



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**

**Dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
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**Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**Tuairisc Bainistíochta ag an bPríomhfheidhmeannach – 30 Deireadh Fomhair 2022**

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## Support Services Seirbhís Tacaíochta

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, Water Services and Information & Communication Technology

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, Seirbhísí Uisce, agus Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Chumarsáide

**Bernie Woods**  
Director / Stiúrthóir



## Finance

### Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 / Caiteachas go dtí 31 Deireadh Fomhair 2022

| <b>Section/Rannóg</b>                                                              | <b>Actual Expenditure to/Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 31/10/2022</b> | <b>Budget Expenditure/ Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2022</b> | <b>% Spent to/ % Caite go 31/10/2022</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Housing/Tithíocht                                                                  | €32,208,655                                                       | <b>€47,728,898</b>                                      | 67%                                      |
| Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht                     | €15,867,415                                                       | <b>€26,126,012</b>                                      | 61%                                      |
| Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce                                                     | €5,912,363                                                        | <b>€8,379,633</b>                                       | 71%                                      |
| Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha                                      | €14,196,947                                                       | <b>€17,331,075</b>                                      | 82%                                      |
| Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta                                     | €13,834,082                                                       | <b>€19,413,023</b>                                      | 71%                                      |
| Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste                                       | €7,482,783                                                        | <b>€9,615,255</b>                                       | 78%                                      |
| Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare/Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas | €793,967                                                          | <b>€1,203,454</b>                                       | 66%                                      |
| Miscellaneous/Ilgheáilteach                                                        | €6,476,127                                                        | <b>€10,474,400</b>                                      | 62%                                      |
|                                                                                    | <b>€96,772,339</b>                                                | <b>€140,271,750</b>                                     | <b>69%</b>                               |

### Income to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 / Ioncam go 31 Deireadh Fomhair 2022

| <b>Section/Rannóg</b>                                                              | <b>Actual Income to/Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 31/10/22</b> | <b>Budget Income/Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2022</b> | <b>% Invoiced to/ % Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 31/10/22</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Housing/Tithíocht                                                                  | €31,456,420                                            | <b>€48,920,854</b>                            | 64%                                                     |
| Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht                     | €3,233,578                                             | <b>€16,718,183</b>                            | 19%                                                     |
| Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce                                                     | €5,174,826                                             | <b>€8,110,634</b>                             | 64%                                                     |
| Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha                                      | €7,436,671                                             | <b>€10,250,958</b>                            | 73%                                                     |
| Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta                                     | €1,527,644                                             | <b>€2,253,742</b>                             | 68%                                                     |
| Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste                                       | €1,090,943                                             | <b>€1,043,293</b>                             | 105%                                                    |
| Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas | €326,202                                               | <b>€479,424</b>                               | 68%                                                     |
| Miscellaneous/Ilgheáilteach                                                        | €4,903,272                                             | <b>€7,097,818</b>                             | 69%                                                     |
| Rates/Rátaí                                                                        | €34,437,731                                            | <b>€35,030,647</b>                            | 98%                                                     |
| General Purpose Grant (LPT)/Deontas Ilfheidhmeach                                  | €8,221,830                                             | <b>€9,866,198</b>                             | 83%                                                     |
| Provision for Debit Balance/Soláthar faoi Iarmhéid Dochair                         |                                                        | <b>€500,000</b>                               | 0%                                                      |
|                                                                                    | <b>€97,809,117</b>                                     | <b>€140,271,750</b>                           | <b>70%</b>                                              |

The above is the current position as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 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 of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 are as follows:

**Debtors as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022/Féichiúnaithe mar atá 31 Deireadh Fomhair 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>                       | €57,170,692               | (€57,050,053)            | (€22)                            | <b>€10,425,291</b>                       |
| <b>Other Authorities/Uadaráis Eile</b>           | <b>€53,434</b>                           | €634,374                  | (€610,046)               | (€9,020)                         | <b>€68,742</b>                           |
| <b>Rates/Rataí</b>                               | <b>€10,273,724</b>                       | €34,437,731               | (€29,718,882)            | (€2,390,821)                     | <b>€12,601,752</b>                       |
| <b>Rents/Cíosanna</b>                            | <b>€2,517,135</b>                        | €11,430,173               | (€11,350,923)            | €46                              | <b>€2,596,431</b>                        |
| <b>Loans/Iasachtal</b>                           | <b>€241,004</b>                          | €1,578,465                | (€1,521,891)             | €8                               | <b>€297,586</b>                          |
| <b>Development Levies/Tobhaigh Forbartha</b>     | <b>€11,451,043</b>                       | €4,728,403                | (€3,068,489)             | (€657,250)                       | <b>€12,435,706</b>                       |
| <b>Fire Charges/Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin</b>     | <b>€707,144</b>                          | €488,368                  | (€350,176)               | (€93,494)                        | <b>€751,842</b>                          |
| <b>Miscellaneous/Ighnéitheach</b>                | <b>€2,513,794</b>                        | €10,863,272               | (€10,130,756)            | (€188,399)                       | <b>€3,057,911</b>                        |
| <b>Total Debtors / Féichiúnaithe Iomlána</b>     | <b>€38,061,952</b>                       | <b>€121,331,478</b>       | <b>(€113,801,216)</b>    | <b>(€3,356,952)</b>              | <b>€42,235,261</b>                       |

Above are the debtor balances as of 31<sup>st</sup> of October 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.

**Budget 2022 Meeting**

The date for the 2023 Draft Budget Meeting has been agreed for Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November directly following the normal monthly council meeting. We are in the final stages of preparing the Draft Budget for 2022. We are still waiting for clarification from Central Government on any additional funding that maybe available to the local authorities. The Draft Budget will be up on Decision Time and hard copies will be delivered to Councillors on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

## **Water Services**

### **Irish Water**

Elected members/customers are reminded to contact Irish Water directly to log a query or any issue with water supply or quality or wastewater issues. Customers should contact the Irish Water customer care helpline, which is open 24/7, on 1800 278 278 or 1890 378 378 (For hearing impaired customers with minicom equipment) or via Twitter @IWCare or @IrishWater or go to [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie).

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

Intensive monitoring of water supplies in the County is conducted 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 Irish Water and their consultants to advance the

project. Land acquisition is currently being progressed by IW. Planning granted. Project to include works at Mullacrew Reservoir, new Pumping Station at Allardstown and new Pumping Station at Bannons Cross.

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

The Construction Phase at both the Pumping Station and Wastewater Treatment plant is currently progressing. The associated rising main is substantially complete. The Project is programmed for completion in May 2023.

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

Re-lining works commenced December 2021 and are to be completed late 2022. Irish Water are 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 Co. Louth. Works are currently progressing on the Drogheda network and will continue to end of 2022 with new schedule for 2023 to follow.

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

LCC continue to liaise with Irish Water and their consultants on the Dundalk Drainage Area Plan (DAP). The Project Consultants are currently progressing the Hydraulic Model for the agglomeration.

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

Consultants are currently progressing the design with Irish Water, in consultation with Louth County Council. The project is currently at Detailed Design stage.

## **Coe's Road Pumping Station / Stáisiún Ceadéalacháin Bhóthair Uí Chofaigh**

Operational modifications to the Pumping Station were undertaken by EPS. Options for cleaning of existing large diameter sewer are being progressed within IW.

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

A Strategic Review is underway for Dundalk Wastewater Treatment Plant and Blackrock Wastewater Treatment Plant. LCC staff are assisting Irish Water with this assessment. The Local Network Reinforcement Project (LNRP) will progress following the completion of this review. This project is on hold until Review of Dundalk WWTP is complete.

## **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. The planning and procurement process is to progress throughout 2022. Extensive engagement ongoing with developers and landowners' representatives. Planning submissions for PS (IW lead) targeted Q4 2022 with procurement to follow in 2023.

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

Construction has been completed along the Inner Relief Road and is currently progressing along Quay Street with anticipated project completion in early 2023. Connection of tie-ins to take place 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November.

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

Irish Water are progressing the design of proposed Upgrade Works at Greenmount WTW. The Concept and Feasibility Workshop was completed

in July 2022. The Detailed design is currently being progressed by the Project Consultants. Workshop 2 scheduled for end of November / early December 2022. LCC continue to engage with the design team on relevant data gathering and site visits. Planning application programmed for Q2 2023 with procurement to follow in 2023. Workshop 6 programmed for Q4 2023.

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

Irish Water are 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. Irish Water 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**

Irish Water have appointed consultants to undertake the Drogheda Drainage Area Plan (DAP). The Catchment Appreciation Workshop has completed and LCC staff are currently liaising with Irish Water and the project consultants in various aspects of the project. Survey completion expected end of 2022. Workshop 1 programmed for Jan 2023.

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

Contractor has been appointed to undertake Upgrade Works at Cockle Hill Pumping Station. Preliminary investigation and assessment have been undertaken. Date for commencement on site is to be confirmed. Scope of works expanded. Workshop (Final design) programmed for end of Nov 2022. Commencement on site Q1 2023.

## **Greenhills Sewer Replacement Project/ Tionscadal an Áthsholáthair Séarachais na nGlaschnoc**

It is proposed that IW contractors will commence before end of 2022. Project duration 8 months.

## **South Drogheda Wastewater Network Upgrade/ Uasghrádú ar Líonra Fuíolluisce Dhroichead Átha Theas**

The site investigation for the South Drogheda Wastewater Network has been completed and the draft design to be completed in Q4 2022. Workshop 4 and Workshop 5 programmed for Nov 2022.

## **Water Networks / Líonraí Uisce**

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

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

Design development for the slip lining of the watermain through the Bridge of Peace – This project has been handed back to the infrastructure team to be taken forward as a G&D project. – No further update

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

Irish Water's Contractors are continuing to carry out back yard service replacements.

### **First Fix / Chéad Shocrú**

5 first fix type repairs were undertaken by Irish Water contractors in October.

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

Louth County Council crews undertake Find and Fix activities on Dublin Rd, Marsh Road, Loughboy / Boyne Meadow, Drogheda, and Greenore Village in October.

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

Louth County Council Crew undertook unidirectional network flushing in Dundalk in October.

### **Network Maintenance / Cothabháil Líonra**

58 essential water tasks were carried out in October including 15 arising out of our Find and Fix program (8 in Dundalk, 1 in Ardee, 1 in Collon, 2 in Cooley 3 Drogheda)

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

The Networks Section processed 24 new connections, 10 Pre-Connection Enquiries and 30 Planning Applications in October.

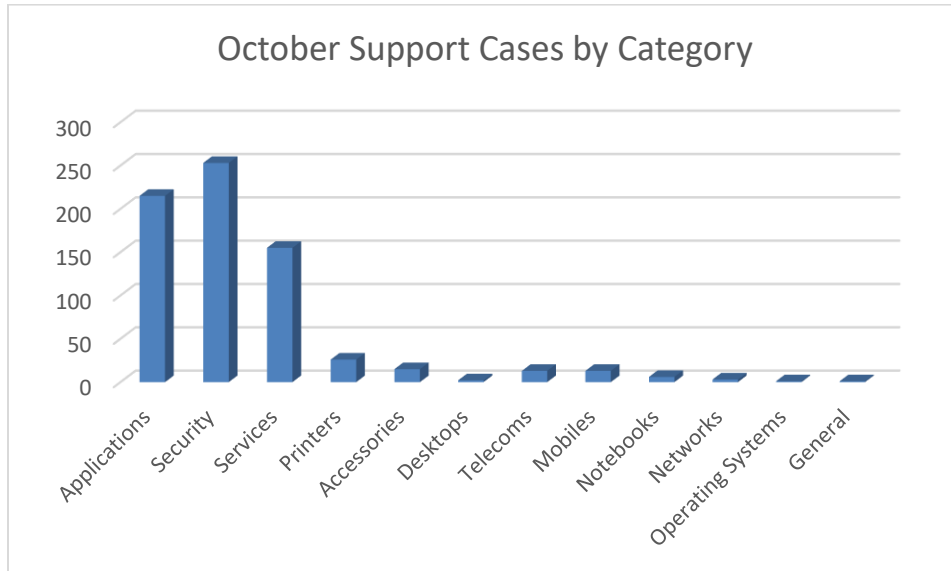
### **Service Maps / Léarscáileanna Seirbhíse**

The Networks Section continued to prepare Service Maps in October.

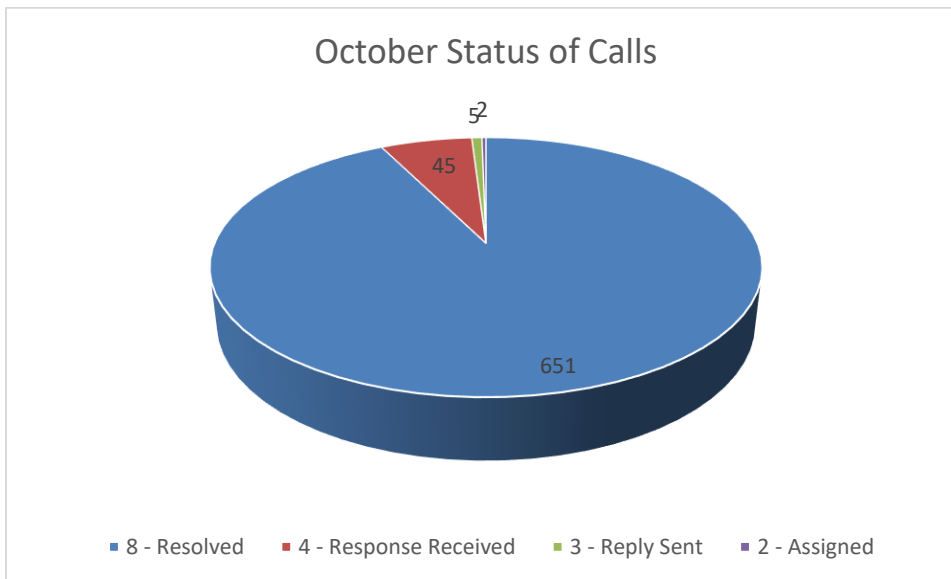
# Information & Communication Technology

## Helpdesk

During the month of October there were 703 support calls logged in the IT support system.

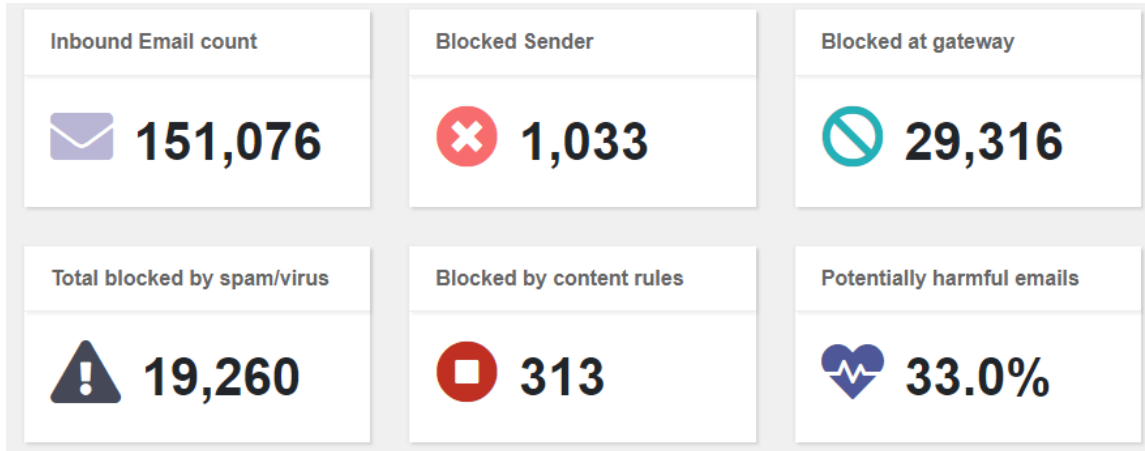


The below chart indicates the status of the calls received in October.



## E-Mail Filtering System

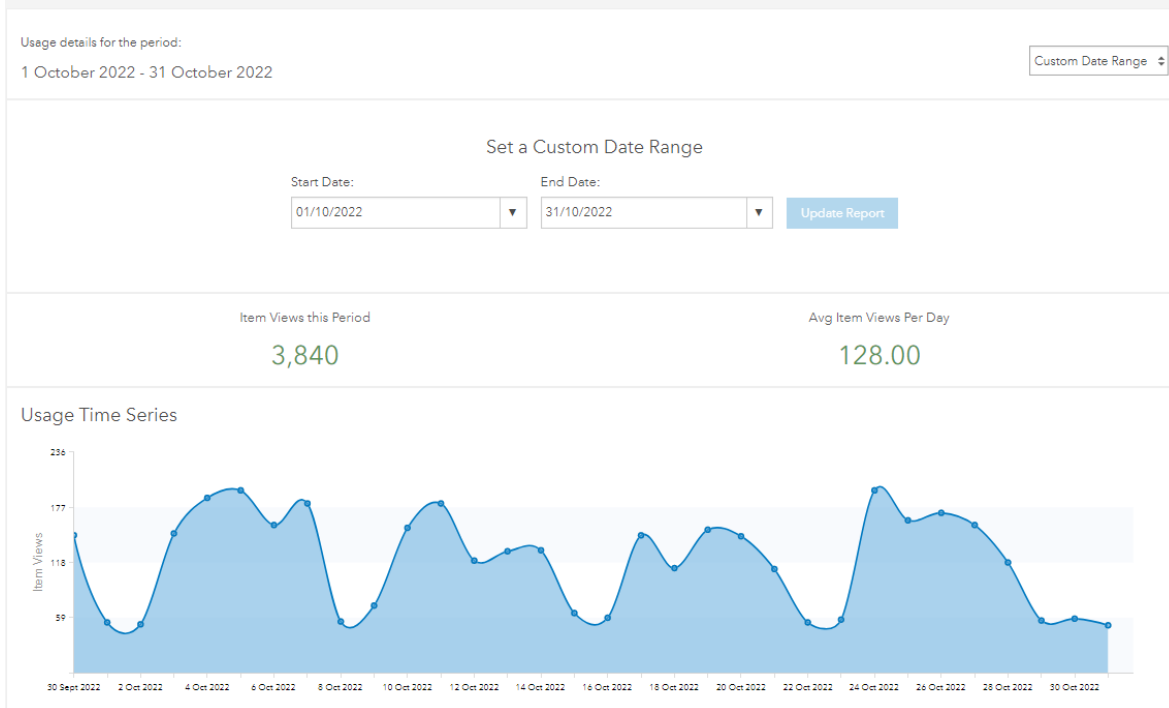
Louth Co Co continues to be targeted with phishing, and spam e-mail. We utilise an e-mail filtering system to scan all e-mail being received into the organisation. Over 33% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.



## 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.

They were 3,840 views in October, an average of 128 views a day.



**This Directorate has three key areas of responsibility:**

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

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

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

**Tá trí eochairfhreagracht ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:**

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

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

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

**Thomas McEvoy  
Director / Stiúrthóir**



## **Strategic 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 will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.

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

The final number of applications received under the above scheme was 29.

### **Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2022**

24 applications were received by Louth County Council and the information was sent to the Department of Rural and Community Development. We are awaiting further direction from the Department on same.

## **Tourism**

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Sea Louth ran a competition in the RTE Guide week commencing the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October for a 2 night bed and breakfast stay in Drogheda. The RTE Guide advised that over 900 people entered the competition.

### **Lú – Festival of Light, Drogheda**

Lú Festival of Light was launched on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October and received widespread media coverage locally and nationally. The Festival shines a light on

Drogheda's mythological past through a magical mix of lights, colour and sound bringing some of our historic buildings and stories of yesteryear to life. It ran from the 28<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> November with AV Shows at 3 locations. Louth County Council received funding under Fáilte Ireland's 'Urban Animation Capital Investment Scheme'.



*Trevor Connolly, BIDS Drogheda, Mayor of Drogheda, Michelle Hall, Sam Cosgrove as Lú, Fiadh O'Grady as Bóinn, Mark Mohan, Fáilte Ireland and Colette Moss, Louth County Council at the launch of Lú Festival of Light*



*St. Peter's Church – Lú Festival of Light*

## Omeath Fireworks Display

The Omeath Community held a simultaneous Halloween Fireworks Display with Warrenpoint on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. The event was supported by Louth County Council.

## Funding Opportunities

### Shared Island Development Fund

Louth County Council's application to the Shared Island Development Fund for a cross border feasibility study incorporating the Carlingford / Cooley area together with Newry, Mourne and Down was successful with the funding announced by the Taoiseach Michéal Martin in the Townhall Theatre in Cavan on 29<sup>th</sup> September.



*Thomas McEvoy, Senator Erin McGreehan and Colette Moss at the Cross Border funding announcement*

### Night-Time Economy Adviser for Drogheda

Following a competitive process involving over 40 towns and cities in Ireland, Louth County Council's application to recruit a new Night-Time Economy Adviser was chosen. The process to appoint a new Night-Time Economy Advisor will commence shortly, and their key role will be to work towards a plan for the betterment of Drogheda.

## Boyne Valley Flavours

### Events

A number of events were held in October, which included Alright Pumpkin and Corderry Pumpkin Patch.

Samhain Festival will take place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November and the vision for the Food Culture Project will be launched.

## 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)

### 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 and energy perspective.

YTD 13 no. Louth businesses were approved.

LEO Louth continues to welcome new applications.

## LEO Louth Client Portfolio Review / Export Adviser Programme

Under this Programme LEO has procured **3no.** 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.

The Advisers are now actively engaging with **19no.** LEO Louth portfolio clients for up to 5 days each over the course of 2022.

## Business Training



October had **2no.** workshops delivered to **37no.** attendees. Workshops included Social Media for Small Business and a Start Your Own Business course.

Workshops for November include Introduction to Vat, Advanced Facebook and a Trading Online Voucher Workshop.

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.

39 no. Vouchers have been approved YTD.

## Business Advice Clinics

38 no. business advice appointments were provided by telephone and video conference to entrepreneurs throughout the County during October.

## 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.

15 no. businesses were appointed Mentors during the month of October.

### **COVID-19 Microfinance Ireland Business Loan**



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

During October, 3 no. applications for support were received while 1 no. loan was approved.

LEO mentors are continuing to assist applicants.

### **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.

### **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.

9 no. companies have been approved YTD.

### **Management Development Programmes**

7 no. Louth businesses completed a Retail Management Development programme, E-Commerce and the Retailer, in October.

8 no. Louth businesses continue to participate on a Financial Capability Management Development programme in October.

3 no. Louth businesses commenced a Lean Management Development programme in October, with 2 no. further to join the programme in November.

### **Student Enterprise Programme**



The Student Enterprise Programme is in full swing for the 2022-2023 academic year. All 19 secondary schools in the County have registered to take part this year.

### **Craft Sector**

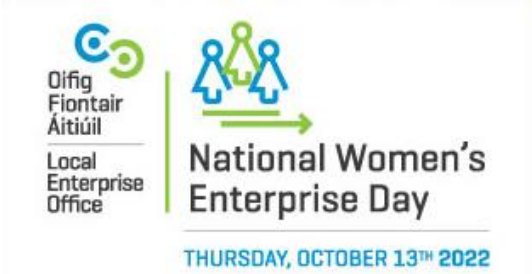
Showcase 2023 the largest Irish trade fair for the craft and gift sector will run from January 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. LEO Louth will be supporting 5 makers to exhibit in the Local Enterprise Office area and will be providing training and mentoring support in conjunction with the Design and Craft Council Ireland over the coming months.

### **North East Regional Development Plan to 2024**

The North East Regional Development Plan working groups that have been set up in respect of

four of the five strategic objectives continue to work together.

### National Women's Enterprise Day



LEO Louth and Meath held a joint event on October 13<sup>th</sup> in City North Hotel to celebrate National Women's Enterprise Day.

The event was opened by Minister Helen McEntee and welcomed almost 100 female entrepreneurs from across the region to a morning of networking and education through a panel discussion on current business topics.

MC for the event was Miriam Simon, a leading business strategist with panelists Marita Collier of Drummond House Garlic, Sinead Crowthers of Soothing Solutions, Shona Osbourne of Osbourne recruitment and Lavina McGahon from the Thrive programme in DKIT.

There was considerable promotion in print, online and radio adverts and television coverage for the event. This was the first large in-person event run by LEO Louth and we were delighted with the number attending.

The Louth and Meath National Women's Enterprise Day event was supported by Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Andrea Mc Kevitt, Mayor of Drogheda Borough District, Councillor Michelle Hall and Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ardee, Councillor Paula Butterly.



*Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Andrea Mc Kevitt, supporting NWED2022*



*Mayor of Drogheda Borough District, Councillor Michelle Hall and Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ardee, Councillor Paula Butterly supporting NWED2022*



*Minister for Justice Helen McEntee (Third from Left with members of the LEO Louth team (L-R)) Riona Mc Coy, Paula Daly, Wayne Macken, Grainne McKeown & Niamh Dennehy*

## Blás na hÉireann Awards 2022

Grainne McKeown from LEO Louth attended the Blás na hÉireann awards in Dingle, Co. Kerry where 9 Louth Businesses were up for awards.

### Gold Winners included:

- Carlingford Oyster Company
- Coffee & Food Equipment
- Hilton Foods
- Altech Beverages

Altech Beverages also won the Best in Louth award which was sponsored by LEO Louth



**Adrian Regan from Hilton Foods with John Sheehy, Blás na hÉireann and Debra Henderson, Henderson Food Machinery, Official Sponsor receiving his award**

## Louth Business Awards 2022

A record crowd of 620 delegates attended the Louth Business Awards on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 in the Carrickdale Hotel, organised by Dundalk Chamber of Commerce.

LEO Louth sponsored the category of Best Emerging New Business at this year's awards.

The finalists for this category were ZOMA, Nude Foods, Loughran Brewing Store and Soothing Solutions Ltd with Soothing Solutions Ltd awarded the title of this year's Best Emerging New Business.



**Thomas McEvoy, David Kierans, ZOMA, Una McGooley, President of Dundalk Chamber of Commerce, Sinead Crowther & Denise Lauaki, Soothing Solutions Ltd, Sarah Brennan, Loughran Brewing Store & Brian Gartland, Nude Foods at the Louth Business Awards 2022**



**Thomas McEvoy, Una McGooley, President of Dundalk Chamber of Commerce with Sinead Crowther & Denise Lauaki from Soothing Solutions Ltd - Winners of the Best Emerging Business Award which was sponsored by LEO Louth**

## North East Lean Network Factory Visit to Kyte Powertech in Cavan

Grainne McKeown & Niamh Dennehy attended the North East Lean Network Factory Visit to Kyte Powertech in Cavan on 7<sup>th</sup> October representing LEO Louth. Over 60 attendees were given a detailed insight into the benefits which Kyte Powertech had yielded by introducing Lean methodologies into their business.

## European Relations

### Peace IV Programme



## Project Updates – Shared Spaces and Services

### World War 1 Memorial

Work on the World War 1 memorial at The Crescent, Dundalk has completed. A launch event was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Speakers at the launch event included Chief Executive Joan Martin, Cathaoirleach Councillor Conor Keelan and historian Dr. Donal Hall. There was an excellent turnout at the event with students from Coláiste Chú Chulainn, Members of the Defence Forces, Members of An Garda Síochána, Councillors, Members of the World War 1 Committee and members of the public attending.

Speakers thanked the Special EU Programmes Body for funding and facilitating the project under

the PEACE IV, Shared Spaces funding programme.



**Chief Executive Joan Martin at the launch of the World War 1 Memorial at The Crescent, Dundalk**

Construction work continues at shared spaces sites Peters Hill, Drogheda and Muirhevnamór Community Centre, Dundalk. Construction work is on track to be finalised by year end, 2022.



**Chief Executive Joan Martin and Senior Executive Officer Colette Moss with Glas representative at Peters Hill, Drogheda**

## PEACE PLUS

The third Peace Plus Partnership meeting was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2022.

### Peace Plus Action Plan

An information session was held by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) in September on the funding available under PEACEPLUS thematic area 1.1 Co-designing Local Authority Peace Action Plans. The call for local authorities to create a co-designed PEACEPLUS Action Plan is expected in November/December of 2022. The

submission of the Action Plan is then expected to be due in Q1-2 2023.

Louth County Council will continue information gathering while waiting for the call.

### Public consultation

Public consultations for the PEACEPLUS action plan will commence in November. The public consultations aim to get an assessment of need in the community, to form what will be the co-designed PEACEPLUS action plan. The following target groups / meetings are planned:

- Equality groups (women's groups, members of the travelling community, LGBTQ+ groups, minority groups and age friendly groups)
- Youth Groups
- Geographical meetings targeting groups such as tidy towns, art & culture groups, environmental groups
- Groups focusing on those living with a disability
- Ex-prisoners
- Minority Faith groups
- Groups representing Ukrainians in Louth

Meetings will be held on various dates, at various locations and at different times throughout the day to enable as many people as possible to contribute.

Please contact 042 932 4240 or [peaceplus@louthcoco.ie](mailto:peaceplus@louthcoco.ie) for further information.

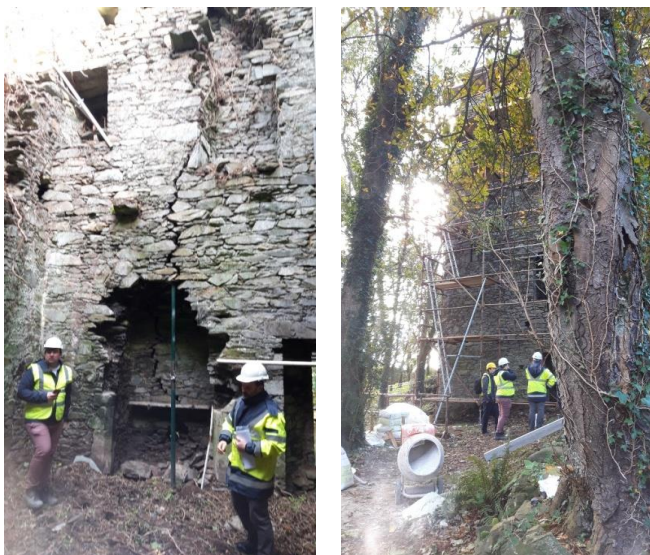
A full schedule of consultations will be published on our website.

## Heritage

**Community Monuments Fund** – three projects have been funded this year: works at Glaspistol towerhouse castle and condition surveys of Cill Mhuire ruined church and of Drogheda's town walls.

Unfortunately the tenders for the Drogheda town walls survey came in over cost and this funding will have to be applied for again next year.

Ongoing works at Glaspistol were inspected in October. This is likely to be a multi-year project.



**Works at Glaspistol towerhouse castle - funded by the DHLGH through the Community Monuments Fund 2022 and facilitated by the Heritage Office of Louth County Council**

to 323 incidents attended in the third quarter of 2021. See the tables which follow.

These tables also show the following:

1. There was a large increase in calls to Meath, 55 compared to 41 in the same period in 2021. This was almost as much as the combined number of calls attended by Ardee, Carlingford and Dunleer brigades.
2. Over half the calls were to small outdoor fires and alarm activations, similar to previous quarters.
3. The number of house fires attended in quarter 3 of 2022 was more than double the number attended in the same period last year. Also Ambulance assist call numbers remain high.
4. Mobilisation times have reduced, particularly fulltime mobilisation times in Dundalk and Drogheda.

Louth Fire Brigades were involved in Fire Safety Week activities from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October. This included fire safety stands at shopping centres in Dundalk and Drogheda and at Market Square in Dundalk.

Also home fire safety presentations to Mens' Sheds and other groups and home fire safety leaflet drops were delivered.

The delivery of Louth Fire Service's training plan continued during October. This included the following:

- ESDS emergency driving course
- Refresher training on Dundalk's hydraulic platform
- Agri-Rescue workshop in Nenagh attended by 5 personnel

The tenders for a Heritage-led Regeneration study of the west end of Drogheda's Fair Street, funded by the Heritage Council's Historic Towns Initiative were also too dear. It is hoped that this project might be able to proceed in 2023, subject to increased funding.

Contractors were appointed to develop a plan for the management of public access in relation to the need for cattle grazing on the Council's nature reserve at Clogherhead. No tender responses were received for the creation of a Sustainable Access Plan for the sand dunes at Seapoint, near Termonfeckin.

Both these projects are funded by the Local Biodiversity Action Plan Fund. Other applications to a second round of funding under the fund were largely successful. These included making and erecting nesting boxes for swifts and barn owls and for the production of a video about Ardee Bog.

Work on recouping all this funding is underway, with looming deadlines, as is planning for funding applications for projects in 2023.

## **Fire & Emergency Services**

### **Fire Service**

A total of 398 incidents were attended by Louth Fire Service during the third quarter of 2022, compared



*Fire Safety Week stands in Dundalk*

Dundalk Fire Brigade are making preparations with the Commercial Manager in Dundalk Town Centre for the Fire Service hydraulic platform to be used for a child to switch on the Christmas lights on November 18<sup>th</sup> to start the “Frostival Carnival of Light Parade”.

### Incident Types within Station Areas: Quarter Three – 2022

| Type                     | Ardee | Carlingford | Dunleer | Drogheda | Dundalk | Meath | Other Areas | Total |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------|---------|----------|---------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Fire/Aircraft            |       |             |         |          |         |       |             | 0     |
| Fire/Alarm Activation    | 3     | 4           | 5       | 31       | 15      | 7     |             | 65    |
| Fire/Bus/Coach           |       |             |         |          |         |       |             | 0     |
| Fire/Car                 | 1     |             | 3       | 7        | 4       | 1     |             | 16    |
| Fire/Caravan             |       | 1           |         |          | 1       | 1     |             | 3     |
| Fire/Chimney             |       |             |         |          | 2       |       |             | 2     |
| Fire/Controlled Burning  |       |             |         |          |         |       |             | 0     |
| Fire/Domestic            | 2     |             | 1       | 9        | 15      | 6     |             | 33    |
| Fire/Persons Reported    | 1     | 1           |         | 4        | 8       | 1     |             | 15    |
| Fire/Fire (General)      | 1     | 1           |         | 5        | 5       | 4     | 1           | 17    |
| Fire/Forest              |       |             |         | 1        | 1       |       |             | 2     |
| Fire/Gorse               |       | 2           |         | 3        | 3       | 4     |             | 12    |
| Fire/Grass               | 2     |             | 1       | 6        | 7       | 7     |             | 23    |
| Fire/Hay/Barn            |       |             |         |          | 1       | 1     |             | 2     |
| Fire/Industrial          |       |             |         | 2        |         |       |             | 2     |
| Fire/Institutional       |       |             |         | 1        | 1       | 1     |             | 3     |
| Fire/Motorcycle          |       |             |         |          |         |       |             | 0     |
| Fire/Oil/Petrol          |       |             |         |          |         |       |             | 0     |
| Fire/Small/Bin/Skip      | 3     | 1           | 3       | 42       | 35      | 12    |             | 96    |
| Fire/Smoke Issuing       |       |             |         |          |         |       |             | 0     |
| Fire/Truck               |       |             |         |          | 2       | 1     |             | 3     |
| Fire/Vegetation          |       |             |         |          |         |       |             | 0     |
| SS/Alarm/Carbon Monoxide |       |             |         | 2        |         |       |             | 2     |
| SS/Ambulance Assist      | 2     |             | 1       | 5        | 8       | 3     | 1           | 20    |
| SS/Animal Rescue         |       |             |         |          |         |       |             | 0     |
| SS/Electrical            |       |             |         | 1        | 1       |       |             | 2     |
| SS/Entrapment            |       |             |         |          | 1       |       |             | 1     |
| SS/Explosion             |       |             |         |          |         |       |             | 0     |
| SS/Flooding              |       | 1           |         | 1        |         |       |             | 2     |
| SS/Garda Assist          | 1     | 1           |         | 1        |         |       |             | 3     |

|                         |    |    |    |     |     |    |   |     |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|---|-----|
| SS/Gas Leak             |    |    |    |     |     |    |   | 0   |
| SS/Hazardous Material   |    |    |    |     |     |    |   | 0   |
| SS/Lift Persons Trapped |    |    |    |     |     |    |   | 0   |
| SS/Lockout              |    |    |    | 2   | 1   |    |   | 3   |
| SS/Make Scene Safe      |    | 1  |    | 1   | 1   |    |   | 3   |
| SS/Marine Emergency     |    |    |    |     |     |    |   | 0   |
| SS/Oil Spillage         | 1  |    |    |     |     |    |   | 1   |
| SS/Other                |    |    |    | 3   | 1   |    |   | 4   |
| SS/River Rescue         | 1  |    |    | 2   |     |    |   | 3   |
| SS/RTA                  | 9  | 6  | 2  | 21  | 15  | 6  |   | 59  |
| SS/Smell of Gas         |    |    |    |     |     |    |   | 0   |
| SS/Trees Down           |    |    |    |     |     |    |   | 0   |
| SS/Water Leak           |    |    |    |     | 1   |    |   | 1   |
| Total no. of Incidents: | 27 | 19 | 16 | 150 | 129 | 55 | 2 | 398 |

### Average Mobilisation Times (H:M:S) Quarter 3 – 2022

|                    |        | Time to Mobilisation |          |
|--------------------|--------|----------------------|----------|
|                    |        | Fire                 | Non Fire |
| <b>Ardee</b>       | LH11A1 | 00:06:21             | 00:06:14 |
| <b>Carlingford</b> | LH12A1 | 00:04:18             | 00:04:42 |
| <b>Dunleer</b>     | LH13A1 | 00:04:49             | 00:04:36 |
| <b>Drogheda</b>    | LH14A1 | 00:01:21             | 00:01:40 |
|                    | LH14A2 | 00:07:06             | 00:08:18 |
| <b>Dundalk</b>     | LH15A1 | 00:01:15             | 00:01:30 |
|                    | LH15A2 | 00:06:11             | 00:06:55 |

### 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 and the necessary changes to the Fire Service fleet.

### Major Emergency Management

Preparations are underway for severe weather events and other emergencies that may occur over the winter. The membership of the severe weather and major emergency staffing groups is being updated. There will be a briefing session for the Severe Weather assessment Team and a Winter Ready presentation for external agencies, both during November.

AGS are running training courses for On-Site Co-Ordinators and Information Managers in the HSE Centre, Phoenix Park during November. Louth County Council staff will be attending these.

A Louth Local Co-Ordination Centre exercise will be run during December.

### Civil Defence

Civil Defence provided medical cover at the following events:

- Cross Cooley Challenge
- Leinster Orienteering Championships

Also the transport of patients to Dublin hospitals.

There was a nationwide radiation monitoring exercise attended by Louth Civil Defence in conjunction with the Environmental protection Agency.

A large amount of training was delivered during October:

- Weekly training, including medical, rescue, search and radios. (This is general training for volunteers from 8-10 each Thursday.)
- First Aid Responder Training
- Mapyx Instructor Training This is a new search and rescue software programme designed for planning and recording search activities.
- People Handling training
- Designated Child Protection Liaison Person Training

## **Building Control**

The Building Control Officer will attend Part B (Fire Safety in Dwellings) CPD day on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, presented by the National Building Control Office and DHLGH .

- There was a total of 103 Fire Safety Certificate applications to date in 2022.
- A total of 87 Disabled Access Certificate applications to date for 2022.

Louth County Council Building Control continues to carry out on site inspections throughout the county. Certificates of Compliance on Completion continue to be assessed and validated.

There is a current focus from the National Building Control Office and the DHLGH on Councils meeting national inspection targets.

## **Planning**

### **Forward Planning**

#### **New – Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)**

The Government's Housing for All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland proposed a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes as part of the Pathway to increasing New Housing Supply.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax was introduced in the Finance Act 2021. The process to identify land to which the tax applies is now underway and the tax will be payable from 2024.

As part of the process of identifying lands to be subject to the tax, Louth County Council has prepared Draft Maps for each settlement in the County, which are considered to be in scope for RZLT.

Members of the public are invited to make submissions on the draft Maps from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

Full details of the RZLT are available at <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/planning/residential-zoned-land-tax/> or via the Louth Consultation Portal at <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/en/consultation/residential-zoned-land-tax>

### **Development Management / Bainistíocht Forbartha**

The Planning service indicators for Louth County Council for the month of September 2022 are given below in tabular form. There were 84 planning applications received during the month of September of which 62 were valid. In addition there were 23 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 36 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)<br>Description / Cur Síos                                                                                   | (B)<br>Housing Developments / Forbairtí Tithíochta | (C)<br>Individual Houses / Tithe Aonair | (D)<br>Other applications -not requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT | (E)<br>Other applications- requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth | (F)<br>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>3</b>                                           | <b>18</b>                               | <b>47</b>                                                                 | <b>0</b>                                                                 | <b>68</b>                                                                                        |
| (ii) No. of decisions determined which required further information / Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais | <b>2</b>                                           | <b>12</b>                               | <b>13</b>                                                                 | <b>0</b>                                                                 | <b>27</b>                                                                                        |
| (iii) Percentage of applications refused / Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh                                  | <b>0% (0)</b>                                      | <b>27.78% (5)</b>                       | <b>2.13% (1)</b>                                                          | <b>0% (0)</b>                                                            | <b>8.82% (6)</b>                                                                                 |
| (iv) Number of appeals determined / Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh                                              | <b>1</b>                                           | <b>2</b>                                | <b>0</b>                                                                  | <b>0</b>                                                                 | <b>3</b>                                                                                         |
| (v) Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal / Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc          | <b>0% (0)</b>                                      | <b>50% (1)</b>                          | <b>0% (0)</b>                                                             | <b>0% (0)</b>                                                            | <b>33.33% (1)</b>                                                                                |

## **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 |                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                      | September 2022 / Meán Fómhair 2022                                                                  | Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo | September 2021 / Meán Fómhair 2021                                                                  | Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo |
| Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh                              | 23                                                                                                  | 205                              | 32                                                                                                  | 255                              |
| 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                                     | 16                                                                                                  | 216                              | 29                                                                                                  | 227                              |
| Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh                                                                               | 27                                                                                                  | 172                              | 22                                                                                                  | 186                              |
| Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh                                                                  | 4                                                                                                   | 12                               | 2                                                                                                   | 6                                |
| Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí                                            | 0                                                                                                   | 4                                | 1                                                                                                   | 5                                |
| Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí                                                                                                           | 1                                                                                                   | 1                                | 0                                                                                                   | 4                                |
| 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 |                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                      | October 2022 /<br>Deireadh Fómhair 2022        | Year to Date /<br>Bliain go dtí seo |
| Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh                              | 1                                              | 9                                   |
| 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                                     | 2                                              | 22                                  |
| Number of cases currently under investigation / Líon na gcásanna atá á n-imscúdú faoi láthair                                                        | 25                                             | 48                                  |
| Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh                                                                               | 5                                              | 25                                  |
| Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh                                                                  | 0                                              | 4                                   |
| 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                                   |

## Placemaking and Physical Development

### Deanamh Áite agus Forbairt Fhisiciúil

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:

- Roads and Local Services and Physical Development

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:

- Seirbhísí Bóithre agus Áitiúla, agus Forbairt Fhisiciúil

Catherine Duff  
Director / Stiúrthóir



## Roads and Local Services

Municipal District of Dundalk

Dundalk and Cooley Area

|                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <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>• Litter picks Dundalk Town Wide including all approach Roads, Dublin Road, Inner Relief, Ramparts, Centenary Road, Avenue Road, Hoey Lane, Tom Bellew Avenue, Fairgreen Road, Old Newry Road, Racecours Road, Armagh Road, Castletown Road, Etc. Isolated areas in Parks and Housing estate Muirhevnamor, Ashling Park in Coxs Demesne.</li><li>• Cooley Isolated locations including Templetown, Gyles Quay, Shillinghill and 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</li><li>• 4 Bins replaced by Council Personnel on Town Area</li><li>• Cooley - Carlingford, Omeath, Gyles Quay, Templetown, Faughart, Greenore, Lordship.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre</b>               | <b>Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contract works Dundalk</li><li>• Extra sweep with Leaf fall clearing at Junctions and along Footpaths</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <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>• Bins emptied in the Cooley area.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála</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>• No life buoys replaced this month all were at their locations and in good order</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>• Daily by Parks Operative, repairs carried out by in house staff or contractor.</li> <li>• Green Flags raised for the Parks for 22/23</li> <li>• St Helenas and Ice House Hill</li> <li>• Playgrounds checked in the Cooley Area</li> </ul> |

| <b>Location / Suíomh</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Notes / Nótaí</b>                    |
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| <b>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</b> | <p><b><u>Cooley</u></b></p> <p>Isolated potholes in the Lordship area.<br/>Road repairs around the R174 at The Lumpers.</p> <p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b></p> <p>Ongoing works on the Ecco Road and in Oaklands Park.<br/>Overlays carried out in Greenacres, Greenacres Green and the rear of the shops in Greenacres.</p> | <p>Road Repairs</p> <p>Road Repairs</p> |
| <b>Drainage Remediation /</b>        | <b><u>Cooley</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Drainage Installation and               |

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| <p><b>Feabhasúchán Draenála</b></p>                                        | <p>R173 at the Bush, Riverstown / Rathcor junction.</p> <p>Drainage on the R174 at The Lumpers.</p> <p>Works on the R177 at the Carnbeg Hotel.</p> <p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b><br/>Ongoing maintenance to Storm sewer network Town Wide</p>                                                                                                                | <p>Upgrade Works</p> <p>Essential maintenance<br/>Jet Vac</p> |
| <p><b>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</b></p> | <p><b><u>Cooley</u></b><br/>Hedge cutting on the R173 at the Bush junction and junction around that general area.</p> <p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b><br/>None this month.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Fallen trees removed by the Area crew.</p>                 |
| <p><b>Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán</b></p>                       | <p><b><u>Cooley</u></b><br/>None this month.</p> <p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b><br/>L-17102 The Crescent<br/>R-215-18 Park Street<br/>L-2000-990 Coes Road<br/>R-176-6 Jocelyn street<br/>R-171-0 Anne Street<br/>L-20015-0 John Street<br/>L-20016 Market Square</p>                                                                                         | <p>Repairs and edge restoration</p>                           |
| <p><b>Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá</b></p>                | <p><b><u>Cooley</u></b><br/>Maintenance / repair works were carried out on the Speed activation signs on the: -<br/>R173 – Bellurgan &amp; Lordship.<br/>R174 at Ravensdale</p> <p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b><br/>R-177-3 St Helena<br/>Castletown Rd<br/>Crowne Plaza<br/>Junction at Fatima and the Blaney Rd</p> <p>Weekly maintenance of all Traffic</p> | <p>Ongoing Essential Maintenance</p>                          |

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|                                                  | Lights replacement bulbs (replacement LEDs), vandalism repairs, Etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre</b>           | <p><b><u>Cooley</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b><br/>None this month</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Stop lines were refreshed at various junctions within the area after surface dressing works were carried out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Signage / Comharthaíocht</b>                  | <p><b><u>Cooley</u></b><br/>Advance warning signs were erected and / or replaced at various locations on the R173 from Bellurgan to Omeath &amp; the R177.</p> <p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b><br/>Cleaning of Signs and Bollards on the approach roads<br/>Replaced Poles and signage at Pay Parking areas in Town Area</p>                                             | Essential Maintenance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach</b> | <p><b><u>Cooley</u></b><br/>None this month</p> <p><b><u>Dundalk</u></b><br/>Castleross<br/>Woodlands Park<br/>Newry Road,<br/>Riverside Walk,<br/>Racecourse Road<br/>Ramparts, and Car Parks<br/>Dublin Road<br/>Avenue Road<br/>Ardee Road<br/>Carrick Road<br/>Castletown Road<br/>Castleblaney Road<br/>Quay Street<br/>Point Road<br/>Inner Relief Road</p> | <p>Dumped Household Waste, Mattresses, Furniture, Construction and Demolition waste.</p> <p>All areas are checked weekly and rubbish removed</p> <p>Area in town that is a black spot every week is Williamsons Place Mattress and other household rubbish removed from River at Quay St</p> <p>House hold rubbish lifted from River at Avenue Rd</p> <p>Trolleys lifted from River at Ramparts and Avenue Rd</p> |

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| <b>Graffiti Removal /<br/>Glanadh Graifítí</b> | <p><b>Cooley</b><br/>None this month.</p> <p><b>Dundalk</b><br/>Graffiti removed from bins in Pearse Park<br/>Replaced bins in town Centre of Dundalk<br/>.Old allotment field at Hoeys lane cut back and 27 tons of rubbish removed<br/>Hedge trimming along all approach roads<br/>Shrubbery cut back at Inner Relief Rd<br/>Grass cutting ongoing<br/>Removal of low hanging branches near pathways</p> | <p>General Maintenance</p> |
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### Blackrock, Faughart and North Mid-Louth Area

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| <b>Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair</b>              | <b>Location and metres per month /<br/>Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <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 &amp; Louth Village – once a week</li> </ul> |
| <b>Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre</b>               | <b>Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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| <b>Drainage Remediation /<br/>Feabhasúchán<br/>Draenála</b>                     | <p>Cleaning gullies and storm lines works carried on LS-7129 Donaghmore Kilkerry, LS-7127 MilltownKilkerry, LS-7100 Whitemill Faughart Upper, LS-7096 Monascrebe Faughart, LS-7103 Raskeagh Kilcurry, LP-3112 MaghereaghKilkerry.</p> <p>Drainage works carried out upgrading existing gullies and pipelines with works carried at LS-7105 Dungooly Kilcurry, plus R178 Chanonrock Carrick Road. Rd 166 from Tallanstown – Duffys Cross.<br/>Rd 175 Glyde Farm – Bannons Cross, Rd 216 Bollies and Rd 227 Charleville</p> | <p>Drainage maintenance – cleansing and gully cleaning, opening outlets &amp; storm drains, preparation for surface dressing.</p> |
| <b>Fallen or Dangerous<br/>Trees /<br/>Crainn Leagtha nó<br/>Chontúirteacha</b> | <p>Fern Drive Louth Village</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Clearing fallen trees &amp; debris.</p>                                                                                        |
| <b>Footpath Maintenance/<br/>Cothabháil Cosán</b>                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Footpath renewal</p>                                                                                                           |
| <b>Traffic Light Repairs /<br/>Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá</b>                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Major repair works completed</p>                                                                                               |
| <b>Road Markings /<br/>Marcáil Bóithre</b>                                      | <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Renewal of junction markings</p> <p>Renewal of existing and provision of additional road markings</p>                          |
| <b>Signage /<br/>Comharthaíocht</b>                                             | <p>N/A</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Cleansing/repair/replacement</p> <p>New signage</p>                                                                            |
| <b>Illegal Dumping /<br/>Dumpáil<br/>Neamhdhleathach</b>                        | <p>LS-7103 Carn More Kilcurry, N52 Gibstown Ardee Road, LS-7162, Clermont Road Haggardstown</p> <p>Tallanstown and Louth Village</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Collection of dumped waste for disposal.</p> <p>Collection &amp; disposal after community clean up</p>                         |

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| <b>Graffiti Removal /<br/>Glanadh Graifítí</b> | N/A |  |
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*Road repairs at Tallanstown*

### Ardee Municipal District

#### South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

| <b>Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair</b>                                                   |  | <b>Location and metres per month /<br/>Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí</b> |  |
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| All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)<br>Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins |  |                                                                      |  |
| <b>Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí</b>                                      |  | <b>Numbers and frequency / Líon agus<br/>minicíocht</b>              |  |
| <b>Ardee Town</b>                                                                          |  | 37 Daily                                                             |  |
| <b>Dunleer town</b>                                                                        |  | 20 Tuesday and Thursday                                              |  |
| <b>Collon</b>                                                                              |  | 3 Tuesday and Thursday                                               |  |
| <b>Road Sweeping /<br/>Scuabadh Bóithre</b>                                                |  | <b>Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain</b>                        |  |
| All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)                                                   |  |                                                                      |  |

**Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain**  
**Araidí Salachar Madra**

**Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála Number checked weekly / Líon**  
**Seiceáilte sa tseachtain**

Ardee town River Dee

Salterstown

Port Beach

**Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Number of sites checked daily /**  
**Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil**  
**Corpacmhainne**

| Location / Suíomh                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Notes / Nótaí |
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| <b>Road Repairs /<br/>Deisiú Bóithre</b> | LS-5208 Stormanstown lane<br>LP-2295-0 Branagans cross to the R169,<br>Priests Hill Collon,<br>LS 5262-0 Ballapousta<br>LS 5267-0 Funshog<br>LS 5234-0 Silver hill<br>LP 1209-0 Glack<br>LP-2254-21 Kirwans cross to R169<br>LP 1212 Stabannon road<br>LS 6269-0 Knockaleva<br>De la sale Crescent Ardee<br>LP 1297-0 Collon |               |
|                                          | Clearing weeds and shrubs at back<br>Ardee Castle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |               |

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| <b>Drainage Remediation /<br/>Feabhasúchán<br/>Draenála</b>                 | <p>Gullies in Ardee Town,<br/>         -LP-2223-29 Opening outlets on Finvoy to Martinstown cross,<br/>         -LP-2223-0 opening outlets from Martinstown cross to Dunany,<br/>         -LS-5259-0 Oberstown opening outlets,<br/>         -Outlets on the LT 52597-0 Oberstown<br/>         -Repairs to gully at priest hill collon<br/>         -Jetted drainage system on the R132 white river,<br/>         -Jetting pipe works and gullies at Finvoy<br/>         -Jetting of pipe works and gullies at Johnstown<br/>         -Jetting gullies along the Collon to Kells road,<br/>         -Filling of sandbags in Ardee,<br/>         -Oberstown back drains<br/>         -Kells road Ardee<br/>         -Kells Road Collon</p> |  |
| <b>Fallen or Dangerous Trees /<br/>Crainn Leagtha nó<br/>Chontúirteacha</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>Footpath Maintenance/<br/>Cothabháil Cosán</b>                           | <p>R132 at woodlands Dunleer,<br/>         Kerbs and footpaths at Hale Street Ardee,<br/>         Cleaning out grooves and re-pointing paving at Ardee courthouse</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <b>Traffic Light Repairs /<br/>Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá</b>                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>Road Markings /<br/>Marcáil Bóithre</b>                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>Signage /<br/>Comharthaíocht</b>                                         | <p>Strimming around signage on the R168,<br/>         Maintenance of signage on the R169,<br/>         Bollards on the N2 Collon Road,<br/>         Railings erected at girls school Hail Street,<br/>         Bollards at Bank of IRELAND,<br/>         Erecting of outside ash trays throughout Ardee town,</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |

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| <b>Illegal Dumping /<br/>Dumpáil<br/>Neamhdhleathach</b> |  |  |
| <b>Graffiti Removal /<br/>Glanadh Graifítí</b>           |  |  |



*N2 Vegetation Maintenance*

## Borough District of Drogheda

### Drogheda Town Area

| <b>Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair</b> | <b>Location and metres per month /<br/>Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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|                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steps and lane ways weekly 22 steps when recourses 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> </ul> |

- Painting of railings at Bring banks.
- Drogheda Rural Bring banks are cleared daily during working week.
- Renew of stone footpaths at Old Abbey Lane – On going.
- Power washing of paving at West St – on-going.
- Graffiti removed on all black bins on approach roads, high lane steps, Dublin Rd, Marsh Rd & Johns St.
- Painting of Public Street lights on Trinity St.
- Painting of Grove Hill Gates and traffic light poles at the Bull Ring and St Marys St.
- Power washing of street signage on approach roads ongoing.
- New planters placed on West St.
- New Public lights on West St completed.

**Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí**

**Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht**

- Drogheda town centre Litterbins emptied daily circa 60 early mornings.
- 234 litter bin (including 10 no. Solar bins) are emptied weekly in town.
- Dominic's Park & Mell river walk emptied daily.
- South Louth Drogheda Municipal district rural area's 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

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|                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ street furniture</li> <li>• Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead- 7 daily</li> <li>• Clogherhead Beach- 8 daily</li> <li>• Port Beach- 6 daily</li> <li>• Termonfeckin- 6 daily</li> <li>• Baltray- 3 daily</li> <li>• Seapoint Carpark- 3 daily</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre</b></p>                             | <p><b>Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly.</li> <li>• Public Housing Estates, swept every 2 months. Private Housing estates swept every 3 months. When resources allow.</li> <li>• Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by supervisor after checking Drogheda urban area.</li> <li>• Villages are swept once per month – i.e., Teromenfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen &amp; Tenure.</li> <li>• Drogheda town Boyne river walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday).</li> <li>• Removal of leaves on all approach roads and town centre to prevent gullies blocking.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / FolmhúAraidí Salachar Madra</b></p> | <p><b>Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empty about 35 No. once a week, washed and disinfected.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <b>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála</b>                                                    | <b>Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 89 ring buoys checked each week Town area (Thursday)</li> <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 &amp; 5 daily (4 playgrounds in Drogheda town, Skate park, adult exercise equipment). 3 Playgrounds in Drogheda rural area) + disinfected</li> </ul> |

| <b>Location / Suíomh</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Notes / Nótaí</b> |
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| <b>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</b> | <b>Drainage Works</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gully cleaning on-going on approach roads, estates and town centre streets.</li> </ul> <b>LCC's crew</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpaths @ Castlewoods, Forest Hills, Priest Lane.</li> <li>• Pothole repairs at Westcourt and Loughboy.</li> <li>• Pedestrian railing repairs at Marleys Lane.</li> <li>• Drainage at Crosslanes and Platin Rd.</li> <li>• Stone footpaths at Old Abbey Lane.</li> <li>• Manhole repairs at Stameen.</li> <li>• Bollards repairs at North Rd.</li> <li>• Sand bags to flooding areas for storm events.</li> <li>• Signage maintenance</li> </ul> |                      |

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|                                                                            | <p>town centre, Marian Pk and Priest Lane.</p> <p><b>Road Works Program – Resurfacing works at</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georges St</li> <li>• Dublin Rd</li> <li>• Scarlet St</li> <li>• Stockwell Lane.</li> </ul> <p>LS-6285-0 Gallroostown<br/>N51 Drogheda to Slane Road</p>                                                                                                                  | TII Funding                    |
| <p><b>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</b></p>                 | <p>Annual Drogheda Gully cleaning program ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gully cleaning on-going on approach roads, estates and town centre streets.</li> </ul> <p>LS-6305 Seapoint</p> <p>LP-2240 Togher</p> <p>LP-2278 Sandpit</p> <p>N51 new drainage installed as part of the resurfacing works.</p> <p>N51 Opening Outlets when Road way was closed by LCC Crew</p> <p>LP2310 Ballymakenny</p> |                                |
| <p><b>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</b></p> | Newtownwell Road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Fallen tree removed 26/10/2022 |

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| <b>Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán</b>                                 | Footpaths @ Castlewoods, Forest Hills, Priest Lane.                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráichta</b>                         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Westgate junction</li> <li>2. Haymarket Junction</li> <li>3. Westgate junction</li> <li>4. Bull Ring</li> </ol> <p>Walshestown N.S.</p>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vehicle phase lamp fail, RED.</li> <li>2. Lights out – due to Corr fault.</li> <li>3. Investigation of staging of lights.</li> <li>4. Knockdown of signal pole and head – RFA.</li> </ol>                              |
| <b>Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre</b>                                        | <p><b>Road marking survey in progress.</b></p> <p><b>New markings at</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georges St</li> <li>• Scarlet St</li> <li>• Twenties</li> </ul> | <b>Road marking survey in progress.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Signage / Comharthaíocht</b>                                               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marian Pk</li> <li>2. Priest Lane</li> <li>3. North Rd R132</li> <li>4. Town Centre</li> <li>5. Lighting Festival</li> </ol>                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New children at play signs</li> <li>2. New ramp ahead signs.</li> <li>3. Reinstate Bollards.</li> <li>4. General maintenance of existing signs.</li> <li>5. Erecting advertising signage on approach roads.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Weed killing / Marú fiailí</b>                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Litterbin cleaning disinfecting / Díghalrú glantacháin boscaí bruscair</b> | Dog Bin disinfecting complete on approach roads.                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>Illegal Dumping /<br/>Dumpáil<br/>Neamhdhleathach</b> | <b>Dublin Road</b>                     | Ongoing issues been discussed with property manager owners group              |
|                                                          | <b>Bessexwell Lane</b>                 | Illegal dumping Evidence gathering process fines issued                       |
|                                                          | <b>Ballsgrove bottle banks</b>         | Illegal dumping no evidence.                                                  |
|                                                          | <b>Barrack Hill</b>                    | Illegal dumping no evidence.                                                  |
|                                                          | <b>Boice court</b>                     | Illegal dumping no evidence. Refer to waste management for direct prosecution |
|                                                          | <b>Moneymore</b>                       | Bonfire materials removed                                                     |
|                                                          | <b>Moneymore</b>                       | Bonfire materials removed<br>Illegal dumping evidence gather<br>FPN issued    |
|                                                          | <b>Rathmullen</b>                      | Illegal dumping no evidence.                                                  |
|                                                          | <b>Saint Laurence street</b>           |                                                                               |
| <b>St Peters COI</b>                                     |                                        |                                                                               |
| <b>Graffiti Removal /<br/>Glanadh Graifítí</b>           | Back lanes                             | Ongoing program of paint over                                                 |
|                                                          | Marsh Road                             | Ongoing program of paint over                                                 |
|                                                          | Sienna convent cemetery Francis Street | Ongoing following graffiti attack. Advice been offered to third parties       |





*N51 Resurfacing Works*



*Roadworks at Gallroostown*



*New Street Lighting at West Street, Drogheda*

## **Physical Development.**

### **Roads Projects**

#### **Narrow Water Bridge**

A North South Ministerial Infrastructure Sub Group meeting was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Engagement with DFI Infrastructure, Loughs Agency, NPW, etc. is ongoing to discharge the Conditions of Planning. Wind tunnel

modelling is ongoing, both bathymetric / topographical surveys are complete. The advanced works contract for a compensatory roost is complete, with demobilisation ongoing, water quality monitoring for these works will continue until the 7<sup>th</sup> November. Ecological clerk of works has been appointed for these contracts.



**Completed Roost Site Works**

Suitability Assessment Documentation has been issued to the market to prequalify a panel of Contractors capable of constructing the project, these submissions are due back on the 23rd of Nov. 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 received correspondence from An Bord Pleanála regarding the CPO process, the Board intends to determine the application before the 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. The design team are engaging with the landowners throughout the process.

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

The 5 weeks of Landowner meetings are now complete for this period with more than 220 meetings taking place. The project team wishes to sincerely thank all landowners who have attended the meetings for their engagement on the project.

Approximately 60 landowners have yet to engage with the project team – in these cases the project team have made additional efforts to contact the landowners to encourage them to meet with the project team.

The initial road design was made available to the public on the project website [www.n2monaghanlouth.ie](http://www.n2monaghanlouth.ie). It shows the route

of the proposed N2, the locations of the proposed interchanges and junctions onto the N2, and the route of proposed sideroads and access roads along the N2. This information will provide the wider community the opportunity to view the impacts of the project on the local road network. Stakeholders in the wider community are welcome to contact the project team with any queries, or to make comments in relation to the proposed design. Over the coming months the N2 project Team will consider feedback received from landowners and other stakeholders before a design is finalised. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and CPO documentation will then be prepared by mid-2023. Subject to approval, would then be submitted to An Bord Pleanála as part of the planning approval process.

#### **N52 Ardee Bypass**

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

A local environmental group were granted leave in the High Court for a Judicial Review against An Bord Pleanála (ABP) and the Board's directions to Louth County Council concerning the preparations of an EIAR and NIS. There will be a further hearing on 29<sup>th</sup> November, directing the parties with regard to legal papers. The Scheme is currently at a standstill until the resolution to these proceedings are overcome.

#### **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 2022/2023.

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 total of 9 sites on the N52 and N53 have been identified as requiring the provision of safety barriers. Tender documents were issued and returned on the 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. The Letter of intent was has been issued to the preferred Contractor.

### **N2 Collon Safety Scheme**

Following TII design report approval a Road Safety Audit has been commissioned. Civil works on the crossing are now substantially complete. M&E works are commencing shortly.

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

Louth Co. Council entered into a licence agreement with the consortium with respect to the lands. A Notice to enter was issued by Louth Co. Council to the landowners affected by this phase of the project. The consortium has appointed a contractor and works has commenced for the section of road R132 to the Ballymakenny Road including upgrades to the Ballymakenny Rd and Twenties Lane. Works are expected to take 18 months.

Footpath and cycle path works to facilitate development on the Ballymakenny Road which is part of the PANCR scheme are completed. Public lighting columns have been installed. Watermain, foul sewer and telecoms ducting are complete. Kerbing work and footpath and cycle lane is substantially complete. Public lighting is 100% complete, but awaiting ESB connection. Surface water sewer works are commencing during the Halloween midterm at Ballymakenny College along the Ballymakenny Road.

### **Boyne Enterprise Link Road**

The Tender documents for construction of the works were received and are currently being assessed. Ongoing consultations are taking place with stakeholders / landowners. Letter of Intent to be issued to the preferred contractor

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

The project has been reactivated with Cavan County Council being the lead authority. The consultants have reviewed the route using a RibGeom method of assessment. This type of assessment will identifies 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.

The final report was received in July in relation to the RibGeom, The report identifies 15 Schemes between Cavan and Dundalk and priorities 9 Schemes of which 4 are located in Co. Louth, namely:

- Scheme D2 Essexford to Radrumskeane (Co. Monaghan)
- Scheme D4: Ballykelly
- Scheme D6: Castlering and Carrickmullan
- Scheme D7: Carrickmullan and Mullaboy

Tenders were issued seeking consultants to prepare a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) for DTTAs progress two of the schemes, namely D7 & D6 towards feasibility stage.

### **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.

The Oral hearing relating to the CPO was held by An Bord Pleanála, online on the 26<sup>th</sup>

October. 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 Q2 2023 The project partners are continuing to meet on a monthly basis to review and assess the various aspects of the project.

## **TII Funded Greenways**

### **Carlingford to Templetown**

Public Consultation for the proposed Carlingford to Templetown Greenway, an information event was held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022 at the Carlingford Heritage Centre. The drop-in event is Public Consultation No. 1 for the Carlingford to Templetown Greenway. This was well attended by elected members, members of the public and stakeholders. Closing date for submissions was 8<sup>th</sup> August. Full details at [https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/louth\\_county\\_council/latest-news/greenway-carlingford-to-templetown-public-consultation-1.html](https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/louth_county_council/latest-news/greenway-carlingford-to-templetown-public-consultation-1.html)

Wintering Bird survey completed. 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 have provided funding for route assessment and discussions are taking place on delivery of this scheme going forward under the TII Project Management Guidelines.



*Representative from TII, WNRO and LCC*

*at Templetown*

### **Dundalk Bay Greenway- Templetown to Dundalk**

TII have allocated monies towards the feasibility of a new greenway from Templetown to Dundalk. Discussions are taking place on delivery of this scheme going forward under the TII Project Management Guidelines. A single strategic assessment report is being prepared for the route from Carlingford to Dundalk



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

Following discussion with the developer and the Department of Housing this scheme will now be progressed by the developer. An agreement in relation development levies is being progressed with Louth County Council.

### **LIHAF Mount Avenue Improvement**

The tender assessment report has been provided to Department of Housing with a recommendation to award the contract to the most economically advantageous Tenderer and we await their approval.

### **Safety Improvement Works**

#### **Retrofit Fencing**

A survey was carried out at various locations on the N51 & N53 in regard to 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 has 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.

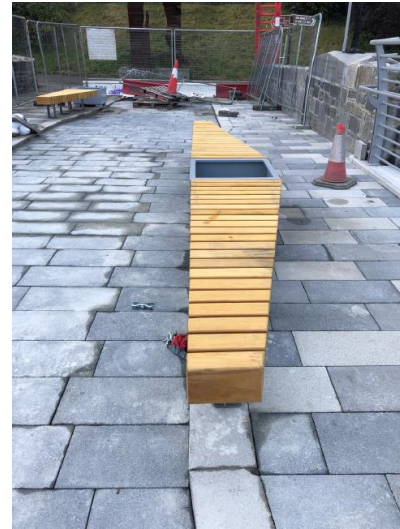
### **Specific Bridge Improvement Grants**

#### **Obelisk Bridge**

Requested peer review by DTTAS is now completed. Final Tender documents and additional queries are currently being reviewed by DTTAS prior to release to the Market. Recent correspondence advises this review will be completed shortly.

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

Works are near completion, there still remains restricted foot traffic permitted on the bridge. Seating and planters has been installed and paving is nearing completion.



*Seating & Planter*

### **Public Transport**

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

The civil works for the 9 site are essentially complete, bar snagging, and shelters installed by the NTA.



*Bus Shelter Marley's Lane*



*Bus Shelter Newtown Meadows*

### Corporate Projects

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

#### Existing Conservation Buildings Blocks B,C,E

Dismantling of the brick works to the Western elevation of Block C, Former Community Service Building is completed. Ecoweed Control has treated the vegetation growth on and within the walls to Blocks B & C.

Concrete brick infill to the chimney flues in Block B is completed. Removal of the concrete floor in Block C is currently ongoing, with the remainder of Block B flooring to be removed after. Repointing of external brick work to Block C has commenced with the raking out of the joints to the Southern elevation ongoing. Infill of chimney flues to Block E is ongoing along with structural remedial work to the inside of the building.

#### New Link Building

Excavation for the attenuation tank and CBR testing is complete with the installation of the geotextile ongoing. Breaking of piles, excavation of ground beams and blinding to the Western area of Block N is ongoing. Integrity testing of the piles to this area are now complete. Formworks contractor has commenced with the tying of steel for the North retaining wall base and ground beams.



*Complete repaired panels Block C*



*Demolition of the Floor Slab Block C*



*Infill of Chimney Flues in Block E*



*Site Overview*

## **Dunleer Fire Station**

Tender Document for design consultants were received on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Aug with only 1 tender was received. This Tenderer was required to clarify their submission as part of the suitability criteria, and their clarifications was assessed against the criteria, however the outcome of this assessment was that the Tenderer failed to meet the published thresholds. The tender competition will be re-run.

## **Louth Flood Defence and Coastal Erosion 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 nearing completion for both Ardee and Dundalk in tandem with the processing of information from the recently completed CCTV and Topographical surveys. Preliminary Option Assessment to consider and assess a range of possible Flood Relief Measures has commenced and will continue throughout the next few months including further Public Consultation Days programmed for late November, notification of which shall be circulated to elected representatives and advertised well in advance in the press and on the local authorities social media.

Further necessary environmental, ecological, noise and landscape assessments will continue through Q3, 2022.

Monthly project briefing notes are being issued to the current relevant stakeholders. The Project website being hosted by OPW 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 are continuing works on Stage 1 of the Project, i.e. Options Assessment and Scheme Development and work continues on this. Topographical Surveys have been completed on site and post-processing works are currently underway. CCTV surveys are now complete, and the recorded data is being processed into the models. Tender Documents for the Project Site Investigations have also commenced. Preparation of Tender Documents is also continuing for the necessary environmental and ecological surveys on the Project. The Project website being hosted by OPW is now complete and can be reached at: [www.droghedabaltrayfrs.ie](http://www.droghedabaltrayfrs.ie). A brief note has also been circulated to the elected representatives

### **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. Two temporary rain gauges are now operational, installed at Carlingford Fire Station and at the rear of Carlingford Library for rainfall data collection, providing additional data to inform project design and development.

### **Balmers Bog Surface Water Pipe**

All works are now complete with surplus flows now diverted through the pipeline from Balmers Bog. Minor M&E works are outstanding and will be completed in due course.

## **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 confirmed Funding Approval of €62k for Omeath and an Ecologist will now be procured to prepare an AA Screening Report for this Project.

LCC have responded to queries raised by the OPW on Ballagan Application and are awaiting a response.

OPW refused the Bellurgan application but have agreed to reconsider a revised application for a reduced scope of works. This revised application has been prepared and was submitted in May. LCC awaiting and response

### **Schools Programme Projects**

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

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

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

A tender assessment has been completed and a recommendation to award has been issued to the Dept of Education.

Part 8 for the proposed alterations to the SEN units was resolved at the Ardee MD members for the March meeting. Negotiations are now taking place with the most economically advantageous tenderer to deliver the school extension under the main contract.



*3D Visual of proposed SEN unit extension*  
**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 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.

The Contract has now been signed by Kilkenny Co. Council (as lead partner) for the Eastern Region. The PLEEP Eastern Region will upgrade approximately 73,500 public lights across 9 local authorities, Carlow, Kildare, Kilkenny, Louth, Meath, Offaly, Tipperary, Westmeath and Wicklow County Councils, as well as Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

### **Electrical Vehicles Charging Points**



Louth County Council and other associate partners have completed preliminary assessments of sites to generate an

approved site list 25 EV Rapid Chargers across the border counties.

Louth County Council has received tenders for a Multidisciplinary Consultancy Services for the project and these are currently being assessed. Tender for legal services is due to be returned in the first week of Nov. Consultancy services which is live on ETenders and OJEU until 10th October 2022. Information is available at the following outlets:

| Channel   | URL                                                                                                                             |
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| Facebook  | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FasterEVCharge">https://www.facebook.com/FasterEVCharge</a>                                   |
| Twitter   | <a href="https://twitter.com/FasterEVCharge">https://twitter.com/FasterEVCharge</a>                                             |
| Instagram | <a href="https://www.instagram.com/fasterevcharge/">https://www.instagram.com/fasterevcharge/</a>                               |
| LinkedIn  | <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/faster-project">https://www.linkedin.com/company/faster-project</a>                   |
| TikTok    | <a href="https://www.tiktok.com/@fasterevcharge">https://www.tiktok.com/@fasterevcharge</a>                                     |
| YouTube   | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0FqxddlpA7WXJr9ShzUaxQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0FqxddlpA7WXJr9ShzUaxQ</a> |



Louth County Council is 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. <https://www.seai.ie/grants/home-energy-grants/>

## Active Travel Investment Program

### 2022 Budget Allocation

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has awarded Louth County Council an allocation of €6.53 million to advance several projects from preliminary design phase to construction phase. The fourteen projects that commenced in 2021 will continue and an additional nine new projects have been allocated funding for this year (2022). The Active Travel Projects funded are for promoting Walking and Cycling Infrastructure and development of transport studies. The current status of ongoing Active Travel projects are as outlined in the table below.

For ease of referencing, the National Transport Authority (NTA) allocate projects into particular Cost Bands depending on the total estimated project cost including, fees, land acquisitions and constructions as follows;

Band 1 €0 - €0.5M;  
 Band 2 €0.5 - €10M;  
 Band 3 > €10M;

They also divide the evolution of a Capital Investment project into a seven Phase process, (Phase 1 to Phase 7 inclusive) with seven Gateways reports i.e. hold points, where local authorities are to prepare and submit Gateway Reports for sign-off before obtaining approval to advance to the next phase. The seven different phases are as outlined below...

- PHASE 1: Scope and Purpose
- PHASE 2: Concept Development and Option Selection
- PHASE 3: Preliminary Design
- PHASE 4: Statutory Processes
- PHASE 5: Detailed Design and Procurement
- PHASE 6: Construction and Implementation
- PHASE 7: Close-out and Review

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Louth County Council (LCC) submitted an application to the

National Transport Authority, nominating two projects as potential Pathfinder Projects, namely...

- Dundalk Inner Relief Road Active Travel Corridor
- Drogheda Active Travel Enhancement (Rathmullan Rd & Marley's Lane)

On the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022, LCC were informed that we were successful with our two nominated projects.

The Pathfinder Programme is a key part of bringing urgency to the delivery of demonstration projects of scale at a local level. It is intended that our projects, will

provide a template which can be replicated and scaled up elsewhere, with a strong emphasis on experimental and innovative approaches. A key criterion in selecting these projects is their capacity to be delivered within the next 3 years.

The “Pathfinder” projects were formally launched by Minister Eamon Ryan on Monday, 17 October.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/9f9b8-minister-ryan-launches-transformative-pathfinder-projects-to-bring-more-public-transport-walking-and-cycling-options-to-our-villages-towns-and-cities-by-2025/>

### Active Travel Projects

| Project Name                                                                | Project Band (see foot note 1 below) | Current Phase (see foot note 2 below) | October 2022- Project update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Anticipated Part 8 / Construction Completion |
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| Drogheda: St. Dominick's Bridge.                                            | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 7 - Close Out and Review        | Works are 99% completed. The Bridge is open to pedestrian and cycle traffic. LCC have requested attendee / invite list for an official opening i.e. Minister of Transport and/or NTA personnel.                                                                                            | Construction completed in November 2022      |
| Drogheda: R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (incorporating Marsh Road) | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 2 - Concept and Options         | LCC have received draft Gateway 2 Report from Design Consultant on the 13th October 2022. We have reviewed and returned our observations to the consultant and are awaiting the final version. It is anticipated that a Gateway 2 Report will be submitted to the NTA on the 3rd Nov 2022. | Proposed Part 8 displayed in Q2 2023         |
| Ballymakenny Rd Drogheda                                                    | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 6 - Construction                | 1. Road surfacing and line marking works completed adjacent to the school entrances.<br>2. Process of land acquisition as part of the CPO process of PANCR ongoing.                                                                                                                        | Construction completed                       |
| Drogheda: R166 Termonfeckin Rd, design.                                     | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 2 - Concept and Options         | RPS have commenced design and are currently developing options.<br>1. GPS surveys have all been completed<br>2. Traffic surveys, junction modelling & Archaeologist assessment to commence in Nov 2022.                                                                                    | Proposed Part 8 displayed in Q2 2023         |

| Project Name                                                                                             | Project Band (see foot note 1 below) | Current Phase (see foot note 2 below) | October 2022- Project update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Anticipated Part 8 Construction Completion /                                  |
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| Drogheda: R168 Collon rd, Hill of Rath RAB and Rosehall RAB.                                             | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 2 - Concept and Options         | RPS have commenced design and are currently developing options. As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Proposed Part 8 displayed in Q2 2023                                          |
| Drogheda: Rathmullan Road from Marley's Lane junction, design.                                           | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 2 - Concept and Options         | RPS have commenced design and are currently developing options. As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | This has received Pathfinder status approval on the 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 |
| Drogheda Dublin and North roads, design.                                                                 | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 2 - Concept and Options         | RPS has commenced design and are currently developing options. As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Proposed Part 8 displayed in Q2 2023                                          |
| Drogheda: Boyne Business Park Link Road.                                                                 | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender  | Tenders Received and are currently been assessed. There is an issue with a third party land owner, which LCC are engaging with the Landowner to resolve.                                                                                                                                                   | Proposed Construction Commencement Jan 2023                                   |
| Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Rd.                                                                           | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 2 - Concept and Options         | Gateway 2 Status Report was submitted to the NTA on the 12th August 2022. Gateway 2 Report liaison meeting held with the NTA on 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2022. Awaiting NTA signed Project Control Document for Gateway 2 sign-off.                                                                        | Proposed Part 8 displayed in Q3 2023                                          |
| Dundalk: Dublin Rd Xerox Junction to Ladywell Bridge                                                     | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 3 - Preliminary Design          | OCSC have received the comments from the NTA. Draft Part 8 drawings sent to the NTA in September 2022 for review to get sign-off on Gateway 3.                                                                                                                                                             | Proposed Part 8 displayed in Q2 2023                                          |
| Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station. | Band 3 >10mil                        | Phase 3 - Preliminary Design          | Received Phase 2 Gateway status approval from the NTA in early August 2022. This projected quickly commenced Phase 3 Preliminary Design in August 2022. Phase 3 Preliminary Design has progressed well and it is hoped to have a Gateway 3 Report finalised and submitted to the NTA by 4th November 2022. | Proposed Part 8 displayed in Q1 2023                                          |
| Transport / Mobility Plans: Including Dundalk, Drogheda, Ardee, Clogherhead, Dunleer, Termonfeckin       | Band 1 < 0.5mil                      | Phase 2 - Concept and Options         | Online survey completed and synopsised. ATOS completed and GIS specialist has prepared new drawing and superimposed "Proposed Active Travel Links" as a layer to each of the ATOS Results maps.                                                                                                            | N/A                                                                           |

| Project Name                                                                | Project Band (see foot note 1 below) | Current Phase (see foot note 2 below) | October 2022- Project update                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Anticipated Part 8 Construction Completion / |
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| & Castlebellingham                                                          |                                      |                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |
| Footpath Extensions / Links Package A: Termonfeckin & Cherrybrook.          | Band 1 < 0.5mil                      | Phase 6 - Construction                | Construction works commenced on site in May 2022                                                                                                                                                                                                          | N/A                                          |
| Footpath Extensions / Links Package B: Knockbridge, Tullyallen & Dromiskin. | Band 1 < 0.5mil                      | Phase 6 - Construction                | <b>Knockbridge:</b><br>Works commenced on site and currently ongoing.<br><b>Tullyallen</b><br>Works Completed<br><b>Dromiskin:</b><br>LCC are unable to reach agreement with landowner in order to commence scheme, hence the project is not progressing. | N/A                                          |
| 2 no. pedestrian Crossings on R132 Inner Relief Road, Tain Bridge, Dundalk  | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 1 - Scope and Purpose           | Procurement competition for design consultants for Dundalk Active Travel Projects closed on the 30th September 2022. Tender Report completed and sent to the NTA for approval.                                                                            | 2024 Part 8                                  |
| Hoey's Lane, Dundalk                                                        | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 1 - Scope and Purpose           | As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2024 Part 8                                  |
| Mill Street, Dundalk                                                        | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 1 - Scope and Purpose           | As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2024 Part 8                                  |
| Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk                                | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 1 - Scope and Purpose           | As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2024 Part 8                                  |
| College Heights and Tom Bellew Ave. Dundalk                                 | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 1 - Scope and Purpose           | As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2024 Part 8                                  |
| R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates)                       | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 1 - Scope and Purpose           | As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2024 Part 8                                  |

| Project Name                      | Project Band (see foot note 1 below) | Current Phase (see foot note 2 below) | October 2022- Project update                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Anticipated Part 8 Construction Completion / |
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| R178 Carrickmacross Road, Dundalk | Band 2 <10mil                        | Phase 1 - Scope and Purpose           | As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2024 Part 8                                  |
| Remedial Junction Works, Dundalk  | Band 1 < 0.5mil                      | Phase 1 - Scope and Purpose           | Works on going                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | N/A                                          |
| Footpaths, Moneymore, Drogheda    | Band 1 < 0.5mil                      | Phase 2 – Concept Proposals           | Consultants are preparing options and preliminary design proposals                                                                                                                                                                                 | N/A                                          |
| Safe Routes to Schools            |                                      | Phase 2 – Concept Proposals           | All four projects reviewed. St Louis, Dundalk - Meeting held with An Taisce and Principal. Action plan in draft format. Rehab, Mill Rd, Dundalk to be incorporated into LHCC/22/0003 above Drogheda x 2 - Preliminary Design / Concepts developed. |                                              |

## Place Making

### Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

#### Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford

Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar Surveys are complete. Archaeological, Conservation and traffic surveys also complete. Costs have been received for pavement surveys which will inform the detailed design. The proposed planning approval route including environmental impacts is currently being considered.

#### Ardee Castle

Detailed design and production of tendering documentation is ongoing. The architectural package is almost complete, mechanical and electrical packages are progressing, bill of quantities is due to begin being drafted. A productive site visit and meeting has been held with the National Monuments Service regarding requirements for ministerial consent and an application is being prepared for lodgement.



#### Omeath Public Realm

Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar Surveys are now complete. Detailed design is well advanced, and the final concept for the scheme has been agreed. Discussions are ongoing with ESB and EIR regarding changes to their networks and stakeholder engagement with local community groups has continued.

#### Ardee 2040

The design of key character areas and the preparation of EIAR and AA Screening reports for the Development consent application to An Bord Pleanála are being advanced by the appointed Consultants Turley Planning. The report into the Public Engagement Process has been uploaded onto the website: [www.ardee2040.ie](http://www.ardee2040.ie).

## **Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects (URDF)**

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

The planning information for Westgate Vision Project is progressing with EIAR and AA Stage 2 reports by the appointed Consultants Turley Planning, for the Development consent application to An Bord Pleanála.

### **St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration (Dundalk)**

The revised preliminary business case has received Departmental approval and the project is progressing. The return date for tenders for phase 1 of the project, which involves the enhancement of the public realm, has been extended until the end of November.

### **Town Centre First - Dunleer Town Masterplan**

The appointed urban design consultants Building Design Partnership Ltd (BDP) have commenced the preparation of the masterplan. BDP had a productive visit to Dunleer last week and met with local stakeholders. Public consultation events are planned for the end of November/early December in order to obtain the views of the local community on what vision they have for their town.

### **Weatherproofing and Outdoor Dining (Failte Ireland) - The Green, Carlingford**

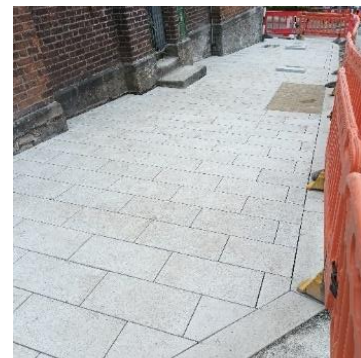
J.O.Hearty have commenced works on site for the new external covered space in Carlingford. The concrete foundations have been constructed and site works are ongoing. Installation of the canopy and final site works are expected to be completed early 2023.



### **Additional projects**

#### **St Peter's Hill PEACE IV**

GLAS Civil Engineering are continuing works on site to the new shared meeting space, and completion of civil works is expected in the coming weeks. The installation of the sculpture piece will take place in January as agreed programme.



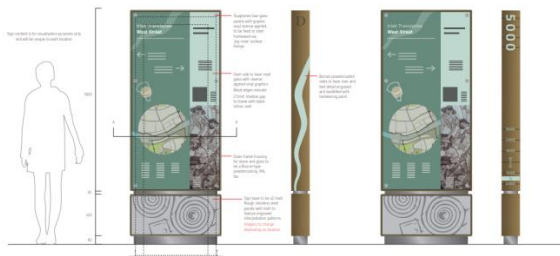
#### **Urban Animation - LCC/ Failte Ireland**

Key heritage landmarks in Drogheda will be animated with light and sound projections that showcase 5 Irish myths and Legends. The Old Abbey, St Peters Church on West Street and St Laurence's Gate will be the focus of the festival over 8 nights from October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.



**Destination Town, Drogheda - LCC/ Failte Ireland**

Placemarque and Tobin design team are progressing the Signage, Wayfinding and public realm works contract to manufacture and installation stage. Manufacture of the bespoke signage and wayfinding features is expected to commence in the coming weeks.



**St Laurence’s Gate LCC**

Work is progressing on the Preliminary reports required for the Part 8 planning process to form a new pedestrian plaza at St Laurence’s Gate. Consulting Archaeologists and Conservation Architects Grade 1 have been appointed and their reports are due in the coming weeks.



**Play Spaces**

Work is progressing on tender documents for three play space sites in the villages of Collon, Termonfeckin and upgrade of the playground in St Dominic’s Park, Drogheda. Tender documents are due to be published on eTenders/ OJEU in Q4 2022.

Meetings have been held with representatives of the Termonfeckin Development Group and the Collon Community Group in October 2022 to obtain the views of the local community on their vision for the play spaces in their areas.

## Organisational Development

### Forbairt Na hEagraíochta

The Organisational Development Directorate includes the central services required to maintain and administer this Local Authority. This includes Corporate and Human Resources. It also includes the Community and Climate functions and all aspects of Waste Management Services and Veterinary Services.

This Directorate has four key areas of responsibility

- Corporate Services
- Community Support & Sports
- Waste Management, Environment & Climate Action
- Veterinary Services

Áiríonn an Stiúrtóireacht um Fhorbairt na hEagraíochta na seirbhísí lárnacha a theastaíonn chun an tÚdarás Áitiúil seo a chothabháil agus a riaradh. Áirítear leis seo Acmhainní Corparáideacha agus Daonna. Áiríonn sé freisin na feidhmeanna Pobail agus Aeráide agus gach gné de Sheirbhísí Bainistíochta Dramhaíola agus Sheirbhísí Tréidliachta.

Tá ceathair eochairfhreagrachta ag an Stiúrtóireacht seo:

- Seirbhísí Corparáideacha
- Tacaíocht Pobail agus Spóirt
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Director / Stiúrtóir

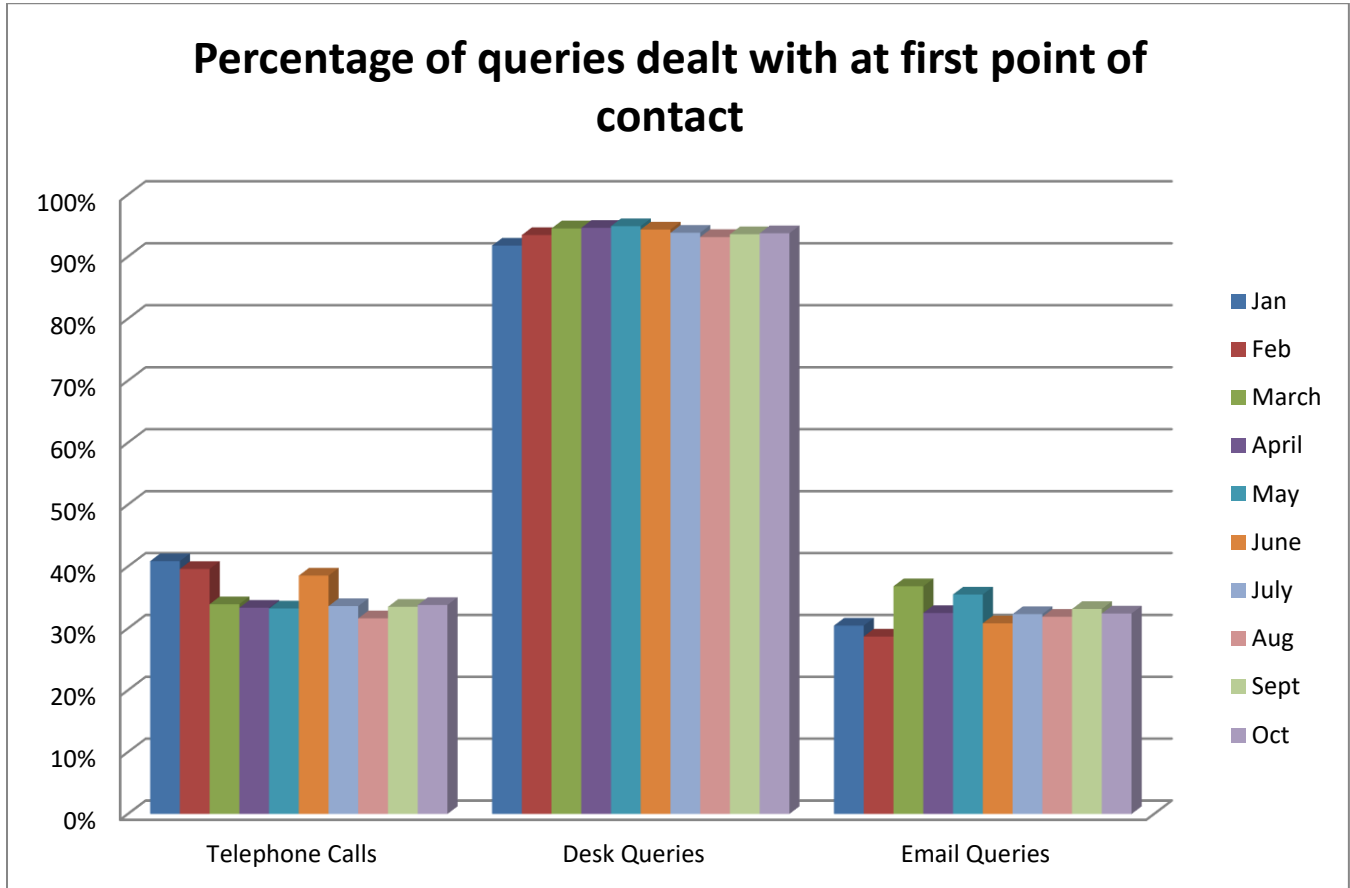
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# Corporate Services

## Customer Services Report

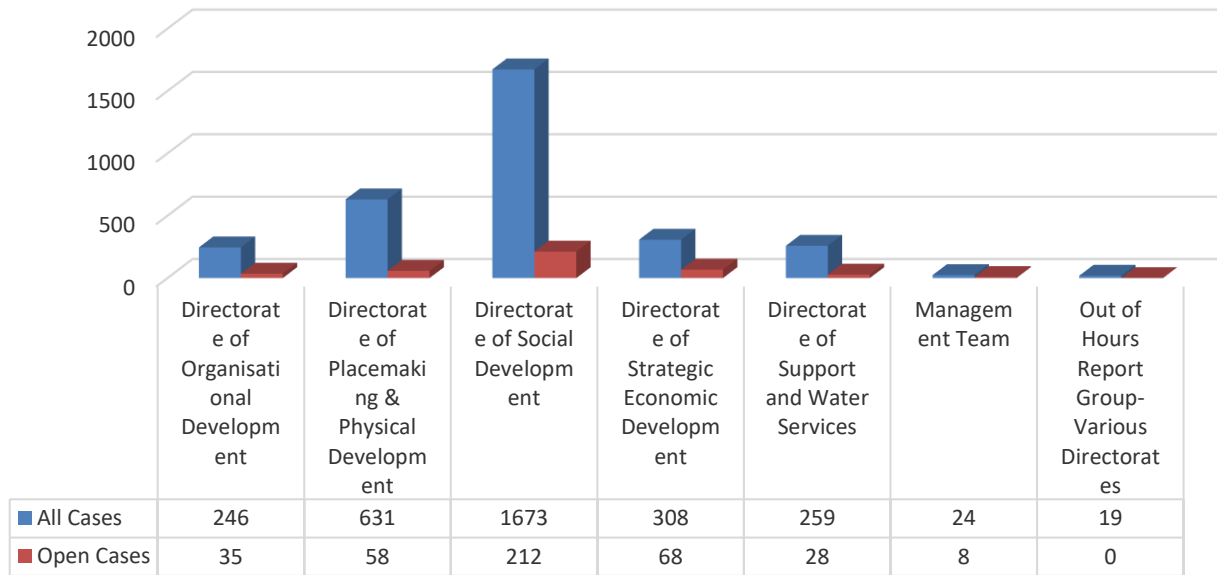
October 2022

During the month of October Customer Services dealt with queries – 7,014 calls, 1,305 e-mails and 3,667 counter queries.

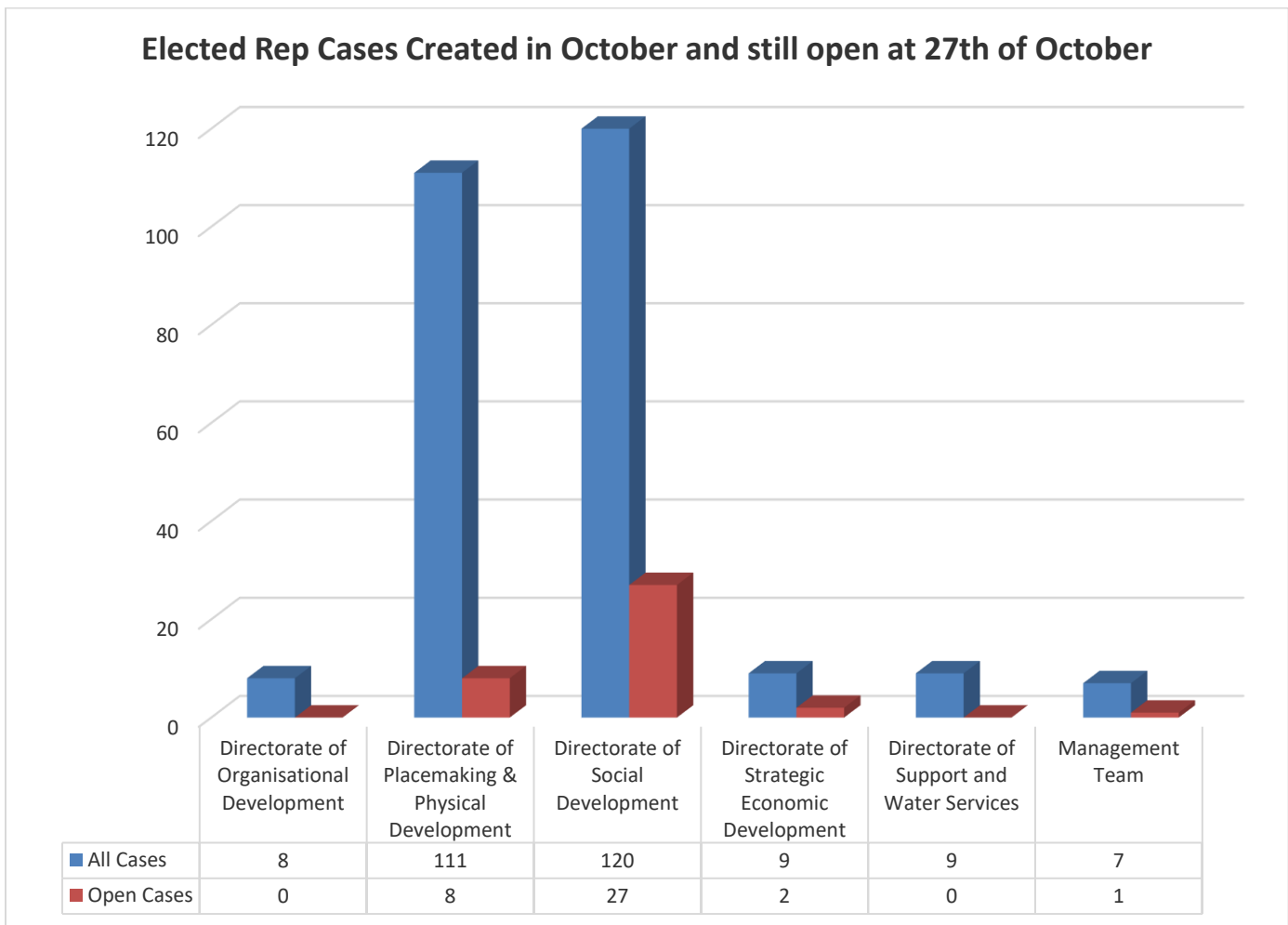


There were 3,160 valid SugarCRM cases recorded during October of which 409 (13%) remain unresolved, broken down by directorate as follows:

**No. of Cases Created in October and still open at 27th of October**



During October 264 elected reps. cases were recorded on Sugar of which 38 (14%) remain unresolved broken down by Directorate as follows:



The table below illustrates activity in the redress area.

| <b>Requests Received</b>             | <b>Same period 2021<br/>(JAN to end of<br/>OCT only 2021)</b> | <b>2022 Total<br/>(JAN to end of<br/>OCT only 2022)</b> | <b>OCT 2022<br/>(Month of<br/>OCT only)</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Freedom of Information               | 111                                                           | 100                                                     | 5                                           |
| Data Protection Request              | 2                                                             | 2                                                       | 0                                           |
| Data Subject Access Request          | 12                                                            | 7                                                       | 0                                           |
| Access to Information on Environment | 4                                                             | 9                                                       | 0                                           |
| Ombudsman Complaints                 | 13                                                            | 10                                                      | 2                                           |
| LCC Complaints Policy                | 28                                                            | 26                                                      | 2                                           |

## Electoral Register

The Electoral Reform Act 2022 recently came into force. This means that both the Draft and Live Registers have now been replaced by a Rolling Register of Electors. This Rolling Register will be continuously updated.

New applicants to the register will now have to provide their PPSN, as well as their date of birth. The introduction of PPSNs will contribute to greater accuracy, enabling identity data to be cross-checked.

New applicants can Register online via [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie) and current electors can update their details using the same link.

Copies of the application forms can be downloaded from [www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/electoral-register/](http://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/electoral-register/) and sent to: Franchise Section, Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth. A91 KFW6 or emailed to [register@louthcoco.ie](mailto:register@louthcoco.ie)

## Community

### Louth In Bloom

The Louth In Bloom Awards ceremony was held in “Bellingham Castle” on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022. It was a marvelous celebration and allowed us to actively engage with communities, acknowledge and reward the splendid work that people undertake to beautify their communities and our county. Cathaoirleach Conor Keelan opened the ceremony and was followed by Garden Designer; Mr. Peter Donegan, who was invited to attend as a guest speaker at the event. The Cathaoirleach from each of the three Municipal District Areas announced the awards for each of the seven categories, which were presented by Mr. Donegan.



*The Louth In Bloom Awards ceremony*



*Winner of "Environmentalism of the year" Joanne Redpath, Carlingford Tidy Towns Louth In Bloom Awards*

A special award for the "Environmentalism of the year" went to Joanne Redpath, Carlingford Tidy Towns.

### Litter League 2022

The litter league results were also announced by Chief Executive Joan Martin at the Louth In Bloom awards ceremony. Tidy Towns groups who topped the league were awarded prizes for the least amount of litter in their communities, in the following categories: large sized, medium sized and small sized villages.



*Litter league results were announced by Chief Executive Joan Martin at the Louth In Bloom awards ceremony*



*Stabannon Tidy town groups topping the league in the smallest village category*

## LEADER

The LAG at its recent meeting approved funding support, in the amount of €315,929.05 for ten LEADER projects, under the Transitional LEADER Programme, 2021-2022. These projects were in Dromiskin, Louth, Dundalk, Dunleer, Knockbridge and Termonfeckin.

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

| Promoter                                                          | Amount  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Dundalk Youth Centre CLG- Youth Art Engagement Project Ref 113482 | €25,934 |
| Alana Creations Limited –                                         | €99,750 |

|                                                                                                |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bespoke Stone Cutting Machinery Ref 116470                                                     |                    |
| Kilcurry Tidy Towns – Pollinator Friendly Public Areas Ref 110665                              | €6,033.75          |
| Louth Leader Partnership – Innovating Communities – Designing our Future – Training Ref 110690 | €23,124.40         |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                   | <b>€154,842.15</b> |

## SICAP

Pobal facilitated the Louth SICAP Annual Engagement Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September. The meeting was attended by staff from the local authority, local development company and members of the SICAP/Social Inclusion sub group. The meeting was an opportunity to assess the progress delivery of the SICAP Programme locally and also to discuss the preparation of the 2023 Annual Plan

## Louth Meath Joint Migrant Strategy Forum

The Louth Meath Joint Migrant Strategy Forum held a meeting in DKIT on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022. DKIT Access Officer Eileen Lynch gave a presentation to the members on access routes to third level education for migrants and International Protection Applicants. Members also updated the forum on delivery of strategy actions to date.

## Age Friendly



Age Friendly Louth supported the Drogheda Lions Club Tea Dance which recently took place in the D -Hotel Drogheda. The tea dance was held in the afternoon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October and over 200 older people from Drogheda and the surrounding area took part in the event. The Tea Dance was back after a two year break due to Covid 19 and continues to be as popular as ever. Pictured below are some of the older people who took part in the event.

Next meeting of the National Networking OPC members is 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Age Friendly Ireland provided training to Age Friendly Louth staff on the application and accreditation process for Age Friendly Libraries. Library Staff in all 5 libraries are now trained.

The Louth Age Friendly Program Manager attended training on running and organising Older People's Council's (Forum). Age Friendly Louth staff attended training on OPC Guidelines. Age Friendly Louth will be commencing a campaign to recruit new members onto the Older People's Council (Forum) in Co Louth over the coming months.



*Age Friendly Louth supported the Drogheda Lions Club Tea Dance*

## Louth Comhairle na nOg



Louth Comhairle na nÓg Annual Conference took place in the Carrickdale Hotel on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Comhairle na nÓg are local youth councils which give young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services, policies and issues that affect them in their local area. The conference this year covered including workshops, youth consultation, art creativity, inclusion and assertiveness.

Louth County Council staff attended the International Mediation Multiplier Event on 28<sup>th</sup> October in Drogheda, hosted by Culture Connect.

Intercultural Mediation is an internationally recognised tool for overcoming the barriers to key services that are very often experienced by people from minority ethnic backgrounds. Mediators work to help communications between service providers and customers.

Guest speakers discussed the development and experiencing of using the programme.



*Cllr Paddy McQuillan at the International Mediation Multiplier Event*

## Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025

Healthy Ireland is a government-led initiative aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of everyone living in Ireland. Healthy Ireland takes a 'whole of government' and 'whole of society' approach to deliver on 4 key goals:

- Increase the proportion of people who are healthy at all stages of life;
- Reduce health inequalities;
- Protect the public from threats to health and wellbeing;
- Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part in achieving a healthy Ireland.

Pobal has administered 3 previous rounds of the Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) on behalf of the Department of Health. HIF Rounds 1 and 2 initially had 12-month delivery timeframes; while HIF Round 3 was initially a 2-year fund, extended by 9

months as a result of the ongoing impact of COVID 19.

The design of HIF Round 4 has been informed by consultations with various Healthy Ireland stakeholders at both national and local level. HIF 2023-2025 represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe and gives Local Authorities more discretion to make changes to both the work being undertaken and how the budget is being spent.

The HI Outcomes Framework has 5 outcome areas as listed below:

- Lifestyle & Behaviour Risk Outcome Area
- Mortality & Morbidity Outcome Area
- Wellbeing Factors Outcome Area
- Environmental Factors Outcome Area
- Socio-Economic Factors Outcome Area

HIF 2023-2025 will run from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, with a minimum allocation to each Local Authority of **€155,000** to implement initiatives and activities that contribute to Healthy Ireland outcomes over the 3 year period.

### **Healthy Louth – Vision**

Healthy Louth launched in 2017 and forms part of the Healthy Cities and Counties Network within the Healthy Ireland framework. The vision of a Healthy Louth is:

*County Louth is a county where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health and wellbeing to their full potential, where wellbeing is valued and supported at every level of society and is everyone's responsibility.*

### **Healthy Louth Fund 2023 -2025 Public Consultation**

Healthy Louth are running a Public Consultation period that started mid Oct and will run through to mid December.

The aim of this public consultation being that the Healthy Louth Fund 3 year Strategy will be co-designed and co-delivered with the people of Louth, for the people of Louth.

### Phase 1 – Online Survey

Healthy Louth Online Survey (open from 11/10/2022 to 06/11/2022)

<https://consult.louthcoco.ie/en/surveys>

### Phase 2 – Targeted Focus Groups

Following analysis of survey returns more targeted focus groups will be conducted.

### Phase 3 - Healthy Louth – Sub Committee – ‘Inspiration Station’ (workshop)

Following close of the public consultation Healthy Louth will submit the **Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025 Local Strategy for Louth** to Pobal for appraisal and approval by the Department of Health.

### **Louth PPN**

A number of training courses took place for Louth PPN members in October:

- Charity Governance Compliance Training
- CANVA Graphic Design
- Completing Grant Applications
- Developing Effective Annual Reports

The Louth PPN Staff and Secretariat attended the National PPN Conference in Portlaoise on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Louth PPN Awards are taking place in Bellingham Castle Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Water Safety**

Beach Lifeguard activity ceased from mid-September. All water safety infrastructure continues to be checked on a scheduled basis.

### **Sports**

#### **Dundalk Sports Centre**

#### **Sister Sister Club**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 the sports centre welcomed back a popular programme. The ‘Sister

Sister Club', a girl's only social basketball session, which is non competitive, followed by refreshments and a hangout.

**Morning Pilates:**

Due to the success of the evening Pilates, a second class was needed. We are now offering Pilates on Monday mornings from 10 - 11am. The Pilates classes costs €5, and membership to the centre is free! Pilates is also held on Tuesday evenings from 8:15 – 9:15pm.



**Teen Sports Conditioning:**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October we introduced a new teenage sports conditioning class. The class is running for 6 weeks on a Thursday evening from 7.30 – 8.30pm and costs just €4 per session. Both boys and girls are welcome. Participants are welcome to join at any stage during the 6 week block.



**Strength & Balance:**

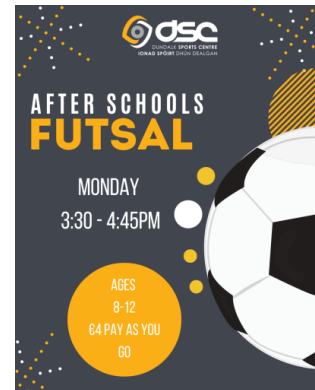
The strength and balance class continues to grow this month. The loyal participants have improved their strength, balance and confidence immensely over the last five weeks. We welcome any new participants. The class is designed for older adults

who are looking to improve their strength & balance, and lack confidence on their feet.



**After Schools Futsal**

It was great to see so many children try out our 'After Schools Futsal' this month. The sessions are great for boys and girls aged 8-12 who want to try out a new sport or keep developing their football skills over the winter months. Sessions are held every Monday from 3:30 – 4:45pm.



**Chair Yoga**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of October we held our first chair yoga class. The class is for older adults and will be held every Thursday from 10:30 – 11:30am, followed by tea and coffee.



## DSC HIIT Fitness

HIIT Fitness started on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. The class is an intense, fast paced and fun workout. The class is perfect for anyone looking to get a quick and effective workout after work. Classes take place every Wednesday from 6:15 – 7pm and cost €4.



## Outdoor Bootcamp

Lourdes Stadium Outdoor Bootcamp started on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September. It runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-6pm. All participants have been putting in a huge effort, making great improvements and having plenty of laughs during bootcamp games and team challenges!



## Buggy Buddies

Buggy Buddies 6 week exercise programme for parents, carers or guardians of babies/toddlers continues in the Lourdes Stadium every Wednesday at the new time of 12:30-1:15pm.



## Walktober

In conjunction with Smarter Travel the Louth Sports Unit have coordinated this year's Walktober challenge. Walktober is a fun and free annual step challenge to help build team spirit and encourage colleagues to stick on their shoes and get walking. It is a great way to encourage a regular walking routine while encouraging long-term physical activity. There are four teams in total taking part from within Louth County Council and two of those teams are from the Sports Unit. They have been competing throughout the month against over 1350 groups, increasing their steps to try and get higher up the Walktober leaderboard. Final results will be announced on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



## Louth Local Sports Partnership

### Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes

Louth Local Sports Partnership will be facilitating the following Volunteer & Coach Education workshops in the coming months for volunteers and sports coaches in Louth

| Activity                                        | Date & Time                      | Venue  |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Coaching Teenage Girls in Sport                 | November 9 <sup>th</sup> 6 30pm  | Online |
| Introduction to Garda Vetting                   | November 10 <sup>th</sup> 7 00pm | Online |
| Autism in Sport                                 | November 15 <sup>th</sup> 6 30pm | Online |
| Safeguarding Level 1                            | November 17 <sup>th</sup> 6 30pm | Online |
| Volunteer Support, Retention & Recognition      | November 24 <sup>th</sup> 7 00pm | Online |
| Dealing with Difficult Behaviour as a volunteer | December 8 <sup>th</sup> 7 00pm  | Online |
| Safeguarding Level 1                            | December 8 <sup>th</sup> 6 30pm  | Online |

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

### Coaching Children Workshop Series

Louth Local Sports Partnership in conjunction with Sport Ireland Coaching is delighted to launch a series of 'Coaching Children Workshops' in November and December 2022 to support coaches to deliver high quality sport and physical activity sessions to children.

Sport Ireland Coaching has developed four modules, specifically to provide candidates with a basic understanding of children's sport and physical activity and the best ways to optimise children's enjoyment, participation and positive outcomes in sport. The concepts of physical literacy and holistic development run throughout the series of workshops and will be covered in detail. The workshops will be delivered by tutors from Sport Ireland Coaching and resources will be provided to all coaches after each workshop to support on-going learning and development.

### Workshop details:

#### **Workshop 1 Wednesday November 23rd 6 30pm – 9 30pm (ONLINE):**

Coaching Children Successfully in Sport - An Introduction for Coaches

#### **Workshop 2 Wednesday November 30th 6 30pm – 9 30pm (ONLINE):**

Child-Centered Coaching - Understanding Child Development & Learning and its Impact on How We Coach

#### **Workshop 3 & 4 Sunday December 4th 10 00am – 4 00pm Dundalk Sports Centre:**

Developing Physical Literacy through Sport 1 - Coaching Children to Move

Developing Physical Literacy through Sport 2 - Coaching Children to Think

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



### Drumcar Ukrainian Residents Cycling Initiative

Louth LSP in conjunction with staff in Dundalk Sports Centre is delighted to support Ukrainian residents living in Drumcar to be physically active by providing 42 adult and children's bikes, helmets, and locks. The refurbished bikes were provided by the Cycle Centre in Dundalk. Bike shelters have also been erected by Louth Council County on the grounds of Drumcar to ensure that the bikes can be safely stored on site.

The residents will use the bikes on site in Drumcar for exercise, but also as a means of active travel within the community in Dromiskin and Tallanstown.



*Drumcar Ukrainian Residents Cycling Initiative*

## Sport Ireland Partnerships Manager visits Louth LSP

Louth LSP was delighted to welcome The Louth LSP team was delighted to welcome Sport Ireland Partnerships Manager, Oisín Foley to our offices in Dundalk Sports Centre in October to view our physical activity opportunities for older adults and adults with an intellectual disability.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with Oisín and his team in Sport Ireland in the months ahead.

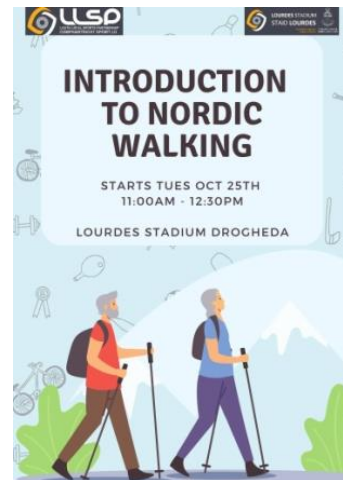


*Odhrán Doherty, Louth LSP with Sport Ireland Partnerships Manager, Oisín Foley*

## Nordic Walking Programme Drogheda

Louth Local Sports Partnerships in conjunction with Boyne Nordic Walks are running an 8 week introduction to Nordic Walking programme at the Lourdes Stadium Drogheda starting on October 25<sup>th</sup> in Lourdes Stadium, Drogheda. Nordic Walking can be defined as a form of outdoor physical activity involving walking with the use of poles that have been specially adapted from cross country skiing. The main goal of using the poles is to involve muscles, which are not used during normal walking. This enables the performance of high intensity exercising with a relatively low level of perceived exertion.

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



## Women's Winter Social Soccer Programme

Louth LSP will be delivering a 7 Week Women's Social Soccer every Monday evening 8pm - 9pm from November 7th to December 19th at DKIT Sport Indoor pitches in Dundalk. This programme is for women who do not currently play competitive Soccer at club level, and for women who want to enjoy some exercise in a fun and relaxed environment.

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



## Introduction to Basketball Coaching Course

Louth LSP was delighted to support 24 volunteers from Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club to attain their 'Introduction to Basketball' Coaching award in October through Basketball Ireland. The coaches will now use their qualification to support the coaching of the various teams and children within the club.



*Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club attending the 'Introduction to Basketball' Coaching award*

## Children's Learn to Cycle Programme

Louth LSP will be delivering a Children's Learn to Cycle Programme for 6 weeks in Dundalk Sports Centre, starting on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>. This programme offers participants the opportunity to learn to cycle in a fun and safe environment.

The programme is delivered by a qualified Cycling Ireland instructor and children will learn how to mount and dismount while keeping control of their bike will be guided on optimal position (seated,

body, arms, legs and head) and will progress, in turn, towards moving without pedals, starting, balancing, pedalling and stopping, the core bike handling skills. For further information please email [louthlsp@louthcoco.ie](mailto:louthlsp@louthcoco.ie) or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318



## Older Adults PALS Workshops – Termonfeckin

Louth Local Sports Partnership is delighted to launch PALS (Physical Activity Leaders) workshops in partnership with Age & Opportunity for community leaders to support older adults in communities in Co Louth to be physically active. The programme will begin on Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> in St Fechin's GAA Club, Termonfeckin.

PALS is an initiative which trains older people how to lead sport and activity sessions in their local groups and communities. Attendees will complete nine different workshops (five hours each) and engage in both practical and theory work to ensure they receive all the knowledge and skills to lead their local group in physical activity.

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

## **Waste Management, Environment & Climate Action**

### **Waste Enforcement**

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

| <b>Complaint Type</b> | <b>October 2022</b> | <b>In 2022</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Air & Noise           | 3                   | 91             |
| Farm                  | 2                   | 29             |
| Waste/C&D             | 18                  | 186            |
| Water Quality         | 4                   | 70             |

A total of 27 complaints were received in the month of October 2022. Bringing the total number of complaints in 2022 so far, to 403. 14 complaints have been resolved and 13 remain open, pending further investigations.

### **Waste Facility Permits & 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.

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 & demolition waste and the reception and storage of waste.

One review Waste facility permit application is currently being examined in October 2022. Currently there are 25 Waste Facility Permits and 5 Certificates of registration in operation in Louth

### **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 are 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 was made available in Louth during the month of May. Bring-centre dates and locations for 2022 are available on IFFPG website. Farm plastic inspections were conducted on a number of premises in Co. Louth in July 2022 with the assistance of IFFPG. Full compliance was noted in our inspections.

### **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. All ADI claims were submitted to Department for approval.

A Grant of €80,500 was received, which is an 83% reduction from the Grant received 2 years ago and 36% reduction from the 2021 Grant. A total spend of €80,463.50 was submitted for approval.

A total of four projects were completed as part of this year's ADI Initiatives which include:

1. Mattress & sofa amnesty event – Dundalk V&W civic amenity centre.
2. Mattress & sofa amnesty event – Drogheda V&W civic amenity centre.
3. Dundalk Summer Clean-Up project.
4. Hoey's Lane Community Garden Clean-Up – Dundalk which includes the clearing of waste and removal of derelict sheds.
5. The Hoey's Lane Community Garden Clean-up was completed in October 2022 and includes the removal of derelict sheds, clearing rubbish and overgrown vegetation and landscaping the area.

The Hoey's Lane Community Garden Clean-up is ongoing which includes the removal of derelict sheds and clearing of rubbish in the area.



*Before photos of Hoey's Lane Community Garden clean-up*





*After photos of Hoeyes Lane Community Garden clean-up*

## C&D Waste

The EPA published Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Waste Projects in 2021. Waste Enforcement Officers are required to complete both desktop and site-based inspections of construction and demolition projects in Co. Louth to ensure compliance with the relevant Regulations including enforcement actions where necessary. As part of site inspections, Waste Enforcement Officers ensure that waste is being managed appropriately and that any export or import of waste on site is collected by an authorised waste collector and destined to authorised facilities. Information in relation to unauthorised sites or illegal collectors can be forward to [info@louthcoco.ie](mailto:info@louthcoco.ie).

## Litter Enforcement

A total of 19 fixed penalty notices (FPNs) were issued in the month of October. Of these, 8 were issued in the Dundalk urban area, 3 in Drogheda urban area and 8 in the remaining County wide area. There was 1 notice issued for dog fouling in October. There have been 1337 investigations in the year to date with 83 carried out in the month of October. There have been 293 FPNs issued in the year to date, 9 of which were for Dog Fouling.

## Diesel Laundering Waste

6 IBC's were located in the month of October 2022 with an approximate disposal cost of €7,488.92. So far in 2022 there has been 233 IBCs *located with a cumulative cost of €295, 850.84.*



*IBC's located by Louth County Council*

## 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 the 1st January 2023.

From January 2022 to end of September 2022 a total of 91 Waste Disposal by Burning applications were received.

In October 2022 we received 8 applications bringing the total number of application in 2022 so far to 99.

## My Waste



When resources allow the MyWaste campaign will be looking to move to more focused 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.

After a number of recent reports around dumping in specific area, letters have been sent to residents. Recently a total of 150 reminder letters were issued to householders in three separate urban areas of Dundalk. A total of 95 replies have been received to date.



**Dumping recently reported to Louth County Council**



**Clean-Up by Louth County Council**

### **Air / Water / Noise Pollution**

There were 4 water pollution complaints received in October with four closed. One (1) Air Pollution complaints and two (2) Noise Pollution complaints were received during October 2022.

Louth County Council received a number of complaints and queries in September and October regarding diesel oil being discharged from a partially submerged dredger at Drogheda port. As the incident occurred at Drogheda Port the Port authority is the responsible body to ensure all

measures are being taken under the port oil pollution plan. However the council are overseeing the operation to ensure no environmental impact and are assisting where required. The vessel has been successfully repaired by divers. The next stages are the removal of any residual diesel from the vessel, removal of booms and ultimately prepare the vessel for towing to a scrap-yard in the UK using the appropriate authorisations from the Trans frontier Shipment Office based in Dublin. The council continue to liaise with the Port Authority and will continually monitor the incident. No impacts on water quality, fish and wildlife have been noted.



**Hebble & Sand vessel at Drogheda port**

### **Bathing Water**

The annual monitoring of the four designated beaches in Co Louth has been completed for 2022; the final sample was taken on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Results for all the beaches are available on [www.beaches.ie](http://www.beaches.ie).

The four beaches identified as designated bathing waters are Templetown, Port, Clogherhead and Seapoint. The public participation for the identification of new bathing waters ended on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2022. Three submissions were received and are currently being assessed. 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://airquality.ie/station/EPA-84>

## **Section 4 Discharge Licences**

A section 4 discharge licence is a licence issued under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 as amended to premises for the discharge of treated effluent to a high standard so that it will not impact the groundwater and/or surface water receiving water body. Currently in Louth there are 33 active Section 4 discharge licences. All licence holders must comply with licence conditions and submit regular monitoring results to the Council for assessment. The Council also carries out compliance monitoring on the licensed sites which includes compliance sampling and on-site inspections. Sampling and inspections of these sites is on schedule as per the 2022 inspection plan submitted to the EPA.

## **Water Framework/River Basin Management Plans**

The EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) is an important piece of environmental legislation which aims to improve our water quality. It applies to rivers, lakes, groundwater, estuaries and coastal waters. The Water Framework Directive was agreed by all individual EU member states in 2000, and its first cycle ran from 2009 – 2015.

The Directive runs in 6-year cycles, so the second cycle runs from 2016 – 2021 and the third cycle runs from 2022-2027. Rivers, lakes, estuaries, and coastal waters can be awarded one of five statuses: High, Good, Moderate, Poor & Bad. Groundwater has just two statuses – Good and Poor.

Having one framework for water quality for all 4,933 water bodies in Ireland, and all those in Europe, allows us to compare our results. By doing this, we can see what works, which helps us to make sure our entire surface and ground water achieves at least 'good' status, and no deterioration occurs. Ecological Status – Biological Quality Elements-

Ecological status for surface water bodies is primarily driven by the Biological Quality Elements (BQEs). These are: Fish, Aquatic flora, Macroinvertebrates and Phytoplankton

## **Supporting Ecological Status**

Standards for general physico-chemical parameters, specific pollutants and hydromorphology are set at levels in order that they are sufficient to support the status of the BQEs. Physico-chemical assessment looks at elements such as temperature and the level of nutrients, which support the biology. Hydromorphological quality looks at water flow, sediment composition and movement, continuity (in rivers) and the structure of physical habitat.

## **Chemical Status**

Chemical status is defined as either: 'Good' or 'failing to achieve good'. Chemical status is based on environmental quality standards for annual average and maximum allowable concentrations of certain Priority Substances.

## **Public Participation**

A key part of the Water Framework Directive is Article 14, which requires all member states to engage with the people who live, work and play in a catchment.

To do this, it is important to understand how local communities live in their catchments and use their water. Therefore, it is critical that local communities are involved in management and decision making related to protecting and, where necessary, improving their water resources.



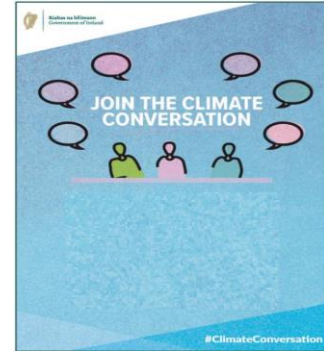
Louth County Council will be co-operating with LAWPRO and Dundalk Tidy Towns, who have been awarded a grant to progress an assessment of the Ramparts River in Dundalk employing a process-based approach which aims to reset / enhance the natural habitat template of a river, to achieve options which are sustainable and require minimal long-term management.

### **Landfills**

All monitoring and inspections required by the conditions of the three landfill licences have been completed and are up to-date and on schedule as per the RMCEI inspection plan. Work is currently on-going on historic landfills in the County including surveying and planning application of site at Carlingford, revised Tier 1 and Tier 2 assessment of site in Ardee and initial works at Bolies, Stabannon.

### **Climate Action**

The Climate Action Team have organised an art work competition for local primary school students across Louth, to celebrate Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) week from 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September. The winners will be announced later this month; the artwork will be on display in the local libraries.



The Climate Action Team intend to roll out short videos / photos / information segments on Climate Action at a local level to All Staff in LCC to help promote Climate Action engagement and education across our organisation.

Preparation of a Baseline Emissions Inventory for County Louth has been ongoing. The Climate Action Team have been collecting information on how much CO<sub>2</sub> is emitted by all business, buildings, houses, industry, transport / travel and agriculture in the county. This information will form the base for decision making when the preparation of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan for Louth commences later this year.

Members of the Climate Action Team recently attended the Accelerate to Net Zero Conference in Dublin which looked at approaches to a just transition for a greener, cleaner future.

As a requirement of the National Climate Action Plan, 2021, all Local Authorities are required to produce a County-level Climate Action plan. Louth County Council has begun preparation for this process which will formerly start in Q1 of 2023.

### **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 objectives 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.

Louth County Council have signed up as signatories to the EU Mission on Adaptation, this was announced on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at the R&I Research Days online webinar.



### V&W Circular Economy Project

V&W operate the Civic Amenity Site on behalf of Louth County Council. Part of their contract stipulates that they must carry out initiatives to foster the Circular Economy. V&W continue to progress a number of Climate Action initiatives, focused on the circular economy. V&W continue to supply Drogheda Men’s Sheds, with Organic Compost and Garden Tools for their work projects.



**Men’s Shed, Drogheda**

After the success of the “African Bicycle Appeal, V& W have officially launched “**Ukraine Appeal**”.

V&W have joined forces with a local bike repair business which fix and donate used bicycles for refugees from Ukraine, around the Dundalk area. V&W have allocated an area at the recycling centre to accept suitable bicycles from the public we grade, sort and organise delivery of these bikes.



**Ukraine Appeal, V&W Centre Dundalk**

## SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

### Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance

The Council’s energy efficiency at the end of 2021 was 47.84%, according to the latest report by SEAI, which we expect to be confirmed shortly in the issue of SEAI’s Annual Report for Public Sector Bodies.

### Energy Newsletter

As the winter months are fast approaching, focus on energy savings in the work place and the home is an important aspect in our day to day habits. The Energy Section issued an Energy Newsletter to all to inform them how we are transitioning to a low carbon organisation. Projects undertaken by the Council to help us in our transition, over the last 12 months, include the purchasing of new EVs, the installation of new Solar Panels in the Town Hall and Archives Buildings, A new Heat pump in County Hall and the Animal Compound.

The newsletter was also filled with really useful tips on how staff can reduce their own energy and save money during these times of rising energy costs.

## Heating Plan for Louth County Council's Public Buildings

Government directed recently on energy conservation in public buildings in Ireland, in line with recent requirements from the EU for member States. Accordingly, a Heat Plan document was prepared and issued to all staff to advise of the plan to improve energy efficiency in our buildings.

## Varcities H2020 Funded Project

Dundalk is a pilot city for this project. 3 Visionary Solutions are proposed as part of the EU Horizon 2020 Funded varcities project at the outdoor space at the County Library and Museum, Dundalk, known as 'The Dundalk Pilot'.

We are planning to host a stakeholder event on 24<sup>th</sup> November in the Co. Museum from 10am -12noon. All interested stakeholders are welcome to attend.



## Louth County Council's Energy Management System and ISO 50001:2018

The Council's Energy Management System (EnMS) is compliant with ISO 50,001; 2018. A 1-day surveillance energy audit is scheduled for 2nd December 2022, to confirm compliance with that.

## Significant Energy User Buildings

Improvements in our energy savings in Co. Hall remain constant, compared to our base year of

2016, with **18%** savings. Carbon emissions over the last twelve months have reduced by 16%. Energy consumption at Dundalk Town Hall has reduced by **34%** since 2014. The total annual unit consumption of energy has decreased from 864,783 kWh to 571,992 kWh. Energy savings at Dundalk Town Hall compared to 2014, is shown in the Power savings diagram below.



## Gap-To-Target Plan to 2030

Council staffs are progressing energy works as part of the Council's Energy Action Plan for 2022. Staffs are also 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. For European citizens and the EU, this higher ambition will mean cleaner air, better health and lower healthcare costs, new, sustainable and local jobs, more sustainable food, a lower energy import bill and more energy security, greener transport and more energy-efficient home.



## Better Energy Communities Grant 2022

Louth County Council has partnered with Dunleer Sustainable Energy Community for participation in their application for grant funding for energy projects in 2022. SEAI has indicated an intention to grant-fund the Council's energy projects and it is

expected that will be confirmed in early November. Once the decision on that is confirmed we intend to progress the procurement of new energy projects for 2022. The Council will have until end Q2 2023 to draw-down that grant funding.

## **Veterinary Services**

### **Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> October 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. The number of food safety inspections carried out by Louth County Council in the year to date is ninety three.

### **Control of Dogs**

Control of Dogs Act 1986

| <b>Dogs impounded October 2022</b>               |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Total dogs impounded</b>                      | <b>32</b> |
| <b>Seized under Section 16</b>                   | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Strays</b>                                    | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>Surrendered by owners</b>                     | <b>26</b> |
| <b>No dogs reclaimed by owners</b>               | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>No of dogs rehomed direct</b>                 | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups</b>      | <b>27</b> |
| <b>No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/10/2022</b> | <b>3</b>  |

| <b>Dog Licences October 2022</b>                                             |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>No of Licences sold</b>                                                   | <b>610</b> |
| <b>Licence Checks:</b>                                                       |            |
| <b>House calls</b>                                                           | <b>431</b> |
| <b>Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)</b> | <b>108</b> |
| <b>Fixed Penalty Notices</b>                                                 | <b>9</b>   |

### **Control of Horses**

Control of Horses Act 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

| <b>Horses impounded October 2022</b>                               |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Horses seized<br/>Reason for seizure: /<br/>Cúis na gabhála</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Horses reclaimed by owner</b>                                   | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Horses re-homed</b>                                             | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Horses disposed of</b>                                          | <b>0</b> |
| <b>No of horses on hand in Pound on 31/10/2022</b>                 | <b>0</b> |

**Dog Breeding Establishments (DBE)**  
Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

| <b>Dog Breeding Establishments October 2022</b>          |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Total no of registered DBE's in Louth, 31/10/2022</b> | <b>6</b> |
| <b>Hunt</b>                                              | <b>2</b> |
| <b>Boarding Kennels</b>                                  | <b>2</b> |
| <b>Training Kennels</b>                                  | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Welfare</b>                                           | <b>1</b> |



*Dogs impounded during October 2022*

## Social Development Forbairt Shóisialta

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, 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, 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 County Louth in the period 1<sup>st</sup> October – 25<sup>th</sup> October can be summarised as follows:

| <b>Presentations of October 2022</b>                                                   | <b>Ardee MD</b> | <b>Dundalk MD</b> | <b>Drogheda MD</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Number of Person who presented as Homeless                                             | 1               | 116               | 97                 | <b>214</b>   |
| Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility) | 1               | 86                | 70                 | <b>157</b>   |
| Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation                                            | 0               | 23                | 21                 | <b>45</b>    |
| Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation                                     | 0               | 4                 | 6                  | <b>10</b>    |
| Not eligible from outside county or non HRC                                            | 0               | 3                 | 0                  | <b>3</b>     |

The tables below reflects details for Louth for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022. This figure shows the number of adults accessing emergency accommodation during the above period.

**Table 1: Gender**

| <b>Gender</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------|--------------|
| Male          | 77           |
| Female        | 44           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>121</b>   |

**Table 2: Age Groups**

| <b>Age Group</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------|--------------|
| 18-24            | 19           |
| 25-44            | 67           |
| 45-64            | 28           |
| 65+              | 7            |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>121</b>   |

**Table 3: Accommodation Type**

| <b>Accommodation Type</b>                                                                   | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)                                                       | 45           |
| Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)                                                     | 83           |
| Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support) (TEA)                                       | 0            |
| Unique Total (note, clients may have accessed multiple accommodation types during the week) | 128          |
| Minus people accessing multiple accommodation types during the period                       | 7            |
| <b>Total unique individuals</b>                                                             | <b>121</b>   |

**Table 4: County**

| <b>County</b>   | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|
| County Louth    | 121          |
| County Monaghan | 6            |
| County Cavan    | 8            |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>135</b>   |

**Table 5 - Families with dependent children**

|                            | <b>No. of families with dependent children</b> | <b>No. of Individual Adults</b> | <b>No. of Dependents</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Individuals with dependent | 13                                             | 15                              | 28                       |

|                                          |           |           |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| children in Louth                        |           |           |           |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>13</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>28</b> |
| Couples with dependent children in Louth | 14        | 31        | 30        |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>14</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>30</b> |

### Housing First

|                                                   | Louth | Monaghan | Cavan | Total     |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|
| <b>Number of tenancies established</b>            | 31    | 02       | 07    | <b>40</b> |
| <b>Number of individuals currently in tenancy</b> | 26    | 01       | 07    | <b>34</b> |

### Housing Assistance Payment

The total number of applications in HAP is 3158

| Ardee Municipal District | Drogheda Borough District | Dundalk Municipal District | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| 306                      | 1182                      | 1670                       | 3158  |

### Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 - 2027

Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 -2027 aims to facilitate disabled people to live independently and further enable equal access for disabled people to housing with integrated services. The Strategy includes targets for social housing provision to disabled people, measures for strengthening inter-agency collaboration to facilitate provision of housing and related supports in an aligned manner, actions to facilitate disabled people to continue living in their own homes and communities.

In 2022 the target is to allocate 15% of all social

housing allocations to disabled people. At the end of the quarter 3, Louth County Council met this target as 16.7% of the overall allocations were made to disabled people. The housing allocations were made for the following types of disability; 8% physical disability, 1% sensory disability, 5% mental health disability and 3% intellectual disability.

The provided accommodation consisted of 19 single storey dwellings (5 wheelchair accessible and 14 adapted) 29 apartments (20 standard and 9 adapted) and 14 two-storey dwellings (13 standard and 1 adapted)

Regular meetings between the social workers of Louth County Council and the Adult Mental Health Services are held to coordinate housing and support services provision to people with mental health disability.

A Housing and Disability Steering Group (HDSG) is established in Louth County Council's Administrative Area and meets on a bi-monthly basis. The purpose of the HDSG is to support the delivery of the local Housing Strategy for Disabled

### 2022 Housing Allocations up to 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

| District         | LA         | LA Refusal | AHB        | AHB Refusal |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Ardee            | 11         | 4          | 23         | 3           |
| Drogheda         | 94         | 24         | 71         | 8           |
| Dundalk          | 83         | 15         | 128        | 15          |
| <b>Total YTD</b> | <b>188</b> | <b>43</b>  | <b>222</b> | <b>26</b>   |

### Transfers

| District         | Number    |
|------------------|-----------|
| Ardee            | 6         |
| Drogheda         | 13        |
| Dundalk          | 16        |
| <b>Total YTD</b> | <b>35</b> |

## Housing List

| October 2022              | Ardee      | Drogheda    | Dundalk     | Total       |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Housing List</b>       | 358        | 543         | 678         | 1579        |
| <b>HAP Transfer List</b>  | 306        | 1182        | 1670        | 3158        |
| <b>Total Housing List</b> | <b>664</b> | <b>1725</b> | <b>2348</b> | <b>4737</b> |

There are a total of **266** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **31** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

## Rent Management

The total number currently paying rent by Household Budget is **948**.

| Current Rents Arrears as at 28th October 2022 | No of Accounts | Value             |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Rents between 4-6 weeks old                   | 214            | €73,489           |
| Rents between 7-12 weeks old                  | 179            | €108,823          |
| Rents greater than 12 weeks old               | 802            | €2,720,194        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                  | <b>1195</b>    | <b>€2,902,506</b> |

|              |             |                   |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1195</b> | <b>€2,902,506</b> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|

## Improve the Rented Sector

| Description                              | 26 Oct 2022 | Year to Date |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| No. of properties inspected monthly      | 47          | 802          |
| No. Of advisory notes issued to landlord | 105         | 665          |
| No. Of improvement notices issued        | 3           | 48           |
| No. Of prohibition notices issued        | 0           | 4            |
| No of Rent Book Notices                  | 0           | 0            |

|                                         |    |     |
|-----------------------------------------|----|-----|
| issued                                  |    |     |
| Inspections (HAP)                       | 31 | 529 |
| Improvement Notices (HAP)               | 3  | 56  |
| Virtual Inspections Issued              | 0  | 0   |
| Private Inspections from complaints     | 0  | 5   |
| Hap From Complaints                     | 2  | 24  |
| Ras from Complaints                     | 0  | 0   |
| Re-Inspections HAP                      | 3  | 53  |
| Re-Inspections HAP achieving compliance | 1  | 33  |
| Re-Inspections RAS                      | 0  | 2   |
| Re-Inspections RAS achieving compliance | 0  | 0   |
| Approved Housing Body (AHB)             | 0  | 173 |
|                                         |    |     |
| LTL ( not included for payments)        | 0  | 12  |

## Vacant Properties

Currently **15** no. social units are being used as temporary accommodation for isolation or additional homeless need and are not included in the table below.

| Vacant Properties 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022                         | Total     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Ardee Municipal District                                                | 8         |
| Dundalk Municipal District                                              | 30        |
| Drogheda Municipal Borough District                                     | 41        |
| <b>Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties</b>                             | <b>79</b> |
| Vacant Properties (CPO units not yet ready for occupation) (All County) | 10        |
| <b>Total Number of Properties (Relets &amp; CPO)</b>                    | <b>89</b> |

## Maintenance Calls

| Maintenance                                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 | Total YTD |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| No. of Maintenance Requests Received             | 559                                        | 5205      |
| No. of Maintenance Requests Completed            | 471                                        | 4905      |
| No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress (August) | 49                                         | N/A       |
| No. of Maintenance Requests Refused              | 39                                         | 398       |

## 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 to 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

| Status                         | HOP        | HAG        | MAG       | Yearly Total |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Applications Completed 2021    | 174        | 119        | 39        | 332          |
| Applications rolling into 2022 | 101        | 363        | 166       | 630          |
| <b>New Applications YTD</b>    | <b>289</b> | <b>153</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>489</b>   |

## Estate Management

1<sup>st</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

| Description                   | Drogheda BD | Ardee MD | Dundalk MD | Monthly Total |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|------------|---------------|
| Tenancy Inspections Completed | 5           | 2        | 7          | 14            |
| Pre tenancy Training          | 5           | 2        | 11         | 18            |
| Tenancy Investigations Visits | 5           | 4        | 27         | 36            |
| Tenancy Investigations Remote | 0           | 0        | 13         | 13            |

## Anti Social Behaviour

1<sup>st</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

| Description        | Drogheda BD | Ardee MD | Dundalk MD | Monthly Total |
|--------------------|-------------|----------|------------|---------------|
| ASB Cases received | 8           | 0        | 6          | 14            |
| ASB Ongoing        | 6           | 1        | 9          | 16            |
| ASB Completed      | 10          | 0        | 9          | 19            |

| Description          | Drogheda BD | Ardee MD | Dundalk MD | Monthly Total |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|------------|---------------|
| Verbal Warning       | 1           | 0        | 2          | 3             |
| Written Warning      | 1           | 0        | 0          | 1             |
| Tenancy Notification | 0           | 0        | 3          | 3             |

## Climate Action

The newly revised **Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme** is now in the second 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 up scaling (from 'shallow' to 'deep retrofit') on what has been completed by local authorities to date.

The Council received an allocation of €3.654 million to retrofit a minimum of 105 properties in 2022.

## Capital Housing Delivery

New Housing Scheme - Doire Beag Phase 2,  
Collon, Co. Louth

Louth County Council Housing Capital Section recently commenced construction of 6 social housing units at the Doire Beag residential estate in Collon, Co. Louth. The units comprise 4 no. 3-bedroom terraced houses and 2 no. 3-bedroom bungalows. This development is scheduled to be completed in the second half of 2023.



*Foundations for new housing units – Doire Beag Phase 2C*



*Sub-Floor works for new housing units - Doire Beag Phase 2*

## SHIP DELIVERY

| 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                                    | Completed                     | 30/09/2022                            | 2no. * 2 bed, 4no. * 3 bed, 2no. * 4 bed, 6no. * 1 bed Apt & 8no. * 2 bed Apt.                     |
| Muirhevnamore, Dundalk Phase 1          | 1/1           | 11                                    | Stage 3 Approved              | 16/02/2024                            | 3no. * 2 bed & 8no. * 3 bed                                                                        |
| Boice Court (Phase 2 - 4)               | 1/1           | 72                                    | Stage 3 Approved              | 08/07/2024                            | 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 3 Approved              | 31/07/2024                            | 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 1 Approved              | 02/09/2024                            | 2no. * 2 bed Apt, 2no. * 2 bed, 2no. * 3 bed                                                       |
| Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda | 1/1           | 80                                    | PPP Bundle 5 Funding Approved | 30/06/2026                            | To be confirmed                                                                                    |
| Moneymore, Drogheda - Infill            | 1/1           | 1                                     | Funding Approved Single Stage | 27/10/2023                            | 1no. * 2 bed                                                                                       |
| Gort Uaine, Clogherhead - Infill        | 1/1           | 1                                     | Contract Awarded              | 29/09/2023                            | 1no. * 4 bed                                                                                       |
| School Lane, Dunleer - Infill           | 1/1           | 1                                     | Contract Awarded              | 29/09/2023                            | 1no. * 3 bed                                                                                       |
| Doire Beag, Collon, Co. Louth - Infill  | 1/1           | 6                                     | On-site                       | 24/11/2023                            | 6no. * 3 bed                                                                                       |
| Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda     | 1/4           | 11                                    | On-site                       | 31/12/2022                            | 11no. * 2 bed (3no. Part V of 11)                                                                  |

|                                     |     |    |           |            |                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|-----------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda | 2/4 | 6  | On-site   | 31/01/2023 | 3no. * 2 bed Apt, 3no. * 3 bed Apt. (1no. Part V of 6)                 |
| Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda | 3/4 | 6  | On-site   | 28/02/2023 | 3no. * 2 bed Apt, 3no. * 3 bed Apt. (1no. Part V of 6)                 |
| Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda | 4/4 | 22 | On-site   | 31/05/2023 | 11no. * 2 bed, 5no. * 2 bed Apt, 6no. * 3 bed Apt. (5no. Part V of 22) |
| Linenfield Ballymakenny             | 2/2 | 1  | On-site   | 31/10/2022 | 1no. * 2 bed                                                           |
| Listoke Avenue Ballymakenny         | 1/1 | 6  | Completed | 30/09/2022 | 6no. * 3 bed                                                           |
| Tullybrook, Slane Road, Drogheda    | 1/1 | 3  | On-site   | 30/11/2022 | 1no. * 3 bed, 2no. 2 bed.                                              |
| Cuirt Na Gcloch, Stoneylane, Ardee  | 1/1 | 14 | On-site   | 31/12/2022 | 14no. * 2 bed                                                          |
| Park Green, Coulter Place, Dundalk  | 1/1 | 24 | On-site   | 31/12/2022 | 24no. * 3 bed.                                                         |
| Rath Na Gloine, Dromiskin           | 1/1 | 1  | On-site   | 31/12/2022 | 1no. * 3 bed                                                           |
| Balfeddock Manor, Termonfeckin      | 1/1 | 8  | On-site   | 31/12/2022 | 1no. * 3 bed, 7no. 2 bed.                                              |

## CALF DELIVERY

| Project Name                         | Project Phase | Total Number of Social Units Expected | Project Status | Projected Substantial Completion Date | Unit Type                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk Tuath    | 3/4           | 13                                    | Completed      | 6/10/2022                             | 13no. *3 bed House                                                                  |
| Duiche Roden, Dundalk Cluid Housing  | 1/3           | 47                                    | On site        | 24/10/2022                            | 4no. * 2 bed Bungalow, 23no. *2 bed house, 18no. *3 bed house, 2no. *4 bed bungalow |
| Tierney Street, Ardee Circle Housing | 1/2           | 5                                     | On site        | 31/3/2023                             | 2no. *2 bed Bungalow, 1no. * 3 bed Bungalow, 2no. *3 bed semi detached              |
| Tierney Street, Ardee Circle Housing | 2/2           | 6                                     | On site        | 31/12/2023                            | 2no. *3 bed Bungalow, 1no. *3 bed semi detached & 3no. *2 bed terraced houses       |

|                                                    |     |    |                  |            |                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|----|------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Newfoundwell Road, Drogheda Cluid Housing          | 2/2 | 39 | On site          | 31/3/2023  | 12no.*1 bed apt & 27no.*2 bed apt                                                                                       |
| Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda Respond Housing | 1/3 | 40 | On site          | 30/6/2023  | 1no.*3 bed detached, 10no.*2 bed terraced, 14no.*3 bed semi detached & 15no.*3 bed terraced                             |
| Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda Respond Housing | 2/3 | 46 | On site          | 30/9/2023  | 13no.*2 bed terraced, 18no.*3 bed semi detached & 15no.*3 bed terraced                                                  |
| Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda Respond Housing | 3/3 | 47 | On site          | 31/12/2023 | 2no.*4 bed detached, 11no.*2 bed terraced, 1no.*3 bed detached, 22no.*3 bed semi detached & 11 no.*3 bed terraced       |
| Tullybrook, Drogheda Cluid Housing                 | 1/1 | 85 | On site          | 31/5/2023  | 8no.*2 bed apt, 7no.*2 bed duplex, 24no.*3 bed duplex, 22no.*3 bed terraced, 22no.*2 bed terraced & 2no.*4 bed terraced |
| Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk Tuath                  | 4/4 | 12 | Funding approved | 31/12/2023 | 12no.*3 bed house                                                                                                       |
| Dublin Road, Dundalk Respond Housing               | 1/2 | 49 | On site          | 30/6/2023  | 18no.*1 bed apt, 7no.*3 bed duplex, 5no.*3 bed terraced, 5no.*2 bed apt & 14.no*2 bed duplex                            |
| Duiche Roden, Dundalk Cluid Housing                | 2/3 | 24 | On site          | 30/1/2023  | 6no.*1 bed apt, 8no.*2 bed apt, 6no.*2 bed terraced & 4no.*3 bed terraced                                               |
| Donore Road Drogheda Cluid Housing                 | 1/1 | 66 | On site          | 30/9/2023  | 4 no.*1 bed apt, 54no.*2 bed apt & 8 no.*3 bed apt                                                                      |
| Bellewsbridge Dundalk Circle Housing               | 1/1 | 5  | On site          | 31/3/2023  | 3 no.*1 bed apt & 2 no.*2 bed apt                                                                                       |
| Duiche Roden, Dundalk Cluid Housing                | 3/3 | 59 | On site          | 1/8/2023   | 30no.*1 bed apt, 11no.*2 bed apt & 18no.*3 bed duplex                                                                   |
| Drybridge, Drogheda North & East Housing           | 1/1 | 16 | On site          | 31/3/2023  | 2no.*3 bed apt, 10no.*2 bed apt & 4 no.*1 bed apt                                                                       |
| Dublin Road, Dundalk Respond Housing               | 2/2 | 16 | On site          | 30/9/2023  | 9no.*1 bed apt, 2no.*3 bed apt, 1no.*2 bed duplex & 4no.1*bed semi                                                      |

## CAS DELIVERY

| Project Name                                | AHB                | Total Number of Social Units Expected | Project Status   | Projected Substantial Completion Date | Unit Type                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Four Winds, Mullacapple, Collon             | SJoG               | 1                                     | Complete         | 01/09/2022                            | 1 No 4 Bed House                                                     |
| Coulter Park, Dundalk,                      | Tuath              | 7                                     | Stage 3 Approved | 03/03/2024                            | 5 x No 2 Bed ambulant unit, 1 x No 2 Bed Communal unit, 1 x No 4 Bed |
| Riverwell Close, Dundalk, Co Louth          | Respond            | 1                                     | Stage 2 Approved | 30/07/2024                            | 1 No 4 Bed House                                                     |
| 10-16 The Alleys, St Peters Place, Drogheda | P McVerry          | 14                                    | Stage 2 Approved | 30/01/2024                            | 14 No Studio apartments                                              |
| Barrack Street, Dundalk, Co Louth           | Dublin Simon       | 30                                    | Stage 2 Approved | 15/01/2025                            | 19 No 1 Bed units<br>3 No accessible units<br>8 No Studio            |
| St John's Home, Peters Street, Drogheda     | North & East       | 4                                     | Stage 3 Approved | 30/01/2024                            | 4 x 1 Bed units                                                      |
| Kincora House, 1-2 Seatown                  | P McVerry          | 8                                     | Stage 1 approved | 30/01/2024                            | 8 No x 1 Bed apartments                                              |
| Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co Louth    | Womens Aid Dundalk | 12                                    | Stage 1 approved | 02/06/2024                            | No 5 x 1 bed<br>No 7 x 2 bed                                         |
| 3 Paradise Place                            | P McVerry          | 4                                     | Proposal         | 01/01/2024                            | 4 No x 1 Bed apartments                                              |

## Quality of Life

### Archives



*Archives Entrance Gate Sign*

### **Climate Change Adaption Strategy 2019-2024**

The County Archives supports Corporate Climate Action Goals. Operations are currently implementing energy upgrades to the Archives building including an air to water heat pump, 5 improvements to doors and several windows and low energy lighting to reduce energy use.

### **National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group**

The draft revisions for Community and for Library are in progress, while Environment and IT are 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.

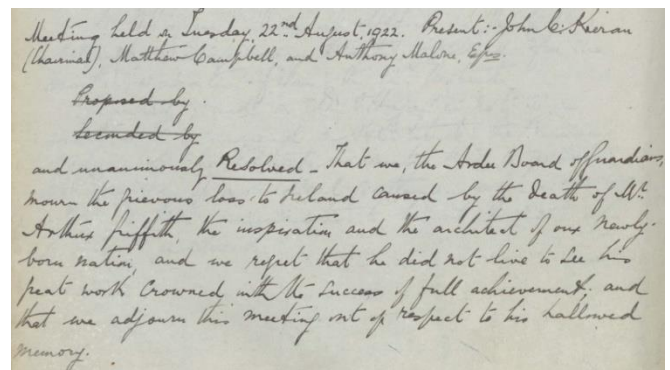
The Co Archivist assists staff on an ongoing basis with queries on the management of records and advises on the preparation of records both for destruction and for transfer to the Records Centre and the Co Archives. Much work is currently taking place in reviewing and appraising records for archives or destruction.

### **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 had been carried out with a HSF grant in 2021, while interior repair works carried out this year on the south gable wall are very near completion. This work included the removal of modern paint, fillings with lime based mortar and applications of lime-wash coatings to rooms and a natural lime based emulsion paint to the central wall. This work will address damp issues on the south gable wall.

### **Decade of Centenaries**

As part of the Louth County Council Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022, the digitisation of a quantity of Rural District Council and Board of Guardian minute books that support the 1921-1923 period has been completed as well as conservation treatment on a smaller quantity of volumes. Quality checking and preparation work for placing a public access copy online is now in progress. These records are a useful source on the workings and concerns of local government during this period. This project will improve the democratisation of access to records through the provision of free online public access to original archival sources. The Decade of Centenaries Programme is funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.



**Ardee Board of Guardians resolution on death of Arthur Griffith TD, President of Dáil Eireann, 22 Aug 1922, BG/ARD/MB/001/130**

## 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 are being monitored and reviewed by Facilities staff.

## Libraries



***My Open Library & Louth Library Service Digital Learning Spaces launch in Drogheda Library  
Left – Right; CE Joan Martin, Acting County Librarian  
Amanda Branigan, Director of Services Paddy Donnelly,  
Cllr. Paddy McQuillan and An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Conor  
Keelan cutting the ribbon.***

The My Open Library initiative in Drogheda Library and Louth Library Service Digital Learning Spaces were officially launched by An Cathaoirleach of Louth Council Conor Keelan on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 in Drogheda Library. MOL provides access to the library outside of staffed hours from 8am to 10pm seven days a week, 365 days of the year. for browsing, studying, using IT equipment or having a meeting. This follows the re-opening of MOL in Ardee. To avail of this service and register as a My Open Library member you will need to pop into Drogheda or Ardee Library for an induction led by staff. For more information, please contact Ardee Library at 041 685 9023 or Drogheda Library at 041 9876162.

To further enhance Louth Library Service all library branches have had a digital upgrade with new PC's and printing devices installed, an enhanced WiFi solution, interactive whiteboards, I-Macs and gaming equipment, as well as Surfbox self service printing.



**Helen Clinton inducting a borrower to the My Open Library service in Ardee Library.**

**Eduroam**



To add to our digital learning spaces, Louth Library Service has introduced Eduroam (education roaming) in partnership with HEAnet in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee Libraries. 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. DkIT and TU Dublin are the most prominent home institutions devices connect to, with other colleges such as TCD, UCD RCSI, DCU, IADT, UL and international institutions also featuring.



**Student using the Digital Space in Drogheda Library**

**Creative Ireland**



Phase 2 of the Fighting Words project, funded by Creative Ireland's Legacy Grants, continues in Drogheda Library.

Phase 1 saw participants from the various youth groups involved create a story and the second phase is about bringing the story to life in artistic form, be it song, art, a play etc.

The groups from Boomerang, Southside Project and Boyne Youth Project, are delighted to begin again and revisit their story and create a visual aspect to the many characters created.

This project is in partnership with Garda Anita O'Shea (Juvenile Liaison Officer, Drogheda), youth leaders and facilitators from Fighting Words.

**Library Housebound Service**

The Library Service continues to offer the Housebound Delivery Service to our elderly customers with over 453 deliveries made since January 2022.

**Housebound Book Delivery Service**

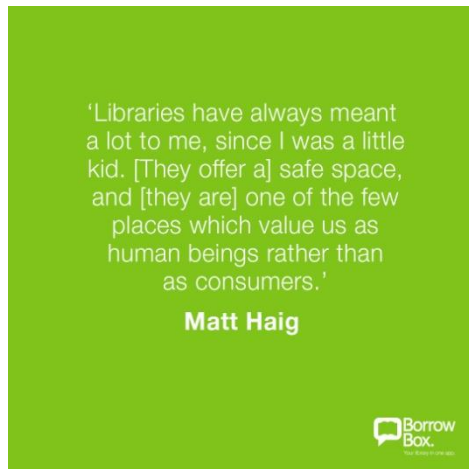
Louth Library Service is currently offering a Housebound book delivery service for those who require it

Anyone interested in having books delivered to their door on a long loan basis can contact their local branch

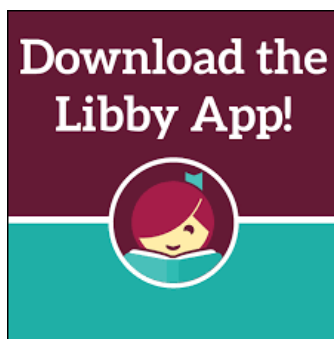
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 Drogheda Library 041-9876162  
 Carlingford Library 042-9324113

A collection of books will be put together based on your reading interests and will be delivered safely to your door

## eServices



There are a wide range of eServices available to library members, including free eBooks & eAudiobooks through Borrow Box. Louth Library Service has seen a 28% increase in users since March 2020.



In addition, free newspapers, magazines and Comic Books are available through Press Reader and Libby. Lastly, there is a host of courses with Universal Class and Transparent Language online. For more information on these services click [here](#)

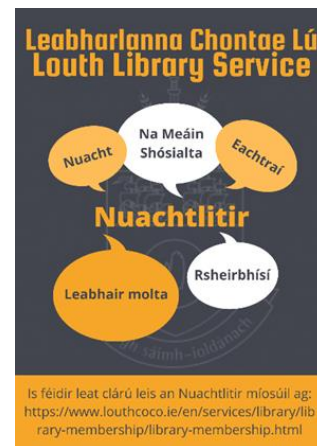
Monthly eServices demonstrations will continue in November in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee libraries. If you need any help with the range of eServices Louth Library Service provides, pop into Dundalk, Drogheda or Ardee libraries on these dates:

Dundalk Library: 25th November 11am-12noon  
Drogheda Library: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm-3.30pm  
Ardee Library: 24<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am-11.30am



A new beginner's English course for Ukrainian speakers is now available on Transparent Languages. The course has over 100+ hours of content and 187 basic vocabulary lessons covering everything from doctor's visits to grocery shopping. You can access the class here: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/online-services/> Contact your local library branch or email [Libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie](mailto:Libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie) if you need any assistance.

## Library Newsletter



The November 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 Service Information Leaflets Translated In Ukrainian



All Louth Library Service Information Leaflets have been translated into Ukrainian and are available in all of our branches. A welcome brochure, in Ukrainian, is also available branches and on our website. The brochure can be accessed here:

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

### Hublets

The Samsung Hublet station containing 6 Samsung tablets is now operational in Drogheda Library. This is a customized learning tool with Apps suitable for adults and children with additional or sensory needs. For more information contact Drogheda Library on 041 987 6162



## Borrower using the Hublets in Drogheda Library



## Healthy Ireland at your Library

**WHO DO WE TELL?  
HOW DO WE TELL?  
HOW DO WE MANAGE  
THE PROCESS?**

**When Your Child has a  
Neurodiverse Diagnosis**

presented by Fiona Hall MIACP,  
Counsellor and Psychotherapist

**Dundalk Library**

**Tuesday 1st of November at  
6:30pm**

The period following your child getting a diagnosis can be very emotional for parents and family members. There is a lot of decisions to be made and appointments to be scheduled as well as trying to emotionally process the diagnosis. The subject of "telling" often comes up, who should we tell and how do we break the news but keep the information private at the same time? This workshop looks at simple ways to approach these topics and provides practical advice and tips for parents, carers and family members.

Booking essential via Timify

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## Who Do We Tell? How Do We Tell? How Do We Manage the Process? When Your Child has a Neurodiverse Diagnosis

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This event will also be streamed online. To save your spot on Crowdcast please click here:  
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## Louth Science Festival 2022



Louth Science Festival, 7<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 is a fun, educational and exciting community festival, run by Louth Library Service and supported by Louth County Council and Science Foundation Ireland.

Since its inception in 2018, Louth Science Festival has seen the Library Service partner with local schools, educational facilities, organisations and community groups.

This year's festival – our biggest to date – seeks to develop these connections and build new ones. For 2022, we are continuing our work with Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT), Niamh Shaw, Youthreach, iCrag, Dublin Zoo and Met Éireann, as well as all of our local primary and secondary schools. Furthermore, we have developed new collaborations with ESB and Creative Spark Dundalk, which will lead to exciting specialised workshops and events, including mobile Fab Labs at each of our library branches. Complementing the activities in the Libraries, Creative Spark will host evening activities with guest speakers focused on implement science and technology in real applications. These events are aimed at an adult audience, professionals and SME's.

There is truly something for everyone at Louth Science Festival; from our youngest citizens to our oldest; for all interests and abilities.

Family Fun Days held throughout Louth as part of the festival will see the School of Irish Archaeology bring the 'Big Dig' to the 'Wee County', as well as visits from the Mobile Music School, Niamh Shaw, Anyone4Science and even a mobile Escape Room with BiOrbic!

Online events will be held in tandem with in-person events to ensure that anyone who wants to take part can do so. For the first year ever, Louth Science Festival will have its own dedicated website - [www.louthsciencefestival.ie](http://www.louthsciencefestival.ie) – where you can keep up to date with events, find your way to our library branches, or browse through videos, images and podcasts from previous Louth Science Festivals. For more information on Louth Science Festival, visit our website, email [info@louthsciencefestival.ie](mailto:info@louthsciencefestival.ie), or follow Louth Library Service on Facebook and Instagram.

## Sssh@The Library

**Shout out to Sssh!@The Library – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of November at 2pm**



from Parent & Toddler mornings to Fancy dress for Halloween.

For the past 9 months, award-winning science communicator (& Dundalk local) Dr Niamh Shaw has been chatting with a very special group of women. Brought together through Louth Library Service & the Genesis Programme they have been having wonderful conversations about the origins of our Universe, how stars are formed, chemistry of life, algebra geometry the magic of the number 9 and much, much more! Led by their curiosity these women want to share some of the topics they have learned along the way. To celebrate the end of their year together, family and friends join them to congratulate them on venturing forward and embracing their renewed thirst for knowledge.

A Sssh!@The Library event, created by Niamh Shaw in partnership with Louth, Kildare and South Dublin County Libraries, supported by ESERO Ireland and Science Foundation Ireland as part of their Discover Programme 2022.



**Mosney Right To Read Collaboration**



### Children's Book Festival 2022

Louth Library Service had a very enjoyable celebration for Children's Book Festival 2022 throughout October with over 30 events. Local authors such as Nicola Pierce and Ericka McGann met with school children and spoke about their love of reading and the joy of writing.

Altogether, Dundalk, Drogheda, Ardee, Dunleer and Carlingford welcomed over 900 attendees,



Louth Library Service in collaboration with Meath Library Service visited Mosney for a Children's

Book Festival event. Author Gillian Perdue of 'Conor's Cowboy Suit' held a storytelling and dance workshop for children.

Louth Library Service is collaborating with Meath Library Service on a joint literacy initiative aimed at those living in Mosney, as one of the actions under the Drogheda Implementation Plan.

### Summer Stars Winners 2022



Congratulations to all our 2022 Summer Stars Winners in Dundalk, Drogheda, Ardee, Carlingford & Dunleer. We hope you have lots of fun at Dublin Zoo.

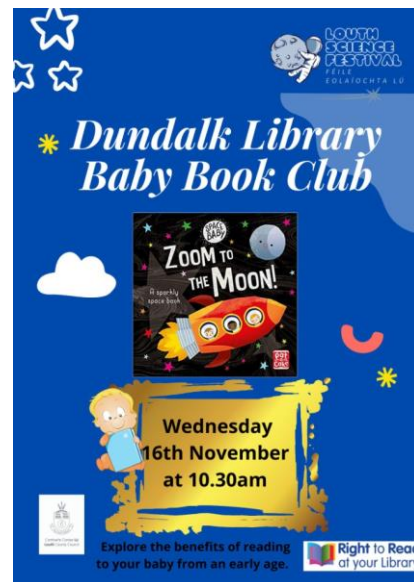


### Doodle Families

This new Family Literacy Programme is aimed at offering children and parents a space to engage with literacy in a fun way. The Programme focuses on the family's own experiences with sessions being tailored to suit the needs of the individual groups. One session is a dedicated library visit with children and parents.

Doodle Families has been delivered in several schools around the country, for November two DEIS schools in Drogheda have been chosen. Drogheda Library is delighted to welcome three classes and their parents & teachers to the library for Storytime and a library tour.

### Library Storytime's



### Dundalk Library Storytime's

- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of November at 10:30am for a Special Space themed Baby Book Club
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 3pm Louth Science Festival Space Themed Craft workshop

### Drogheda Library Storytime's

- 19<sup>th</sup> November – Crafts with Eileen & Eilish @10:30am – Booking essential please call Drogheda Library on 041 987 6162

- 26<sup>th</sup> November Storytime with Annemarie for ages 5-7 years old – Booking essential please call Drogheda Library on 041 987 6162

### Dunleer Library Storytime's

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November Louth Science Festival Space theme Tir na nÓg Playgroup.

### Parent & Toddler Mornings



*Toddler Morning in Dundalk Library*

- Every Thursday 10am-12pm in Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries
- Every Wednesday 10.30am-12.30pm 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.



*Baby Book Club in Dundalk Library*

### 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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## Louth County Council Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022

### Legacies of Bitterness and Reconciliation: The Irish Civil War



If you missed Dr. Eve Morrison talk on “Legacies of Bitterness and Reconciliation: The Irish Civil War” you can watch it back via the following link: [https://www.crowdcast.io/e/legacies-of-bitterness/register?utm\\_source=profile&utm\\_medium=profile\\_web&utm\\_campaign=profile](https://www.crowdcast.io/e/legacies-of-bitterness/register?utm_source=profile&utm_medium=profile_web&utm_campaign=profile)

### Other Events



### Magic Table Demonstrations in Drogheda Library.

Drop in to Drogheda Library during the festival on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of November from 3pm to 4pm for a demonstration of The Magic Table. This wonderful piece of equipment plays playful, interactive images onto tables and flat surfaces, providing an immersive, calming and engaging experience. Use the magic table to play the piano, listen to music, catch some fish or even do some colouring! No booking required, pop into Drogheda Library and a member of staff will be happy to help.

### Quiet Time at Drogheda Library

Lighting and noise in Drogheda Library will be reduced, and sensory-friendly toys and equipment will be provided to create a safe, welcoming and calm atmosphere. All welcome on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm - 7:30pm

### MOL & eServices Information Session

My Open Library is now in operation at Drogheda Library, providing self-service access to the library and its facilities 365 days a year. Join us in Drogheda library on 3<sup>rd</sup> of November at 3pm. To find out more about My Open Library as well as our full suite of online services, call into Drogheda library and a member of staff will be happy to help.


### Anne Mangan Seminar Drogheda Library

Drogheda Library will host a **free seminar** for parents of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> year secondary school students.



This seminar will be delivered by Anne Mangan a Career Development practitioner, Coach and Mentor, helping teenagers and young people gain clarity and confidence in making career and course decisions

Drogheda Library  
15th of November  
6pm - 7:30pm

To book a space contact  
Drogheda Library on: 041 987 6162



ANNE MANGAN | M.Clin.Ed. Dip.Coaching  
PGCert Career Development  
TEEN CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Anne Mangan will host a seminar for parents of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students in Drogheda Library on 15<sup>th</sup> of November from 6pm – 7:30pm. Anne will also host information sessions every Wednesday in October from 4.30pm-6.30pm in Drogheda Library. This "Drop In" Service will give the students using the study space in Drogheda library the opportunity to approach a Teen Career Development Coach to talk about their opportunities after school, be it researching CAO applications or focusing on exam work.

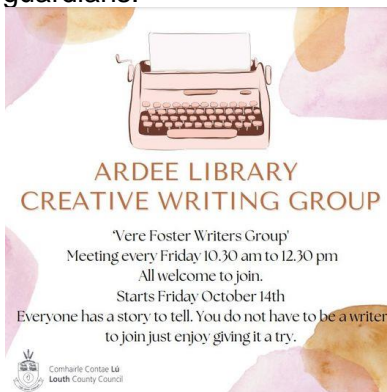


*Anne Mangan meeting parents of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year students in Drogheda Library*

### Louth County Childcare Drop-In Clinics



Louth County Childcare Committee will host drop-in clinics in Drogheda Library Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Ardee Library Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Dundalk Library Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The Drop In Clinic provides advice on Childcare, The National Childcare Scheme and AIM supports for parents or guardians.

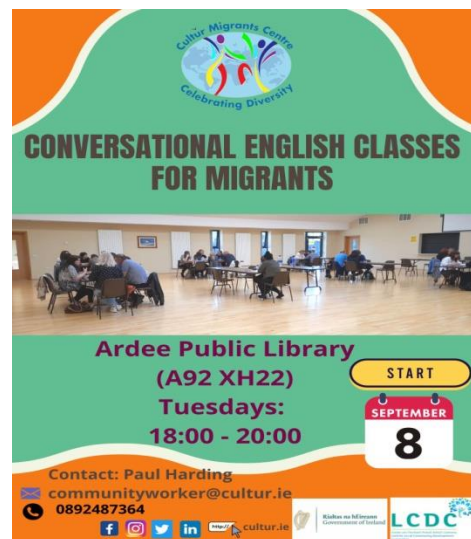


### 'Vere Foster' Writers Group in Ardee Library

Ardee Library welcomed the start of their newest group – The 'Vere Foster' Writer's Group; the group meets every Friday morning 10.30 am to 12.30 pm and welcomes all writing abilities.

Have you always fancied getting that story you have running around your head down on paper? Why not give it a go with the support of your peers at the Ardee Library 'Vere Foster' Writers Group. For more information, contact Ardee Library (041) 685 9023.

### English Language Learning in Ardee Library



Conversational English classes for migrants and refugees started in Ardee Library on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September and will continue every Tuesday between 6pm and 8pm - this class is lead by volunteer tutors. The classes are ideal for migrants who want to practice and learn more English. Classes are organised by Cultúr Migrants Centre. Please contact Angel at [angel@cultur.ie](mailto:angel@cultur.ie) or 0873315169 for further information.

### Migrant Women's Group Meetings in Ardee Library

A women's group for migrant and refugee women will meet every Tuesday morning from 11am to 1pm in Ardee Library. This is a safe space for migrant and refugee women and mothers, who

want to meet other people, establish social interactions and share common issues and concerns. This is facilitated by Cultúr Migrants Centre. If you are interested, please contact Viktoria or Angel at [angel@cultur.ie](mailto:angel@cultur.ie) or 0873315169. All welcome.

### Knitting & Crochet Group in Ardee Library



Louth Library Service is delighted to welcome our new Knitting & Crochet Group to Ardee Library, every Thursday at 2:30pm. For more information contact Ardee Library (041) 685 9023. No booking required, just pop along.



### Adult Literacy Group

Malta Access will meet in Drogheda Library for a 12 week workshop from 11:20 – 2:30pm every Friday. This workshop will develop reading and writing skills hosted by Drogheda LMETB.

### Bridge Class

Every Tuesday from 11-12pm, beginners Bridge Class will meet in Drogheda Library.



*Members of Drogheda Bridge Club*

### Drogheda Women's Refuge Outreach Service Information Session

Drogheda Library Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am-1pm

A representative from Drogheda Women's Refuge Outreach Service will hold an information session in Drogheda Library on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of October from 10.30am-1pm. The service offers practical and emotional support and options to those experiencing domestic violence.



### Age Action Computer Classes

This five week course with Age Action will take place on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm in Dundalk Library during November. The course

offers free one-to-one tuition for people over the age of 55 who have little or no computer experience. Drogheda library continues to welcome people over the age of 55 to age action classes every Thursday & Friday from 10:30-12:30 during November. To book email [gettingstarted@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettingstarted@ageaction.ie)

### Louth Library Primary Schools Service

The schools mobile is fully stocked and back on the road, ready to serve our local schools. All schools will receive a visit over the coming months and will be contacted in due course. Class sets/novels are also available to borrow throughout the school year. Teachers can also book a visit to the HQ Store in Dundalk from 3:30pm – 5pm Tuesday – Friday to view our full schools collection. Any enquiries regarding the schools service, please contact Orla on [orla.muckian@louthcoco.ie](mailto:orla.muckian@louthcoco.ie)



*Schools Mobile is ready to visit all the schools*

### Other News

### Sensory Library Service

#### Magic Table

Available in Ardee, Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries this facility is ideal for those with sensory difficulties, 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.



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. Drogheda and Dundalk Libraries Monday 6pm – 7pm, Ardee Library Saturday 10am – 11am



*Sensory area with dimmed lights*

### Arts

#### Local Live Performance Scheme

Phase 4 of Louth Local Live Performance Scheme came to a close following an impressive run of events throughout September and October. With over 18 live performances the events were widely received with a mix of live music events, along with outdoor street events at Abbey Lane in Drogheda and the Halloween Spooktacular theatre event in Anaverna House. The Live Performance Scheme has been an initiative of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media over the past 18 months to help the live performance industry in each county re establish itself post covid. The funding, which was managed through the arts office in Louth County Council, has supported over 250 artists, 30 tech crew, 10 marketing & PR staff and 15 production and management staff since the first phase in June 2021.



**Laoise Kelly & Tiarnan O Duinchinn performing in Oriol Gaol as part of the Local Live Performance events**

backgrounds could come together to work as a team, express themselves in a creative way and create something memorable for years to come. It was the first time many of them performed in public and the concert event to launch the album was held in Droichead Arts Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> October where they played to a full house!



**The young participants of It's a Drawda Thing took to the stage at Droichead Arts Centre to perform their new compositions.**

## Creative Ireland

**Lullaby Leaf** - This immersive theatre piece was researched and devised specifically for children with Downs Syndrome and children with complex needs. This 4 county collaborative project with the Culture teams in Louth, Monaghan, Meath and Cavan saw production company Ceol Connected devise this engaging piece of theatre. It was delivered in workshops to the children during a 3 day period in each of the 4 counties. The research phase was conducted back in May as part of the Cruinniú na nÓg preparations and the video footage of this research day can be found [here](#)

The 3 day workshops in Louth took place from 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October in Droichead Arts Centre and the families and children involved has a fantastic time with the parents saying it was both an emotional and rewarding experience.

**It's a Drawda Thing** - This album was a community project funded through our grant scheme this year. Young adults took part in a collective music project with the Boomerang Cafe and its recording studio. The students came together to collaborate, write and perform original pieces of music as well as record an album. The project started off with 6-8 participants and grew to double that within weeks as more students wanted to take part. This was a successful project which highlighted how young people from different

**AAEX Art and Sign** – Art As Exchange (AAEX) have been running a series of workshops using sign language so members of the deaf community can participate in learning how to paint and make ceramic art. This initiative was funded through our Creative Ireland Community Grants this year and has allowed a number of participants take part in workshops delivered in Dundalk and Drogheda at various times throughout the year. The workshops finished up in October and were well received by all who availed of them. Huge thanks to Irish Sign Language interpreter Leah Murray for facilitating at the workshops.



**Some of the artwork created on the Art and Sign Language workshops.**

## An Táin Arts Centre

**Basement Gallery** – The Dwell Exhibition launched on 13<sup>th</sup> October and runs until 12<sup>th</sup> November. The exhibition features works from several participants of the Artist in Residency programme in Creative Spark which is sponsored by the Arts Office of Louth County Council. There are works from the current panel of artists in residence along with some from previous years and it is well worth a visit. Details of the exhibition and gallery opening hours are [here](#)

## Droichead Arts Centre

The **Leanbh Festival** delivered a huge programme of events once again this year with the Kakatsitsi Master Drummers visiting several schools in the area to deliver workshops along with a live performance in the Arts Centre. Other events included the annual Spooks Parade and the Strongwomen Science show. The festival originated as a Creative Ireland Louth Project back in 2018 and is now run by Droichead with support and sponsorship from Flogas, Louth County Council. Much of the outreach events this year like those in the schools were funded through our legacy funding under the Creative Ireland Louth program.



*The Kakatsitsi Drummers at Marymount National School during one of their workshops.*

## Highlanes Gallery

**Brian Fay – The Most Recent Forever** – This survey exhibition of Brian's' drawing practice is being presented as part of a national tour in partnership with Limerick City Gallery of Art and Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre. It opened on 8<sup>th</sup> October and will run until 12<sup>th</sup> November. Brian's'

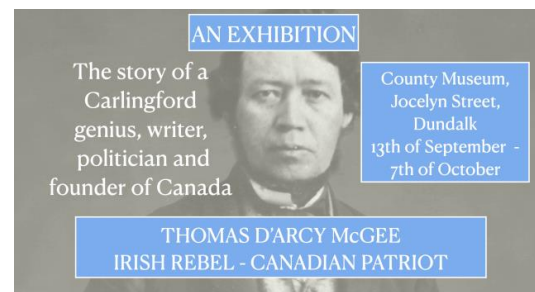
practice uses different representational strategies of drawing to record, depict and present models of time and temporality using pre-existing artefacts, objects and artworks to stand in for our own experiences of time. Details of the exhibition and gallery opening hours are [here](#)

This is Art Club! – RTE has launched a new search for young artists and art lovers aged between 10 & 18 to take part in Series 2 of their 'This is Art Club!' programme. Filmed at the National College of Art and Design the series explores the materials, techniques and methods that go into creating great works of art. Full details of who they are looking for can be found [here](#)

## Museum

### Exhibition

#### Thomas D'Arcy McGee Irish Rebel – Canadian Patriot



*The Thomas D'Arcy McGee exhibition*

The travelling exhibition on Carlingford's Thomas D'Arcy McGee runs until the end of this month at the Museum. Featuring a number of items owned by or associated with him (including his christening robe and his death hand) the exhibition chronicles his life and career.



**Gallery image of the Thomas D'Arcy McGee exhibition**



**Gallery image of the Thomas D'Arcy McGee exhibition**

Thus, a tour of the stores was organised for members of the Society's Officer Board. The morning proved to be a very interesting and rewarding one with the hope of developing projects in the coming years.

### Recent acquisitions

Two items of particular interest have been acquired over the month. The first is a model of the SS Dundalk. This was owned by a man in Limerick but whose parents came from Dundalk. Unfortunately, he died at the end of September but had wanted the model to be donated to the Museum.



**Model of the S.S. Dundalk**

### School visits

A welcome feature of the return to normality has been return of school groups visiting the Museum. Between requests for tours of the building and collection as well as some actual outreach we were able to renew relationships with:

- Dundevalgan NS
- Kilcurry NS
- St. Louis Secondary School Dundalk
- St. Louis Secondary School, Castleblayney.
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### Old Dundalk Society visit



**The Old Dundalk Society**

During the month the museum also welcomed its friends in the Old Dundalk Society. Given the long-standing relations between the two institutions we thought that it would be a great opportunity to showcase the manner in which the Museum holds its collection.

The second donation is a large cast iron cooking pot which was used in Carlingford during the Famine period.



**Cast Iron Famine Pot ca1850**