Centenary Road, Dundalk
The disappearance of the old railway bridge at St. Alphonsus Road, long a thorn in the side of the people who lived there, has opened up the area to many possibilities, some of which are now taking shape. The cost of the scheme was €1.3 million with proposals now in hand to extend it along the line of the old railway, to Hill Street Bridge at a further estimated cost of €4 million, the statutory procedures having recently commenced.

Inner Relief Road, Dundalk
The completion of the remaining section to the Ballymascanlon roundabout has greatly eased traffic congestion and, as a result, considerably improved the economic life of the town. A new link to the Blackrock Road has recently been brought into operation.

Traffic Management
In Dundalk, the refurbishment of the Castletown Road, Clanbrassil Street, Crowe Street and Earl Street were among the main features. Carpark improvements included the Long Walk and Ramparts while the introduction of on-street pay parking also proved to be a success. Indeed, a new multi-storey carpark is currently at planning stage.

Dundalk Water Augmentation Scheme
This was the first ever example of a low flow augmentation scheme to be constructed in Ireland. Given the long distance from the water source to the town, it proved to be the most economically viable option, costing €30 million to complete. The river Fane is used to convey the water from the source to the intake, from where it is pumped to the treatment works.

Dundalk Sewerage Scheme
This project includes a waste water treatment works capable of providing full secondary treatment for the projected waste water loads of the town of Dundalk to the year 2015 at an estimated cost of c. €65 million.

Dundalk Town Hall Refurbishment
This major facelift, costing some €10 million, will greatly enhance service delivery and provide a fitting tribute for Dundalk’s deep rooted civic tradition.

Millennium Centre
Dundalk Town Council has developed a 16 acre site on St. Alphonsus Road as a one-stop shop and public sector campus. The former CIE freight yard now contains Louth County Council’s County Hall.
1988 - 2003

**Dundalk Town Council**

**A Time to Reflect**

### 96) County Museum Dundalk
- Carol Gleeson, Curator with Co. Manager

### 97) Ice House Hill Official Opening

### 98) St. Helena’s Park Dundalk

### 99) Dundalk Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre

Together with a de-centralised Government office while a health centre is planned by the North Eastern Health Board. The Leisure Centre/Swimming Pool is the latest addition. This centre is also the location for a major programme of decentralisation of government offices. This building, which was completed by the Office of Public Works, accommodates some 450 public servants dealing with such areas as social welfare, vehicle registration/testing and the revenue commissioners. Again, the fact that these services are now under the one roof has greatly facilitated service delivery.

**Rampart River Refurbishment**

Dundalk Town Council responded to the injection of private and state funding which was forthcoming as a result of the 1994 Urban Renewal Scheme by proceeding with this improvement scheme.

**Ice House Hill Park**

The restoration of Ice House Hill Park is the outcome of a unique link-up between the private and public sectors. Work began on the park in early 1995. The project was generously funded by Martin Naughton of Glen Dimplex with the land having been provided by Dundalk Town Council.

**St. Helena’s Park**

This project involved an extension to the existing park, drainage works, additional trees, seating, the refurbishment of the bandstand, the insertion of stone embankments on the Castletown river and the riverside walk between the Táin and the “big” bridge.

**Museum & Interpretive Centre**

The preservation and rejuvenation of these important buildings represent a link with the town’s economic, agricultural and architectural past, while providing much needed cultural facilities for the citizens of Dundalk into the next century.

**Dundalk Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre**

This is a first class recreational facility of which the town can be well proud.

**Urban Renewal Programmes**

Possibly the highlight of the earlier years related to the advancement of a number of innovative schemes. The Council had made a compulsory purchase order on a portion of lands designated at Clanbrassil Street in order to facilitate the redevelopment of some 23 acres. This would include completion of one shopping mall, a major shopping centre in excess of
100,000 square feet, with a scheme of infill apartment units together with a substantial new car parking facility. In relation to a second location, the Council had secured a site consisting of an old bonded warehouse with a view to completing a major development comprising of a museum/interpretive centre. These buildings, along with associated carpark and amenity works carried out in locations such as Earl Street and Crowe/Earl Street, Market Square and Francis/Dublin Street would improve substantially the areas close to the Cathedral and town centre.

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**Estimated Total**

€25,000,000
The provision of two modern automatic public conveniences would also enhance facilities in the town.

**Extension to Navvy bank**
An ambitious project encompassing a new pathway to Blackrock (The Loakers) is currently at consultation stage.

**Name of Scheme** | **€**  
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Inner Relief Road - Phase 3 & 4 | 13,036,500  
Clanbrassil Street Carpark | 232,700  
Secondary Distribution Road | 1,206,500  
St. Alphonsus Road Improvement | 1,176,100  
Hoey’s Lane Junction | 406,000  
Industrial Estate Provision | 588,900  
Ramparts Road Carpark | 229,300  
Earl Street Improvements | 320,200  
Market Square Improvements | 660,900  
Clanbrassil Street Improvements | 830,400  
Roden Place Improvements | 270,300  
Other Urban Renewal Improvements | 741,200  
Improvements to Landfill | 1,427,000  
Sports Complex Extension | 410,600  
Ice House Hill Park | 590,800  
Riverside Park St. Helena’s | 619,900  
Extension to Museum | 377,100  
Land Acquisition | 8,455,600  
County Museum | 3,009,400  
Barrack Street / Quay Street | 402,100  
Housing Construction & Purchases | 25,000,000  
Housing Loans | 12,000,000  
Water Schemes | 30,000,000  
Sewerage Schemes | 80,000,000  
Sports Complex Extension | 360,000  
Centenary Road | 1,300,000  

**Total** | **183,651,500**

**Arts Service**
This area has certainly gone from strength to strength and incorporated the following main initiatives over the years:
- Dundalk Heritage Year 1989
- Global Radio Community Event
- Improvements to the Basement Gallery
- The opening of the public arts office.