



Comhairle Contae **Lú**  
**Louth** County Council

**Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report in  
relation to functions performed in the preceding  
month / Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil ag an  
bPríomhfheidhmeannach maidir le feidhmeanna  
déanta i rith an mhí seo caite**

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**Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report - 30 April 2022**  
**Tuairisc Bainistíochta ag an bPríomhfheidhmeannach - 30 Aibreán 2022**

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## Finance and Water Services Airgeadas agus Seirbhísí Uisce

This Directorate ensures that the financial management of the Council is carried out in an efficient and timely manner, compliant with all relevant legislation, and that all of the activities and programmes of the Council represent good value for money for all the citizens of Louth.

Other responsibilities include Motor Tax and Water Services.

Cintíonn an Stiúrthóireacht seo go bhfuil bainistíocht airgeadas an Chomhairle déanta ar bhealach éifeachtach agus tráthúil, comhlíontach leis an dlí ábhartha, agus go bhfuil luach ar airgead bainte as gach gníomhaíocht agus clár ag an gComhairle, thar ceann shaoránaigh Lú.

Ina chuid den freagrachtaí eile ná Mótarcháin agus Seirbhísí Uisce.

**Bernie Woods**  
Director / Stiúrthóir



## FINANCE

### Expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 / Caiteachas go dtí 30<sup>ú</sup> Aibreán 2022

Section/Rannóg	Actual Expenditure to/Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 30/04/2022	Budget Expenditure/ Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2022	% Spent to/ % Caite go 30/04/2022
Housing/Tithíocht	€10,818,199	€47,728,898	23%
Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht	€7,575,050	€26,126,012	29%
Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce	€2,809,455	€8,379,633	34%
Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha	€4,217,968	€17,331,075	24%
Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta	€5,044,615	€19,413,023	26%
Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste	€2,588,002	€9,615,255	27%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare/Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	€273,250	€1,203,454	23%
Miscellaneous/Ilgheáilteach	€3,587,816	€10,474,400	34%
	<b>€36,914,355</b>	<b>€140,271,750</b>	<b>26%</b>

### Income to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 / Ioncam go 30<sup>ú</sup> Aibreán 2022

Section/Rannóg	Actual Income to/Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 30/04/22	Budget Income/Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2022	% Invoiced to/ % Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 30/04/22
Housing/Tithíocht	€11,114,551	€48,920,854	23%
Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht	€635,075	€16,718,183	4%
Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce	€1,809,802	€8,110,634	22%
Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha	€1,789,760	€10,250,958	17%
Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta	€524,585	€2,253,742	23%
Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste	€280,784	€1,043,293	27%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	€108,017	€479,424	23%
Miscellaneous/Ilgheáilteach	€1,739,790	€7,097,818	25%
Rates/Rátaí	€34,876,825	€35,030,647	100%
General Purpose Grant (LPT)/Deontas Ilfheidhmeach	€3,288,732	€9,866,198	33%
Provision for Debit Balance/Soláthar faoi Iarmhéid Dochair		€500,000	0%
	<b>€56,167,921</b>	<b>€140,271,750</b>	<b>40%</b>

The above is the current position as at the 30th April 2022. The allocation of the Central Management Charge is estimated in the above figures as the allocation is not completed till mid-month. The full rates demand for 2022 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 are as follows:

**Debtors as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022/Féichiúnaithe mar atá 30<sup>ú</sup> Aibreán 2022**

	<b>Opening Balance /Iarmhéid Tosaigh</b>	<b>Invoices/ Sonraisc</b>	<b>Receipts/ Fáltais</b>	<b>Write Offs/ Díscríobhanna</b>	<b>Closing Balance/ Iarmhéid Deiridh</b>
<b>Government Debtors/Féichiúnaithe Rialtais</b>	<b>€10,304,674</b>	€13,785,472	(€16,420,175)	(€25)	<b>€7,669,946</b>
<b>Other Local Authorities/Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile</b>	<b>€53,434</b>	€279,608	(€180,469)	€0	<b>€152,573</b>
<b>Rates/Rataí</b>	<b>€10,273,724</b>	€34,876,825	(€10,870,670)	(€1,951,539)	<b>€32,328,340</b>
<b>Rents/Cíosanna</b>	<b>€2,517,135</b>	€4,356,509	(€4,415,431)	€0	<b>€2,458,213</b>
<b>Loans/Iasachtal</b>	<b>€241,004</b>	€467,055	(€598,040)	€0	<b>€110,019</b>
<b>Development Levies/Tobhaigh Forbartha</b>	<b>€11,451,043</b>	€1,718,627	(€1,089,696)	(€310,844)	<b>€11,769,131</b>
<b>Fire Charges/Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin</b>	<b>€707,144</b>	€189,874	(€119,469)	(€20,041)	<b>€757,508</b>
<b>Miscellaneous/Ilghnéitheach</b>	<b>€2,513,794</b>	€3,561,532	(€3,092,542)	(€45,436)	<b>€2,937,348</b>
<b>Total Debtors / Féichiúnaithe Iomlána</b>	<b>€38,061,952</b>	<b>€59,235,502</b>	<b>(€36,786,492)</b>	<b>(€2,327,885)</b>	<b>€58,183,078</b>

Above are the debtor balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recoupments, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Vets, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

The write off figure for Rates includes the Quarter 1 2022 Rates Waiver of €1.1m which is funded and is the final rates waiver.

## **WATER SERVICES / SEIRBHÍSÍ UISCE**

**Note - it is expected that progress of capital schemes and delivery of some services will experience further delays as result of restrictions due to Covid-19.**

### **Water Quality / Cáilíocht Uisce**

Intensive monitoring of water supplies in the County is carried out continually by the EPA on behalf of Louth County Council.

### **Water Conservation / Caomhnú Uisce**

Water conservation is ongoing throughout the County.

### **Climate Change Adaptation Strategy /An Straitéis um Oiriúnú don Athrú Aeráide**

Water Services continue to engage with Irish Water and LCC Environment Section on the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

### **Capital Programmes/Cláir Chaipitiúla**

Irish Water refers to the different phases of a capital project as Gates 1, 2, 3 or 4.

- Gate 1 - Concept Design
- Gate 2 - Detailed design, preparation of contract documents, planning approval and procurement
- Gate 3 - Construction stage
- Gate 4 - Snagging and project sign off.

### **Tallanstown Rationalisation / Cuíchóiriú Bhaile an Tallúnaigh**

Detailed Design is being progressed by Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers. LCC are liaising with IW and Consultants to advance the project. The Stage 4 workshop has been completed. LCC Operations section continues to engage with IW and the design team to support the project. Land acquisition currently being progressed. Project to include works at Mullacrew Reservoir, new PS at Allardstown and new PS at Bannons Cross.

### **Cavanhill WTW Upgrade/ Uasghrádú Ionad Cóireála Uisce Cavan Hill**

LCC and IW are currently negotiating the phased transition from the DBO contract to Operations control. LCC have recruited additional staff to be trained by the DBO Contractor/IW in order to manage and operate Cavan Hill WTP once the facility is taken back in charge by the LA under the Service Level Agreement.

### **Staleen WTW Upgrade / Uasghrádú Ionad Cóireála Uisce Steach Luíne**

LCC and IW are currently negotiating the phased transition from the DBO contract to Operations control. LCC have recruited additional staff to be trained by the DBO Contractor/IW in order to manage and operate Staleen WTP once the facility is taken back in charge by the LA under the Service Level Agreement.

### **Omeath WWTW / Córas Cóireála Fuíolluisce Ó Méith**

Site mobilisation and setup of site compound has been completed. Construction Phase has commenced. Project programmed for completion February 2023.

### **Shared Waters Enhancement and Loughs Legacy (SWELL)**

Re-lining works commenced Dec 2021 and to be completed early 2022. IW to consider further surface water separation. Phase 1 of SWELL Project is complete.

### **Regional Sewer Network Rehabilitation / Athshlánú an Líonra Séaraigh Aitiúil**

Further network surveys are being progressed under the 2022 programme for Louth. Works have commenced in Drogheda and Dundalk.

### **Dundalk Drainage Area Plan (DAP)/Plean Limistéar Draenála Dhún Dealgan**

LCC Operations staff continues to liaise with IW and Consultants with network verifications. Key risks identified from stage 3 to be taken forward to stage

4 and options identified to address risks. Detailed Strategic Model to be complete by end of Q2 2022.

### **Dundalk East Strategy - In advance of completion of Dundalk DAP/ Straitéis Dhún Dealgan Thoir**

Consultants are currently progressing the design with IW in consultation with Louth County Council. The site investigation and GPR Survey is now complete. The detailed design will be dependent on data provided by Dundalk DAP. Design review meeting completed on 23rd March 2022.

### **Coe's Road Pumping Station / Staisiún Ceadalacháin Bhóthair Uí Chofaigh**

Operational modifications to the Pumping Station were undertaken by EPS. Options for cleaning of existing large diameter sewer currently under review with IW.

### **Dundalk LNRP / Clár um Atreisiúchan Líonra Áitiúil Dhún Dealgan**

Strategic Review underway for Dundalk WWTP and Blackrock WWTP to facilitate progressing the Local Network Reinforcement Programme.

### **Drogheda LNRP / Clár um Atreisiúchán Líonra Áitiúil Dhroichead Átha**

Works including the provision of Non-Return Valves on the 3 no outfalls and an Event Duration Monitor are being progressed.

### **North Drogheda Wastewater Network Strategy/Straitéis Líonra Fuíolluisce Dhroichead Átha Thuaidh**

Atkins Consulting Engineers are progressing the detailed design of the North Drogheda Strategic Wastewater Network. Workshop 4 was completed in Dec 2021. Liaison with Local Authority Planning Section is progressing. Planning and procurement process to progress through 2022.

### **Quay St. / St. Helena Rising Main, Dundalk/Príomhphíobán Aníos Shráid na Cé/Naomh Helena, Dún Dealgan**

Detailed Design is being advanced by the IW consultants with the Design Workshop completed in February 2022. Detailed design will be dependent on

data provided by Dundalk DAP. Procurement of contractors is ongoing with commencement on site due in Q2 2022.

### **Greenmount WTW Upgrade/Uasghrádú Ionad Cóireála Uisce Dhroim Chatha**

Irish Water have commenced design of the Upgrade of Greenmount WTW. Initial Design Workshop completed.

### **Drogheda WWTP/Córas Cóireála Fuíolluisce Dhroichead Átha**

IW is continuing to carry out works at Drogheda wastewater treatment plant and is committed to resolving any potential odour issues arising from the wastewater plant or the network. IW continues to work closely with EPS Limited who operate the plant on behalf of Irish Water.

### **Drogheda Drainage Area Plan (DAP)/Plean Limistéar Draenála Dhroichead Átha**

IW are currently tendering for consultant to undertake the Drogheda Drainage Area Plan. It is anticipated that Consultant will be appointed in Q2 and project to progress through 2022.

### **Cockle Hill PS Upgrade / Uasghrádú Stáisiún Ceadalacháin Chnoic na Ruachan**

Workshop 4 has been completed and contractor has been appointed. Works to be progressed in Q3 2022.

### **Water Networks / Líonraí Uisce**

#### **Water Networks Programme/Clár Líonraí Uisce**

#### **Rehabilitation Programme/Clár Athshlánúcháin**

Work on the four rehabilitation schemes below is being undertaken through this program in April

- Cast iron network replacement in Pearse Park Drogheda - 95% Completed
- Cast iron network replacement in Sliabh Breagh – Ardee 95% Completed
- Cast iron network replacement in Tallanstown - Phase 1 Completed, Phase 2 commenced.
- Design development for the slip lining of the watermain through the Bridge of Peace - Design ongoing.

## **Lead replacement / Ionadú Luaidhe Back Yard Services / Seirbhísí Cúlchlóis**

Irish Water's Contractors are continuing to carry out back yard service replacement in Pearse Park (Lourdes) - Drogheda in April.

## **First Fix / Chéad Shocrú**

3 first fix type repairs were undertaken by Irish Water contractors in April.

## **Find & Fix / Aimsigh agus Deisigh**

Louth County Council crews undertook Find and Fix activities in Drogheda, Colon in April.

## **Water Scouring Programme 2022 / Clar Sciúrtha Uisce 2022**

Localised flushing in April.

## **Network Maintenance / Cothabháil Líonra**

48 essential water tasks were carried out in April including 18 arising out of the Find and Fix program in Drogheda and Collon.

40 wastewater issues were resolved during April involving attendance by IW jetting contractor on 27 of these (12 Dundalk, 13 Drogheda and 2 in the County Area).

## **Planning & Water Connections / Pleanáil agus Ceangail Uisce**

The Networks Section processed 18 new connections, 10 Pre-Connection Enquiries and 24 Planning Applications in April.

## **Service Maps / Léarscáileanna Seirbhíse**

The Networks Section prepared 15 Service Maps in April.

## Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Development Pleanáil, Bonneagar agus Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

This Directorate has three key areas of responsibility:

Planning, the way in which we organise the built environment in our county

Infrastructure, including our roads, bridges, and ports

Economic Development, including the Local Enterprise Office, and work involving partners and funding outside the state

Tá trí eochairfhreagracht ag an Stiúrtóireacht seo:

Is é Pleanáil an slí a eagraímid an timpeallacht thógtha i gContae Lú

Bonneagar, ár mbóithre, ár ndroichid, agus ár gcalaphoirt san áireamh

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, an Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil san áireamh, agus obair le comhpháirtithe agus foinsí maoinithe lasmuigh den Stát

Thomas McEvoy  
A/Director / G/Stiúrtóir



## **Planning, Infrastructure & Economic Development**

### **Climate Change Adaptation Strategy**

- Part of our assessment of projects currently includes their impact on the environment.

- A new support for micro and small businesses in Louth to assist them develop their green and sustainable agenda was launched in 2021. Further details are available at

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/green>.

## **Economic Development**

### **Louth Economic Forum**

The next meeting of the Louth Economic Forum will take place on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### **Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2022**

To date this year 7 applications have been received, applications can be submitted until Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

This year the scheme was extended to areas not covered by the existing scheme via an expression of interest form which closed on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022. 6 applications were received under the expression of interest scheme and all applicants have been notified.

## **Tourism**

### **'sea louth'**



The Sunday World published an article in their Sunday supplement called 'Louth and Proud' 24<sup>th</sup> April detailing 7 of the best options to see and do while following the sea louth trail.

Carlingford Oysters were at the Global Seafood expo in Barcelona the week of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and while there promoted the sea louth trail.

## **Fáilte Ireland Funding: Urban Animation**

Work on the project which involves:

- An animated lighting show which will run during festivals and other seasonal events,
- A new Augmented Reality Trail – the first of its kind in Ireland, and
- An urban art trail with an audio story attached.

The tender for the first stage went live on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Destination Towns Capital Investment Programme**

The tender will be reissued on eTenders the week of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Accordingly, the estimated date for completion of works will be Q1 of 2023, but this timescale is also dependent on the supply of materials, etc. and therefore, these provisional dates may vary and can only be determined after a contract is issued.

The proposed signage will be focused on streets from Magdalene Tower to Millmount and from Westgate to St. Laurence's Gate in Drogheda town centre.

## **Boyne Valley Flavours**

The Boyne Valley Food Series is back with in-person events. First of the events took place on the Bank Holiday weekend in May. We have a number of new events for 2022 including an Apple Blossom Walk at Corderry Farm Knockbridge and Gin and Whiskey and Oysters cruises with Carlingford Lough Ferry.

The Culinary Project Strategy is ready to present to Louth County Council – date to be confirmed for same.

## **LEO Louth**

### **COVID-19 Business Supports**



Updated information on the range of business supports available can be found at: [www.LocalEnterprise.ie/Response](http://www.LocalEnterprise.ie/Response).

Businesses seeking support from LEO Louth should email: [info@leo.louthcoco.ie](mailto:info@leo.louthcoco.ie) or they can call to our office at Town Hall, Dundalk.

### 'Look for Local' / 'Shop Local'

LEO continues to host a Louth 'shop local' online directory available at: [www.louthcoco.ie/ShopLocal](http://www.louthcoco.ie/ShopLocal).

New businesses can be included on the Louth online directory by emailing: [tradingonline@leo.louthcoco.ie](mailto:tradingonline@leo.louthcoco.ie).

### National Enterprise Awards 2022 National Finals



Overall National Enterprise Award County winner Conor Kerley of Phytaphix is working with the LEO to prepare for the National Final interviews on 12<sup>th</sup> May.



*Conor Kerley, Setanta Nutrition Ltd. t/a Phytaphix with both his Innovation Award and Overall County Winner Award*

### Student Enterprise Programme



All the county winners attended a small ceremony to collect their awards in the Town Hall. During April, the four national finalists submitted their final documents and we will learn in early May if any of them will be shortlisted to go to the reduced capacity in person final in the Helix, Dublin in mid May.



*Students and teachers attending the County Award ceremony in the Town Hall*

### County Senior Winner - Roci Sports



*Ronan Tallon and Cillian McCullough (Roci Sports) from Ardee Community School with Thomas McEvoy, Head of Enterprise, Louth Local Enterprise Office.*

### County Intermediate Winner - Jewellery by Soirse

Soirse Branigan (Jewellery by Soirse), Our Lady's College, Drogheda was unable to attend the award ceremony.

## County Junior Winner – Handmade by Laoise



**Laoise Fogarty (Handmade by Laoise) from Scoil Uí Mhuirí, Dunleer, with Fionnuala Rogers, Student Enterprise Co-ordinator (Louth) and Thomas McEvoy, Head of Enterprise, Louth Local Enterprise Office.**

## County My Entrepreneurial Journey Winner - Pottery by Dearbhla



**Dearbhla McArdle (Pottery by Dearbhla) from St. Vincent's Dundalk with Thomas McEvoy, Head of Enterprise, Louth Local Enterprise Office.**

## Brexit Supports

### Brexit Advisory Clinic

Brexit Advisory Clinics, involving one to one meetings to help assess the impact of Brexit on Louth businesses, continue to be offered to local businesses.

### Microfinance Ireland Loan:

Microfinance Ireland is offering a Brexit Business Loan, via LEO, in order to support businesses that will be directly impacted by Brexit.

A full range of Brexit supports to help small businesses is offered by LEO Louth, all information can be found at: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Brexit/>.

## Green for Micro



The Green for Micro programme is a free programme which aims to help businesses identify cost savings and improve their green credentials. This is achieved by looking at the business from an environmental perspective.

Projects may vary from assessing energy, water and waste costs, guidance with environmental management system, to the greening of the product or business to adapt to the changing market place.

This programme will continue to be delivered throughout 2022. 3 no. Louth businesses were approved in April bringing our approvals year to date to 9 no. LEO Louth continues to welcome new applications.

## LEO Louth Client Portfolio Review / Export Adviser Programme

Under this Programme LEO has procured 3 no. consultants who have commenced engagements with our portfolio clients.

The programme provides support to LEO portfolio clients to develop their export and growth potential, working with businesses to identify and pursue export opportunities and to ensure maximum uptake of LEO supports.

## Business Training

April was another busy month with 8 no. workshops delivered to 335 no. attendees. Workshops included Instagram for Beginners, Advanced Facebook, Google Ad words and Data Protection for Small Business.



May also promises to be a busy month with another 7 no. workshops on offer, including Social Media for Small Business, Time Management for Entrepreneurs and Accessing Finance. All training courses are available to view and book online: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>.

## Trading Online Voucher Scheme



LEO continues to offer the Trading Online Voucher Scheme to assist businesses get online or enhance their online presence, under which LEO can provide 50% support up to a maximum grant of €2,500.

Trading Online training workshops to assist applicants apply continue to be delivered on a regional basis with Cavan and Monaghan LEOs.

There were 9 no. applications for Trading Online support received in April. 16 no. vouchers have been approved year to date.

## Business Advice Clinics

33 no. business advice appointments were provided by telephone and video conference to entrepreneurs throughout the county during April.

## LEO Louth Mentor Programme



The Mentor Programme is designed to match up the knowledge, skills, insights and entrepreneurial capability of experienced business practitioners with small business owner / managers who need practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

16 no. businesses were appointed Mentors during the month of April.

## COVID-19 Microfinance Ireland Business Loan



LEO Louth offers expert assistance to clients to assist the completion of Microfinance Ireland Loan Applications, Business Plans and Cashflow Projections.

During April, 5 no. applications for support were received, and 1 no. application was submitted to MFI.

LEO mentors are continuing to assist applicants.

Head of Enterprise is participating on the MFI Strategy Working group and MFI Board.

## Micro-Finance Ireland – New Electric Vehicle Taxi Loan

Microfinance Ireland has a loan whereby taxi owners who wish to buy an electric vehicle can now apply for loans of up to €25,000 from Microfinance Ireland.



Loans of between €5,000 and €25,000 are available, with a 1% reduced APR if the application is made through the Local Enterprise Office. The loans will be up to 5 years. LEO Louth is accepting applications.

## Innovate Accelerate Europe



The Innovate Accelerate Europe programme launched in October 2021, with 7 businesses from Louth participating. The cross-border programme is focused on small businesses as they will be among the most challenged by Brexit and Covid.

Its primary features are:

- Participating businesses get a free promotional video of their business which they can use for export campaigns.
- Each business will get to work with an international mentor and digital consultant to help improve their online enquiries / sales and export potential.

- A network of EU agents will set up meetings for each business with potential partners.
- The opportunity to attend a buyer's event and receive €400 towards the cost of attending or implementing a strategy adopted

The participants have had access to specialist mentor advice as well as the opportunity to have a short video promoting their company professionally produced.

The final element of the Innovate Accelerate package of supports is a Virtual Business to Business Meet.

The remaining participants met for their final Business to Business Meet on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, with representatives from Italy, Spain and Germany.

## LEAN for Micro Programme

LEO Louth continues to offer the LEAN Programme to small businesses locally.



The programme helps businesses to identify issues and potential improvement areas and provides support to implement these as well as achieve savings and improvements in capability and capacity to deliver.

## Co-Innovate Programme



Final clients on the Co-Innovate Programme continue to engage with the programme to assist them embed innovation in their business. In total 74 Louth businesses participated under Co-innovate.

LEO Louth is working with the CBLEP (Cross Border Local Enterprise Partnership) of Local Enterprise Office along the border, their northern counterpart in

the Local Enterprise Agencies, Enterprise NI and in conjunction with partners Intertrade Ireland and East Border region to scope out a potential Innovation Business Support programme under the upcoming PEACE funding.

## Craft Sector

LEO Louth is working with the national LEO / Design and Craft Council Ireland Committee in the design and roll out of sectoral training and opportunities for the design and craft community.

Louth companies will be able to apply to engage in training programmes, an eCommerce bootcamp and an export focused programme over the next number of months.

## Ambassador Visits

April saw visits from the Lithuanian, German, Georgian and US embassies.

Lithuanian Ambassador, Marijus Gudynas and his 3<sup>rd</sup> Secretary Ieva Nurminen met with local businesses on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

German Ambassador Cord Meier-Klodt met with local businesses on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

USA Ambassador Claire Cronin met the Chief Executive and Head of Enterprise on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 on her visit to meet County Louth.

## European Relations

### Peace IV Programme



### Project Updates – Shared Spaces and Services

- The construction contract for Peter's Hill Drogheda has been assessed and is due to be awarded. Three tenders were received for the Peter's Hill Artwork and a public survey of views / preference of design is currently underway. The results of the survey will be one of the many elements

considered subsequently by an assessment panel who will select the successful tender.

- The extension to Muirhevnamór Community Centre (Construction Works) will be advertised on eTenders soon.

## Completing Projects

- The Community Capacity Building (Theme: Building Positive Relations) Project held its closing event on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 in the Muirhevnamór Community Centre.
- The “Leading the Way” project is almost complete with the closing event planned for 9<sup>th</sup> May. All of the Building Positive Relations Theme projects will then be complete.



*Community Capacity Building Closing Event  
31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022*

## Infrastructure

### Roads Projects

### Narrow Water Bridge

A North South Ministerial Infrastructure Sub Group meeting was held on 8<sup>th</sup> April, with a further one to be held towards the end of May.

Engagement with DFI Infrastructure, Loughs Agency, NPW, etc. is ongoing in order to discharge the Conditions of Planning. Tenders for wind tunnel modelling, bathymetric / topographical surveys have been received and are being assessed. A Tender

for an advanced works contract for a compensatory roost site has been issued to the market. Updates to the detailed design and environmental management plans, etc. are currently ongoing.

#### **N53 - Dundalk to Castleblayney Road Phase 4. Hackballscross to Rissan**

Louth County Council await correspondence from An Bord Pleanála regarding the CPO process, 13 objections were received by ABP. The design team are engaging with the landowners throughout the process.

#### **N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road Scheme**

Ground Investigation works have been completed for the scheme and the outcome of the on-site investigations are being compiled into a detailed report. Initial designs for the route are expected to be available in Q3 2022. Meaningful discussions with affected landowners to take place from this point, and the format for these discussions will be considered over the coming months. N2 Project Phone line 087 340 3786 or email: [ArdeeCastleblayney@N2MonaghanLouth.ie](mailto:ArdeeCastleblayney@N2MonaghanLouth.ie) [www.N2MonaghanLouth.ie](http://www.N2MonaghanLouth.ie).

#### **N52 Ardee Bypass**

Part 8 planning has been passed by the Ardee MD on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Note: A local environmental group are seeking leave for a Judicial Review against An Bord Pleanála and their directions to Louth County Council concerning the preparations of an EIAR and NIS. The initial application has now been heard and the outcome is awaited.

#### **TII HD17 Schemes**

A consultant recently carried out Road Safety Inspections (RSI's) on behalf of the TII on both the N2 and the N33 National Roads in Co. Louth. The consultant's reports are currently in *Draft* form and are being reviewed by the TII. The TII will notify Louth County Council in due course as to the various HD17 schemes they will want Louth County Council to pursue in 2022.

**Funshog:** A Feasibility and Options report for the upgrade of the N2/LS5267-0 junction commenced in 2021. The *Draft* report is currently on hold until the TII review the results of the RSI's that were carried out recently on the N2 as outlined above.

#### **Safety Barriers – N53 and N52**

A consultant was engaged to carry out onsite surveys on behalf of Louth County Council in late 2021 at 2 no. locations identified on the N53 and at 3 no. locations identified on the N52 as possible locations for the requirement of safety barriers. The surveys will determine the safety barrier requirement as per TII guidelines. The consultant is in the process of finalising the design for submission to TII for assessment on where safety barriers may / may not be required at the 5 no. locations.

#### **N33 & N51 Pavement Scheme**

Surfacing works are complete on the N33 in the vicinity of M1 interchange.

Surfacing Works are complete on the N51 near the tie in to the M1 Interchange.

#### **N2 Collon Safety Scheme**

TII have now approved the preliminary design report for the safety scheme in Collon, these works are at detail design stage.

#### **Port Access Northern Cross Route**

Hedge removal works are completed within the CPO land. These works were carried out within the permitted season such that if any ongoing discussion with developers in case funding does become available before the hedge cutting season resumes.

Footpath and cycle path works to facilitate development on the Ballymakenny Road which is part of the PANCR scheme are completed. The purchase of land to facilitate the footpath and cycle path has commenced in line with the CPO procedure. Public lighting columns have been erected. Watermain, foul sewer and telecoms ducting are substantially complete. Kerbing work

and footpath work is substantially complete. Cycle lane surfacing is being due to commence shortly.

### **Boyne Enterprise Link Road**

Tender documents have been reviewed and updated to reflect the inflation clause in the CWMF documents issues by the government. It is expected to advertise for Tender in early May 2022. Ongoing consultations are taking place with stakeholders / landowners.

### **R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme**

The project has been reactivated with Cavan County Council being the lead authority. Currently the consultants are reviewing the route using a RibGeom method of assessment. This type of assessment will identify sections of the route corridor where the greatest collision risk exists and these will form a basis of a phased improvement strategy for the route corridor. Currently the consultants are in the process of completing this process and it's envisaged a Risk Based Safety Improvement Measures Report, subject to approval by DoT, will be completed which will give informed recommendations of the sections of the route corridor that improvements are warranted. As part of DoT grants €100k has been awarded under Strategic Regional Local Roads to commence preliminary design work the identified Risk sections of the R178, subject to DoT approval of the said report and production of a SARs report.

### **Greenways**

#### **Carlingford Lough Greenway - Omeath to Newry**

*(Joint project with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and East Border Region)*

The consultant is progressing with detailed design for the project. Tender documents for the main contract are being drafted.

CPO submissions received and Louth County Council engaging with affected parties to resolve outstanding issues from submissions. Awaiting response from ABP since letter received pushing back the determination dates until 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

SEUPB have granted a 12 month extension to the project programme and have engaged a third party to independently assess the request for additional funding by the three border Interreg Greenway projects with a decision expected in 2022. This funding request has passed initial SEUPB review and will be brought before steering group.

Updated submission to NI planning department in regards to DFI comments. Liaison with DFI ongoing. It is anticipated that Planning Permission in N.I. will be decided upon in 2022 once DFI approval has been given.

The project partners are continuing to meet on a monthly basis to review and assess the various aspects of the project.

### **Greenway - Carlingford to Templetown**

Consultant is preparing for Public Consultation No.1 - Constraints Study with view of a date in May / June. Wintering Bird survey ongoing. Scope being prepared for drone survey of route corridors and tender to be issued thereafter. Traffic counts being carried out at several locations by Louth County Council.

### **TII Funded Greenway - Templetown to Dundalk**

TII have allocated monies towards the feasibility of a new greenway from Templetown to Dundalk. A meeting with National Road Design Office on 3<sup>rd</sup> March to discuss possibility of resources to assist in the project and a site visit is planned for early May.

### **LIHAF Projects**

#### **LIHAF Access Road at Newtown, Drogheda**

Engaging with Department and Developer. Contract documents are substantially complete and ready for tender, subject to the Departments approval.

The developer has submitted a planning application for 67 units in order to bring the quota of housing up to 200 units, currently we are waiting for that process to be completed.

#### **LIHAF Mount Avenue Improvement**

Tender documents have been issued to the market via eTenders with a 30 day tender period. Louth County Council will then prepare a Tender Assessment Report and will seek Department of Housing Approval to proceed with the Works.

### **Safety Improvement Works**

#### **Retrofit Fencing**

A survey was carried out at various locations on the N53 in regards the requirement to carry out / not carry out retrofit fencing works on sections of the existing post and rail fencing. A report has been forwarded to the TII and it is currently under review.

#### **Ardee Pedestrian Crossing**

A Feasibility and Options Report for the Refurbishment of the Pedestrian Lights on Castle Street, Ardee was forwarded to the TII and approval was received in 2021 for funding of €136,258 for these works. Unfortunately, due to increased design and construction costs, the TII have instructed Louth County Council to retender for a design team to bring the project forward. Draft documentation was sent to the TII and it is currently under review by TII for this scheme.

### **Specific Bridge Improvement Grants**

#### **Obelisk Bridge**

Requested peer review by DTTAS is now completed. The design team are finalising revised tender documents prior to issuing to the Market. Approval from DTTAS to release to the Market will be sought thereafter. Funding of €800k was allocated by DTTAS to progress the scheme.

#### **St. Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda**

The Bridge closure has been in place from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 for a period of 6 months. This closure has been extended to 15<sup>th</sup> July as additional time for completion is required due to global market supply chain issues. The Council regrets any inconvenience that the bridge closure will cause.

Scaffolding still fully in place with and channel for River users are in place. Encapsulation system is now in place to meet necessary projection measures. Repairs to the bridge deck, soffit and web repair elements have taken place.

Masonry wall repairs are progressing. Stone work at approaches is being removed / raked out to allow for removal of vegetation and rebuilding and repointing.



*Steel Deck Exposed*



*St. Dominick's Bridge- Wing-wall rebuilt*

### **Public Transport**

#### **NTA Bus Shelter Installation Programme 2021-2022**

The NTA have, through discussions with Bus Operators, their bus shelter supplier, and Louth

County Council developed a revised list of 10 proposed schemes detailed below. 3 no. Tenders have been received and are being assessed. It is envisaged subject to NTA approval that works will commence in June. Please note NTA will supply the actual shelters through their own contractor.

- Drogheda - Donore Road
- Dundalk - Red Barns Road opposite Lennonstown Entrance
- Termonfeckin - Big Street at Credit Union
- Kilsaran - South of Standard Brands
- Drogheda - Rowen Heights, Marley's Lane - Southbound
- Ardee - N2 at Monastery Church
- Clogherhead - John Kirk Park / Chapel Road at Shop
- Clogherhead - Callystown Road
- Drogheda – at Newtown Abbey, Newfoundwell Road (R166)
- Dundalk - Rathmount Estate, Seafield Road, Blackrock

## **Redevelopment Fair Street Offices, Drogheda**

Main Contractor, Townlink Ltd. commenced work on site on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2022. Works have commenced on site. Site compound has been established. Asbestos removal from existing buildings is under way by specialist contractor. Temporary traffic management plan measures will be put in place on Fair Street in early May to ensure safe access and egress for all road users for duration of the contract.



*Contractor setting up compound*

## **Town & Village Renewal**

### **Blackrock Footpaths**

This scheme has been withdrawn due to lands not being made available to complete the works and therefore the inability to complete the project within the timeframe.

### **Stabannon Footpaths**

T&V complete.

## **Corporate Projects**

### **Ardee Castle RRDF**

The public display for the Part 8 application and the period for consultation have been closed. The submissions are being assessed and the report is being prepared. It will be brought to the Ardee MD meeting in April for resolution.

## **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund**

### **Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford**

The development of the proposed options is ongoing and will reflect the feedback gained from the first phase of the non-statutory public consultation and will inform these design options.

### **Omeath Public Realm**

Preferred bidder has been identified and notified and their appointment is progressing.

### **Ardee 2040**

The detailed design and the preparation of the EIAR and AA Screening for Development consent application to ABP are progressing. The report into the Public Engagement Process will be uploaded onto the website in early April, [www.ardee2040.ie](http://www.ardee2040.ie).

## **Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects**

### **West Gate Vision (Drogheda)**

Westgate Vision Project is progressing with agreed planning strategy for EIAR and AA Stage 2 reports for Development consent application to ABP based on the emerging option design. The report into the Engagement process has been uploaded to [www.westgatevision.ie](http://www.westgatevision.ie).

### **Long Walk (Dundalk)**

Regular meetings are now taking place with the third party stakeholder to develop the key aspects of the masterplan.

### **St. Nicholas Quarter & Backlands Regeneration**

The Council is awaiting feedback from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage on the documentation submitted. In the meantime work is continuing on the draft tender documents for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary design team.

### **Dunleer Town Masterplan**

Works will commence on the development of the Masterplan in early April.

## **Active Travel Investment Program**

### **2022 NTA Allocation**

Under the 2022 allocation there is an increase in funding from last year to €6.53 million. The fourteen projects commenced in 2021 will continue and an additional nine new projects have been allocated funding for this year.

The projects funded are for Walking and Cycling infrastructure and development of transport studies. The current statuses of the ongoing projects are as follows:

- St. Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda: as reported above

- Drogheda R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (including Marsh Road): Consultants, Barry Transportation Ltd. are progressing with the development of concept designs and options for the scheme.
- Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda: works ongoing (see PANCR above)
- **Drogheda 2021 Active Travel Projects:** RPS have been appointed to design the below schemes, currently they are in the initial phases of data gathering and reviewing the sites.
  - *Termonfeckin Road, Collon Road, Hill of Rath to Rosehall roundabouts, Rathmullan Road, Dublin Road and North Road*
- Drogheda: Boyne Business Park Link Road: reported as above
- Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Rd: Consultants, Barry Transportation Ltd. are progressing with the development of concept designs and options for the scheme.
- Dublin Road, Dundalk: Consultants (OCSC) are progressing with the development of the design with a view of a Part 8 process commencing in June. Road Safety Audit and screening for Environmental Assessments are ongoing.
- Ard Easmuinn Road to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk and Bus Station to Rail Station: Contract for the planning and design of the scheme has been awarded to Consulting Engineers, WSP Ltd. Options development are ongoing along with background data gathering.
- Transport / Mobility Plans:
  - **Drogheda & East Meath Transport Plan:** Work on the transport plan is ongoing with the NTA and Meath County Council. Traffic counts to be undertaken at key locations. The results of Stakeholder engagement and Public consultation (Online survey) are being collated.
- R166 Termonfeckin footpath tenders received and procedures to award of contract to MEAT has been completed. Louth County Council are awaiting on contractor to mobilise and commence work on site.
- Footpath Extensions / Links Package B: See Operations Report on Annagassan. Cheerybrook and Knockbridge, works will commence in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.

## Active Travel Projects 2022

Funding has been approved by NTA for the following projects:

Allocations to Commence work on designs. Project Briefs are currently being drawn up to tender for Design Consultants of the NTA Frameworks.

- R132 Dublin Road, Dundalk (from the Rank Xerox junction to Greengates) - new Cycle paths (2.4km).
- R178 Carrickmacross Road Dundalk - new cyclepaths.
- New Pedestrian Crossings (two) on R132 Inner Relief Road, at Táin Bridge, Dundalk
- Hoey's Lane (from junction with Dublin Street to junction Naughton's Close): new cyclepaths.
- Mill Street, Dundalk (from Inner Relief Road junction to Castle Road junction): new Cyclepath – 440m and upgrade of junctions.
- Hill Street Bridge to Train Station Dundalk- new cyclepaths.
- College Heights to Tom Bellew Avenue, Dundalk - new pedestrian / cyclepath link.

Allocations for Works Contracts:

- Remedial works at junctions Dundalk for improved accessibility (various locations), refer to Operations for progress.
- Moneymore, Drogheda – new permeability footpaths to link to schools to residential areas

## Flooding General

### Louth Flood Relief Projects

### Dundalk and Ardee Flood Relief Projects

Stage 1 of the project is continuing, i.e. Options Assessment, Scheme Development. Hydrological and Hydraulic modelling method statements have been approved and hydraulic modelling is now ongoing for both Ardee and Dundalk in tandem with the processing of information from the recently completed CCTV & Topographical surveys.

Further necessary environmental, ecological, noise and landscape assessments will continue through Q2 2022.

Monthly project briefing notes are being issued to the current relevant stakeholders. The first project briefing session for the Ardee and Dundalk Members was held in September and the first project consultation day was held virtually in mid-September and again in early October. The project website being hosted by OPW is now complete and can be reached at:

[www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dundalk/home](http://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dundalk/home).

### Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Project

RPS has commenced works on Stage 1 of the project, i.e. Options Assessment and Scheme Development. Topographical Surveys have now commenced on site and will continue until May. RPS have also issued tender documents for procurement of the CCTV surveys required to assist preparation of the hydraulic models for the project and it is intended to appoint a contractor in May. Preparation of tender documents is also continuing for the necessary environmental and ecological surveys on the project.

The first project consultation day for the project was held in Drogheda Library on 26<sup>th</sup> April to introduce the project team, display the process for developing the scheme and to gather valuable local knowledge from stakeholders and the public.

The project website being hosted by OPW is now complete and can be reached at: [www.droghedaandbaltrayfrs.ie](http://www.droghedaandbaltrayfrs.ie).



**PDC Advert**

## **Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project**

OPW have commenced a data review of the Carlingford and Greenore Flood Defence Project to reappraise the Options identified in the Flood Risk Management Plan. The data review will include additional rainfall data collection and modelling. A temporary rain gauge at Carlingford Fire Station for rainfall data collection is now operational, providing additional data to inform project design and development. OPW have now completed installation of a second rain gauge at the rear of Carlingford Library and it is now operational also.

## **Balmers Bog Surface Water Pipe**

Works on pipe laying and trench reinstatement are now complete with surplus flows now diverted through the pipeline. Landscaping works will be finalised in Spring 2022. Manhole and Inlet Chamber Construction are also complete. Installation of M&E screens, adjustable weir, Penstock and Electrical Control Cabinets are complete. Final Commissioning of the works is now intended in May 2022 subject to provision of electrical supply.

## **Marine Projects**

### **Coastal Protection Works**

Applications for the 2021 OPW Minor Works Funding were submitted for Coastal Protection Projects in 3 separate locations, Omeath, Bellurgan and Ballagan.

OPW have raised a number of queries with regard to the Omeath and Ballagan applications which have been responded to and a decision is now awaited from OPW.

OPW refused the Bellurgan application but have agreed to reconsider a revised application for a

reduced scope of works. This revised application is being prepared and will be submitted in May.

## **Schools Programme Projects**

### **Replacement School for St. Ita's and St. Mary's**

Site acquired. Dept of Education to submit a planning application.

### **Ardee E.T.N.S.**

Tender have been received for the construction of the school and is currently being assessed, and the design team are awaiting documentation from the preferred contractor.

Part 8 for the proposed alterations to the SEN units was resolved at the Ardee MD members for the March meeting.

### **Coláiste Chú Chulainn and Park at Marshes Lower, Dundalk**

Progress has been made in relation to snagging. As constructed drawings of the completed emergency lighting has been issued by the PSDP. Additional snagging in relation to landscaping and other items to be completed also.

## **Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP)**

A Section 85 Agreement between Kilkenny County Council and Louth County Council has been agreed.

Tender for the proposed works have now been received and are being assessed by Kilkenny County Council as lead for the region.

A final cost estimate for the element of works in Co. Louth will be carried out during the design process.

## Planning

### Development Management / Bainistíocht Forbartha

The Planning service indicators for Louth County Council for the month of March, 2022 are given below in tabular form. There were 101 planning applications received during the month of March of which 93 were valid. In addition there were 29 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 44 Pre-Planning Applications received.

The service indicator figures in relation to **planning decisions and decisions on appeals made** during the month, broken down by category, and with a total figure for all categories (Column F), are given below

(A) Description / Cur Síos	(B) Housing Developments / Forbairtí Tithíochta	(C) Individual Houses / Tithe Aonair	(D) Other applications -not requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT	(E) Other applications- requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth	(F) Total for all categories of development in County Area / Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae
(i) Number of applications determined / Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>72</b>
(ii) No. of decisions determined which required further information / Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>
(iii) Percentage of applications refused / Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	<b>50% (1)</b>	<b>19.23% (5)</b>	<b>2.33% (1)</b>	<b>0% (0)</b>	<b>9.72% (7)</b>
(iv) Number of appeals determined / Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
(v) Percentage of decisions	<b>0% (0)</b>	<b>100% (1)</b>	<b>33.33% (1)</b>	<b>0% (0)</b>	<b>40% (2)</b>

overturned on appeal / Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc					
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## **Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Development / Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Forbairt nár Údaraíodh**

The Planning indicators are given below in relation to Enforcement complaints regarding unauthorised developments received during the month.

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh		Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh	
	March 2022 / Márta 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo	March 2021 / Márta 2021	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	24	72	30	62
Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which didn't require follow up / Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise	0	0	0	0
Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation / Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht	26	72	23	66
Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh	14	46	19	45
Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh	0	2	0	0
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	1	0	2
Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí	0	0	0	1
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0	0	0

## **Planning Enforcement – Short Term Lettings Enforcement**

The Planning indicators are given below in relation to Short Term Lettings Enforcement received during the month.

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to Short Term Lettings	
	April 2022 / Aibreán 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	0	6
Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which didn't require follow up / Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise	0	1
Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation / Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht	4	12
Number of cases currently under investigation / Líon na gcásanna atá á n-imscúdú faoi láthair	38	48
Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh	6	16
Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh	2	3
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	0
Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí	0	0
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0

## **Forward Planning**

### **Strategic Housing Development (SHD)**

**Stage 3** – Application re: Bridgegate, Rathgory, Mulladrillen Ardee

- Submissions to ABP now closed (26<sup>th</sup> April, 2022)
- CE Report being prepared for submission to ABP



***Bridgegate SHD***

The application may be inspected online at [www.bridgegateshd.ie](http://www.bridgegateshd.ie).

## Operations and Waste Management

### Oibríochtaí agus Bainistíocht Dramháil

This Directorate provides a range of services which underpin the efficient and smooth running of the economic and social life of our county, working to ensure our environment adheres to legislative standards, and to provide clean and safe parks throughout Louth. Responsibilities include:

- Road Maintenance, Wardens Service, Waste Management, Water Quality, and Climate Action

Cuireann an Stiúthóireacht seo réimse seirbhísí ar fáil mar bhonn agus mar thaca ag an reachtáil éifeachtúil an saol eacnamaíochta agus sóisialta Chontae Lú, ag obair i dtreo comhlíonadh an dlí maidir leis an timpeallacht, agus chun páirceanna phoiblí glan agus sábháilte a chinntiú. Ina chuid den freagrachtaí ná:

- Cothabháil Bóithre, an tSeirbhís Maorachta, Bainistíocht Dramháil, Cáilíocht Uisce, agus Gníomh Aeráide

Catherine Duff  
Director / Stiúrthóir



## **Municipal District of Dundalk** **Dundalk and Cooley Area**

<b>Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair</b>	<b>Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí</b>  Litter picks Dundalk Town wide including all approach Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dublin Road</li><li>• Inner Relief Road</li><li>• Ramparts</li><li>• Centenary Road</li><li>• Avenue Road</li><li>• Hoey's Lane</li><li>• Tom Bellew Avenue</li><li>• Fairgreen Road</li><li>• Old Newry Road</li><li>• Racecourse Road</li><li>• Armagh Road</li><li>• Castletown Road Etc.</li></ul> Cooley Isolated locations including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carrickcarnan</li><li>• Templetown</li><li>• Rockmarshall</li><li>• Gyles Quay</li><li>• Shillinghill</li><li>• Whitestown</li></ul>
<b>Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí</b>	<b>Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contract works Dundalk Frequency of Bins: There are approximately 200 bins in Dundalk. These bins are checked nightly with approximately 150 emptied nightly, if bins are less than half full they can be left for a second night.</li></ul> <b>Cooley –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carlingford</li><li>• Omeath</li><li>• Gyles Quay</li><li>• Templetown</li><li>• Faughart</li></ul>

- Greenore and Lordship.

<b>Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre</b>	<b>Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract works Dundalk. Town Centre is swept nightly. Pedestrian centre footpaths including Market Square, Court House Square are swept nightly. Approach Roads are swept every 3 weeks. Estates are swept every 4 weeks</li> <li>• Cooley rural village sweep programming</li> </ul>
<b>Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra</b>	<b>Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract works Dundalk</li> <li>• Dog waste goes into normal bins as numbered above</li> <li>• Cooley as per bin emptying above</li> </ul>
<b>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála</b>	<b>Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly by Park Operative in Dundalk</li> <li>• Carried out by Water Safety Officer in Cooley</li> </ul>
<b>Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne</b>	<b>Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 no. of playgrounds (not including exercise equipment/outdoor gym or Multi use games areas)</li> <li>• Daily by Parks Operative, repairs in house or contractor.</li> </ul>

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
<b>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</b>	<b>Cooley</b> Surface Dressing Preparation works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L7082-0 Ballygoley</li> <li>• L7062-0 Crossalaney</li> <li>• L7086-0 Bellurgan</li> </ul>	Patching/pothole repairs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L7078-16 Earls Quarter</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R177-1 Armagh Road</li> <li>• R172-6 Crowe Street</li> <li>• R172-6 Jocelyn Street</li> <li>• L20022-114 Greenacres</li> </ul>	Road Repairs
<b>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</b>	<p><b><u>Cooley</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L7082-0 Ballygoley</li> <li>• L7062-0 Crossalaney</li> <li>• L7086-0 Bellurgan</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b> Ongoing maintenance to Storm sewer network Town Wide</p>	<p>Drainage Installation and Upgrade Works prior to Surface Dressing, Road Edge Restoration</p> <p>Essential maintenance Jet Vac</p>
<b>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</b>	None this month	
<b>Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán</b>	<p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R172-4 Seatown</li> <li>• L20022 Greenacres</li> <li>• L20016-20 Longwalk</li> </ul>	Repairs
<b>Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá</b>	<p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various Locations identified for works</li> <li>• All Lights in Town Area</li> </ul>	<p>Survey Works for Upgrade</p> <p>Ongoing Essential Maintenance, Replacement Bulbs, Straightening</p>
<b>Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre</b>	None this month	
<b>Signage / Comharthaíocht</b>	<p><b><u>Cooley</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Repairs and Cleaning</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Wide</li> </ul>	<p>Essential Maintenance</p> <p>Power washing of all signs and bollards on approach roads into town</p>
<b>Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach</b>	<p><b><u>Cooley</u></b> Numerous small amounts and Tyres removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long Woman's Grave</li> <li>• Mast Road</li> <li>• Omeath</li> <li>• Cooley</li> </ul>	Domestic Waste

	<p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Castleross</li> <li>• Woodlands Park</li> <li>• Newry Road</li> <li>• Riverside Walk</li> <li>• Racecourse Road</li> <li>• Ramparts and Car Parks</li> <li>• Dublin Road</li> <li>• Avenue Road</li> <li>• Ardee Road</li> <li>• Carrick Road</li> <li>• Castletown Road</li> <li>• Castleblayney Road</li> <li>• Quay Street</li> <li>• Point Road</li> <li>• Inner Relief Road</li> </ul>	Dumped Household Waste, Mattresses, Furniture, Construction and Demolition waste
<b>Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None this month</li> </ul>	



*Don't mow, let it grow. As part of reduced mowing that is encouraged through the All-Ireland Pollinator LCC has decided to stop mowing road verges in some areas for the months of April and May. This has encouraged more Dandelions to flower and make our bees Happy!!! Picture on the right shows spring bulbs outside County Hall.*

## **Blackrock, Faughart and North Mid-Louth Area**

<b>Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair</b>	<b>Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí</b>
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<b>Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí</b>	<b>Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blackrock – 6 days/week</li> <li>• Knockbridge – once a week</li> <li>• Dromiskin – once a week</li> <li>• Tallanstown and Louth Village – once a week</li> </ul>
<b>Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre</b>	<b>Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain</b>
<b>Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra</b>	<b>Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain</b>
<b>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála</b>	<b>Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blackrock (7No.) checked weekly</li> <li>• Annagassan (11No.) checked weekly</li> </ul>
<b>Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne</b>	<b>Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Killanny, Louth Village, Castlebellingham – checked weekly</li> <li>• Blackrock – checked weekly</li> </ul>

<b>Location / Suíomh</b>		<b>Notes / Nótaí</b>
<b>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L5138 Ballyoran</li> <li>• L5151 Lannat</li> <li>• L5168 Grange Road</li> <li>• L5139 Coolcreedan</li> <li>• L1205 Flowery Cross to Lagan Bridge</li> <li>• L5176 Kilcrouney to Corderry</li> <li>• L7185 Seabank</li> </ul>	Road repairs and patching, preparation for surface dressing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L5202 Nicholastown to Reaghstown</li> <li>• L6217 Maine to Annagassan</li> <li>• R166 Duffy's Cross to M1/N1 overpass</li> <li>• L6216 Williamstown</li> <li>• R178 Redbog</li> <li>• L6217 Springhill</li> <li>• L5203 Reaghstown</li> <li>• L5199 Arthurstown</li> <li>• L7115 Cavananore</li> <li>• L7114 Shortstone West</li> <li>• L7184 Green Road</li> <li>• L7126 Cortial</li> <li>• L7123 Gorteen</li> <li>• L7112 Tatebane</li> <li>• L7118 Courtbane</li> </ul> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Tree pruning/vegetation maintenance/verge trimming</p> <p>Resurfacing/overlay works (by contract)</p>
<b>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L5204 Knockaboys</li> <li>• L1205 Flowery Cross to Lagan Bridge</li> <li>• L7185 Seabank</li> <li>• L5202 Nicholastown to Reaghstown</li> <li>• L6217 Springhill</li> <li>• L5203 Reaghstown</li> <li>• L5199 Arthurstown</li> <li>• L7115 Cavananore</li> <li>• L7114 Shortstone West</li> <li>• L7184 Green Road</li> <li>• L7126 Cortial</li> <li>• L7123 Gorteen</li> <li>• L7112 Tatebane</li> <li>• L7118 Courtbane</li> </ul>	<p>Drainage/Improvement works</p> <p>Drainage maintenance –cleansing and gully cleaning opening outlets and storm drains, preparation for surface dressing.</p>
<b>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L7159 Wallace's Road Blackrock</li> </ul>	<p>Clearing fallen trees and debris</p>
<b>Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R172 Blackrock</li> </ul>	<p>Footpath renewal</p>

<b>Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R132 junction with Old Golf Links Road (Felda junction)</li> </ul>	Major repair works completed
<b>Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	Renewal of junction markings  Renewal of existing and provision of additional road markings
<b>Signage / Comharthaíocht</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R171 Louth Village</li> <li>• R132 Castlebellingham</li> <li>• L1196 Mills of Louth</li> <li>• L1170 Corderry</li> <li>• L7187 Dromiskin Village</li> </ul> N/A	Cleansing/repair/replacement   New signage
<b>Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L7184 Green Road Dromiskin</li> <li>• L5176 Kilcronoy</li> <li>• R215 Gibstown</li> <li>• L3097 Jonesborough Road</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L62161 St Mary's Villas Kilsaran</li> </ul>	Collection of dumped waste for disposal.   Collection and disposal after community clean up.
<b>Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí</b>	<b>N/A</b>	



*Tree maintenance work carried out by LCC staff on LS-7159 Seafield Road Blackrock*

## Ardee Municipal District

### South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

<b>Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair</b>	<b>Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)</li><li>• Clogherhead Car Park daily clean-up around bins</li></ul>	
<b>Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí</b>	<b>Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ardee Town</li><li>• Dunleer town</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 32 Daily</li><li>• 21 Tuesday and Thursday</li></ul>
<b>Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre</b>	<b>Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)</li></ul>	
<b>Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra</b>	<b>Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain</b>
<b>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála</b>	<b>Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ardee Town River Dee</li><li>• Salterstown</li><li>• Port Beach</li></ul>	
<b>Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne</b>	<b>Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil</b>
Maintenance and cleaning of Fairgreen and Dunleer	

parcs and playgrounds complete with daily checks of the playground and exercise equipment at both locations.

Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
<b>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LP 1228-41 Richardstown Road</li> <li>• LP 1233-7 Hilly road Ardee</li> <li>• R166 at Annagassan</li> <li>• LS 6237-0 Cappoge road Rathgory Est., Ardee</li> <li>• LS 5268-0 Mullaghash</li> <li>• R170 Ravel</li> <li>• LP 1228-14 Richardstown for surface dressing</li> <li>• LS 5256-0 Jumping Church Road</li> <li>• LS 5232-0 Hilly Road</li> <li>• LP 2214-30 Kaigs cross</li> <li>• LP 1212-36 Stabannon</li> <li>• LS-6224-0 Castle Lane Annagassan</li> <li>• L-6219-0 Salterstown Road</li> </ul>
<b>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LP 1228-41 Richardstown Road</li> <li>• LP 1233-7 Hilly Road Ardee</li> <li>• R166 at Annagassan</li> <li>• R170 Ardee</li> <li>• L6329-0 Castle Lane Annagassan</li> <li>• LP 2226-0 Dillionstown to Drumcar</li> <li>• LP 1264-12 Smarmore</li> <li>• L2254-0 Hammonstown</li> <li>• N2 Collon Gully repair</li> <li>• R132 Dunleer Gully repair</li> </ul>
<b>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L 5256-0 Baltrasna – Jumping Church Road Ardee</li> </ul>
<b>Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bollards installed in Stabannon at the junction of the LP1212 with the LP2214 to prevent</li> </ul>

	cars cutting corner and endangering pedestrians.	
<b>Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá</b>		
<b>Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre</b>		
<b>Signage / Comharthaíocht</b>		
<b>Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaned up Dunleer Bring Banks</li> <li>• Installed Rat Bait boxes at Dunleer Bring Banks.</li> <li>• Cleaned up after RTA on the N2.</li> </ul>	
<b>Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí</b>		



***Bollards installed at Stabannon junction***

## Borough District of Drogheda

### Drogheda Town Area

<b>Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair</b>	<b>Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Steps and lane ways weekly 22 steps when resources allow and green areas.</li><li>• Hotspots on Monday – decided by Supervisor following inspection.</li><li>• Bring Banks in Drogheda urban are checked and cleared Daily during working week. Also all Bring Banks in Drogheda urban are checked and cleared Saturday p.m.</li><li>• Drogheda Rural Bring banks are cleared daily during working week</li></ul>
<b>Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead</li><li>• Clogherhead Beach</li><li>• Port Beach</li><li>• Termonfeckin</li><li>• Baltray</li><li>• Seapoint Carpark</li></ul>	<b>Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7 Daily</li><li>• 8 Daily</li><li>• 6 Daily</li><li>• 6 Daily</li><li>• 3 Daily</li><li>• 3 Daily</li><li>• Drogheda town centre Litterbins emptied daily circa 60 early mornings.</li><li>• 6 solar powered Compactor Bins around town; 2 West Street, 1 Laurence's street, 1 Mell river walk, 1 Ramparts walk Meath end, 1 at river walk at Dominic's Park near bridge of Peace end</li><li>• New bins installed at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital exit and the Twenties lane along footpath abutting football pitch</li></ul>

- About 250 litter bins are emptied weekly in town.
- Dominic's Park and Mell river walk emptied daily.
- South Louth Drogheda Borough district rural areas, public Litter bins are emptied twice a week or daily when needed especially at beaches/Port Oriel/ Seapoint/Termonfeckin/Baltray – at least 40 bins per day.
- Approach roads in Drogheda town emptied twice a week.
- Bin upgrade and maintenance ongoing and street furniture.

**Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre**

**Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain**

- Town centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly.
- Public Housing Estates, swept every 2 months. Private Housing estates swept every 3 months. When resources allow.
- Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by supervisor after checking Drogheda urban area.
- Villages are swept once per month i.e., Termonfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen and Tinure.
- Drogheda town Boyne river walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
- Town centre weeds removal.

**Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / FolmhúAraidí Salachar Madra**

**Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain**

- Empty about 35 No. once a week, washed and disinfected.

**Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála**

**Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain**

- 89 ring buoys checked each week Town area (Thursday)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 ring buoys checked each week at Rosehall (Friday)</li> </ul>
<b>Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne</b>	<b>Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Between 4 and 5 daily (4 playgrounds in Drogheda town, Skate Park, Adult Exercise equipment). 3 Playgrounds in Drogheda rural area)</li> </ul>

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
<b>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</b>	<b>LCC's crew</b> Pot holes repairs around Drogheda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ashleigh Heights</li> <li>Scarlett Street</li> <li>LS-6313 Coolfore</li> <li>LP-2304-0 Sheetland Road</li> <li>LS-6311 Balgathern</li> <li>LS-6273 Castletown Monasterboice</li> </ul>	
<b>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LS-6313 Coolfore</li> <li>LP-2304-0 Sheetland Road</li> <li>LS-6311 Balgathern</li> <li>LS-6273 Castletown Monasterboice</li> </ul> Annual Drogheda Gully cleaning program ongoing	
<b>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</b>	Townley Hall Slane Road	
<b>Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán</b>	Ramparts	
<b>Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Warning Signs at Sandpit N.S. and Walshestown N.S. Timings adjusted, batteries replaced.</li> </ul>	

<b>Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre</b>	Ongoing throughout town	
<b>Signage / Comharthaíocht</b>		
<b>Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach</b>	<p><b>April 2022:</b></p> <p><b><u>Bring Banks</u></b> Bolton Square, King Street, Mell Car Park, Wheaton Hall, Old Hill, Ballsgrove and IDA Road</p> <p><b><u>Dumping</u></b> Watery Hill Steps Rathmullen Park Ballsgrove IDA Road and Bring Bank Old Slane Road Sunday's Gate Scarlet Crescent Bolton Street and Square at Bring Banks King Street Cement Road at Old Halting site Bessexwell lane, Mell Bring Banks Greenlanes North Strand Kierans Corner Dominic Street Dublin Road</p> <p>Cleaning of Dominic's Park, ramparts walk and Mell river walk. Town centre Steps to north and south sides of river. Litter picking at Trinity street, Mell, link road, North road.</p> <p>Leaves removal throughout town and main approach road – ongoing as necessary.</p>	<p>This is an ongoing issue where Supervisors and Litter Wardens check on daily basis; arrange for inspecting illegal waste disposal for evidence and issuing fines and clearance of area.</p> <p>Public complaints are also checked and followed up as above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>290kg</b> --Illegal waste tonnage disposed and removed by LCC</li> <li>• <b>17</b> Shopping Trolleys</li> <li>• <b>8</b> Pallets</li> <li>• Concrete Blocks</li> <li>• Tyres</li> </ul>
<b>Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí</b>	Graffiti on the Dublin Road and St Finian's Park was painted over by the Environment crew.	Updated survey of Graffiti in town completed. Removal of same on public buildings is progressing. Graffiti on private properties is being followed up – ongoing



**Rosehall Roundabout landscaping on R132 Drogheda**



**Before and after photos of Graffiti removal on the Dublin Road Drogheda**



**An Taisce Spring Clean - Coca-Cola - Boyne Estuary clean up in conjunction with Louth County Council**

## North Louth Quarterly Recycling figures

Quarter 1 2022 recycling figures from V&W Recycling Centre in Dundalk are as follows:

<i>Paper/Cardboard</i>		110
<i>Plastic</i>		42
<i>Glass</i>		61
<i>Textiles</i>		5
<i>Batteries</i>		1
<i>Greenery</i>		742
<i>Wood</i>		93
<i>Scrap Metal</i>		54
<i>WEEE</i>		88
<b>Total</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>1196</b>

## South Louth Quarterly Recycling figures

Quarter 1 2022 recycling figures from V&W Recycling Centre in Drogheda are as follows:

<i>Paper/Cardboard</i>		98
<i>Plastic</i>		42
<i>Glass</i>		69
<i>Textiles</i>		4
<i>Batteries</i>		0
<i>Greenery</i>		142
<i>Wood</i>		83
<i>Scrap Metal</i>		67
<i>WEEE</i>		138
<b>Total</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>643</b>

# Waste Management, Environment and Climate Action Report

## Waste Management

### Waste Enforcement

Cases continue to proceed through the courts. There has been a delay in getting cases heard due to the ongoing pandemic.

Complaint Type	April 2022	In 2022
Air & Noise	8	28
Farm	3	18
Waste	20	122
Water Quality	5	11

A total of 36 complaints were received in the month of April, bringing the total number of complaints in 2022 so far, to 179.

29 waste complaints have been resolved and 4 remain open, pending further investigations.

### Waste Facility Permits and Certificate of Registration

The Waste Management Act 1996 requires that, with a few exceptions, any person carrying out the recovery or disposal of waste shall hold a waste license, a waste facility permit or a certificate of registration, depending on the nature and extent of the activity. Waste licenses are issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) while waste facility permits and certificates of registration are granted by the Local Authority for privately owned waste facilities.

Waste facility permits and certificates of registration are governed by the Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) Regulations 2007, as amended.

Examples of activities which require a waste facility permit or a certificate of registration include land reclamation/development, car dismantling, composting centers, recycling of construction and demolition waste and the reception and storage of waste.

Currently there are 24 Waste Facility Permits and 5 Certificates of registration in operation in Louth. There are (2) new applications currently being determined during the month of April along with one renewal application.

### Annual Return Validations

All Waste Facility Permit (WFP) and Certificate of Registration (CoR) holders are required to submit Annual Returns (AR) where they collected / processed waste in any given year. The National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) Eden Portal opened to Local Authorities from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. Waste Enforcement Officers have started working on AR validations. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identifies a list of waste facilities which must be prioritised for validation by Local Authorities.

There is a total of 24 WFP and 5 CoR holders in Louth that require desk-top data validation in 2022.

### Producer Responsibility Initiatives

Significant Producer Responsibility Initiatives have been introduced in relation to packaging waste, end of life vehicles (ELV's), tyres, food waste, farm plastic waste and waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) with inspections underway in 2022 by Louth County Council waste enforcement officers to ensure compliance with Regulations.

The Irish Farm Film Producers Group Ltd (IFFPG) is the national farm plastics recycling compliance scheme <https://www.farmplastics.ie/>

The scheme will be available in Louth during the month of May at the following locations:

**Ardee:** Drummonds Ltd Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Knockbridge:** Drummonds Ltd Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Townrath:** Drummonds Ltd Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications announced that funding is available through the WERLA's to support Local Authorities in 2022 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI). The 2022 ADI aims to reduce incidents of illegal dumping by identifying and delivering projects aimed at tackling illegal dumping 'black spots' throughout the County and adhere to key measures of prevention, abatement, education & awareness and enforcement. The Department continues to strongly encourage innovative projects, which recognise waste as a resource that can be repurposed for use in a Circular Economy. Projects are in the process of being finalised. Applications for 9 projects were submitted. Deadline was 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



*Figure: 2021 ADI Clean-UP*

## Litter Enforcement

A total of 15 fines were issued in the month of April. Of these fines, 5 were issued in the Dundalk urban area, 3 in Drogheda urban area and 7 in the remaining County wide area.

There were no fines issued for dog fouling in April.

There have been 598 investigations in the year to date with 103 carried out in the month of April.

There have been 114 fines issued in the year to date, 5 of which were for Dog Fouling.

## Diesel Laundering Waste

51 ibc's were located in the month of April 2022 with the approximate recovery cost of

€63,664.66. So far in 2022 there has been 194 ibcs located costing approximately €242,175.14.



## Air / Water / Noise Pollution

There were five water pollution complaints received in April with two open and three closed.

Six (6) Air Pollution complaints and two (2) Noise Pollution complaints were received during April 2022.

## Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning

The Waste Management Act (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) Regulations 2009 allows farmers as a last resort, to dispose of green waste by burning i.e. untreated/uncontaminated wood, trees, tree trimmings, leaves and brush or other similar waste generated by agricultural practices. New amending Regulations have now been introduced extending the exemptions to burn waste generated by Agricultural practices until 1st January 2023.

From January 2022 to end of March 2022 a total of 33 Waste Disposal by Burning applications were received. In April 2022 we received 18 applications bringing the total number of applications in 2022 so far to 51.

## My Waste

The MyWaste campaign will be looking to move to more focussed interactions with individual dwellings, to establish compliance with the Waste Presentation and Segregation Bye-Laws.

Initial focus will be on dwellings which have not responded to previous requests for information and in areas where problem dumping exists.

A total of 778 reminder letters issued to householders in the 3 urban areas of Ardee, Dundalk and Drogheda to date. A total of 401 replies have been received to date from the reminder letters.



### **Bathing Water**

The annual Bathing Water Sampling programme has not commenced.

The four beaches identified as designated bathing waters are Templetown, Port, Clogherhead and Seapoint.

Further information on beaches and water quality can be found on the EPA hosted website – [www.beaches.ie](http://www.beaches.ie)



### **Air Monitor for Drogheda**

The EPA currently monitors air quality from two fixed monitoring stations in Dundalk and Drogheda. The data is available to view at: <https://www.airquality.ie/station/EPA-84>

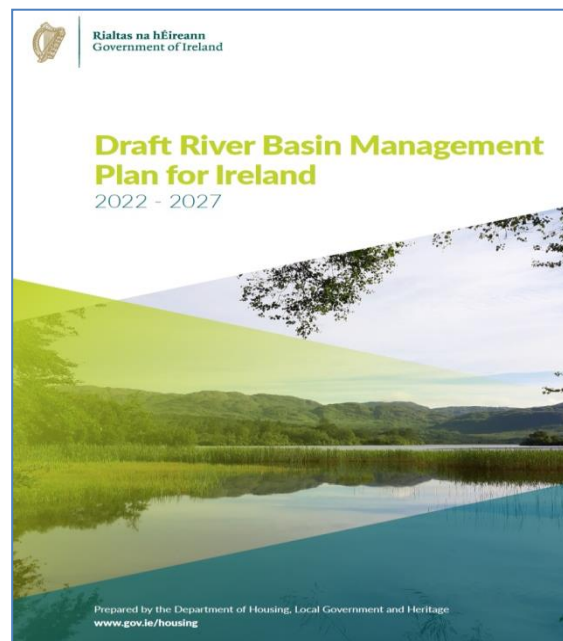
### **WATER FRAMEWORK/RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANS**

The Local Authority catchment assessments being carried out by the LAWPRO inspection teams with the assistance of Louth County Council where required are on-going in the Castletown catchment. Initial desktop studies have commenced in the Glyde catchment.

LAWPRO works to increase public engagement. It also consults with stakeholders and communities, coordinating these activities across all 31 local authorities. Its work aims to ensure the public and stakeholders are engaged

at regional and local level — to enable them to get involved with catchment-based approaches to improving water quality and the development and implementation of measures on the ground.

A key commitment in the Programme for Government, launching a new strengthened River Basin Management Plan will help Ireland protect, improve and sustainably manage our water environment to 2027. Achieving good water quality in our rivers, lakes, estuaries and seas is essential for protecting Ireland’s drinking water sources, environment and people’s quality of life. The plan is produced in implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD).



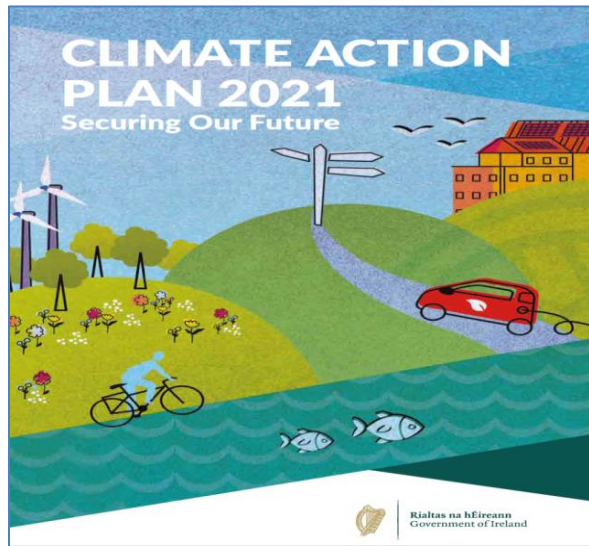
### **Landfills**

The annual environmental performance reports for the three licensed landfills have been submitted to the EPA before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 deadline. In addition the landfill gas surveys and PRTR reports have also been submitted.

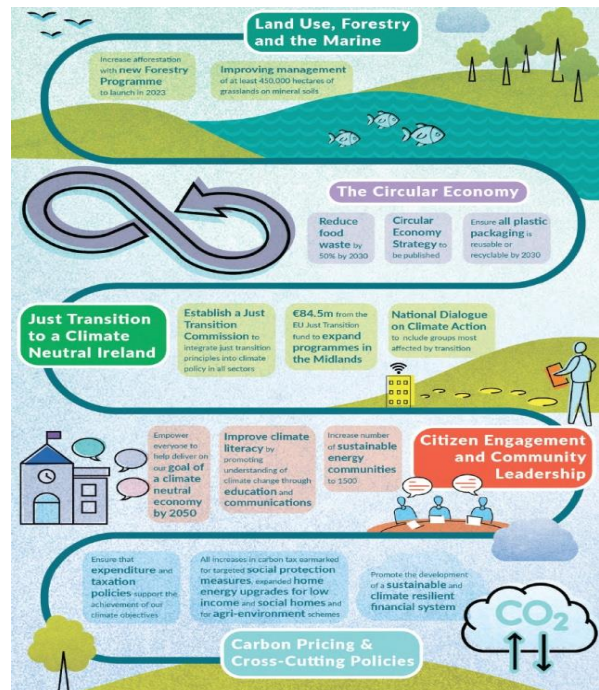
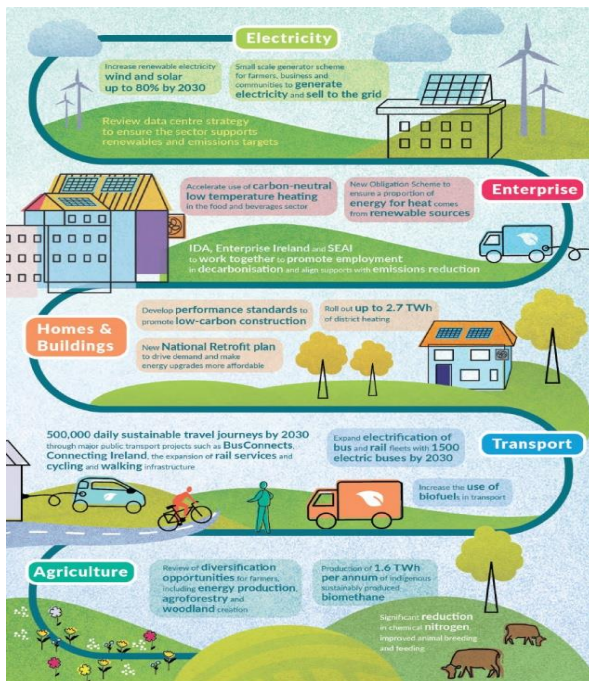
### **Climate Action**

The Climate Action Plan 2021 was published in November 2021 and a subsequent annex of actions was published on 17<sup>th</sup> December. This provides a detailed plan, with 493 actions for achieving a 51% reduction in overall greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and setting us on a path

to reach net-zero emissions by no later than 2050, as set out in the Climate Act 2021.



The info-graphic below gives an outline of the main actions and objectives of the plan.



### Climate Change Team

Rory Sheehan has taken up the role of Climate Action Co-ordinator for Louth County Council. Rory will lead the drive for Louth County Council to deliver on Climate Action goals and obligations.

A 25 strong team of staff from across all sections of Louth County Council have been nominated and trained to participate on the Climate Action Team.

This ensures that the climate action message spreads throughout the organisation and is considered in all the work we do.

It is expected that a recruitment of a Climate Action Community Officer will be sanctioned during 2022 and this person will support communities to take climate actions and to access funding through the Community Climate Action Programme. See <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/de5d3-climate-action-fund/#community-climate-action-programme> for more detail.

### Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 & Climate Action Plan

We continue to work with the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) to work towards achieving the goals and

objectives of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 to 2024 Action.

A review of the current goals and objective of the CCAS has commenced and this will form the basis for the development of a comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Louth, to be developed over the next 18 months (timelines not yet fixed nationally).

Draft guidance documents were issued to help Local Authorities prepare for the development of Climate Action Plans which will incorporate all the relevant National Climate Action targets at a local level.

Each section of the Council is now required to report as part of the Monthly Chief Executive Report on Climate Action projects and initiatives that are ongoing.

### Electrical Vehicles Charging Points



Louth County Council and other associate partners have completed preliminary assessments of sites to generate and approved site list for the 25 EV Rapid Chargers across the border counties.

Louth County Council has advertised a Market Soundings Exercise for the project which is live on ETenders and OJEU until 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Information is available at the following outlets:

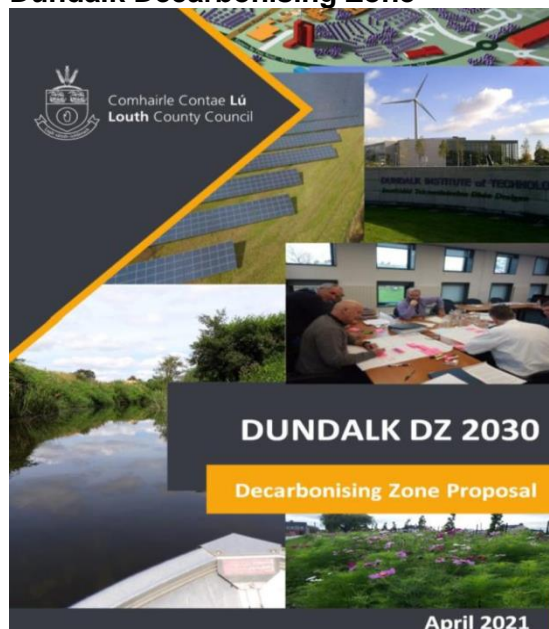
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<b>Facebook</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/FasterEVCharge">https://www.facebook.com/FasterEVCharge</a>
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Louth County Council are currently assessing sites for installation of 20no. EV charging points, as funded through SEAI. The goal of this funding stream is to support people who cannot easily provide their own EV charger at home, such as Terraced housing or apartments.

### Dundalk Decarbonising Zone



The Dundalk Decarbonising Zone project, in common with all such projects around the country, awaits guidance from CARO (Climate Action Regional Office) in order to progress.

This is to ensure a common approach with comparable outcomes across the country.

Preparatory work is ongoing, in anticipation of guidance early 2022

## Veterinary Services / Seirbhísí Tréidliachta

### Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) / Údarás Sábháilteachta Bia na hÉireann (USBÉ)

As of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Louth County Council Veterinary Section, under a Service Level Agreement with the FSAI, enforces food safety standards on two abattoirs and fourteen meat processing plants under its supervision in the County.

Amhail ar an 30ú Aibreán 2022, cuireann Rannóg Tréidliachta Chomhairle Contae Lú caighdeán sábháilteachta bia i bhfeidhm, faoi Chomhaontú Leibhéal Seirbhíse leis an USBÉ, ar dhá sheamlas agus ar ceithre cinn déag de mhonarchana próiseála feola atá faoi mhaoirseacht aige sa chontae.

### Control of Dogs / Rialú Madraí

Control of Dogs Act 1986 / An tAcht um Rialú Madraí, 1986

Dogs impounded April 2022 / Madraí curtha i bpóna, Aibreán 2022	
Total dogs impounded / Líon madraí curtha i bpóna	8
Strays / Ar seachrán	4
Surrendered by owners / Tugtha suas ag úinéirí	3
No dogs reclaimed by owners / Líon madraí tógtha ar ais ag úinéirí	3
No of dogs rehomed direct / Líon madraí a bhfuarthas úinéirí nua dóibh go díreach	3
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups / Líon madraí a aistríodh go grúpaí leasa ainmhithe	2
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 30/04/2022 / Líon madraí faoi chúram sa phóna 30/04/2022	2

### Dog Licences April 2022 / Ceadúnais Madraí, Aibreán 2022

No of Licences sold / Líon ceadúnas díolta	426
Licence Checks / Ceadúnais scrúdaithe:	
House calls / Seiceálacha baile	209
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days) / Fógraí Alt 16 eisithe (iarratas ar ceadúnas a thaispeáint roimh deich lá)	72
Fixed Penalty Notices / Fógraí Pionós Socraithe	48

### Control of Horses / Rialú Capall

Control of Horses Act 1996 / An tAcht um Rialú Capall, 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003 / Fodhlíthe um Rialú Capall, 2003

Horses impounded April 2022 / Capaill curtha i bpóna, Aibreán 2022	
Horses seized / Capaill gafa	0
Reason for seizure: / Cúis na gabhála	
Horses reclaimed by owner / Líon capaill tógtha ar ais ag úinéirí	0
Horses rehomed / Líon capaill a bhfuarthas úinéirí nua dóibh	2 Donkeys rehomed to welfare group
Horses disposed of / Capaill curtha de láimh	0
No of horses on hand in Pound on 28/02/2022 / Líon capaill faoi chúram sa phóna, 30/04/22	0

## Dog Breeding Establishments (DBE) / Bunachais Pórúcháin Madraí (BPM)

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 / An tAcht um Bunachais Pórúcháin Madraí, 2010

### Dog Breeding Establishments April 2022 / Bunachais pórúcháin madraí, Aibreán 2022

Total no of registered DBE's in Louth, 30/04/2022 / Líon BPM i gContae Lú, 30/04/2022	6
Hunt / Conchróite Seilge	2
Boarding Kennels / Conchróite Cinneála	2
Training Kennels / Conchróite Oilíúna	1
Welfare / Leas Ainmhithe	1



*6 year old Collie presented with severe infected neck wounds caused by the use of a shock collar to prevent barking. Full treatment under sedation was provided at the pound by veterinary nurse and County Veterinary Officer. Dog is expected to make a full recovery.*

## Corporate and Emergency Services Seirbhísí Corparáideacha agus Éigeandála

This Directorate has two key areas of responsibility:

**Corporate Services** – the maintenance and development of systems which facilitate the effective running of our Council, including Human Resources, and Information and Communications Technology.

**Emergency Services** – including the Fire Service, Civil Defence, Water Safety, and the planning and implementation of strategies which help to keep our citizens safe.

Other responsibilities include Sustainable Energy.

Tá dhá eochairfhreagrachta ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:

**Seirbhísí Corparáideacha** – ag cothabháil agus forbairt chórais atá baint leis an reachtáil éifeachtach na Comhairle, agus Acmhainní Daonna, agus Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Chumarsáide san áireamh

**Seirbhísí Éigeandála** – Seirbhís Dóiteáin, Cosaint Shibhialta, Sábháilteacht Uisce san áireamh, agus ag pleanáil agus ag cur i bhfeidhm straitéisí chun chabhrú le muintir Chontae Lú a bheith slán sábháilte

Freagracht eile ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo ná Fuinneamh Inbhunaithe.

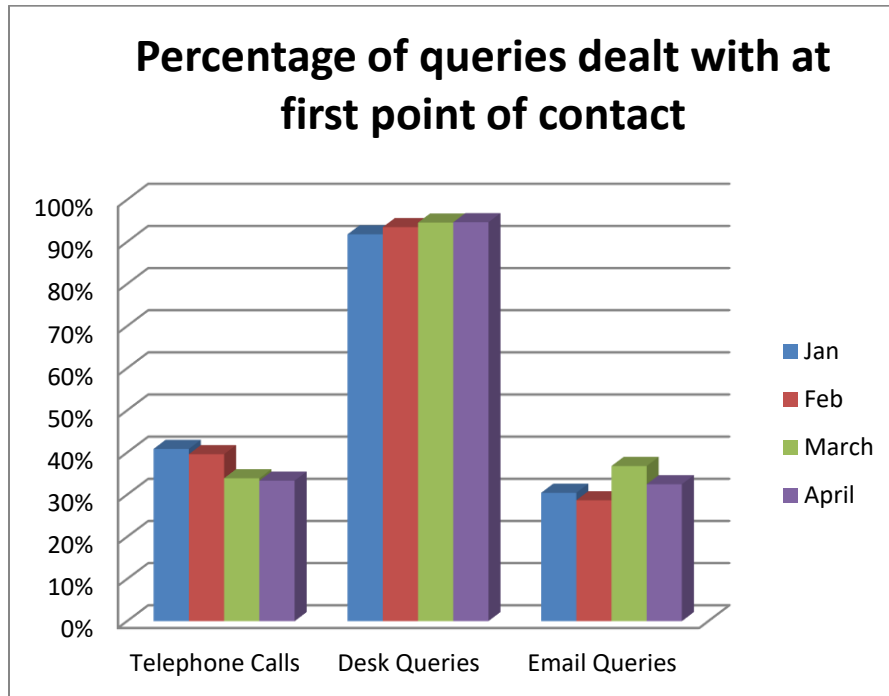
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Director / Stiúrthóir



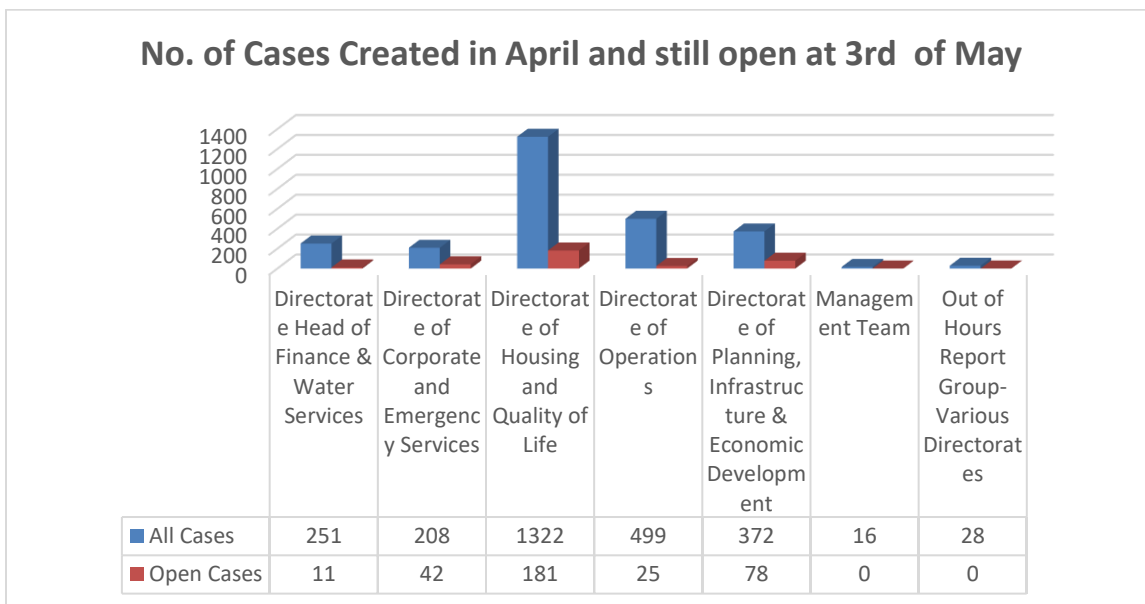
# Corporate and Emergency Services

## Customer Services Report

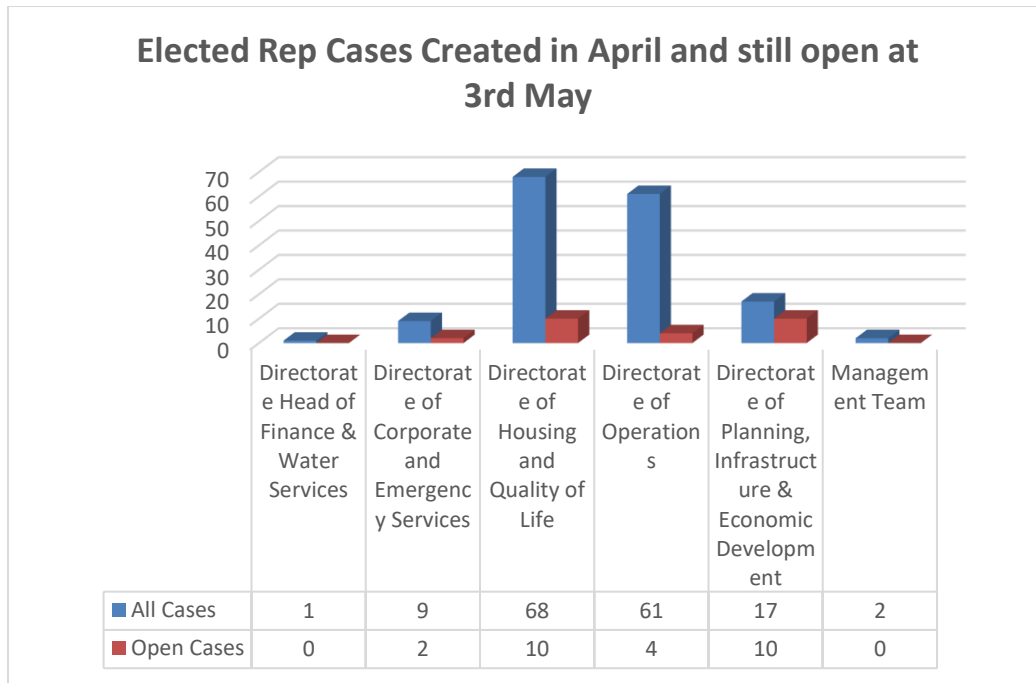
During the month of April Customer Services dealt with 10,680 queries – 6,039 calls, 1,271 e-mails and 3,370 counter queries.



There were 2,696 valid SugarCRM cases recorded during April of which 337 (13%) remain unresolved, broken down by directorate as follows:



During April 158 elected reps. cases were recorded on Sugar of which 26 (16%) remain unresolved broken down by Directorate as follows:



The Table Below illustrates activity in the Redress Area

Requests Received	Same period 2021	2022 Total	April 2022
Freedom of Information	38	37	5
Data Protection to include DSAR	6	2	0
Access to Information on Environment	2	4	1
Ombudsman	1	3	0
Complaints Policy	7	13	2

## ELECTORAL REGISTER

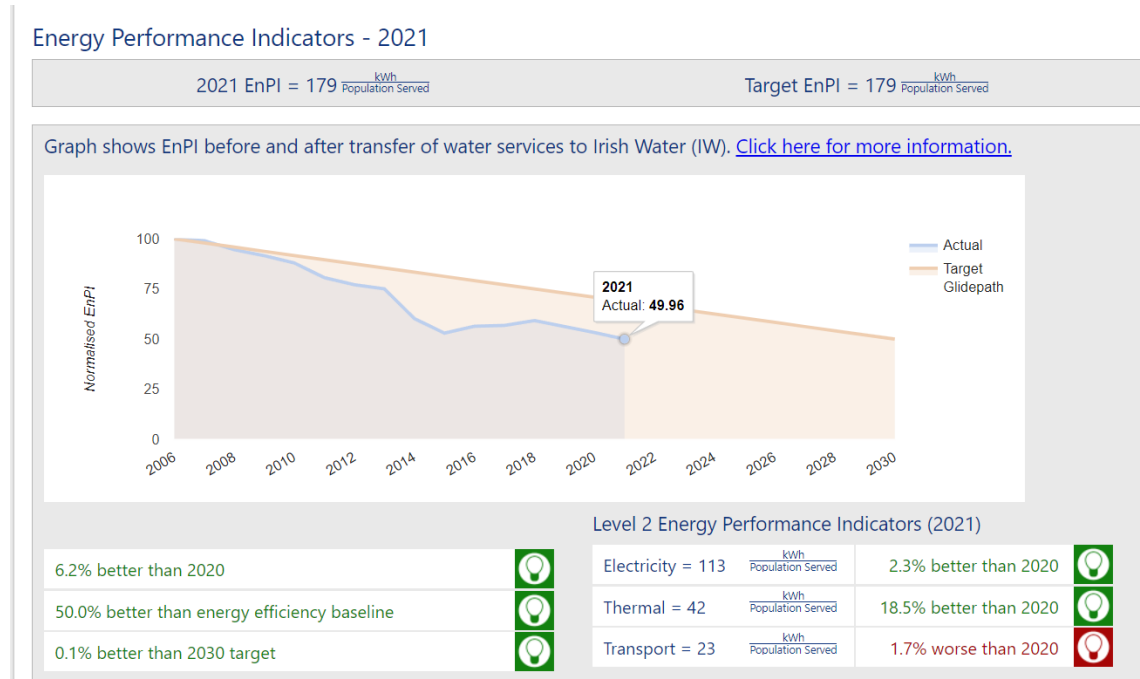
Field Officers called to several Polling Districts throughout the County and all details are currently being processed by the Franchise Section. The draft Register is routinely validated against the Eircode system to ensure households are in the correct Polling District and therefore closest Polling Station. Preparations are taking place to issue letters to electors in May where there are missing Eircodes and dates of birth. Electors are strongly encouraged to return the completed Freepost form. Voting details can also be updated at [www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/electoral-register/online-registration/](http://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/electoral-register/online-registration/) or complete a form, which can be obtained from Customer Services desks or by emailing [register@louthcoco.ie](mailto:register@louthcoco.ie) to request a form.

## SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

### Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance and Gap-To-Target

The Council is now focusing on a new energy efficiency target for public sector bodies of 50% energy Efficiency by 2030. However, the Council is also required to reduce its carbon emissions by 51% by 2030 and it is that carbon emissions target that requires increased annual actions by the Council.

A draft scorecard issued by SEAI for Louth County Council for energy use in 2021, indicates 50% energy efficiency at end 2021. While this is still only in draft format, it suggests energy efficiency improvement in 2021, despite strong challenges presented by the covid pandemic.



The Gap-To-Target Model (GTT model) is a spreadsheet model for use by public bodies to evaluate their energy efficiency (EE) performance and energy-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions over time, using data and methodologies from SEAI's Public Sector Monitoring & Reporting (M&R) system

Council staff are now planning energy works as part of the Council's Energy Action Plan for 2022. Staff are developing a **Gap to Target Plan to 2030** to identify suitable and sufficient multi-annual energy efficiency works to achieve 51% reduction in Carbon emissions by 2030. The improvements will focus on our highest energy users so SEUs.

### Energy Management System

The Council's Energy Management System is compliant with ISO 50,001; 2018.

### Energy Savings

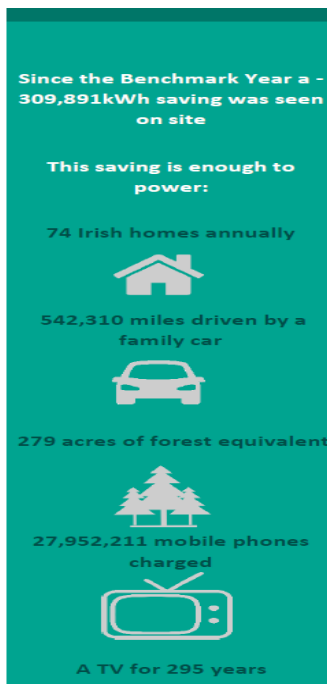
Louth County Council continues to lead by example in our big switch to renewable energy, and our drive to carbon neutrality. Our new renewable energy projects are demonstrating energy savings. These new project

savings, together with our annual projects, combine to continue our journey of improving our energy efficiency towards 2030 and 2050. Dundalk Town hall has recently has solar panels fitted onto the roof of its building.



### Optimising Power@Work Programme

Louth County Council have a service level agreement in place with the OPW for participation in its Optimising Power at Work Programme for energy use behaviour change by our staff; The Optimising Power @ Work campaign in the Central Government buildings has achieved average annual savings of 24% across 300 participating buildings, making it the largest and most successful campaign of its kind in Ireland.



#### Dundalk Town Hall

March 2022 Energy Saving figures show that Energy consumption in this building has reduced by 36% since joining the Optimising Power @ Work campaign in 2014.

The total annual unit consumption of energy has decreased from 864,783 kWh to 554,892 kWh

Electricity consumption on site has reduced by 31%. The number of units of electricity has decreased from 221,634 kWh to 152,152 kWh

Gas consumption on site has reduced by 37%. The number of units of Gas has decreased from 643,149 kWh to 402,740 kWh

Louth County Hall joined the Optimising Power at Work Programme in 2016. March 2022 figures show the following energy savings:-

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## Annual energy performance overview

Energy consumption in this building has reduced by 17% since joining the Optimising Power @ Work campaign in 2016.

The total annual unit consumption of energy has decreased from 689,842 kWh to 572,951 kWh.

Electricity consumption on site has reduced by 14%. The number of units of electricity has decreased from 285,450 kWh to 246,236 kWh.

Gas consumption on site has reduced by 19%. The number of units of Gas has decreased from 404,392 kWh to 326,715 kWh (HDDC).



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## Better Energy Communities Grant 2021

All energy works for the 2021 grant project are now completed and grant claims submitted. Grant monies from SEAI for the approved projects remains pending from SEAI.

## Better Energy Communities Grant 2022

There are new requirements for this years 2022 BEC Grant. Participants are required to undertake energy audits of participating buildings by approved auditors using an approved audit format and software. LCC have undertaken energy audits for high energy-user Council buildings. The results of those energy audits are due imminently. These will then be incorporated, into the Energy Action Plan for 2022.

LCC intend to partner with Dunleer Sustainable Energy Community for participation in their application for grant funding for energy projects in 2022.

## Varcities H2020 Funded Project

Varcities is a H2020 Research Funded project with a consortium of 25 Partners, largely academia throughout Europe. The theme of the project is centred around Urban Regeneration and how improvements in Quality of Life, Health and Well Being and Green Infrastructure can be incorporated for development of smarter cities.

Dundalk is a pilot city for this project, which has now entered the co-implemation stage. As such in keeping with the objectives and timelines of the project, which will result in the Redevelopment of Dundalk County Museum and County Library Courtyard Area Louth County Council Part 8 drawings have now been placed on public display. Works will include:-

1. The creation of an Outdoor Learning Pod between Dundalk Library and Museum Quarter to showcase the newest technologies and host shared functions
2. A Green Learning and Sensory Garden for Health and Well Being
3. New Bike Stations and Sensors Bike-stations and all associated site development works

Plans and particulars of the proposed development may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, from 20th April 2022 to 18th May 2022 inclusive at the offices of Louth County Council, Millennium Centre, County Hall, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 KFW6 or at Dundalk Town Hall, Crowe Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 W20C, during public opening hours. Part 8 & Documents have also been uploaded on LCC Website at the following [https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/louth\\_county\\_council/latest-news/part-8-dundalk-county-museum-county-library-roden-place-dundalk-.html](https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/louth_county_council/latest-news/part-8-dundalk-county-museum-county-library-roden-place-dundalk-.html)

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development may be made in writing with the envelope clearly marked 'Part 8 – VARCITIES, Redevelopment of Dundalk's County Museum and County Library's Courtyard Area' to Gráinne Tuomey, Senior Executive Officer, Louth County Council, County Hall, Dundalk, Co. Louth A91 KFW6 before 5.00pm on 1st June 2022.

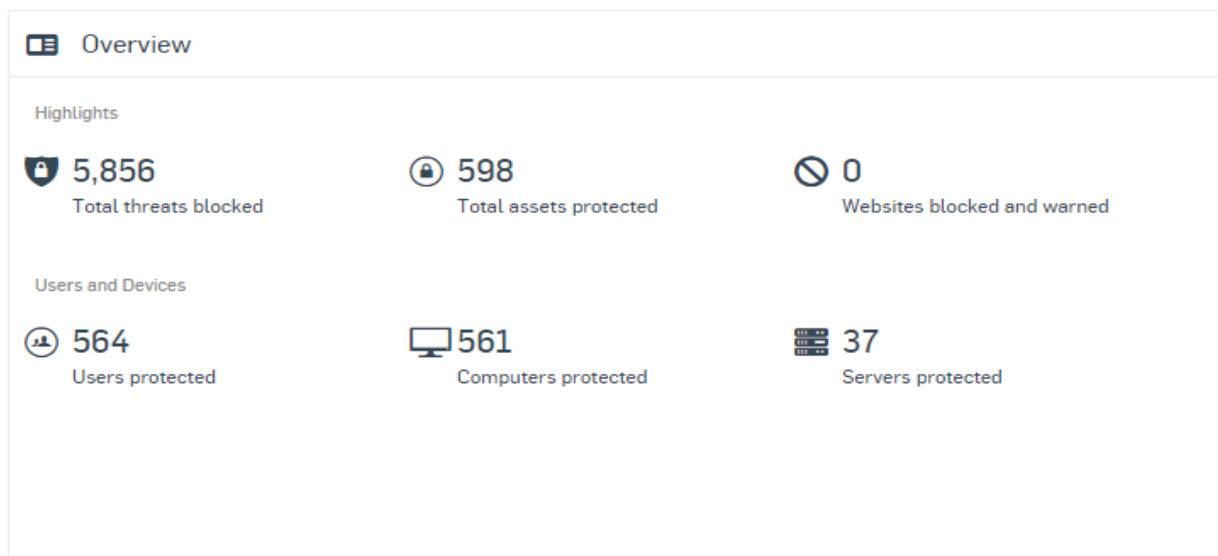
## Information Technology Section

### Helpdesk

During the month of April there were 813 support calls logged in the IT support system.

### Rollout of Sophos Intercept X

IT have been working on the rollout of Sophos to all computers and servers on our network. This is an antivirus system. It scans the Louth Co Co Network to detect potential threats, indicating devices which need attention. The figure below indicates that there are 598 computers and 37 servers protected by Sophos. 5856 threats were blocked in the last 30 days.

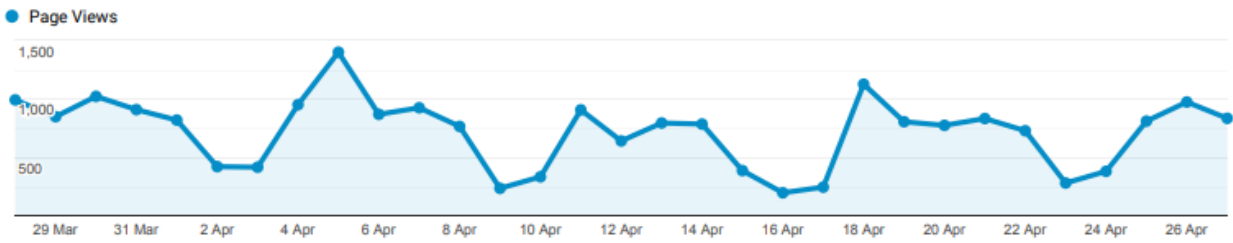


### TopSec E-Mail Filtering System

Louth Co Co continues to be targeted with phishing, and spam e-mail. We utilise TopSec to filter and block e-mail being received into the organisation in order to protect our network. Over 40% of the e-mail sent to [@louthcoco.ie](mailto:@louthcoco.ie) e-mail addresses is potentially harmful.

### Louth County Council Website

There were 22,439 Page Views on [www.louthcoco.ie](http://www.louthcoco.ie) between 29<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



## ArcGIS Online – Public Planning Register Map Viewer

LCC provide an online Planning Register Map Viewer which can be accessed from the Online Planning Application and Maps section user Services> Planning on the Louth County council website. This application is updated regularly to include all planning applications.

Usage details for the period:

30 March 2022 - 29 April 2022

Past 30 Days

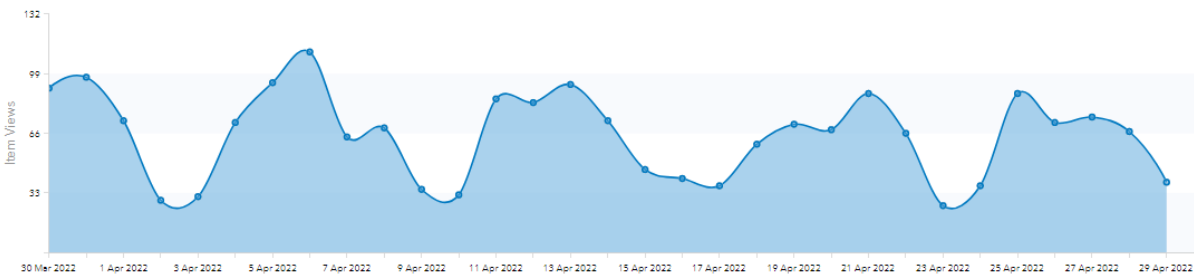
Item Views this Period

2,013

Avg Item Views Per Day

67.10

Usage Time Series



The Planning Map viewer received 2,013 views in the past 30 days and an average of >67 views a day.

# EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL

## Fire Service

Louth Fire Service attended 231 unique incidents for the first quarter of 2022. Most incidents attended were for Fire Alarm Activations. 40 Road Traffic Accidents and 19 Fires in Domestic settings were also attended. The 231 figure includes 26 unique incidents which were attended in Co Meath.

A full training plan, catching up on training which could not take place during Covid, is actively being rolled out.

- 12 Louth students successfully completed a Pump Operators course in Dundalk, the first LASNTG QQI Pump Operators course to be delivered throughout the country.
- The first 2 of 4 scheduled Breathing Apparatus Refresher courses were completed with 19 students refreshed.
- The first of 2 officers attended an Incident Commander Development course. It is intended that all officers will complete this training over time.
- 1 officer successfully completed a 1 week NDFEM Heavy Vehicle Rescue Course
- 2 additional firefighters successfully completed their truck driving assessment. They will now undergo familiarisation training with our own vehicles and go forward for their two-week Emergency Service Driving course in June.

The Fire Service is working with the Infrastructure Section to finalise tender documentation for the procurement of a design team for Dunleer Fire Station.

Following the receipt of DHLGH approval for major improvement works to Dundalk Regional Fire Service Training Centre, the design brief and summary cost plan are currently being completed. These will go to the DHLGH for approval and the procurement of a design team will then proceed.

The numbers of retained personnel in Carlingford, Ardee, Dunleer and Dundalk brigades are holding firm. Two Carlingford recruits successfully completed a Breathing Apparatus Wearers course held between Newbridge Fire Station and Tullamore Fire Training Centre. Another recruit for Carlingford is 'ready to go' and is awaiting a place on a Recruits Course. A number of vacancies still exist for retained firefighters in Drogheda.

The Fire Prevention Section continues to see an increase in applications with 35 applications received during the first quarter of 2022 for Fire Safety Certificates. Inspections took place on a number of premises for accommodating Ukrainian refugees, in addition to licensing inspections.

An Occupational Safety and Health Safety Audit was undertaken for Dundalk Fire Station.

## Climate Adaptation Strategy

Work on the Climate Action Plan is continuing, to include Fire Service and Building Control requirements. This will take account of the contribution of Building Control to climate change. The new fire station in Dunleer and the extension to Dundalk Training Centre will both comply with energy efficiency and carbon emission requirements.

## Major Emergency Management

Louth County Council has taken over the chairing of the Major Emergency Regional Steering Group and Regional Working Group for the next two years. A Regional Working Group meeting took place on 5<sup>th</sup> April. Main agenda items were a Regional Resilience Leaflet and the Regional Work Programme.

Major Emergency Crisis Management structures continue to be used in the Council's response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis.

## Civil Defence

Louth Civil Defence has continued assisting at rest centres used to accommodate Ukrainian refugees. 32 volunteers provided 163 hours of assistance during the month of April.

Volunteers also provided 5 days assistance to the Irish Blood Transfusion Service and undertook community duty for the 'Climb With Charlie' nationwide event.

Training during April covered:

- Emergency First Responder
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Manual Handling
- Weekly Training

## **Building Control**

All Disabled Access Certificate applications are being processed and inspections of developments for compliance with the Building Regulations are arranged on a risk assessed basis. The Building Control Officer is aiming to increase the level of inspections.

The Building Control Officer issued notices in respect of a number of developments requiring improvements to comply with the Building Regulations.

## Housing and Quality of Life Tithíocht agus Cáilíocht na Beatha

This Directorate has two key responsibilities:

**Housing**, which encompasses all initiatives which aim to match need and available resources in a sustainable way throughout our county

**Quality of Life**, a wide range of initiatives and programmes designed to make living in Louth a stimulating, safe and rewarding experience, including the arts, heritage, and our libraries

Tá dhá eochairfhreagracht ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:

**Tithíocht**, a chuimsíonn gach tionscnamh agus de chuspóir acu ná na riachtanais agus na haicmhainní ar fad atá ar fail a chur le chéile go hinbhuanaithe ar fud ár gcontae

**Cáilíocht na Beatha**, réimse leathan tionscnaimh agus cláir atá deartha chun saol spreagúil, sásúil, sábháilte a chur ar fail i gContae Lú, na healaíona, an oidhreacht, agus ár leabharlanna san áireamh

**Paddy Donnelly**  
Director / Stiúrthóir



## Housing

### Addressing Homelessness

As the Responsible Housing Authority for the North East Region, Louth County Council continues to manage this area and achieve the goals set out in the North East Homelessness Strategy 2021-2024. The work done within Louth can be summarised as follows:

Presentations April 2022	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda BD	Total
Number of Person who presented as Homeless	00	57	100	<b>157</b>
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	00	36	64	<b>100</b>
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	00	17	26	<b>42</b>
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	00	04	06	<b>10</b>
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	00	00	00	<b>05</b>

The tables below reflect monthly returns submitted to the Department with regard to Homeless numbers in the NORTH EAST REGION for 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022. This anonymous and aggregated return of all individuals accessing emergency accommodation is returned to the Department of Housing on a monthly basis.

**Table 1: Gender**

Gender	Total
Male	57
Female	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

**Table 2: Age Groups**

Age Group	Total
18-24	12
25-44	47
45-64	22
65+	07
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

**Table 3: Accommodation Type**

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	31
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	52
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support)(TEA)	00
Unique Total (note, clients may have accessed multiple accommodation types during the week)	00
Minus people accessing multiple accommodation types during the week	05
<b>Total unique individuals</b>	<b>88</b>

**Table 4: County**

County	Total
County Louth	83
County Monaghan	02
County Cavan	03
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

**Table 5 - Families with dependent children**

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with	07	29	16

dependent children			
<b>Total</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>
Couples with dependent children	04	08	08
<b>Total</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>08</b>

### Housing First

	Louth	Monaghan	Cavan	Total
<b>Number of tenancies established</b>	25	02	05	<b>32</b>
<b>Number of individuals currently in tenancy</b>	25	02	05	<b>32</b>

### Homeless Services and Covid 19

As a direct response to the risk of communal spread of the Covid-19 virus amongst vulnerable individuals in Homeless Hostels, the Council has opened up a number of void properties and temporarily decanted individuals and families from hostel accommodation into these Units.

This has allowed these persons to live in a more isolated environment thereby decreasing the risk of infection. Contracted service providers have continued to provide meals and high level support to these clients.

The Hostels and family Hub continue to operate with reduced capacity, which reflects government guidelines in respect of social and physical distancing.

Isolation units have been made available for homeless persons with suspected/confirmed cases of Covid-19 and protocols have been drawn up to address such cases.

The full range of Homeless Services continues to be provided remotely and staff is available on request, in exceptional cases.

### Housing Assistance Payment

The total number of applications in HAP is 3213

Ardee Municipal District	Dundalk Municipal District	Drogheda Borough District	Total
312	1692	1209	3213

### Accelerate Social Housing

The Governments **Housing For All** plan published in 2021 established a new approach to accelerating housing delivery in the country. Three key actions to taken by the Council have been identified to improve the housing delivery system.

1. The creation of a single multi disciplinary housing delivery team.
2. Active management of a single annual housing delivery programme.
3. Interventions to remove barriers and accelerate delivery.

The Council has been given an ambitious 5 year target of delivering 1323 new build social housing units along with 34 leasing units over the five year period 2022-2026. In addition the Council will in due course receive a target for affordable homes.

The Council is currently in discussion with Department officials concerning these targets and how delivery can be best achieved. This target will include delivery of units from Part V provision, AHB's, Acquisitions, Mortgage to Rents, Long Term Leases, Repair and Lease and Buy & Renew Acquisitions. The 2020 - 2023 pipeline delivery progress report is in tables below.

## 2022 Housing Allocations up to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Numbers Allocated	Allocations - Social	Allocations - Voluntary	Refusals - Social	Refusals - Voluntary
Ardee MD	06	17	01	02
Dundalk MD	29	94	10	03
Drogheda BD	49	05	10	09
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>

Social housing transfers facilitated up to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Year	Ardee	Dundalk	Drogheda
<b>2022</b>	02	01	01

### Housing List (excluding HAP Transfers)

Month	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda BD	Total
28 <sup>th</sup> of April	363	682	632	1677

### Transfer List from HAP

Month	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda BD	Total
April	312	1692	1209	3213

There are a total of 274 applicants on the approved list for transfer (**Non-HAP**) within Social Housing including **33** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies

## Build More Homes

The Council continues to maintain land banks in the following locations, which can be developed if an appropriate project and funding is forthcoming.

Location	Acres
Mullavalley, Louth Village	8.82
Kilkerley	3.80
Ballymakenny	16.53
Point Road	5.2
Various Individual Sites	0

## Rent Management

The number of tenants who pay rent by Household Budget is now **1012**

Current Rents Arrears as of 30/04/2022	Number of Account	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	195	€63,829.00
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	162	€106,389.00
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	742	€2,560,083.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>€2,730,301.00</b>

## Improve the Rented Sector

	April	Total
No. of properties inspected Apr 2022	92	235
No. of advisory notes issued to Landlord	25	197
No. of improvement notices Issued	06	26
No. of prohibition notices Issued	00	02

No. of Rent Book Notices Issued	00	00
Inspections ( HAP )	70	175
Improvement Notices ( HAP)	06	37
Virtual Inspections Issued	00	00
Private Inspections Complaints	01	04
HAP Complaints	00	10
RAS Complaints	00	00
Re Inspections HAP	08	26
Re Inspections Hap Compliance	02	11
Re Inspections RAS	00	00
Re Inspections RAS Compliance	00	00
AHB Inspection	12	27

### Utilise Existing Housing

The following table summarises the level of maintenance and works activity to existing stock.

Maintenance	April 2022
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	528
No. of Maintenance Completed	404

### Vacant Properties

Currently 22 No. social units have been used as temporary accommodation for isolation or additional homeless need during Covid 19 and are not included in the next table.

Vacant Properties	Total	
Ardee Municipal District	05	
Dundalk Municipal District	27	
Drogheda Borough District	23	
<b>Total Re Lets</b>		<b>55</b>
Vacant Properties CPO Units not yet ready for occupation (all county)		08

<b>Total No. of CPO Properties (Relets &amp; CPO's)</b>		<b>63</b>
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### Grant Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled

The private grant process is continuing with some changes to procedure to reflect social distancing guidelines. These changes are reviewed in light of Government announcements.

The following grants are available

- Housing Adaption Grants - Priority 1, which will assist those who need whole time care in the home
- Housing for Older People – Priority 1 to works that will preserve the integrity of the dwelling
- Mobility Aids Grants - Priority 1, which will assist those who need whole time, care in the home.

### Private House Grants

Status	HOP	HAG	MAG	Total
<b>Applications Completed 2021</b>	174	119	39	332
<b>Applications rolling into 2022</b>	101	363	166	630
<b>New Applications Up to 28/04/22</b>	121	59	14	194

### Estate Management

	DBD & AMD	DMD	TOTAL
Tenancy Inspections	14	17	31

Pre tenancy Training	03	01	04
Tenancy Investigations Visits	35	29	64
Tenancy Investigations Remote	00	09	09

offered to qualifying contractors to expedite these works in 2022.

The Council awaits confirmation from the Department in respect of the 2022 allocation.

## Anti Social Behaviour

	DBD	AMD	DMD	TOTAL
ASB Cases	13	09	15	37
ASB Ongoing	09	03	10	22
ASB Completed	04	01	04	09

	DBD	AMD	DMD	TOTAL
Verbal Warning	00	01	00	01
Written Warning	00	00	00	00
Tenancy Notification	00	00	00	00

## Climate Action

The newly revised **2021 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme** is the first year of a ten year programme which is expected to grow to meet the Programme for Government retrofit commitment. The new programme sees a significant upscaling (from 'shallow' to 'deep retrofit') on what has been completed by local authorities to date

Currently, staff in the energy efficiency retrofit office is preparing documentation and site selections to ensure that tender packages can be

Delivery Stream	Housing for All Projected Delivery 2022-2026				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
SHIP CONSTRUCTION	00	11	171	80	262
SHIP CONSTRUCTION RAPID	00	00	00	00	00
REGENERATION	22	00	00	00	22
CAS CONSTRUCTION	00	68	00	00	68
CONSTRUCTION BUy & RENEW SHIP CONSTRUCTION SINGLE STAGE	00	00	00	00	00
SHIP CONSTRUCTION SINGLE STAGE	00	09	00	00	09
SHIP CONSTRUCTION TURNKEY	08	27	00	00	35
SHIP Competitive Dialogue	00	00	00	00	00
CAS CONSTRUCTION TURNKEY & CAS SINGLE STAGE	00	00	00	00	00
PPP	00	00	80	00	00
AHB CALF Construction	00	00	00	00	00
AHB CALF Turnkey	147	459	15	00	621
CALF Part V	29	53	07	00	89
LA Part V	10	07	00	00	17
CAS Part V	00	00	00	00	00
Voids (capped)	00	00	00	00	00

## DEFINITIONS

**AHB = Approved Housing Body**

**CAS = Capital Assistance Scheme** which provides 100% funding to AHBs to build or acquire units for disabled or homeless applicants with a non-repayment mortgage in favour of the Housing Authority to ensure that the Housing Authority has both nomination rights and security over the asset created by public funds.

**CALF = Capital Advance Loan Fund** which provides Department funding for up to 30% funding to AHBs to provide units for general use on the basis that they enter into a Payment and Availability agreement with the Housing Authority who will provide all the tenant nominations.

**CPO = Compulsory Purchase Scheme** allows the local authority to land or property without the consent of the owner by means of a compulsory purchase order (CPO).

**IPS = Incremental Purchase Scheme**

**Voids =** new addition to the report requested by Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government.

**SHCEP = Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme** supports the delivery of social housing by providing financial support to local authorities and Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) for the long term leasing of houses and apartments from private owners and developers.

**SHIP = Social Housing Investment Programme**

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Cox's Demesne Phase 2B	1/1	22	On-site	20/05/2022	2no. * 2 bed, 4no. * 3 bed, 2no. * 4 bed, 6no. * 1 bed Apt & 8no. * 2 bed Apt.
Muirhevnamor, Dundalk Phase 1	1/1	11	Stage Approved 2	13/12/2023	3no. * 2 bed & 8no. * 3 bed
Boice Court (Phase 2 - 4)	1/1	72	Stage Approved 2	06/05/2024	27no. * 3 bed, 4no. * 4 bed, 8no. * 1 bed Apt, 25no. * 2 bed Apt & 8no. * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/1	93	Stage Approved 2	12/03/2024	29no. * 2 bed, 23no. * 3 bed, 9no. * 4 bed, 10no. * 1 bed Apt, 6no. * 2 bed Apt, 16no. * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	6	Stage Approved 1	29/07/2024	2no x 2 bed apt , 2no x 2 bed, 2no x 3bed
Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	80	Stage Approved 1	31/12/2025	To be confirmed
Moneymore, Drogheda - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	30/06/2023	1no. * 2 bed
Gort Uaine, Clogherhead - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	30/06/2023	1no. * 4 bed
School Lane, Dunleer - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	30/06/2023	1no. * 3 bed
Doire Beag, Collon, Co. Louth - Infill	1/1	6	Funding Approved Single Stage	25/08/2023	6no. * 3 bed
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/4	11	Funding Approved Turnkey	30/11/2022	11no x 2 bed (3no Part V of 11)
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	2/4	6	Funding Approved Turnkey	31/01/2023	3no x 2 bed apt, 3no x 3 bed apt, (1no. Part V of 6 )
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	3/4	6	Funding Approved Turnkey	28/02/2023	3no x 2 bed apt, 3 no x 3 bed apt, (1no. Part V of 6)

Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	4/4	22	Funding Approved Turnkey	31/05/2023	11no x 2 bed, 5no x 2 bed apt, 6 no x 3 bed apt, (5no Part V of 22)
Listoke Avenue Ballymakenny	1/1	06	On Site	31/08/2022	6no x 3 bed
Linenfield Ballymakenny	1/2	5	On-site	31/12/2021	5no. * 2 bed
Linenfield Ballymakenny	2/2	1	On-site	31/08/2022	1no. * 2 bed

SUMMARY OF UNITS COMPLETED 2021 VIA CALF								
Scheme	D/HPCL G Ref. No	Project Name	Project Phase	Non-Part V Units Expected	Part V Units Expected	Approved Housing Body	Substantial Completion Date	Unit breakdown
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8644	Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth	1 OF 5	15	1	Tuath Housing	Completed	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all schemes
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8644	Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth	3 OF 5	16		Tuath Housing	Completed	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all schemes
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8644	Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth	4 OF 5	11		Tuath Housing	Completed	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all schemes
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8644	Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth.	2 OF 5	10		Tuath Housing	Completed	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all schemes
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9139	Clonmore Ardee	1 OF 4	12		Cluid Housing	Completed	2 x 4 beds, 2 x3 bed and 8x 1 beds in this phase
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9139	Clonmore, Ardee	2 OF 4	14	1	Cluid Housing	Completed	2 x 4 bed, 12 x 3 bed and 1 x2 bed units in this phase

AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9139	Clonmore, Ardee	3 OF 4	15		Cluid Housing	Completed	8 x 3 bed and 7 x 2 bed units in this phase
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9139	Clonmore, Ardee	4 OF 4	13		Cluid Housing	Completed	10 x 3 bed and 3 x 2 bed units in this phase
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9514	Halliday Mills, Quay St, Dundalk	1 OF 1	77	8	Cooperative	Completed	15 x 3 bed apartments, 58 x 2 bed apartments and 12 x 1 bed apartments
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.879	Harbour View, Coulter Place, Dundalk	1 OF 1	24		Cluid Housing	Completed	12 x 1 bed and 12 x 2 bed apartments
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.855	Lismullen Grove, Dundalk, Co Louth	3 OF 3	8		Tuath Housing	Completed	8 x 3 bed units in this phase
AHB CALF Turnkey	2021.1092	Fairways Gardens, Dundalk	1 OF 1	8		Cluid Housing	Completed	8 x 2 bed apartments

<b>SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2022 CALF DELIVERY</b>									
Scheme	D/HPCLG Ref. No	Project Name	Project Phase	Non-Part V Units Expected	Part V Units Expected	Approved Housing Body	Completed	Projected	
								Substantial Completion Date	Unit breakdown
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8939	Duiche Roden, Dundalk, Co Louth	1 OF 2	75	12	Cluid Housing	On-site	30/11/2022	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 be duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9681	Newfoundwell Road Drogheda Co Louth	1 OF 2	46	9	Cluid Housing	On-site	30/04/2022	17 x 3 bed terraced houses, 1 x 3 bed duplexes, 25 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed terraced, 4 x 2 bed duplexes, 28 x

									2 bed apartments and 19 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8046	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	2 of 4	10		Tuath Housing	On-site	06/05/2022	6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi detached across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8046	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	3 of 4	5	8	Tuath Housing	On-site	31/07/2022	6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi detached across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey		Tierney St, Ardee	1 of 2	5		Circle	Proposal	31/08/2022	3 x3 bed bungalow, 2 x 2 bed bungalow, 3 x3 bed terraced and 3 x 2 bed terrace houses across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey		Tierney St, Ardee	2 of 2	6		Circle	Proposal	01/12/2022	3 x3 bed bungalow, 2 x 2 bed bungalow, 3 x3 bed terraced and 3 x 2 bed terrace houses across both phases

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2023 CALF DELIVERY									
Scheme	D/HPC LG Ref. No	Project Name	Project Phase	Non-Part V Units Expected	Part V Units Expected	Approved Housing Body	Completed	Projected	Unit breakdown
								Substantial Completion Date	

AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 739	Donore Road, Drogheda, Co Louth	1 of 1	59	7	Cluid Housing	On-site	30/09/2023	8 x 3 bed apartments, 54 x 2 bed apartments and 4 x 1 bed apartments
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 644	Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth	1 OF 5	12		Tuath Housing	On-site	06/07/2023	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2021.1 033	Scotch Hall, Drogheda, Co Louth	1 of 1	21		Respond	Funding Approved	31/03/2023	6 x 1 bed apartments and 15 x 2 bed apartments
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 501	Dublin Road, Dundalk	1 OF 1	59	6	Respond	On-site	30/06/2023	5 x 3 bed houses, 7 x 3 bed duplexes, 2 x 3 bed apartments, 16 x 2 bed duplexes, 4 x 2 bed apartments, 4 x 1 bed houses and 27 x 1 bed
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 939	Duiche Roden, Dundalk, Co Louth	2 of 2	43		Cluid Housing	On-site	31/08/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 bed duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 681	Newfound well Road Drogheda Co Louth	2 of 2	39		Cluid Housing	On-site	31/03/2023	17 x 3 bed terraced houses, 1 x 3 bed duplexes, 25 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed terraced, 4 x 2 bed duplexes, 28 x 2 bed apartments and 19 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	1 of 4	41	6	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 015	Oriel Heights, Collon	1 of 1	2	11	North & East Housing	Funding Approved	31/03/2023	4 x 3 bed units and 9 x 2 bed units

AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 046	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	4 of 4	12		Tuath Housing	On-site	06/10/2023	6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi detached across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	24/06/2023	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	2 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	19/08/2023	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	3 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	21/10/2023	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	2 of 4	15	2	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	3 of 4	21	2	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	4 of 4	43	3	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 791	Tullybrook, Slane Road, Drogheda	1 of 1	69	16	Cluid Housing	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 22 x 3 bed terraced, 24 x 3 bed duplexes, 22 x 2 bed terraced, 7 x 2 bed duplexes and 8 x 2 bed apartments

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2024 CALF DELIVERY									
Scheme	D/HPCLG Ref. No	Project Name	Project Phase	Non-Part V Units Expected	Part V Units Expected	Approved Housing Body	Completed	Projected	Unit breakdown
								Substantial Completion Date	
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	4 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	01/01/2024	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses

AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	5 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	20/01/2024	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	6 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	31/03/2024	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses

## Community and Sport

### Club Grants Programme

Louth Local Sports Partnership is delighted to launch four grant funding streams for clubs and groups across Co. Louth to support participation in Sport and Physical Activities across the county.

The funding streams include:

1. Small Club Grant 2022
2. Covid Grant Round 2 (for sporting clubs & organisations)
3. Covid Restart Grant (for non sporting clubs & organisations)
4. Volunteer Support Fun

The closing date for applications is 4pm Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>. For further information please email [louthlsp@louthcoco.ie](mailto:louthlsp@louthcoco.ie) or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318.



**Louth Sports Partnership - Funding Streams for clubs and groups across Louth**

- 1- Small Club Grant 2022
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(for sporting clubs & Organisations)
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(for non sporting clubs & Organisations)
- 4 - Volunteer Support Fund

**Closing Date**  
Friday 20th May 2022 at 4pm

For more information email  
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Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm

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### Senior Sports Officer

Louth County Council has appointed Odhrán Doherty in the role of Senior Sports Officer as of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Odhrán will guide and support the work of the Local Sports Partnership in key areas identified within the strategic plan for the organisation. He joins the Louth Local Sports Partnership having previously worked for Cara Sport Inclusion Ireland, Disability Sport NI and Donegal GAA.

### Inclusive Learn to Cycle Programme

Louth Local Sports Partnership successfully completed an Inclusive Cycling programme with 11 Schools in the county who have units within their school for children with Autism. This programme delivered in partnership with Healthy Ireland, Child & Family Agency TúsIa, and CYPSC Louth.

As part of the programme 50 bikes and helmets were delivered to the schools and 70 teachers and SNA's were offered an opportunity to complete Disability Learn to Cycle Training to ensure the sustainability of opportunities for the children within the schools.

This programme will link into a wider programme of events in Louth taking place during National Bike week on May 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.



National Bike week May 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Sport Leaders Awards

Louth Local Sports Partnership will be delivering two Level 1 Young Sport Leaders Award programmes in the coming months. These programmes will take place in Dundalk June 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> and in Drogheda August 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. The programmes will work with teenagers aged 13-17 who wish to develop their leadership skills. The syllabus is designed to develop generic leadership skills that can be applied to a variety of sports and/or recreational situations as well as contributing to the personal development of the learner.

For further information please email [louthlsp@louthcoco.ie](mailto:louthlsp@louthcoco.ie) or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318

### Moneymore Sports Hub

On-going Community engagement and planning happening in the Moneymore area through the Hub Co-ordinator with a view to developing a longer term plan for sport and physical activity programmes within the Moneymore and Drogheda areas.

### LEADER

Recently, Louth County Council paid out funding to beneficiaries under the LEADER 2014-2022 Programme:-

Promoter	Amount
St Josephs GFC – Community Resource Room – Ref 113916	€20,925.60
Drogheda Tidy Towns – Drogheda Tidy Towns Strategic Plan – Ref 111846	€2,250.00
Dunleer Tidy Towns – St Brigid’s Welcome Sign – Ref 111747	€9,156.00
Louth Tidy Towns Together – Louth Looking Good 2021 – Ref 114999	€7,040.29
Louth Leader Partnership – Enterprising Young Travellers Programme – Ref 113522	€27,435.50
EOH Milltown Stables Ltd – Milltown Stables – Ref 110389	€33,860.74
Geo Trenchless Solutions Ltd – Newrath Yard Renovation – Ref 108049	€6,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€106,668.13</b>

### Comhairle na nÓg

Following on from their recent attendance at Dail na nÓg in March, the Mid Louth Comhairle met with local councillors in the DeeHub to highlight local issues in Ardee and Dunleer area.

All three Comhairle na nÓg groups have engaged with Outcomers to explore how best to include the voices of young LGBTI young people in the work of Comhairle an nÓg. Over the next few months the young people will be visiting Outcomers groups to explain how Comhairle works and the importance of being involved.

Dundalk Comhairle partnered up with Dundalk Credit Union and completed the CluedIn training programme last month which is designed to help young people understand personal finances and adopt good financial habits for the future.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> April Louth Comhairle met with the Honorary Consul to Ireland from Uganda, Dr Sylvia Ketate Gavigan at the launch of the Ugandan Art Exhibition in An Táin Arts Centre.

The young people organised the exhibition to raise funds for the young people in Uganda and hope to build on the contacts for the future.



**Ugandan Art Exhibition, Dundalk 12/04/22  
Age Friendly**

Louth Age Friendly Ambassador Gavin Duffy was present at the launch of the Ambassador Programme in Croke Park in April. A refresher and induction Age Friendly Training takes place on 5<sup>th</sup> May for local authority Age Friendly Programme Managers and Support Staff.



**Launch of Age Friendly Ambassador Programme in Croke Park 07/04/22.**

### Louth Community Response Forum

Stakeholder engagement continued over the last month to address the needs of the Ukrainian refugees arriving into Louth. Appreciation is due to all local groups that have assisted with various initiatives, including Kilkenny National School

students who compiled welcome/activity packs that were then given to young Ukrainian children. And thank you to Dundalk Credit Union initiative that saw the distribution of Easter Eggs to Ukrainian children over Easter Weekend.



**Ukraine community initiative – Kilkenny N.S.**

### Community Activities Fund

Louth received €291,084 from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Community Activity Fund. A total of 87 applications were received, of which 85 were valid. The small grant scheme allocated funding for the first time to non-pay running costs.

### Tredagh Lodge – New Alzheimer’s Day Care Centre in Drogheda

The Community Section were delighted to visit Tredagh Lodge – New Alzheimer’s Day Care Centre in Drogheda before its official opening. The facility is for those suffering from Alzheimer’s disease where they can get supports and activities during the day. The centre was built with support from LEADER and LCDC grant aid



**Tredagh Lodge – New Alzheimer’s Day Care Centre in Drogheda**

## National Spring Clean

Nationally, registrations opened online in February, Louth has had a great response from groups throughout the county. A large volume of requests for additional supplies from groups were facilitated, by Louth County Council over April. Groups were supplied with litter pickers, bags and gloves, to assist them in clean ups within their areas.



*Figure 1 Volunteers at a Beach Clean at Seabank for National Spring Clean Month*

## Tidy Towns Project Scheme

The scheme provides funding to groups to carry out small scale capital type improvement works in their town or village during 2022. Successful groups were contacted during April and some can commence work on their proposed projects.

## Pride of Place

The IPB Pride of Place 2021 awards event will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> May in Killarney; the two groups nominated for last year's competition will attend along with Louth County Council officials. Arrangements have been communicated to both Cox's Demesne Youth & Community Project and Blackrock Village; we wish them the very best of luck.

## Amenity Grants

The 2022, Amenity grants scheme is now closed for applications. Applications are currently being

reviewed and prepared to go before elected representatives for their approval. The on line portal application process was successful and saw another increase this year in PPN registrations by 27%.

## Green Schools 2021-2022

There are 12 schools that are involved in the Green schools programme who were assessed by the community Support team throughout the last number of months. These schools will be receiving their flag at an online ceremony planned for the 25th May. Congratulations to all the schools and their Green Schools Committees for all their hard work. A National Green Flag Raising Day has also been planned with all the schools.



*Figure 2 Scoil Mhuire Na Trócaire, Ardee- part of their application under the Green Schools Programme*

## Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2022

This scheme provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure. It also provides support for the necessary maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas across Ireland.

Louth County Council submitted two Applications under Measure 1 - for Small Scale

Repair/Development projects - Grant aid amounts of up to €30,000 are available under this measure.

## Clár 2022

Clár is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage. Expressions of interest have been received for the CLAR 2022 scheme. Louth County Council are currently reviewing these submissions with a view to submitting to the Department by 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## Quality of Life Service

### Climate Change Adaption Strategy 2019-2024

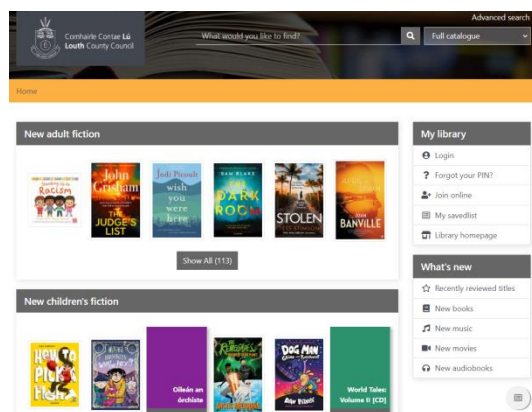
Amanda Branigan & Brendan McSherry are the Quality of Life reps on the LCC Climate Action Team.

### Archives

The Co Archives supports Corporate Climate Action Goals. Operations are currently implementing energy upgrades to the Archives building including an air to water heat pump, improvements to doors and several windows and low energy lighting to reduce energy use.

## LOUTH LIBRARY SERVICES

### New Library Management System



A new national library management system, Spydus went live on March 29<sup>th</sup> with improved functionality and a fresh look.

Members can manage their library accounts online, browse a catalogue of 12 million items, and reserve items to borrow.

The new system has many improved features.

- Logging into your library account, and managing your reserves, reading lists and contact information is much easier.
- The catalogue is easier to use and has images and recommendations as well as themed bookshelves and links to useful resources.
- You can now find, borrow and reserve eBooks and eAudiobooks as well as physical books in one searchable catalogue.
- You can renew your library membership online for the first time.
- The new system has a new look and works great on mobile phones and tablets.

You can check it out at <https://louth.spydus.ie>

The first time you log in to the new system, you will be asked to reset your PIN. This is because your PIN is encrypted and private to you so it could not be transferred to the new system.

### LAMA Awards

Louth Library Service was among the winners at the 2021 All Ireland Community and Council Awards at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dublin Airport on Saturday, April 9.

Nominated for two awards on the night, the library's Housebound Service earned the top prize in the Best Business Working with the Community category.

### Library Housebound Service

Set up in May 2020, the Housebound Service provides those who are cocooning, or who cannot get to their local branch library, the opportunity to

still enjoy books, DVDs, audiobooks, and CDs. Members can simply phone 042 935 3190, email [libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie](mailto:libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie), or contact their local branch with their requests, and they will be quickly and safely delivered right to their door.

Over a period of four weeks, a delivery and collection rota is carefully put together to ensure that every corner of the county is covered.

Although library branches are now back open to the public, the Housebound Service remains an important and extremely popular facet of the library's offerings. Having started with just seventeen borrowers across the county, the Housebound Service quickly blossomed and has made almost 1,700 deliveries to date.



**John Murphy & Marcella Reynolds from Dundalk Library with Marty Morrissey at the LAMA Awards.**

## eServices



There is a wide range of eServices available to library members, including free eBooks & eAudiobooks through Borrow Box. Louth Library service have seen an increase of 28% more users since March 2020.

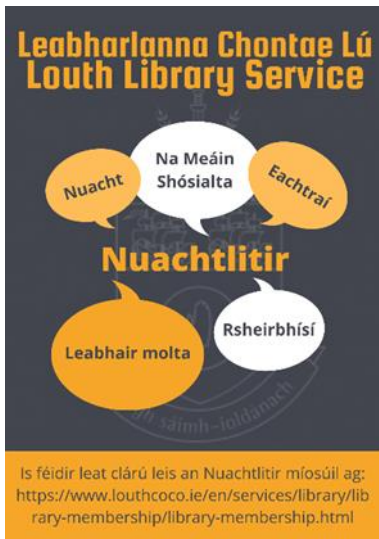


In addition, free newspapers and magazines and Comic Books are available through Press Reader and Libby.

Lastly there is a host of online courses with Universal Class and Transparent Language online.

For more information on these services click [here](#)

## Library Newsletter



The May edition contains the latest news, events, services, and recommendations from our libraries.

Anyone interested in receiving this monthly newsletter to their inbox can sign up here:

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/library-membership/louth-library-newsletter-emailing-list-registration.html>

Click here to read this month's newsletter

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/blog-and-newsletter/louth-library-newsletter-may-2022.pdf>

## A Welcome for Ukraine



Dundalk Library continues to host weekly information sessions for Ukrainians and their host families every Thursday from 4pm-6pm. This informal gathering is an opportunity for Ukrainians

of all ages and host families to meet others in the same position.

A welcome brochure, in Ukrainian, is now available in all of our branches and on our website. The brochure can be accessed here:

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/library-membership/welcome-brochure-ukrainian.pdf>

LMETB invited library staff to drop into their English Language Classes in Drogheda. During the class staff handed out bilingual leaflets pertaining to all the library services & signed up participants with library memberships. Staff also had bi-lingual posters for parent and toddler mornings and Baby Book Club.

Drogheda Intreo office held an event to advise Ukrainians on social welfare entitlements in Donore. Louth Library Service attended this event with bilingual information leaflets about all the library services and locations of library branches throughout Louth.

## Eduroam



Louth Library Service Eduroam (education roaming) partnership with HEAnet in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee Libraries is proving to be very successful now that libraries have fully reopened and study spaces are available again. Covid 19 has resulted in more remote learning off-campus with not all locations having access to good quality Broadband. This initiative aims to create extended virtual campuses and offer students multiple options to go online and

connect to their Further and Higher Education institutions while studying in the library. In March 276 devices connected to Eduroam in our libraries with DkIT and TU Dublin the most prominent home institutions, with a wide variety of other colleges such as TCD, UCD RCSI, DCU, IADT, UL as well as international institutions.

### Digital Learning Space

Work has commenced on the installation of the new digital learning space in Drogheda Library. The rollout of the equipment will progress to all other branch Libraries in the coming weeks. Our customers can look forward to the use of new PCs, iMacs, HP Sprouts and gaming zones, along with a programme of STEAM events.

### Creative Ireland

#### Library led multi- agency project with Fighting Words



This project, funded by Creative Ireland’s Excellence Grants, continues in Drogheda Library with young people from Cable Youth Diversion Project and Boyne Youth Project groups. In partnership with Garda Anita O’Shea (Juvenile Liaison Officer, Drogheda) and facilitators from Fighting Words this initiative is proving to be a great success with lots of creative ideas formed. A second group from Boomerang Youth Cafe and Southside Projects enrolled in the programme on 27<sup>th</sup> April and are excited to return next week. We look forward to working further with these groups in the coming weeks.



### Spring Into Storytime



A very successful Spring Into Storytime 2022 programme was delivered to all Louth Library branches throughout April. 120 children visited Dundalk and Drogheda Library for Lego workshops and Kite making fun. Library staff delivered 14 in-house events across all our branches which consisted of Storytime and Art & Crafts. These events were enjoyed by all the family with over 250 in attendance.

Over 350 students from primary and secondary schools visited Drogheda and Dundalk libraries as part of Spring into Storytime.



*Enjoying the Art & Crafts in Dundalk Library*



*Enjoying the Go Fly Your Kite Workshop*



*Enjoying the Lego Workshop in Dundalk Library*



*Kite making fun in Drogheda Library*



*Enjoying the Lego Workshop in Drogheda Library*

**First5**  
**Little Library**

**Little Library Book Bags - Friendship Books**



The selection of books as part of the Little Library initiative are all on the theme of Friendship and are aimed at both pre-school and after-school age ranges. All ELC's can collect their Little Library Friendship Book Bags at their nearest branch library.

As part of this initiative Louth Library Service is also delighted to invite ELC's to join us in Dundalk and Drogheda Library for Friendship-themed Storytime events with Emer Conlon from Vroom-Town.

## Parent & Toddler Mornings



*Enjoying the Toddler Morning in Dundalk Library*

- Every Thursday at 10am-12pm in Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries
- Every Wednesday 10.30-12.30 in Ardee Library

## Baby Book Club

Explore the benefits of reading to your baby from an early age during Baby Book Club, first Wednesday of each month in Dundalk & Drogheda Libraries.



*Enjoying the Baby Book Club in Drogheda Library*



Bronagh Mc Glade of Louth Childcare Committee will host a drop-in information session in Ardee Library on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 12.00noon to 1.00 pm for childminders. All welcome.

In partnership with Louth Childcare Committee Ardee library will host a 'Stay and Play' parent and child group for Ukrainian families in the Ardee area. These sessions will run on a weekly basis, dates and times to be confirmed.



As part of the Genesis Incredible Years Parent and Baby Programme library staff will deliver a Baby Book Club session to the Parent and Baby Group in Muirhevnamor Community Centre in Dundalk on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

## Ciorcal Cómhrá / Irish Conversation first Tuesday of every month at 4pm in Dundalk

Ar mhaith leat do chuid Gaeilge a úsáid nó a chleachtadh? Tá an Ciorcal Cómhrá i leabharlann Dhún Dealgan ar ais! Beidh sé ar siúl ar an gcéad Máirt chuile mhí ag 4 sa leabharlann. Tá sé dírithe ar dhaoine fásta ar mhaith leo an Ghaeilge a fhoghlaim nó a úsáid.

Would you like to use or practice your Irish skills? The group is aimed at adults who would like to learn or practice Irish.

For more information, contact Dundalk Library on 042 935 3190.

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The Irish conversation group meets at 4pm on the first Tuesday of every month in Dundalk Library.

For more information, contact Dundalk Library on 042 935 3190.



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

## Decade of Centenaries History Lecture Series



The full programme of talks relating to the LCC 2021 Decade of Centenaries Programme is now available as podcasts via Spotify.

<https://open.spotify.com/show/52FI238xrRbDKKOFrUxy2b?si=PvHWxAJPSEaRkoBL--aBGQ>

## Other Events



Louth Library Service have a packed schedule of events to celebrate the Bealtaine Festival, Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age.

### Dundalk Library

#### Bealtaine Table Quiz

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of May at 2.30pm**

Calling all quizzers to the welcome return of the Bealtaine Table Quiz in Dundalk Library.

All are welcome to attend, no booking required.

#### Flower Arranging Demonstration

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of May at 3pm**

Join Mary Bell Ryan for a Flower Arranging Demonstration where attendees will learn the techniques of creating fabulous floral displays.

To book your place telephone Dundalk Library on 042 9353190

### Drogheda Library

#### Flower Arranging Demonstration

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of May at 3pm**

Join Mary Bell Ryan for a Flower Arranging Demonstration where attendees will learn the techniques of creating fabulous floral displays.

To book your place telephone Drogheda Library on 041 9876162

#### Tracing Your Family History

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of May from 10am-3pm**

Free Genealogical and Family History Consultation on a one to one basis with Drogheda Library's Local Studies Librarian.

To book your place telephone Drogheda Library on 041 9876162.

### Ardee Library

#### Mastering Fact & Fiction Tuesday 24th of May at 6pm

In this creative writing workshop, the author, Maeve A. Devoy, will unravel the roots of fact and fiction, before detailing her top writing tips and techniques. The group will then get to work, embarking upon the story they have been itching to tell.

To book your place telephone Ardee library on 041 6859023

#### Walking The Camino – Virtual Event Wednesday 25th of May at 6:30pm



If you are interested in someday walking this trail or you just enjoy hearing tales of travel, please join us for this relaxed online event of discussion and inspiration.

Booking via Timify:

<https://bit.ly/3OBVmpt>



Ardee Library will host an exhibition of works by artists from the adult art class of Alice O'Hare of LMETB, from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May; The exhibition will be launched on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm.



#### Age Action Computer Classes

A new five week course with Age Action began on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in Drogheda library and will continue until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Another course will run throughout the month of May in Dundalk Library. The course offers free one-to-one tuition for people over the age of 55 who have little or no computer experience. To book email [gettingstarted@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettingstarted@ageaction.ie) or telephone 01 4756989.

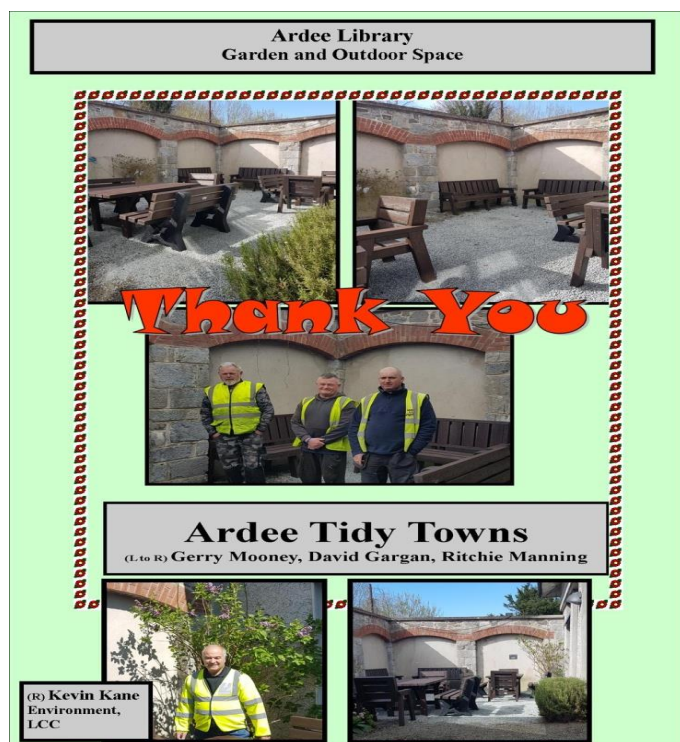
#### Louth Volunteer Centre



Karen from Volunteer Louth will host an event in Ardee library for National Volunteer Week the morning of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. All are welcome to attend.

### Other News

The staff of Ardee Library wishes to thank and acknowledge the combined efforts of both the Ardee Tidy Towns and locally based staff of the Environment section of the Council for cleaning, pruning and resurfacing the garden space at Ardee Library. Pictured are a few of those who worked on the project. A trial usage, by two regular library groups, of this garden and outdoor space will follow in the coming weeks.



### Sensory Library Service

#### Magic Table

Available in Ardee, Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries this facility is ideal for those with sensory difficulties, for Autistic people or people on the Autism Spectrum, and for people with Dementia. Family/Group bookings to use the Magic Table can be made by emailing

[libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie](mailto:libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie) or contacting your local branch.

**Quiet Time Dundalk & Drogheda libraries every Monday 6pm-7pm**  
**Ardee library every Saturday 10am-11am**



Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee Libraries, are providing a peaceful hour for those who may ordinarily find the library to be an overwhelming environment.

Phones will be turned down, lights dimmed, and sensory equipment and toys will be laid out. For more information, contact your local branch library.



Sensory area with dimmed lights

### Louth County Archives



## National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group

The draft revisions for Community, IT, and Library are in progress, while Environment is close to being finalised. To date, Health & Safety, Planning & Development, Housing, Procurement, Finance, HR, Water, Corporate and Enterprise & Economic Development have been completed, approved and issued out to local authorities.

The Co Archivist assists staff on an ongoing basis with queries on the management of records and advises on the preparation of records both for destruction and for transfer to the Records Centre and the Co Archives. Work on reviewing and appraising records for archives or destruction is continually being carried out.

## Historic Structures Fund 2022

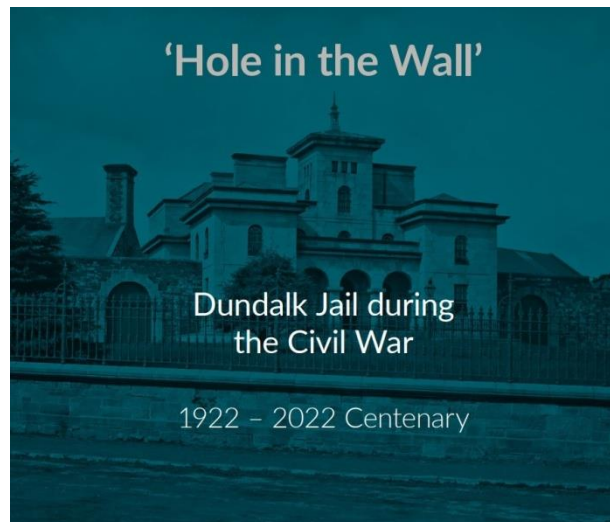
The Co Archives has been successful in receiving a provisional grant offer from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage via the Conservation Section for conservation repair works to the interior of the south gable wall of the Co Archives building. Exterior repair works to address damp issues were carried out with a HSF grant in 2021. Tendering for the works will begin soon with works expected to take place in summer.

## LGMA Library Unit Digitisation Project

A section of an archive collection, the Joseph Dolan Papers, has been selected for digitisation under the Library Unit's Decade of Centenaries digitisation project. The Archivist is currently preparing the relevant documents in the collection for scanning work.

## Decade of Centenaries

As part of the Louth County Council Decade of Centenaries Programme 2021, a short-film and accompanying booklet on 'Dundalk Jail during the Civil War period' was produced in collaboration with the County Louth Archaeological & Historical Society. It commemorates the forthcoming centenary of the 'Hole in the Wall' escape that occurred on 27 July 1922.



*"Hole in the Wall" Centenary Booklet*

The short-film is available on Louth County Archives YouTube channel at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbO\\_FV17R\\_b408fJeBb1qC3Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbO_FV17R_b408fJeBb1qC3Q) and both the booklet and film can be accessed on the web-page <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/archives/louth-1916-1923/dundalk-jail-during-the-civil-war.html>, while hard-copies of the booklet are available from Louth Libraries and Louth County Archives. The Decade of Centenaries Programme is funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

## Donating Archives

The Service welcomes donations of archives and records from the public that relate to all aspects of the development of County Louth including material from community groups, clubs and societies, national schools, individuals, local organizations and local businesses. These collections make available unique and valuable research sources for the study of Louth's heritage. If you have a collection that you would be willing to donate, or know of someone who would, please contact the County Archivist by email at [archive@louthcoco.ie](mailto:archive@louthcoco.ie) or by telephone at 042-9324358.

## Research Enquiries

The Archivist continues to assist researchers with various enquiries including those from private individuals, academics, professionals and state agencies.

## Climate Action

The Co Archives supports corporate Climate Action Goals. Environmental conditions in the Co Archives building is being monitored and reviewed by Facilities staff.

## Arts Service

### Creative Ireland

#### Threading the Táin

Funded by Creative Ireland and produced by An Tain Arts Centre, in association with Creative Spark, this 5 piece tapestry was unveiled at An Táin Arts Centre at a launch ceremony on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Each of the 5 tapestries depicts a scene from the great epic of the Tain Bó Cúailgne. The inter-county community, visual arts and textile project was 18 months in the making with over 40 participants across the 5 counties of the Tain March, namely Roscommon, Longford, Westmeath, Meath and Louth. The tapestry will remain hanging in An Tain Arts Centre and can be viewed until Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June after which it will move across the other counties. After this each county will retain its own tapestry for display and the 5 pieces will be brought together again each year going forward.



*"Threading the Táin" on display in An Tain Arts Centre*

## The Lullaby Leaf Project

One of Creative Ireland Louth's 2022 projects, the Lullaby Leaf will see a specially commissioned interactive theatre series of workshops being made available to members of the Down Syndrome Ireland Louth branch. The initial research workshop will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> May with Louth participants taking part in the research day. The final workshops will then be delivered later in the year in October with several more participants being able to avail of the 3 day workshops. This is the first time Creative Ireland Louth has worked with Down Syndrome Ireland and we are very excited about the project.

### An Táin Arts Centre

#### Louth Culture Quest

This futuristic, app-based, county-wide, arts and culture treasure hunt launched on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Download the Culture Quest App and embark on a futuristic treasure hunt exploring County Louth. Guided by a custodian from the future named Lugh, performed by Fr Ted's Joe Rooney, you will take a journey through time, exploring the heritage sites of County Louth and engage with newly commissioned pieces of Art, changing the course of history. The future of Art is in your hands!

Produced by An Tain Arts Centre this project is funded through the Arts Council of Ireland's 'In The Open'/Faoin Spéir Scheme. The app is €5 to download and is available to download from [HERE](#)

### Drogheda Arts Festival

Drogheda Arts Festival was back live and in person for 2022!! There was a huge range of activities and entertainment to cater for all. Highlights included 'Tá Go Maith' a concert in Gerard's Church featuring a collection of new solo works by Ronan O' Snodaigh and Myles O'Reilly, and Nos Nua, the Louth Youth Folk Orchestra also performed newly commissioned work 'Causeway' at the Barbican Theatre. Millmount saw Rogue Fire Show lighting up the skies and there was theatre events from Quintessence and Upstate

Theatre in Droichead Arts Centre. The festival finished up with our big family fun day on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dominic's Park. It was wonderful to see so many people come out and support the festival and we must acknowledge the support and patience of the local community while we took over their public space on the day! Thanks also to the staff in operations section for assisting us with all our logistical needs!



*Big Day Out at Drogheda Arts Festival*

### Local Live Performance Scheme Phase III

The next few events under Phase III of the Local Live Performance Scheme take place in May with concerts in Carlingford Heritage Centre & Droichead Arts Centre. This 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the Live Performance Scheme is to provide support to artists and technicians in the live entertainment industry while bringing music back to towns and villages.

Carlingford Heritage Centre will see Gerry O'Connor and family appearing on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This award winning family will provide a wonderful afternoon of traditional music for all to enjoy. Tickets are free but must be booked [HERE](#)

Droichead Arts Centre will host 3 events called 'SOLO: Song Circle' series. On May 13<sup>th</sup> Grainne Hunt, David Hope and SJ McArdle will perform in the round in a spirit of collaboration. Then on May 27<sup>th</sup> family trio Greenshine will join Drogheda's beloved bard Seán Mathews in a masterful evening of song and storytelling. Then on 28<sup>th</sup> May there will be a live debut performance of the Long Woman's Grave, a new and exciting collaboration between Nuala Kennedy, SJ McArdle and Trevor Hutchinson.

All events under the LLPS are free but must be booked due to limited numbers. See droichead's events page [HERE](#) for all the details.

We will have much more coming up in June for the final month of events under the LLPS. Be sure to check out our events page on createlouth.

### Droichead Arts Centre

**DRAWDA – Drogheda Urban Art Trail** launched on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. This curated multidisciplinary public arts programme produced 6 magnificent murals in Drogheda, Co. Louth between November 2021 and April 2022, culminating in an Urban Art Trail throughout Drogheda that will focus on key figures from the Boyne Valley region and moments from our mythological past.

The project was funded by the Arts Councils 'In The Open'/Faoin Speir Scheme with support from Louth County Council's Arts Office. It is produced by Droichead Arts Centre and Love Drogheda B.I.D.S (Business Improvement District Scheme) and curators Dee Walsh and Brian Hegarty (33-45). The project also saw the visiting artists working with local schools in workshops settings attracting great attention and creating a wonderful element of excitement among the younger population in the town.

### Louth Contemporary Music Society

Tickets are now on sale for LCMS next concert on Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3p.m in the Carlingford Heritage Centre. LCMS has secured the Irish première of a major work by the American composer **Michael Pisaro**: his ninety-minute voyage into sound and silence "asleep, wind, voice, poe". Taking part also will be finely tuned musicians; members of the London group **Apartment House** appearing in Ireland for the first time. On this occasion Apartment House will be joined by **David Bremner**, piano and **David Stalling**, electronics and field recordings. The distinguished Irish actress **Olwen Fouéré** will

voice the dissociated words and syllables of thoughts on solitude by Edgar Allan Poe and the Belgian writer Raoul Vaneigem. Tickets available from. <https://carlingfordheritagecentre.com>

Funded by the Arts Council and financially supported by Create Louth

### **Drogheda Classical Music**

Making a welcome return to Drogheda, cellist Johannes Moser will be joined by his trio partners Vadim Gluzman violin and Yevgeny Sudbin piano for a genuine starry line up. Performing Shostakovich's two very contrasting piano trios along with Schubert's mammoth first piano trio and Arvo Pärt's sorrowful Mozart Adagio.

Drogheda Classical Music is funded by the Arts Council and Louth County Council and run in partnership with Droichead Arts Centre with sponsorship from the d Hotel and RTÉ Supporting the Arts.

Details of the concert are [HERE](#)

### **Other Funding opportunities:**

Current funding opportunities available nationally are:

**Creative Schools Initiative** is still open for applications – funding of up to €4,000 can now be applied for through the Arts Council for the Creative Schools Initiative. Successful schools will be provided with a range of supports that includes working with a Creative Associate, training and networking to support them to create their Creative School Plan. Guidelines and application form can be found [HERE](#) **Closing date for applications is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.**

**Festival Investment Scheme Round 1** – is opening on the arts council's portal on May 3<sup>rd</sup> for applications. This scheme is for multi-disciplinary festivals and single artform festivals that will be due to take place between January and June 2023

inclusive. **Closing date for applications is 2<sup>nd</sup> June** and details can be found [HERE](#)

**Arts and Disability Connect Scheme** – open to artists with disability working in any artform, the scheme is designed to support artists with disabilities to make new and ambitious work. Guidelines and details can be found on the Arts Councils website [HERE](#)

## **County Museum**

As mentioned in last month's report we have had a significant increase in the number of visits to the Museum from both Primary and Post-Primary Schools.

### **Recent acquisitions**



*Sculpture of Brown Bull of Cooley*

Over the past number of weeks we have significantly updated the variety of artefacts on display at the Museum's Reception area.

Over the course of the month we have added a case displaying many of the awards won by Dundalk Tidy Towns. In addition to this we have added a sculpture of the Brown Bull of Cooley to Reception. This has necessitated the relocation of the text panel outlining the saga but complements the three Táin images already in situ.



***Dundalk Tidy Towns Awards***

Additionally, we are currently displaying the Plunkett engagement ring acquired by the Museum in October of last year.



***The Cuchulainn Shield***

In addition to the above we have added the Cuchulainn Shield for exhibition. Sponsored by Henry Bellingham the Shield was originally competed for during the period 1910 to 1914 by the Louth Senior Football teams; it was subsequently awarded to school choirs competing at the Feis Mhuirtheimhne.



***Patrick White Collection***

As mentioned previously the Museum received a collection of medals including a Purple Heart awarded posthumously to Patrick White. This collection is now on display in the Museum Reception. Subsequent to this we have received a number of family papers adding greater context to the collection including coverage of the actual funeral itself.

### **Grant Award**

The Museum has been awarded a grant from the Heritage Council for the installation of a new case to exhibit some tree samples from a petrified forest. It is planned that the tree samples (which have been carbon-dated to approximately 6000BC) will be on display for late summer.

### **Heritage Office**

Some good news was received in relation to funding applications to the Community Monuments Fund (run by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage).

Of the five applications submitted by Louth County Council's Heritage Office, two were put in on behalf of third parties. Both of these were successful, while one of these was the largest single grant awarded in the country (€100,000 for

conservation works at Glaspistol castle towerhouse). The other is of €11,070 for a conservation assessment of the ruined church in the graveyard at Cill Mhuire at Templetown on the Colley peninsula.

The other three applications were for the Council's own projects, viz: for rebuilding the collapsing wall at Darver graveyard, for further works on Drogheda's town wall at Featherbed Lane and for an assessment of the condition of the upstanding remains of the circuit of Drogheda's town walls. Of these three the last was successful (€20,000).

Two Community Heritage grants came to the county from the Heritage Council. These were of €10,000 for a study of stone structures by Cooley Connect Well and €3,758 for the development of a new website for the Louth Nature Trust.

Louth will also benefit with two grants from the Heritage Council's new Heritage Stewardship Fund. One went to the County Museum, Dundalk while Coillte was awarded €15,000 to repair the damaged gate piers at the entrance to Townley Hall.

A magnificent book about Townley Hall was published during April. At the other end of the scale of architectural grandeur, a strategy was published on the conservation of Ireland's vernacular architectural heritage. The Heritage Officer made submissions in relation to this strategy and has now been asked to join the national implementation group.

The Heritage Officer continued to support the Council's Planning function (including site inspections and reporting).