacancy/Bad Debt have been processed in the amount of **€252,622**. Receipts of **€21,524,842** were received to 31/05/2026.

RATES PAYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME 2026

Over 3,700 customers (89%) are eligible to qualify for a reduction under our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme as their total 2026 commercial rates bill is €29,000 or less.

How to Get the Reduction

Option 1 — Standard Payment

✓ Pay the 2026 rates in full by 31 July 2026 and automatically receive a 7% reduction to a maximum of €700.

Option 2 — Direct Debit

✓ Paying by Direct Debit and the reduction will be applied to their September 2026 Direct Debit payment.

VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

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

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

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

DIGITAL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IS)

Summary

- Continued delivery of digital transformation, infrastructure modernisation, cybersecurity improvements, and cloud migration initiatives.
- Maintained focus on enhancing service delivery, improving system reliability, and enabling secure, efficient digital operations across the organisation.

Websites and eDevelopment

- Continued migration of on-premises SharePoint business systems to Microsoft 365.
- Developed and supported the Grant Mapping Business Dashboard to provide visibility of funding and grant pipeline activity across the county (C&E).
- Progressed the Digital Strategy objective of digitising online services.
- Conducted accessibility monitoring and implemented improvements for *tipperarycoco.ie*.

Business Systems

- Implemented the Planning Enforcement System, with ongoing troubleshooting of mapping-related issues.
- Tested an upgraded version of the Customer Service Desk system in a test environment..
- Progressed the Electronic Outdoor Timesheet Solution, with cost-benefit analysis ongoing and preparation for pilot implementation.
- Initiated the Self-Service Pre-Planning Tools project and commenced requirements analysis.
- Completed implementation of the Document Management System (iDocs) and commenced scanning and data migration.

GIS Systems

- Processed AutoCAD licence renewals.
- Developed new internal web-based tools:
 - Environment Viewer
 - Environment Digitiser
- Completed quarterly updates to GeoDirectory and Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSI) datasets.
- Progressed development of the Derelict Housing Mapping System, including integration planning with SharePoint.

Mobile Communications and Telephony

- Progressed migration of mobile voice and data services, with the second phase underway.
- Identified and managed mobile devices for cancellation or migration to Uisce Éireann.
- Continued processing and management of mobile and telephony billing.

Networks, Infrastructure and Telephony

- Built new domain controllers and scheduled them for deployment.
- Completed an external network assessment and commenced implementation of recommendations.
- Continued deployment of the incident response technical network.
- Prepared Email (Exchange) and Phone Servers for migration to Azure Local.
- Transitioned Microsoft Teams Rooms in Thurles MDO and Nenagh IT Meeting Room to operational use.
- Established a migration strategy for main council chambers to Microsoft Teams.

Cloud Data Centre

- Progressed hybrid cloud deployment.
- Implemented a Disaster Recovery solution for the hybrid environment.

Cyber Security

- Advanced vulnerability management across the IT environment.
- Delivered ongoing security awareness training to staff.
- Conducted phishing simulation exercises.
- Strengthened privileged access management controls.
- Implemented a cyber recovery testing and quality assurance plan.
- Progressed Active Directory penetration testing recommendations.

Microsoft 365 Programme

- Progressed deployment of Teams and OneDrive.
- Implemented core Microsoft 365 services.
- Advanced organisation-wide rollout of Microsoft 365 and the Office suite toward completion.
- Continued preparatory work for SharePoint Online, including pilot migrations.
- Provisioned licences in line with rollout progress and progressed Enterprise Agreement negotiations.
- Completed the eLearning Management System (eLMS) pilot and commenced organisation-wide rollout.
- Implemented an adoption training programme pilot across the organisation.

- Continued development of the Microsoft 365 Champions Programme.
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Cross-Team Activities

- Provided technical support to staff and elected members.
 - Managed and supported business systems, GIS, social media platforms, telephony, desktops, and devices.
 - Maintained high system availability, performance, and security across all IT infrastructure.
 - Performed system patching, application updates, infrastructure upgrades, systems analysis, and end-user support.
-