



Comhairle Contae **Lú**
Louth County Council

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

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Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 30th September 2022
Tuairisc Bainistíochta ag an bPríomhfheidhmeannach – 30 Meán 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 Motor Tax, 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 ná Mótarcháin, Seirbhísí Uisce, agus Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Chumarsáide

Bernie Woods
Director / Stiúrthóir



FINANCE

Expenditure to 30th September 2022 / Caiteachas go dtí 30ú Meán Fomhair 2022

Section/Rannóg	Actual Expenditure to/Caiteachas larbhír go dtí 30/09/2022	Budget Expenditure/ Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2022	% Spent to/ % Caite go 30/09/2022
Housing/Tithíocht	€28,124,870	€47,728,898	59%
Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht	€13,012,670	€26,126,012	50%
Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce	€5,384,920	€8,379,633	64%
Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha	€12,760,716	€17,331,075	74%
Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta	€12,490,266	€19,413,023	64%
Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste	€6,560,252	€9,615,255	68%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare/Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	€719,533	€1,203,454	60%
Miscellaneous/Ilghnéitheach	€6,020,283	€10,474,400	57%
	€85,073,510	€140,271,750	61%

Income to 30th September 2022 / Ioncam go 30ú Meán Fomhair 2022

Section/Rannóg	Actual Income to/ioncam larbhír go dtí 30/09/22	Budget Income/ioncam Buiséadaithe 2022	% Invoiced to/ % Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 30/09/22
Housing/Tithíocht	€27,437,653	€48,920,854	56%
Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht	€2,864,511	€16,718,183	17%
Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce	€4,674,326	€8,110,634	58%
Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha	€6,397,774	€10,250,958	62%
Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta	€1,423,074	€2,253,742	63%
Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste	€968,865	€1,043,293	93%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	€258,726	€479,424	54%
Miscellaneous/Ilghnéitheach	€4,897,947	€7,097,818	69%
Rates/Rátaí	€34,437,731	€35,030,647	98%
General Purpose Grant (LPT)/Deontas Ilfheidhmeach	€8,221,830	€9,866,198	83%
Provision for Debit Balance/Soláthar faoi Iarmhéid Dochair		€500,000	0%
	€91,582,437	€140,271,750	66%

The above is the current position as of the 30th September 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 30th September 2022 are as follows:

Debtors as of 30th September 2022/Féichiúnaithe mar atá 30ú Meán Fomhair 2022

	Opening Balance /Iarmhéid Tosaigh	Invoices/ Sonraisc	Receipts/ Fáltais	Write Offs/ Díscríobhanna	Closing Balance/ Iarmhéid Deiridh
Government Debtors/Féichiúnaithe Rialtais	€10,304,674	€54,351,090	(€55,974,626)	(€22)	€8,681,116
Other Local Authorities/Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile	€53,434	€596,223	(€563,618)	(€9,020)	€77,019
Rates/Rataí	€10,273,724	€34,437,731	(€27,899,987)	(€2,234,350)	€14,577,118
Rents/Cíosanna	€2,517,135	€10,290,358	(€10,287,792)	€146	€2,519,847
Loans/Iasachtal	€241,004	€1,416,668	(€1,417,370)	€8	€240,310
Development Levies/Tobhaigh Forbartha	€11,451,043	€4,178,535	(€2,819,120)	(€657,335)	€12,153,123
Fire Charges/Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin	€707,144	€426,144	(€316,341)	(€60,333)	€756,614
Miscellaneous/Ighnéitheach	€2,513,794	€9,063,730	(€8,807,066)	(€165,825)	€2,604,633
Total Debtors / Féichiúnaithe Iomlána	€38,061,952	€114,760,479	(€108,085,920)	(€3,126,731)	€41,609,780

Above are the debtor balances as of 30th September 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 21st of November directly following the normal monthly council meeting. The dates for the Municipal/ Borough District meetings to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan have been agreed for Monday 17th October 2022 with Ardee and Dundalk meetings to be held before the monthly council meeting and Drogheda to be held directly following the council meeting.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. LCC continue to engage with the design team on relevant data gathering and site visits.

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.

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.

Greenhills Sewer Replacement Project/Tionscadal an Áthsholáthair Séarachais na nGlaschnoc

It is proposed that IW contractors will commence on site at the end of October 2022 and the project will be progressed into Q1 2023.

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 are scheduled to be progressed in October.

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 September.

Find & Fix / Aimsigh agus Deisigh

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

Water Scouring Programme 2022 / Clár Sciúrtha Uisce 2022

Louth County Council Crew undertook unidirectional network flushing in following areas of Dundalk in September: Tom Bellew Avenue, Ashbrook, Garry Bawn and Bay Estate.

Network Maintenance / Cothabháil Líonra

53 essential water tasks were carried out in September including 16 arising out of our Find and Fix program (4 in Blackrock, 5 in Dundalk, 1 in Ardee, 1 in Collon, 2 in Cooley, 1 in Carlingford, and 2 in Drogheda)

Planning & Water Connections / Pleanáil agus Ceangail Uisce

The Networks Section processed 22 new connections, 10 Pre-Connection Enquiries and 44 Planning Applications in September.

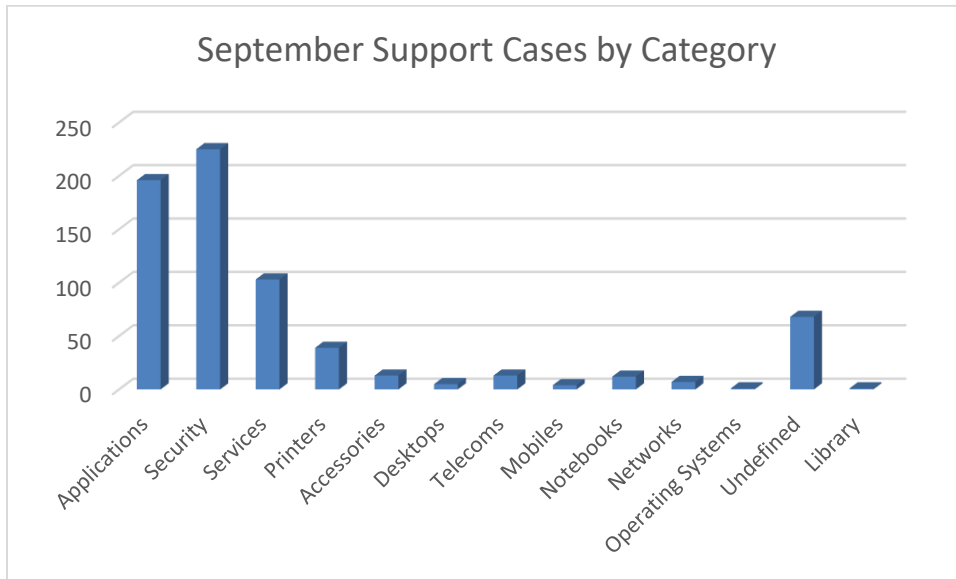
Service Maps / Léarscáileanna Seirbhíse

The Networks Section prepared no Service Maps in September.

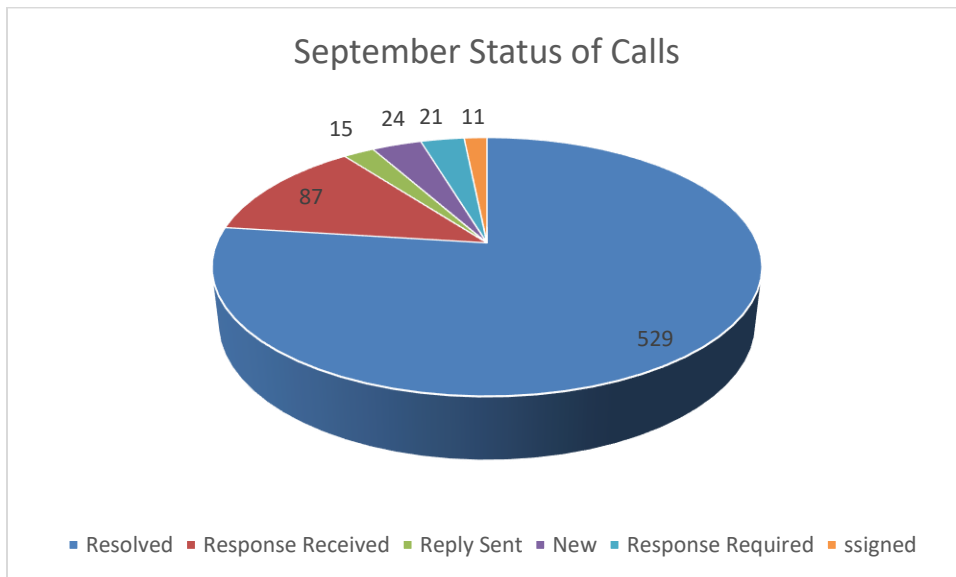
Information Technology Section

Helpdesk

During the month of September there were 687 support calls logged in the IT support system.



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



The IT Support Team facilitated approximately 25 staff moves during the month of September.

E-Mail Filtering System

Louth 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 37.15% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.



Inbound Emails

165,812



Blocked Sender

1,429



Blocked at gateway

32,867



Blocked by spam /virus

26,647



Blocked by content rules

650

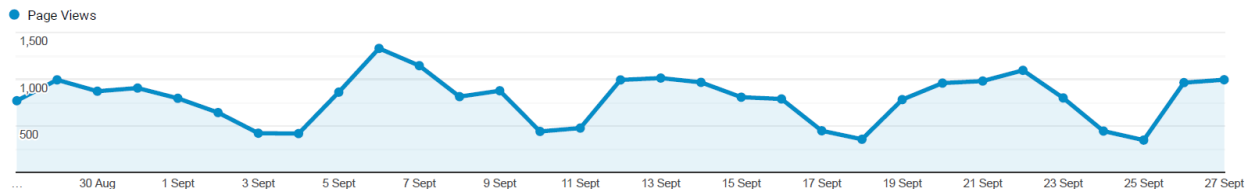


Potentially harmful emails

37.15%

Louth County Council Website

There was increase in the number of Page Views on www.louthcoco.ie in September with 24,514 views between 28 August and 27th September, up from 21,471 between the 28th of July and 27th August 2022.



As with previous months, the Online Planning Maps, the Dog Pound, Vacancies were the most visited pages on the website.

Page	Page Views
	24,514 % of Total: 100.00% (24,514)
1. /en/	2,945 (12.01%)
2. /en/services/planning/online-planning-maps/	2,012 (8.21%)
3. /en/services/dog-pound/	1,197 (4.88%)
4. /en/louth_county_council/vacancies/	827 (3.37%)
5. /en/home/	615 (2.51%)
6. /en/services/	484 (1.97%)
7. /en/services/library/online-services/	425 (1.73%)
8. /en/services/library/	419 (1.71%)
9. /en/services/housing/	389 (1.59%)
10. /en/services/planning/	357 (1.46%)

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.

There was an increase in the usage of The Planning Map viewer in September compared to August. They were 4, 446 views in September, an average of 153 views a day, up from 72 views a day in August.



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 Stiúrtóireacht 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 / Stiúrtóir**



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 Louth Economic Forum met on the 22nd September. Updates were given from the Chairs of the Foreign Direct Investment, Tourism & Heritage and Education & Training Groups together with an update on the revamped M1 Corridor website which has gone live at: www.m1corridor.ie.

The next meeting will take place on the 22nd November.

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2022

To date this year, 24 applications have been received. The deadline for receipt of applications was 30th September, 2022.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2022

An information evening was held in the Granvue Hotel, Omeath in relation to the Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2022. Applications closed on Friday 30th September, 2022 and are currently being assessed.



Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2022 Display Map

Tourism

Visit Louth

sea louth together with Visit Louth had a stand at the National Ploughing Championships in September where everything there is to see and do in Co. Louth was promoted. It was a very successful event with continued footfall at the stand on all 3 days.



sea louth / Visit Louth stand at National Ploughing Championships

A raffle was held for a hamper worth €500 which included a selection of goods produced in Co. Louth together with an overnight stay sponsored by the Fairways Hotel. There were a total of 1,267 entries to the raffle and the winner has been chosen and notified.



Susan L. Murphy and Mary Carolan, Tourism Section

'sea louth'



Ireland AM on Virgin Media TV hosted a live outdoor broadcast with Deric Hartigan from Carlingford on 13th September in association with sea louth. There

was a boost in the supporters online following the broadcast. They also visited with one of our key producers 'Carlingford Oysters' and broadcast live from the middle of the Lough.



Susan L. Murphy, Tourism Section with Deric Hartigan, TV3 Weatherman in Carlingford

There were a total of 354 entries to the sea lough social media competition and the winner has been chosen and notified.

Destination Towns Capital Investment Programme

Tender responses for the Wayfinding Manufacture and the Installation and associated Public Realm Works have been evaluated and a letter of intent issued.

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

Lú – Festival of Light, Drogheda

Louth County Council received funding under Fáilte Ireland's 'Urban Animation Capital Investment Scheme'. This funding is being used to present 'Lú – Festival of Light' in Drogheda from 28th October until 5th November. It will shine a light on Drogheda's mythological past through a magical mix of lights, colour and sound as we bring some of our historic buildings and stories of yesteryear to life.

Funding Opportunities

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 29th September.

An application for a Night-time Economy Advisor for Drogheda has been submitted under the pilot scheme initiative. A decision is expected on same this month.

Boyne Valley Flavours

Centre of Food Culture Project

A workshop was held on 15th September supported by Fáilte Ireland to work on the next steps of the project which includes a soft launch of the Vision at the regional annual Samhain Festival in November.

Both Louth and Meath County Councils have agreed to fund the position of Project Manager for the Food Culture project; Meath County Council will do the recruitment process.

LEO Louth

COVID-19 Business Supports



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

Businesses seeking support from LEO Louth should email: 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.

New businesses can be included on the Louth online directory by emailing: 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 perspective.

Projects vary from assessing energy, water and waste costs, guidance with environmental management system, to the greening of the product or business to adapt to the changing market place. This programme will continue to be delivered throughout 2022.

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 3 no. consultants who have commenced engagements with our portfolio clients.

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

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

Business Training



September had 6 no. workshops delivered to 32 no. attendees. Workshops included Business Blogging, Filing your income tax return, Book Keeping for Small Business and a Start Your Own Business course.

Workshops for October include Start Your Own Business and Social Media for Small Business.

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

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

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.

18 no. businesses were appointed Mentors during the month of September.

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 September, 2 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

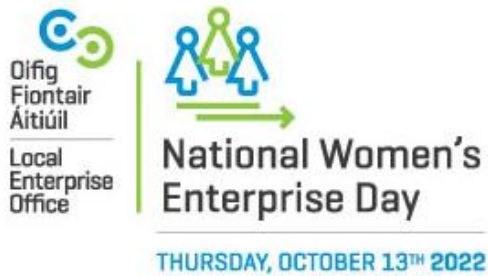


LEO Louth continues to offer the LEAN Programme to small businesses locally.

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.

National Women's Enterprise Day



LEO Louth and Meath will be holding a joint event on 13th October in City North Hotel to celebrate National Women's Enterprise Day. The event will welcome 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 is Miriam Simon a leading business strategist, Marita Collier of Drummond House Garlic, Sinéad Crowthers of Soothing Solutions and Lavina McGahon from the Thrive programme in DKIT. There has been considerable promotion in print, online and radio adverts and coverage. Sarah Mallon from the LEO Louth was interviewed on Dundalk FM with Sinéad Crowthers to promote the event and the event will also be promoted in an interview with Sinéad on LMFM.

Student Enterprise Programme



The Student Enterprise Programme has commenced for the 2022 - 2023 year. All 19 secondary schools in the county have now registered to take part this year.

Craft Sector

Showcase 2023 has been announced for January 2023 and LEO Louth is waiting for clarification on the number of stands that will be available in the Enterprise Area and will then seek expressions of interest.

Management Development Programmes for the Retail Sector

On 20th September, Louth businesses took part in the retail programme "e-Commerce and the Retailer".

Management Development Financial Capability Skills Programme

LEO Louth commenced its Financial Capability Skills Programme for owner / managers. The programme was designed to assist business owners to improve their understanding of their business' finances and to understand how financial information can be leveraged by a business in making strategic decisions. 12 no. Louth businesses are taking part. The programme is due to conclude in October.

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 and have each met on at least two occasions.

Drogheda Implementation Board Meeting

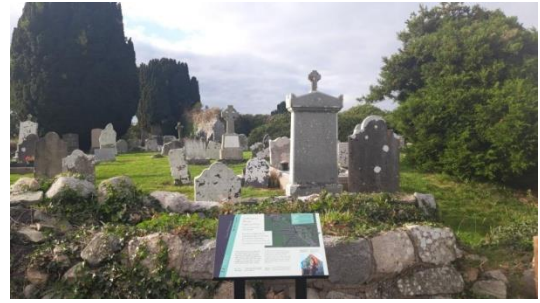
A meeting of the Drogheda Implementation Board Subgroup C for Employment, Business and Enterprise was held on 21st September.

You're the Business Digitalisation Event in Google

On 13th September, Wayne Macken and Sarah Mallon from LEO Louth attended the You're the Business digitalisation event hosted by Google in Dublin. This initiative is a collaboration between Google, Enterprise Ireland and the Local Enterprise Offices, all working towards the goal of helping small businesses across the country succeed with digital.

European Relations

Peace IV Programme



Interpretation Panel – Hill of Faughart

Project Updates – Shared Spaces and Services

St. Peter's Hill, Drogheda and The Muirhevnámór Community Centre, Dundalk

Work is progressing steadily at both sites with completion due for Q4 2022.

PEACE PLUS

The second Peace Plus Partnership meeting was held on 6th September, 2022. It was a positive and engaging meeting where members discussed their ideas for PEACEPLUS. The principles of co-design, which will underpin what will be the Louth PEACEPLUS Action Plan, were discussed and agreed.

Heritage

New interpretation panels erected at Castletown motte and the Hill of Faughart

Two new panels were erected at the first site and three at the latter. The project was a LEADER Co-operation project, led by the Louth Heritage Officer and the Tourism Officers of Cavan and Monaghan County Councils, acting on behalf of their counties' LCDCs. Monuments consent was obtained for all works, which were overseen by licensed archaeologists.



Interpretation Panels – Castletown Motte

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 (the Heritage Council also provided funding towards this last project, as well as the development of a new Heritage Plan for County Louth).

Another advertisement was placed on eTenders for quotations for a Heritage-led Regeneration study of the west end of Drogheda's Fair Street, funded by the Heritage Council's Historic Towns Initiative.

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 for barn owls and for the production of a video about Ardee Bog. The Heritage Officer provided leaflets and attended the wonderful 'Bog Cafe' event in Ardee over the 'Culture Night weekend'.

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire Service

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

- National Instructor course in Newbridge (attended by a Sub Officer)
- Hazardous Materials Instructor course in Midleton (attended by a Sub Officer)

- ESDS emergency driving course
- Instructor training for two officers on the Hydra Incident Command course in Clonmel
- Two Louth Compartment Fire Behaviour (CFB) Refresher courses in Hacketstown, Carlow



Louth CFB Course in Hacketstown

Dundalk Regional Fire Service Training Centre is busy with Louth Fire Service and external Fire Service courses scheduled between now and the end of the year. This includes Donegal Breathing Apparatus Refresher courses during September and other courses being run by Monaghan and Meath Fire Services. All of these courses have a Louth Fire Service local instructor.

The Fire Prevention Section met with Event Organisers for two music festivals, Fuinneamh in Bellurgan Park and Vantastival in Beaulieu Estate and the necessary crowd safety measures were agreed. These events were also inspected.

The Fire Prevention Section carried out night time inspections of holiday letting accommodation in Carlingford. Due to fire safety concerns, a Closure Notice was served in respect of four of these properties, which cannot reopen until all fire safety works are complete.

Inspections of all premises where dance licences were applied for were completed by the Fire Prevention Section and the necessary fire safety measures implemented. The Section also continues to assess buildings for conversion to short term and long term accommodation for Ukrainian refugees.

The design brief for the major improvement works to Dundalk Regional Fire Service Training Centre is drafted. A Quantity Surveyor inspected the site with a view to completing a summary cost plan and that is awaited. DHLGH approval for the procurement of a design team will be sought once this is completed.

The Fire Service is working with the Infrastructure Section on the tender process for a design team for Dunleer Fire Station. This process is complete and a design team is being selected. The Fire Service is continuing its negotiation with the owner of the new station site with a view to acquiring it. It is hopeful that this will conclude soon.

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

Louth County Council chairs the Major Emergency Regional Steering Group and Regional Working Group, with meetings of both committees taking place during September.

AGS are running training courses for On-Site Co-ordinators and Information Managers in the HSE Centre, Phoenix Park during November.

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

Building Control

The Building Control Officer attended the Q3 Eastern and Midlands Regional Building Control Meeting on 13th September and the CFO attended the National Building Steering meeting on 20th September.

Also during September, The Building Control Officer attended the CPD Day for Part L of the Building Regulations.

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

Civil Defence

Civil Defence provided medical cover at the following events:

- Electric Picnic
- Garda Tony Golden Cycle

Training for volunteers was provided as follows:

- Emergency Medical Technician Continual Professional Competence Training

- Emergency Medical Technician exams
- First Aid Responder training
- Routine weekly training

Planning

Development Management / Bainistíocht Forbartha

The Planning service indicators for Louth County Council for the month of August, 2022 are given below in tabular form. There were 82 planning applications received during the month of August of which 75 were valid. In addition there were 28 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 35 Pre-Planning Applications received.

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

(A) Description / Cur Síos	(B) Housing Developments / Forbairtí Tithíochta	(C) Individual Houses / Tithe Aonair	(D) Other applications-not requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT	(E) Other applications-requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth	(F) Total for all categories of development in County Area / Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae
(i) Number of applications determined / Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh	6	12	48	1	67
(ii) No. of decisions determined which required further information / Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais	4	8	16	1	29
(iii) Percentage of applications refused / Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	33.3% (2)	16.67% (2)	22.92% (11)	0% (0)	22.39% (15)
(iv) Number of appeals determined / Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh	1	0	0	0	1
(v) Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal / Céatadán	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)

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Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Development / Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Forbairt nár Údaraíodh

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

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh		Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh	
	August 2022 / Lúnasa 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo	August 2021 / Lúnasa 2021	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	27	182	26	223
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	200	40	198
Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh	16	145	27	164
Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh	0	8	1	4
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	4	0	4
Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí	0	0	1	4
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0	0	0

Planning Enforcement – Dangerous Structures / Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Déanmhais Chontúirteacha

The Planning Indicators listed below are in relation to Notices issued under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 for the period July to September, 2022.

Tá na Táscairí Pleanála thíos liostaithe bainteach le Fógraí a eisíodh faoin Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Seirbhísí Sláintíochta) 1964 sa tréimhse Iúil go Meán Fómhair, 2022.

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to Dangerous Structures/ Forfheidhmiú maidir le Déanmhais Contúirteacha	
	April - June Aibreán go Meitheamh 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Dangerous Structures files opened / Líon na gcomhad Déanmhais Contúirteach a osclaíodh	12	40
Number of Section 3 (1)(a) Notices – Directing Owner to carry out work / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (1)(a) – Ag Tabhairt ordú d’úinéir obair a dhéanamh	7	25
Number of Section 3 (2)(b) Notices – LCC carry out works / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (2)(b) – Obair le déanamh ag CCL	0	0
Number of Section 2 Notices – Dangerous Place / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 2 – Áit Chontúirteach	0	3
Number of Dangerous Structures entered on the DS Register	3	17
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na gcásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	7	16
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0
Number of Dangerous Structures Removed from the DS Register	0	17
Number of cases closed / Líon na gcásanna a dúnadh	10	42

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	
	September 2022 / Meán Fómhair 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	0	8
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	20
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	0	20
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

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Litter picks Dundalk Town Wide including all approach Roads, Dublin Road, Inner Relief, Ramparts, Centenary Road, Avenue Road, Hoeyes Lane, Tom Bellew Avenue, Fairgreen Road, Old Newry Road, Racecourse Road, Armagh Road, Castletown Road, Etc.• Cooley Isolated locations including Carrickcarnan, Templetown, Rockmarshall, Gyles Quay, Shillinghill and Whitestown.
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract works Dundalk• Cooley - Carlingford, Omeath, Gyles Quay, Templetown, Faughart, Greenore, Lordship.
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract works Dundalk• Cooley rural village sweep programming• Ballygoley

Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract works Dundalk. • Bins emptied in the Cooley area
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly by Park Operative in Dundalk. • Carried out by Water Safety Officer in Cooley
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily by Parks Operative. Repairs carried out by in house staff or contractor.

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>LS7076-0 – Rathcor LP3057-0, LS30812 & LS30613 in Glenmore At various Black Spot locations within the Area</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Ongoing works on the Ecco Road and in Oakland Park Overlays carried out in Greenacres, Greenacres Green and the rear of the shops in Greenacres</p>	<p>Road Repairs</p> <p>Road Repairs</p>

<p>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>Road gullies and pipelines cleaned along the front of the Four Seasons Hotel, R176 and the Ghan Road Road gullies and drainage pipeline installed on the Old Bellurgan Road. Old road gully lid replaced on the Doylesfort Road LP3084-44 Upper Jenkinstown & LP3081-0 Ballygolly - Outlets Cleaned</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Ongoing maintenance to Storm sewer network Town Wide</p>	<p>Drainage Installation and Upgrade Works</p> <p>Essential maintenance Jet Vac</p>
<p>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>None this month</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>None this month</p>	
<p>Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>Vegetation was cut back along the Greenway</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>L-17102 The Crescent R-215-18 Park Street L-2000-990 Coes Road R-176-6 Jocelyn street R-171-0 Anne Street L-20015-0 John Street L-20016 Market Square</p>	<p>Repairs and edge restoration</p>
<p>Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráichta</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>None this month.</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>R-177-3 St Helena</p>	<p>Vehicle Collision Repair Faults</p>

	<p>Castletown Rd Crowne Plaza</p> <p>Weekly maintenance of all Traffic Lights replacement bulbs (replacement LEDs), vandalism repairs, Etc.</p>	Ongoing Essential Maintenance
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>None this month</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>None this month</p>	
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>None this month</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Cleaning of Signs and Bollards on the approach roads Replaced large directional sign at junction of Racecourse Road and the R132 By Pass Replaced faded Yield Signs at Junction</p>	Essential Maintenance
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>Planned litter pick at Flagstaff where bags were collected. Litter pick at Carrickcarnan and Majors Hollow</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Castleross Woodlands Park Newry Road Riverside Walk Racecourse Road Ramparts and Car Parks</p>	<p>Dumped Household Waste, Mattresses, Furniture, Construction and Demolition waste. All areas are checked weekly and rubbish removed</p>

	Dublin Road Avenue Road Ardee Road Carrick Road Castletown Road Castleblaney Road Quay Street Point Road Inner Relief Road	Area in town that is a black spot every week is Williamsons Place
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	<u>Cooley</u> None this month. <u>Dundalk</u> Graffiti removed from the ring buoys and bins	



Installing of Geo Grid at Greenacres



New asphalt at Greenacres

Blackrock, Faughart and North Mid-Louth Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blackrock – 6 days/week• Knockbridge – once a week• Dromiskin – once a week• Tallanstown & Louth Village – once a week
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain

Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackrock (7No.) checked weekly • Annagassan (11No.) checked weekly
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Killanny, Louth Village, Castlebellingham – checked weekly • Blackrock – checked weekly

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	LP-1140 Chanonrock Inniskeen LP-3112 from Maghereagh Cross to County boundary LP-3167 Stephenstown Road Knockbridge LT-3125 Clonaleenaghan Hackballscross LT-3104-1 Carrickedmond Kilcurry LT-7114-1 Stumpa Hackballscross LS-7116 Ballybinaby Hackballscross R172 Blackrock LT71801 Monascrebe Faughart L-7100 Whitemill Faughart LS-7106 Lennonstown Kilcurry Chapel Pass Blackrock LS-7120 Shanmullagh Rd180 at Darver patched Rd181 Cuillenstown Rd170 and also patched Rd190 Newrath Rd210 Pepperstown	Road repairs and patching & cleaning up
	N/A	Tree pruning/vegetation maintenance/verge trimming
	N/A	

		Resurfacing/overlay works (by contract)
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	LS-7184 Green Road Haggardstown LS-7129 Donaghmore Kilkerry LP-3167 Stephenstown Road Knockbridge LS-7096 Monascrebe Faughart LP-3113 Shortstone Hackballscross R178 Chanonrock Carrick Road LS-7166 Cavanhill Knockbridge Clermont Manor Blackrock, Fane View Blackrock Clermont Road Haggardstown Rd168 Allardstown Rd195 Tallanstown – Springhill and on Rd197 Springhill – Charlestown R132 Dundalk – Castlebellingham	Drainage maintenance – cleansing and gully cleaning, opening outlets & storm drains, preparation for surface dressing
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	Fern Drive Louth Village	Clearing fallen trees & debris.
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán		Footpath renewal
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	R132 junction with Old Golf Links Road (Felda junction) & Xerox	Major repair works completed
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	N/A N/A	Renewal of junction markings Renewal of existing and provision of additional road markings
Signage / Comharthaíocht	All surfaced dressing locations - any damaged signage replaced/fixe	Cleansing/repair/replacement

	N/A	New signage
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	Cleaning up illegal dumping from Commons Road and the Green Road Dromiskin Tallanstown and Louth Village	Collection of dumped waste for disposal. Collection & disposal after community clean up
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	N/A	

Municipal District of Ardee

South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

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

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

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

Ardee Town River Dee

Salterstown

Port Beach

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

Maintenance and cleaning of Fairgreen and Dunleer parks and playgrounds complete with daily checks of the playground & exercise equipment at both locations.

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	L-2239-0 Mountaintown Dunleer L-5207-0 Churchtown L-5208-0 Stormanstown L-6269-0 Knockaleva Lane L-6223-0 Dunany down to beach L-2223 Johnstown L-52305-0 De La Salle Crescent Ardee LP-1233-7 Townspark L-6274 Gallstown Road L-6285-0 Galroostown	SLA RWP 2022 SLA RWP 2022 SLA RWP 2022
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	L-5207-0 Churchtown	
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha		

Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán		
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	Walshestown N.S. Main Street Ardee at Castle Collon Pedestrian Crossing Push Button R132 at Pedestrian Crossing Monasterboice	
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre		
Signage / Comharthaíocht	Text alert signs at Dunleer Bollards at LT 62181-0 Annagassan	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach		
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí		



Road Surfacing on the LS-6285-0 Galroostown



**Road Resurfacing on the LP-1233-7
Townspark Ardee with the N2**



Road Resurfacing on the LS-6274-0 Gallstown

Borough District of Drogheda

Drogheda Town Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair

Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí

- Steps and lane ways weekly 22 steps when resources allow and green areas.
- Hotspots on Monday – decided by Supervisor following inspection.
- 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. New Concrete bases constructed at Kings St and IDA Bring Bank Sites.
- 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 Town Centre streets.
- Painting of Public Street lights on Dublin Road, North Road and Trinity Street
- Painting of Grove Hill Gates and traffic light poles at the Bull Ring and St Marys Street
- Power washing of street signage on approach roads ongoing.
- New planters and bollards complete on Narrow West Street
- New Public lights on West Street commenced.

Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí

Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead
 Clogherhead Beach
 Port Beach
 Termonfeckin
 Baltray
 Seapoint Carpark

Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht

7 Daily
 8 Daily
 6 Daily
 6 Daily
 3 Daily
 3 Daily

- 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach roads in Drogheda town emptied twice a week. • Bin upgrade and maintenance ongoing and street furniture
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly. • Public Housing Estates, swept every 2 months. Private Housing estates swept every 3 months when resources allow. • Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by supervisor after checking Drogheda urban area. • Villages are swept once per month – i.e., Termonfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen & Tenure. • Drogheda town Boyne river walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday).
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / FolmhúAraidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty about 35 No. once a week, washed and disinfected
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 89 ring buoys checked each week Town area (Thursday) • 9 ring buoys checked each week at Rosehall (Friday)

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

- Between 4 & 5 daily (4 playgrounds in Drogheda town, Skate park, adult exercise equipment). 3 Playgrounds in Drogheda rural area) and disinfected

Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
<p>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</p>	<p>L-6284-18 Ganderstown L-2278-0 Black Hall LS-6276-0 Baggotstown</p> <p>Drainage Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works have commenced Crosslanes / R132 – to improve surface water drainage on existing footpaths – investigation of existing drainage. <p>LCC’s crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement repairs West Street, St Marys Street, St Peters Street, St Laurence Street • Signage repairs at Town Centre. • Signage at Rowan Heights, Priest Lane. • Signage maintenance Town Centre Streets. • Painting Grove Hill Gate and Traffic light poles at Bull Ring and Marys Street / R132. • Painting of public lighting on North Road, Dublin Road and Trinity Street <p>Road Works Program – Resurfacing works at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marsh Road

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rowan Heights (commence 28/9/22) • Dublin Road (commence 5/10/22) • Stockwell Lane (commence 10/10/22) • Georges Street (commence 11/10/22) 	
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	<p>R132 at Gallstown Junction LP-2310- Ballymakenny Road LS-6276-0 Rinkinstown Blocked Gullies Clogherhead</p> <p>Annual Drogheda Gully cleaning programme ongoing</p> <p>Gully Cleaning at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drogheda Approach Roads commences 26/10/22 • Drogheda Housing Estates to commence mid October. 	
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha		
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Peters Street • St Laurence's Street • St Marys Street • Wheaton Hall • West Court • Willow Grove 	
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zebra Crossing at West Street 2. Bull Ring , Signal head & pole – RTA 3. James Street / Scotch Hall – Lights out 4. Trinity pedestrian crossing – Red lamp fail. 5. Wheaton Hall / R132 – vehicle presence detector failure. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reinstate signal head. 2. 22/09/22 – reinstate signal head and pole. 3. Power failure. 4. Reinstate lamp. 5. Reinstate detector. 6. Reinstate amber lamp. 7. Reinstate red lamp. 8. Reinstate pedestrian lamp. 9. Reinstate door - complete. 10. Electrical fault.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Dublin Road at Railway Station – vehicle lamp fail. 7. R132 / Cement Road – Vehicle phase lamp fail. 8. Patricks Street / R132 – Pedestrian phase lamp fail. 9. Trinity Street Pedestrian crossing – controller unit hit. 10. Pedestrian crossing at Ballsgrove – all lights out. 	
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	Road marking survey in progress.	Road marking survey in progress
Signage / Comharthaíocht		
Weed killing / Marú fiailí	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach Roads • Town Centre • Public Housing Estates. 	
Litterbin cleaning disinfecting / Díghalrú glantacháin boscaí bruscair	Dog Bin disinfecting complete on approach roads	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballsgrove Lanes • Bessexwell Lane • Riverbank Estate • Marsh Road • Dublin Road (R132) • Duleek Street • Town centre 	<p>Dumping investigated and Fixed Penalty Notices issued based on evidence found</p> <p>Early morning town inspections taking place. The purpose to identify business premises failing to comply with the waste</p>

		presentation act and the litter pollution act
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bessexwell Lane • Bachelors Lane • Constitution Hill • St Josephs Primary School • Scoil Aonghusa 	Areas identified and crews followed up by removal of graffiti



New Drainage installed at the junction of the R132 with the LS-6274-0 Gallstown Road

Physical Development

Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

A North South Ministerial Infrastructure Sub Group meeting was held on the 29th September

Engagement with DFI Infrastructure, Loughs Agency, NPW, etc. is ongoing in order to discharge the Conditions of Planning. Wind tunnel modelling is ongoing, both bathymetric / topographical surveys are complete.

Advanced works contract for a compensatory roost is complete, with demobilisation ongoing, water quality monitoring for these works will continue for a further 6 weeks. 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 9th of November. 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 9th December, 2022. The design team are engaging with the landowners throughout the process.

N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road Scheme

The N2 Project Team has substantially completed the necessary surveys/investigations, prepared an initial design of the proposed road, and is in a position to meet with directly affected landowners to present details of the initial road design and discuss the potential impact of the scheme. Feedback received will then be considered by the N2 Project Team before a design is finalised, and a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) are prepared to be submitted as part of the planning approval process.

Jacobs are in the process of contacting landowners, inviting them to a meeting with the project team. Meetings are scheduled to take place over a 5 week period, and commences in mid-September 2022. More information about the format of the landowner meetings was detailed to Elected Members in early September.

The N2 Project Team can be contacted by landowners and members of the public via the N2 Project Phonenumber 087 340 3786, or email: ArdeeCastleblayney@N2MonaghanLouth.ie

N52 Ardee Bypass

Part 8 planning has been passed by the Ardee MD on the 7th April.

A local environmental group were granted leave in the High Court for a Judicial Review against An Bord Pleanála (ABP) and the Boards directions to Louth County Council concerning the preparations of an EIAR and NIS. There will be a further hearing on October 11th, 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 19th August, 2022. The Letter of intent has been issued to the preferred Contractor.

N2 Collon Safety Scheme

Following TII design report approval a Road Safety Audit has been commissioned. Tenders have been received for Civil and M&E works and works are due to commence.

Port Access Northern Cross Route

Louth County Council entered into a licence agreement with the consortium with respect to the lands. A Notice to enter was issued by Louth County Council to the landowners affected by this phase of the project. The consortium has appointed a

contractor and work has commenced for the section of road R132 to the Ballymakenny Road including upgrades to the Ballymakenny Road 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.

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 identify sections of the route corridor where the greatest collision risk exists and these will form a basis of a phased improvement strategy for the route corridor. 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

LCC will now seek 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.

Louth County Council have received a date of the 26th October for an Oral Hearing in relation to the CPO from An Bord Pleanála, this Oral Hearing will be online.

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 23rd 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 is 8th August. Full details at https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/louth_county_council/la-test-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.



Representative from TII, WNRO and LCC at Dundalk Bay

LIHAF Projects

LIHAF Access Road at Newtown, Drogheda

Engaging with Department and Developer. Contract documents are substantially complete and ready for tender, subject to the Departments approval. The developer has submitted a planning application for 67 units in order to bring the quota of housing up to 200 units, currently we are waiting for that process to be completed.

LIHAF Mount Avenue Improvement

A tender assessment report has been completed and is currently being reviewed by Louth County Council. It is intended to issue this to the Department of Housing with a recommendation to award the contract to the most economically advantageous Tenderer.

Safety Improvement Works

Retrofit Fencing

A survey was carried out at various locations on the N51 & N53 in regards 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 have instructed Louth County Council to retender for a design team to bring the project forward. *Draft* documentation was sent to the TII and it is currently under review by TII for this scheme.

Specific Bridge Improvement Grants

Obelisk Bridge

Requested peer review by DTTAS is now completed. Final Tender documents are currently being reviewed by DTTAS prior to release to the Market. Funding of €800k was allocated by DTTAS to progress the scheme.

St. Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda

There is currently restricted foot traffic permitted on the bridge. Encapsulation system has been removed. Due to a quality control issue identified by the Project team, the pavement is now been re-laid. Paving works ongoing, works due to be completed by mid October.



Re-laid Paving on Port Side of the Bridge

- Drogheda – at Newtown Meadows, Newfoundwell Road (R166)
- Dundalk - Rathmount Estate, Seafield Road, Blackrock

Redevelopment Fair Street Offices, Drogheda

Main Contractor, Townlink Ltd. commenced work on site on 28th March, 2022. Works ongoing in Block C to strengthen the brickworks walls in order to bring structural stability to the building, once complete works will commence on dismantling the section of building which is unstable, scaffolding erected to progress this demolition.

The main piling is now completed and the piling rig has now moved off site, dynamic testing of the piles ongoing.



Removal of Spoil from Piling mat

Public Transport

NTA Bus Shelter Installation Programme 2021 – 2022

The NTA have, through discussions with Bus Operators, their bus shelter supplier, and a contractor has now commenced works in the 9 No site with works completed Marley's Lane & Newtown Meadows in Drogheda and in Ardee on the N2. Works have started in Blackrock. Works will continue through until mid November. Construction works will typically take two weeks at each location.

- Drogheda - Donore Road
- Dundalk - Red Barns Road opposite Lennonstown entrance
- Termonfeckin - Big Street at Credit Union
- Kilsaran - South of Standard Brands
- Drogheda - Rowen Heights, Marley's Lane - Southbound
- Ardee - N2 northbound opposite Monastery Church.
- Clogherhead – Fr. O'Donnell Park,

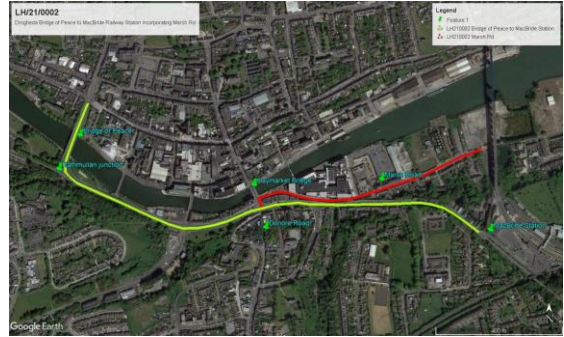


Scaffolding Erection at Block C to enable Demolition



Strip of plaster at window reveals and heads revealing extent of dry rot

October for approval to proceed to Phase 3 Preliminary Design.



Dunleer Fire Station

Tender Documents for design consultants were received on the 22nd of August with only 1 tender received. This tender will now be assessed and on completion of same a recommendation will be made. We are currently awaiting further information from the Tenderer.

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 a number of 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 the ongoing projects is as follows:

- St. Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda: as reported above
- Drogheda (R132), Bridge of Peace to Train Station (including Marsh Road): Phase 2 Gateway Report – “Concept Development and Options” will be submitted the NTA on the 1st of

- Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda: works ongoing (see PANCR above)
- Drogheda 2021 Active Travel Projects A number of Active Travel Projects in Drogheda Urban Centre, namely: Termonfeckin Road, Collon Road, Hill of Rath to Rosehall roundabouts, Rathmullan Road, Dublin Road and North Road, are amalgamated together in order to achieve economy of scale. These projects are currently at Phase 2 Gateway Report – “Concept Development and Options” and it's expected that these reports will be with the LA for submission of approval to the NTA in mid November for Approval to proceed to Preliminary Design. The Design Consultants RPS Group is progressing well with initial design and are currently surveying traffic, cyclist and pedestrian movements along the study routes.
- Drogheda: Boyne Business Park Link Road: as reported above
- R132 Inner Relief Road, Dundalk: Design Consultants, Barry Transportation Ltd, have completed Phase 2 Gateway Report – “Concept Development and Options” and it was submitted to the NTA on the 12th August 2022 and is currently been reviewed.



- Dublin Road, Dundalk – Design Consultants O’Connor Sutton Cronin (OCSC) are progressing with the development of the design. A Stage F Road Safety Audit has been completed and screening for Environmental Assessment is ongoing. Part 8 documentation are currently with the NTA for review.
- Ard Easmuinn Road to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk and Bus Station to Rail Station: The NTA approved Gateway 2 Report in August 2022 and we are now progressing well with Phase 3 Preliminary Design Option Development. It is anticipated that Phase 3 report will be with the LA end of October for submission to the NTA.



Proposed General Layout on McEntee Avenue

- Footpath Extensions / Links Package B: see Operations Report on Annagassan. Cherrybrook and Knockbridge: Works are now completed in Cherrybrook, Ardee, and contractor is now working at the footpaths in Knockbridge.
- R166 Termonfeckin footpath tenders received and procedures to award of contract to MEAT has been completed. Louth County Council are

waiting on contractors insurances in order to commence the works.

- **Transport / Mobility Plans:**
 - Drogheda and East Meath Transport Plan: Work on the Area Based Transport Assessment needs for Drogheda and East Meath is ongoing in conjunction with the NTA and Meath County Council. Traffic counts have been undertaken at key locations. The results of Stakeholder engagement and Public consultation (online survey) have been collated.
- **Dundalk Active Travel Bundle:** Additional Funding has been approved by NTA for the seven projects below to develop Design Proposals. A procurement exercise commenced on the 2nd September and the tender closing date for Design Consultants is Friday 30th September 2022.
 - R132 Dublin Road, Dundalk (from the Rank Xerox junction to Greengates) - New Cycle paths (2.4km)
 - R178 Carrickmacross Road, Dundalk - New cycle paths
 - New Pedestrian Crossings (two) on R132 Inner Relief Road, at Táin Bridge, Dundalk
 - Hoey’s Lane (from junction with Dublin Street to junction Naughton’s Close) - New cycle paths
 - Mill Street, Dundalk (from Inner Relief Road junction to Castle Road junction) - New Cycle path – 440m and upgrade of junctions
 - Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk - New Cycle paths
 - College Heights to Tom Bellew Avenue, Dundalk - New Pedestrian / Cycle path Link

Allocations for Works Contracts:

- Remedial works at various junctions in Dundalk Town Centre to improve accessibility, refer to Operations for progress.
- Moneymore, Drogheda – New Permeability footpaths to link to schools to residential areas.

Pathfinder Projects.

On 20 July 2022 the Minister for Transport, Mr. Eamon Ryan TD, wrote to each Local Authority

seeking submissions for 'pathfinder' projects related to the National Sustainable Mobility Policy (SMP).

On the 7th September, LCC, submitted two projects as Proposed Pathfinder Projects, namely...

- Rathmullan Rd & Marley's Lane, Drogheda.
- Dundalk Inner Relief Road, Dundalk.

Minister Eamon Ryan's Visit

On the 8th September 2022, Minister for Transport, Mr. Eamon Ryan TD, visited Louth County Council and met with members of the Executive and Councillors to hear about the Council's crucial role in delivering our Active Travel Networks & coordinating the delivery of the National Retrofit Scheme, with Louth already leading the way.



Minister Ryan's Visit

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, notification of which shall be advertised well in advance.

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.

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Project

RPS has commenced 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 needed to assist in the preparation of the hydraulic models for the Project have also been completed on site. Preparation of Tender Documents for 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.

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.

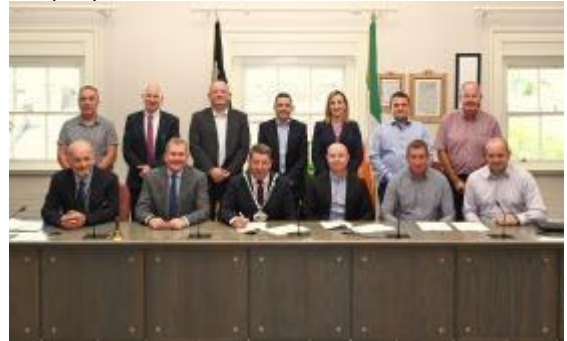
Coláiste Chú Chulainn and Park at Marshes Lower, Dundalk

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).



Contract Signing of PLEEP at Kilkenny Co. Council

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 RRDF

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 review of the external lighting is being completed. Discussions with the National Monuments Service (OPW) are ongoing in relation to the ministerial consent application allowing commencement of works.

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 detailed design and the preparation of the EIAR and AA Screening for Development consent application to An Bord Pleanála are progressing. Costings for implementation of the project are being prepared. The report into the Public Engagement Process has been uploaded onto the website: www.ardee2040.ie.

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects (URDF)

West Gate Vision (Drogheda)

Westgate Vision Project is progressing with agreed planning strategy for EIAR and AA Stage 2 reports for Development consent application to An Bord Pleanála based on the emerging option design.

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration

The revised preliminary business case has now been submitted to the URDF for approval. Tender Documents for the appointment of an urban design team for phase 1 of the project, which involves the enhancement of the public realm, have been advertised on eTenders and OJEU with a return date of 21st of October for tenders.

Town Centre First - Dunleer Town Masterplan

The appointment process for the urban design consultants to prepare the masterplan has been completed with Building Design Partnership Ltd (BDP) the successful consultancy. A kick off meeting with the local community Town Team was held in the

Market House Dunleer and well attended. The preparation of the masterplan will now commence and is anticipated to be completed in Q3 2023.

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

J.O.Hearty has been appointed as the contractor to complete the installation of a new external covered space in Carlingford. O'Connor Sutton Cronin are the consultant appointed to oversee the project to completion. A kick-off meeting has been held with the contractor and suppliers have been selected.

Additional projects



St Peter's Hill, PEACE IV

The Place Making Team continue to contribute to other projects taking place across the Council such as: St Peter's Hill PEACE IV, Urban Animation and Destination Town, Drogheda. In addition the team are working on new bollards and planters project on Narrow West St, Drogheda and public lighting on West street.

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.

Tá ceathair eochairfhreagrachta aga n Stiúrtóireacht seo:

- Seirbhísí Corparáideacha
- Tacaíocht Pobail agus Spóirt
- Bainistíocht Dramháil, Gníomh Comhshaoil & Aeráide
- Seirbhísí Tréidliachta



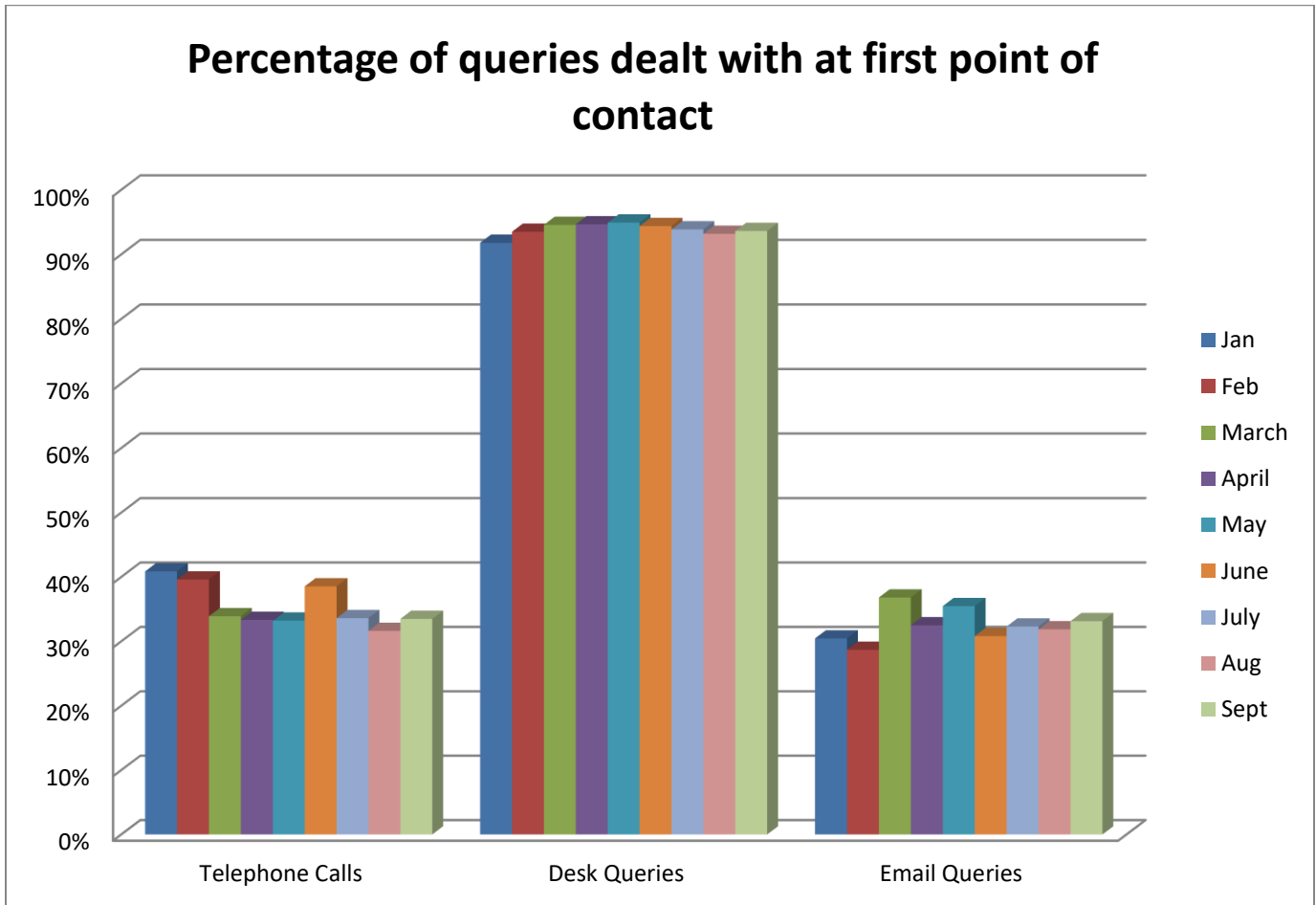
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Corporate Services

Customer Services Report

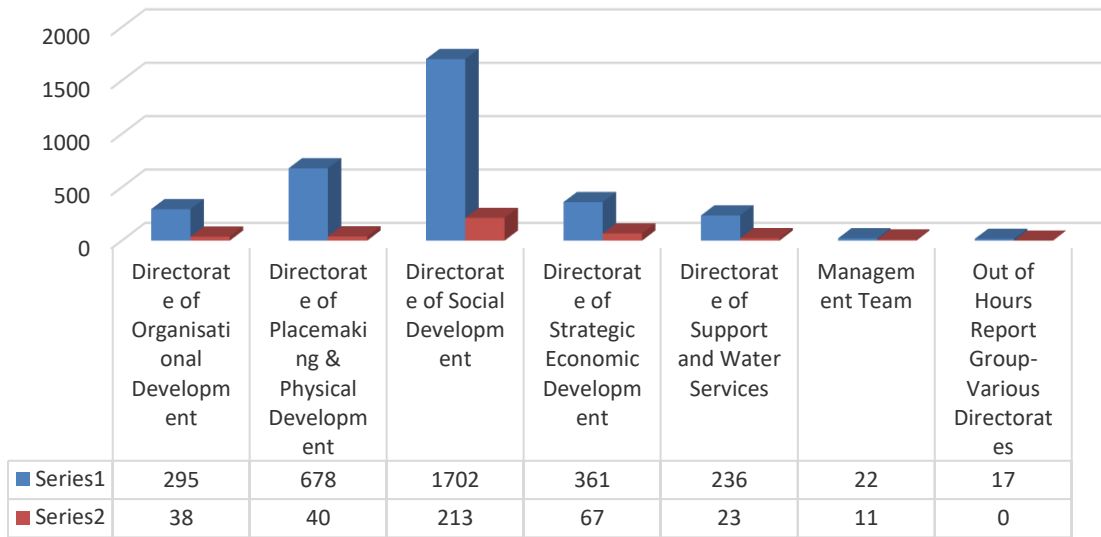
September 2022

During the month of September Customer Services dealt with 12,736 queries – 7,289 calls, 1,367 e-mails and 4,080 counter queries.



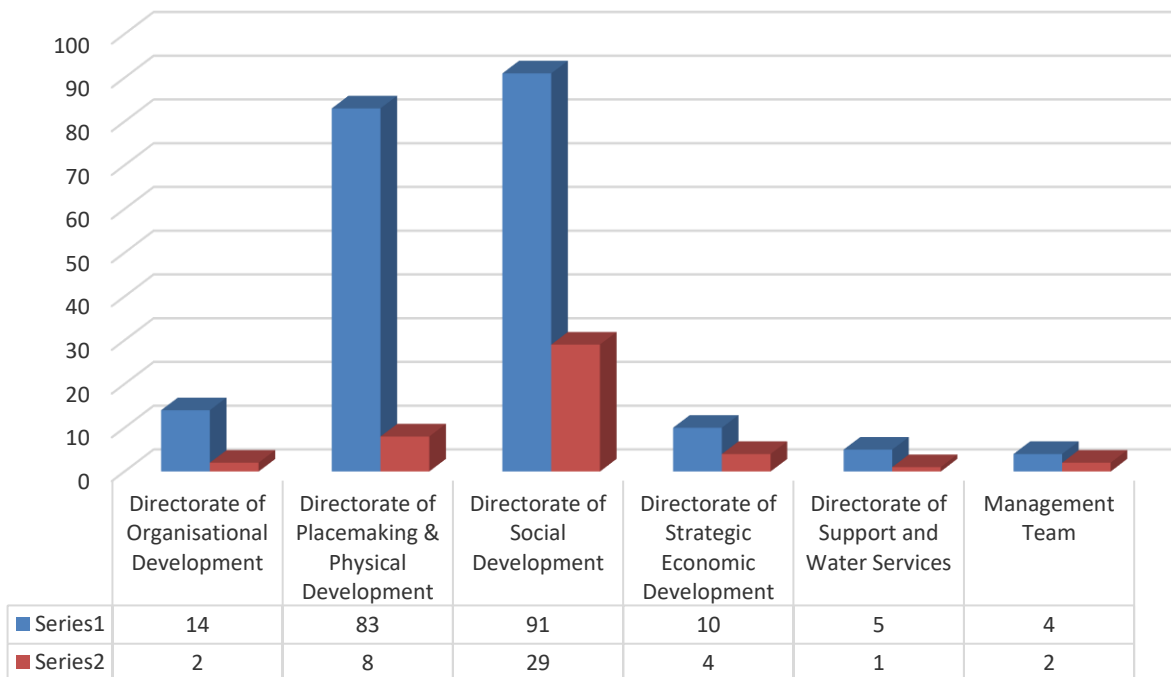
There were 3,311 valid SugarCRM cases recorded during September of which 392 (12%) remain unresolved, broken down by directorate as follows:

No. of Cases Created in September and still open at 29th of September



During September 207 elected reps. cases were recorded on Sugar of which 46 (22%) remain unresolved broken down by Directorate as follows:

Elected Rep Cases Created in September and still open at 29th September



The table below illustrates activity in the redress area.

Requests Received	Same period 2021 (JAN to end of AUG only 2021)	2022 Total (JAN to end of SEPT only 2022)	AUG 2022 (Month of SEPT only)
Freedom of Information	91	95	12
Data Protection Request	2	2	0
Data Subject Access Request	12	7	2
Access to Information on Environment	4	9	0
Ombudsman Complaints	9	8	1
LCC Complaints Policy	24	23	1

Electoral Register

The Electoral Reform Act 2022 was signed into law by President Higgins on 25th July 2022. Part 3 of the Act, on Franchise and Registration of Electors, sets out a new way of managing the register and the registration process. The process of a draft, final and supplement register is being replaced by a single live and continuously updated register. The iReg system was recently updated and it is hoped that all Local Authorities will “go live” with the new rolling register on the 10th October.

Electors will then be able to apply to Louth County Council to be included or update their details at any time, new applications or updates will be subject to a simple identity check through the use of PPSN’s, this will improve the accuracy of the register.

A limited amount of Field Officer work is continuing within the County, specifically in the Clermont Polling District.

Community

LOUTH IN BLOOM

The Louth in Bloom 2022 competition is now completed. The final results have been received from our independent Judges; the winners will be announced at the **Louth In Bloom Awards** ceremony due to be held in “Bellingham Castle” on Monday 24th October 2022. Garden designer, Mr. Peter Donegan will be a guest speaker at the event. He has won a host of awards for 17th & 18th century gardens & show gardens at national competitions and was the series garden designer for RTE television’s DIY SOS The Big Build Ireland.



Mr. Peter Donegan, Guest speaker at Louth In Bloom Awards Ceremony

The Relove Fashion Competition

Louth County Council is delighted to announce its involvement with the **Relove Fashion Competition 2022**. The competition was developed and funded through a partnership between 11 local authority areas in the Leinster area and the Rediscovery

Centre, Ireland's National Centre for the Circular Economy.

The Relove competition is a sustainable fashion competition open to secondary school students in Leinster. This competition aims to teach students about fashion's environmental impact and it aims to inspire them to use sustainable design techniques. It also encourages applicants to take a deeper look at how their clothing is made and it challenges them to explore creative reuse options such as upcycling, repairs, alterations and mending.

Fast Fashion has a significant negative impact on our environment, producing clothes uses a lot of our natural resources, like water and energy and creates greenhouse gas emissions which are responsible for climate change.



Louth Finalist in 2021 Relove Fashion competition

Anti Litter & Anti Graffiti Scheme.

September 20-26th was Ireland's first Sustainable Development goals week and the community support team ran a social media & radio campaign on Twitter, LMFm and Dundalk FM to raise awareness around food waste to mark the week. Helpful tips and hints were relayed through these mediums to encourage people to reduce the amount of food waste, within their households.

Community Environment Action Fund

The Department are currently reviewing this fund, as it hasn't been announced since 2019/2020. Work is progressing on a completion statement for some outstanding projects currently, it is hoped that the 2022/2023 scheme will be announced in the coming weeks.

EU_SHAFE Report



On the 28th of September, the EU_SHAFE LAG held a meeting to assess progress on the project action plan. The proposed Ageism Survey was presented and invited a wide discussion on the format and the questions. All the LAG members were enthusiastic about the survey and the meeting brought forward lots of positive suggestions.

Our Survey on Ageism will be released in October, and we would encourage everyone to take part in the survey as it will not only inform us on the level of ageism in Ireland but it will also inform the next part of our Action Plan.

Age Friendly

The Super Connectors project was nominated for a National Age Friendly Ireland award under the Communications Award category.

On the 27th of September, the judges visited the LCC Ardee Office to assess the project. The presentation included an overview of the project, the impact of the project and the results. Karen Coan from ALONE presented the Healthy Ireland Technology Innovation Project which was a Super Connector project funded through Healthy Louth. We also had Nancy Lynch from Ardee. At nearly 89 Nancy is a wonderful ambassador for the project and impressed the judges with her internet skills, tracking down relatives in America. The presentation went well with positive comments from the judges. The winners will be announced at the National Age Friendly Awards dinner in Dromoland Castle on the 27th October. Fingers crossed for a good result!



Joint Louth Meath Migrant Integration Forum

A meeting of the Joint Louth Meath Migrant Integration Forum was held on 29th September 2022. DkIT hosted the meeting and Eileen Lynch, Access Officer DkIT, presented to the Forum on Access to Higher Education & Information for Migrants. The next meeting is scheduled for 15th December 2022 in Meath County Council.

PPN

Secretariat Meeting – September 13th

Municipal District Meetings:

Dundalk – took place in Creative Spark in Dundalk on September 15th from 7-9pm

Drogheda – took place in Millmount in Drogheda on September 20th from 7-9pm

Ardee – took place in the DeeHub in Ardee on September 27th from 7-9pm

These meetings allowed Community Groups across the 3 Municipal Districts to network, gather information on events in their local area and receive updates from Louth County Council on funding schemes and upcoming events of interest. This was also an opportunity for the PPN to meet some of its members to gather information for input into and creation of the PPN Workplan for 2023 & 2024.

Training

Charities Governance Compliance Training – September 14th & 28th

Writing Effective Funding Applications – September 19th

Community Radio Training – September 22nd & 29th

These training sessions were well received by all participants and will allow Community Groups to build their capacity and support their work within the Community into the future.

Events

Increasing the Diversity of Women in Local Government – took place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel on September 27th from 10am -2pm

This event took the form of 2 panel discussions with an interview with guest speaker Mary Mitchell O'Connor. The first panel included women who currently hold positions within the sphere of politics. The participants included:

Senator Erin McGreehan
Cllr Marianne Butler
Cllr Paula Butterly
Cllr Edel Corrigan

The second panel consisted of female voices from a diverse range of Community sectors. Participants included:

Lorna Costello – Outcomers Dundalk
Flora Okobi – Culture Connect
Katie Rennan – Comhairle na nOg
Ejiro Stratton – Hands4Unity
Michelle Maher – SeeHerElected

The event was opened by Cathaoirleach Conor Keelan with an address from Chief Executive Officer Joan Martin. A report will be issued in the coming days outlining the discussion which took place and suggested actions going forward to meet the needs of those attending on the day.



Panel members from Increasing the Diversity of Women in Local Government event with Cathaoirleach Conor Keelan



Chief Executive Officer Joan Martin with Mary Mitchell O'Connor Increasing the Diversity of Women in Local Government event

a dance workshop. The event was well attended with up to 150 older people from all over Co Louth taking part in the event.

The participants were entertained by The Knockbridge Choir, The Castlebellingham Ukulele Band and Comhaltas. Several local creative and community groups exhibited their arts/crafts and provided advice on how to engage in creative activities in the local community.

The event was part of Age Friendly Louth's celebration of positive Ageing Week which takes place from 25th September 2022 – 1st October 2022

Louth Comhairle na nOg

Louth Comhairle na nOg held a county wide Comhairle na nOg Advisory Committee meeting on the 26th September in DeeHub Ardee. The meeting brought all three municipal Comhairle na nOg groups together and connected the young people with the various agencies who provide services for young people.

In attendance were Louth County Council, Louth Children and Young Peoples Services Committee, Dundalk Outcomers and the participation officer from the Comhairle na nOg unit in the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. The young people presented their work for the 2022/2023 term and highlighter their projects, training and team building activities. The agencies pointed out the importance of connecting with young people in the development of policy and in delivery of services.

The members agreed a programme of events for the Comhairle na nOg Annual Conference which is scheduled to take place on 27th October 2022 in the Carrickdale Hotel, Co Louth

Age Friendly Louth

Louth County Council, Age Friendly Ireland and Creative Lives held an Autumn Medley of Creativity in Ardee Parish Centre on 27th September. The event provided a number of free creative workshops for older people such as painting, pottery, flower arranging, creative writing, an holistic workshop and



Flower Arranging participants at the Autumn Medley of Creativity in Ardee Parish Centre



Drogheda & District Support for Older People at the Autumn Medley of Creativity in Ardee Parish Centre

Healthy Ireland Fund – Round 4

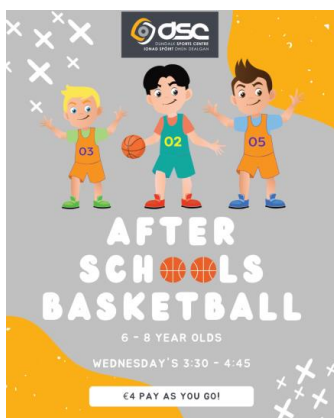
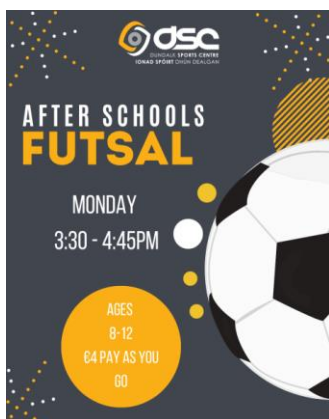
Louth County Council recently appointed a new Healthy Ireland Coordinator – Paula Keenan. The guidelines for Round 4 have also now been published more information is to follow.

Sports

Dundalk Sports Centre

After Schools Activities

On Tuesday the 13th of September 'After Schools Basketball' for 9 year olds returned. The children couldn't wait to get back after the summer hiatus to meet their friends and practice the fundamental skills of basketball. Sessions will continue to run throughout the school year. Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:45pm for 9 year olds and Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:45pm for 6 to 8 year olds. The Dundalk Sports Centre is also running 'After Schools Futsal' sessions for children aged 8 to 12. Sessions are every Monday from 3:30 – 4:45pm, costing €4.



Pilates

Pilates returned this month with a massive turnout of over 20 participants in the first class. Classes will be

held every Tuesday from 8:15 - 9:15pm, costing just €5. Membership to the sports centre is free. Due to demand, we have added on an additional session on Monday mornings from 10am – 11am to start on the 3rd of October.



Development Basketball

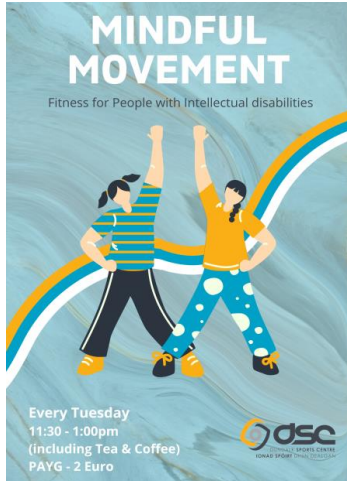
As the competitive basketball season has begun, the local Dundalk Ravens team had to make some difficult decisions in picking their 2022 - 2023 teams. Therefore, the Sports Centre has collaborated with the local team to run a development basketball session on Saturdays from 12-3pm. The sessions will allow teenagers aged 13 -17 to continue playing their beloved sport and continue to develop their skills.



Mindful Movement

The Sports Centre was delighted to bring back the 'Mindful Movement' class. Classes are to provide a fun and safe environment for adults with an intellectual disability to socialise and get physically

active. Classes are held every Tuesday from 11:30 -1:00pm, including tea, coffee, and biscuits.



Lourdes Athletic Stadium

Boyne Open Sports Day

Boyne AC Open Sports Day took place on Saturday 27th August. With many clubs represented and many supporters it was a great turnout and great day for all involved.

Boyne 5k

Boyne 5k took place in sunny conditions on Sunday 18th September. The race returned following a 2 year absence due to Covid19, consisted of a brand new route which started and ended with a lap of the Lourdes Stadium. With over 400 people registered and many there to support, there was a fantastic atmosphere on the day with refreshments in the Lourdes Athletic Stadium afterwards.



IWA Run “N” Roll (Louth Branch edition)

The IWA Louth branches of Ardee and Drogheda held their Run "N" Roll event at the Lourdes Stadium on Thursday 21st September. With 40 people in attendance, it was a lovely morning enjoyed by all staff and service users.

Outdoor Bootcamp & Buggy Buddies

Lourdes Stadium Outdoor Bootcamp started on Tuesday 20th September and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-6pm until the 27th October. Places are still available so contact the Lourdes Stadium for further information. Additionally, Buggy Buddies 6-week exercise programme for parents, carers or guardians of babies/toddlers will commence in the Lourdes Stadium on Wednesday 28th September from 1-2pm and run for 6 weeks.



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
Safeguarding Level 1	October 6 th 6.00pm	Online
Vision Sport Awareness	October 13 th 7.00pm	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	October 20 th 6.30pm	Online
Volunteer Recruitment & Strategy	October 27 th 7.00pm	Online
Coaching Teenage Girls in Sport	November 9 th 6.30pm	Online
Introduction to Garda Vetting	November 10 th 7.00pm	Online
Autism in Sport	November 15 th 6.30pm	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	November 17 th 6.30pm	Online
Volunteer Support, Retention & Recognition	November 24 th 7.00pm	Online
Dealing with Difficult Behaviour as a volunteer	December 8 th 7.00pm	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	December 8 th 6.30pm	Online

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

Level 1 Sport Leaders Award

Louth Local Sports Partnership will be delivering another Level 1 Sport Leaders Award programme for young people aged 13-17 from Sports Clubs

across Co. Louth during Halloween this year in Dundalk Sports Centre from Tuesday November 1st – Friday November 4th.

The programme works with teenagers aged 13-17 who wish to develop their leadership skills in Sport & Physical Activity. The syllabus is designed to develop generic leadership skills that can be applied to a variety of sports and/or recreational situations as well as contributing to the personal development of the learner. The young leaders will use their qualification to develop and lead Sport & Physical Activity opportunities within their local clubs and communities across Co. Louth.

For further information please email louthlsp@louthcoco.ie or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318



Louth LSP Primary Schools Basketball Programme

Louth LSP in partnership with Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club recently recommenced our Primary Schools Basketball programme in four schools within the Drogheda area. Marymount GNS, St Peters NS, St Patrick's NS, and Harestown NS all began the programme in term one with more schools to join the programme after the Halloween break.

The aim of the programme is to provide opportunities for the pupils in the schools to engage in coached Basketball sessions within school and to create a link between the schools and Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club to ensure an accessible pathway for the children to sustain their participation within the sport.

For further information on this programme please email louthlsp@louthcoco.ie or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318.

National Walking Day – Sunday September 25th

National Walking Day took place this year on Sunday September 26th as part of European Week of Sport from 23rd to 30th of September, and is organised by Get Ireland Walking and supported by Louth Local Sports Partnership.

National Walking Day aims to celebrate the efforts of community walking volunteers and to promote the activity of walking at a local level in communities across Ireland. This year in Louth, the Local Sports Partnership supported four community walks in Dromiskin, Haggardstown, Cooley, and Ravensdale.



For further information on National Walking Day please email louthlsp@louthcoco.ie or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318

National LSP Communications Coordinator visits Louth LSP

Louth LSP was delighted to welcome newly appointed National Local Sports Partnerships Communications Coordinator, Avril Byrne to the county on Thursday September 15th. The National LSP Communications Coordinator will work together with Louth Local Sports Partnership and the LSP Communications Working Group to develop a national LSP Communications plan with a focus on key target groups underrepresented in sport and disproportionately affected by the pandemic; people with disabilities, those living in socio-economic disadvantaged areas, older people, ethnic communities etc.



Avril Byrne National LSP Communications Coordinator with Aine McDonald and Odhran Doherty Louth LSP

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.

Complaint Type	September 2022	In 2022
Air & Noise	9	82
Farm	1	28
Waste/C&D	15	171
Water Quality	9	61

A total of 34 complaints were received in the month of September 2022. Bringing the total number of complaints in 2022 so far, to 376. 21 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.

Waste facility permits and certificates of registration are governed by the Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) Regulations 2007, as amended. Examples of activities which require a waste facility permit or a certificate of registration include land reclamation/development, car dismantling, composting centers, recycling of construction & demolition waste and the reception and storage of waste.

One reviewed Waste facility permit was granted in September 2022. Currently there are 25 Waste Facility Permits and 5 Certificates of registration in operation in Louth. There is (1) review application currently being determined during the month of September along with a transfer application in respect of a Waste Facility permit Facility.

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 1st April 2022. Waste Enforcement Officers have started working on AR validations. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identifies a list of waste facilities which must be prioritised for validation by Local Authorities.

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

Producer Responsibility Initiatives

Significant Producer Responsibility Initiatives have been introduced in relation to packaging waste, end of life vehicles (ELV's), tyres, food waste, farm plastic waste and waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) with inspections underway in 2022 by Louth County Council waste enforcement officers to ensure compliance with Regulations. The Irish Farm Film Producers Group Ltd (IFFPG) is the national farm plastics recycling compliance scheme <https://www.farmplastics.ie/>.

The scheme 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. Deadline for claims submission is the 7th of October 2022.

A Grant of €80,000 was received, which is an 83% reduction from the Grant received 2 years ago and 36% reduction from the 2021 Grant.

In September 2022 the Department approved the addition of one more project under the ADI initiative which included: The four projects that have been approved for this year's ADI initiatives are:

1. Mattress & sofa amnesty event – Dundalk V&W civic amenity centre.
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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.



The mattress and sofa amnesty was held on 31st Aug 2022 and was very successful. A total of **1890** Mattresses and **1795** Couches were collected between the Drogheda and Dundalk recycling centres.



Dundalk V&W Civic Amenity Centre - Mattress and Sofa Amnesty August 2022



Drogheda V&W Civic Amenity Centre Mattress and Sofa Amnesty August 2022

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 Hoeys Lane Community Garden clean-up



After photos of Hoeys 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.

Litter Enforcement

A total of 32 fixed penalty notices(FPNs) were issued in the month of September. Of these, 12 were issued in the Dundalk urban area, 4 in Drogheda urban area and 16 in the remaining County wide area. There were 2 fixed penalty notices issued for dog fouling in September.

There have been 1254 investigations in the year to date with 155 carried out in the month of September. There have been 274 FPNs issued in the year to date, 8 of which were for Dog Fouling.

Diesel Laundering Waste

9 IBC's were located in the month of September 2022, approx cost €11,234.88. So far in 2022 there has been 231 ibcs located within €288,361.92.



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 August 2022 a total of 70 Waste Disposal by Burning applications were received.

In September 2022 we received 21 applications bringing the total number of applications in 2022 so far to 91.

My Waste



When resources allow the MyWaste campaign will be looking to move to more focussed interactions with individual dwellings, to establish compliance with the Waste Presentation and Segregation Bye-Laws. Initial focus will be on dwellings which have not responded to previous requests for information and in areas where problem dumping exists. After several recent reports were received in relation to dumping in specific areas, letters have been sent to residents.

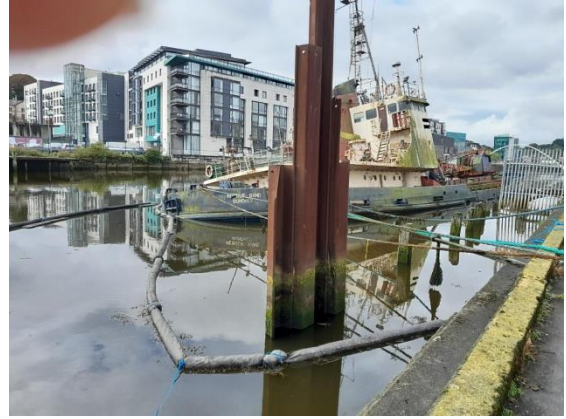
Recently a total of 150 reminder letters were issued to householders in three separate urban areas of Dundalk. A total of 95 replies have been received to date.



Dumping recently reported to Louth County Council



Clean-Up by Louth County Council



Hebble & Sand vessel at Drogheda port

Air / Water / Noise Pollution

There were 9 water pollution complaints received in September with one open and eight closed. Five (5) Air Pollution complaints and four (4) Noise Pollution complaints were received during September 2022. Louth County Council received several complaints in September 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 re-floated and a double layer absorbent boom is around the vessel perimeter to prevent any residual diesel migration. The Council have been assured that there is no diesel leak from the vessel fuel tank and that residual diesel oil in the river was because of water being washed through the internal structure of the vessel in particular at high tides.

The council continue to liaise with the Port Authority and will continually monitor the incident. Following several on-site inspections, sampling of the river and consultation with the Fisheries Board no impacts on water quality, fish and wildlife have been noted. Drogheda Port are arranging for divers to visit the site, carry out repairs, pump out any residual water, remove any fuel and ultimately prepare the vessel for towing to a scrap-yard in the UK.

Bathing Water

The annual monitoring of the four designated beaches in Co Louth has been completed for 2022; the final sample was taken on 5th September. Results for all the beaches are available on 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 9th 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



Air Monitor for Drogheda

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

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 34 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 Basement Management Plans

The Local Authority catchment assessments being carried out by the LAWPRO inspection teams with the assistance of Louth County Council where required are on-going in the Castletown catchment which is a priority area for action. The Glyde catchment which is a priority area for action in the second cycle will also be a priority area for action in the third cycle when the River Basin Management Plan is adopted along with other catchments including the Dee, Flurry, Termonfeckin and Whiteriver

LAWPRO works to increase public engagement. It also consults with stakeholders and communities, coordinating these activities across all 31 local authorities. Its work aims to ensure the public and stakeholders are engaged at regional and local level — to enable them to get involved with catchment-based approaches to improving water quality and the development and implementation of measures on the ground.

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



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.

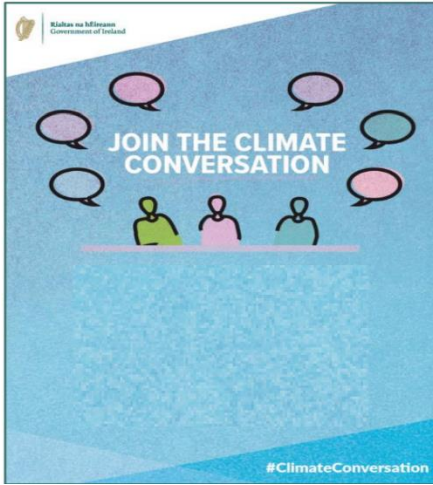
The Climate Action Co-Ordinator recently attended a Biodiversity workshop held in Limerick on 'How Local Authorities can address the Biodiversity Crisis'.

Landfills

All monitoring and inspections required by the conditions of the three landfill licenses 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 of site at Carlingford, preparation of planning application and revised Tier 1 and Tier 2 assessment of site in Ardee.

Climate Action

The Climate Action Team have organised an artwork competition for local primary school students across Louth, to celebrate Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) week from 20th – 26th September. The Climate Action Co-Ordinator (Rory Sheehan) also spoke on LMFM and Dundalk FM about Sustainable Development Goals Week around the topic of food waste.



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.

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

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

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 CO₂ 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.

The Climate Action Team attended the recent Dunleer Energy Show, hosted by the Dunleer Energy Team.



Louth County Council Climate Action Team & Dunleer Energy Team



Climate Adapt 2022

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 several 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.

Gap-To-Target Plan to 2030

Council staff are progressing energy works as part of the Council's Energy Action Plan for 2022. Staff 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.

Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018

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

Annual energy performance overview

Energy consumption in this building has reduced by 18% since joining the Optimising Power @ Work campaign in 2016.

The total annual unit consumption of energy has decreased from 689,842 kWh to 562,416 kWh.

Electricity consumption on site has reduced by 9%. The number of units of electricity has decreased from 265,450 kWh to 260,846 kWh.

Gas consumption on site has reduced by 25%. The number of units of Gas has decreased from 404,392 kWh to 301,571 kWh (HDDC).

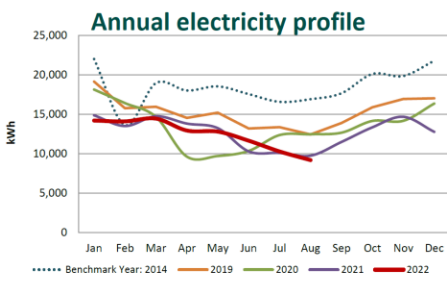


Energy saving at County Hall compared to 2016.

The Council has amended its Heat Plan for Council buildings for the winter season, in accordance with Government direction for public buildings.

The total annual unit consumption of electricity has decreased from 221,634kWh to 151,808kWh.

Monthly comparison data shows that August 2022 electricity consumption is 46% lower (7,739 kWh) than August 2014.



Electricity use at Dundalk Town Hall has reduced by 32% compared to 2021.

New Solar Photo Voltaic Panels installed at County Hall in 2021 contributed significantly in September to reduce the electricity use in that building from the National Grid.

Better Energy Communities Grant 2022

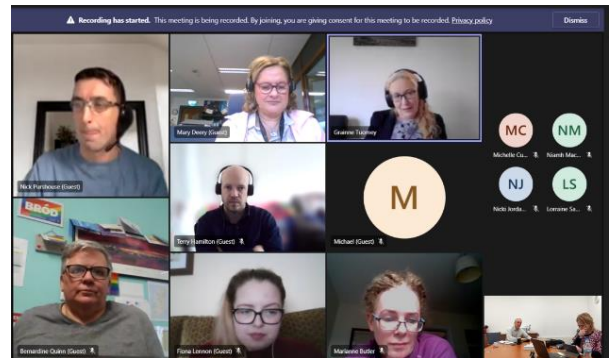
LCC has partnered with Dunleer Sustainable Energy Community for participation in their application for grant funding for energy projects in 2022. Once the decision on that is made known, the Council will initiate the construction of its new energy projects for 2022.

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'.

The 4th Partner progress meeting for this project was held at Malta over 2 days on 6th and 7th September. The 1st Review Meeting was also held remotely on Monday 27th September 2022.

Louth County Council manages the 'Dundalk Pilot'. Contract Documents are presently being prepared to initiate the construction stage in Q4 of 2022. It is hoped to complete the works in Q1 of 2023. Further liaison with landowners is planned to update them on the next stage of the project and to consult to minimise any disruption for tenants of adjacent properties who have right-of-access through the site.



A further Town Hall stakeholders event is being planned for November 2022 to update stakeholders on the project.

Veterinary Services

Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)

As of 30th September 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 eighty three.

Control of Dogs

Dogs impounded September 2022	
Total dogs impounded	20
Seized under Section 16	0
Strays	11
Surrendered by owners	9
No. of dogs reclaimed by owners	2
No. of dogs rehomed direct	7
No. of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	13
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 30/09/2022	6

Control of Horses / Rialú Capall

Horses impounded September 2022	
Horses seized	0
Reason for seizure:	n/a
Horses reclaimed by owner	0
Horses re-homed	0
Horses disposed of	0
No of horses on hand in Pound on 30/09/2022	0

Dog Breeding Establishments (DBE)

Dog Breeding Establishments September 2022	
Total no of registered DBE's in Louth, 30/09/2022	6
Hunt	2
Boarding Kennels	2
Training Kennels	1
Welfare	1

Dog Licences September 2022	
No of Licences sold	626
Licence Checks:	
House calls	370
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	93
Fixed Penalty Notices	17



Dogs impounded during September 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 1st September – 25th September can be summarised as follows:

Presentations of September 2022	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Number of Person who presented as Homeless	2	87	75	164
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	2	71	53	126
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	12	16	28
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	2	3	5
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	2	3	5

The tables below reflect details for Louth for the period 1st September – 25th September 2022. This figure shows the number of adults accessing emergency accommodation during the above period.

Table 1: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	75
Female	37
Total	112

Table 2: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	14
25-44	66
45-64	25
65+	7
Total	112

Table 3: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	37
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	77
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support)(TEA)	0
Unique Total (note, clients may have accessed multiple accommodation types during the week)	114
Minus people accessing multiple accommodation types during the week	2
Total unique individuals	112

Table 4: County

County	Total
County Louth	112
County Monaghan	7
County Cavan	10
Total	129

Table 5 - Families with dependent children

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children in Louth	8	9	21
Total	8	9	21
Couples with dependent children in Louth	11	25	30
Total	11	25	30

Housing First

	Louth	Monaghan	Cavan	Total
Number of tenancies established	27	02	07	36
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	25	01	07	33

Housing Assistance Payment

The total number of applications in HAP is 3165

Ardee Municipal District	Drogheda Borough District	Dundalk Municipal District	Total
305	1175	1685	3165

Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA) 2022

The Housing Assessments Unit of Louth County Council recently commenced the Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA) 2022 in accordance

with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009. The Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA) 2022 is a review of those applicants for social housing supports that were qualified on the social housing waiting list with Louth County Council prior to 4th September 2021 and have not been fully re-assessed since then. Households on the transfer list or in accommodation provided under RAS or HAP are not required to be reviewed for the purposes of the SSHA.

On 2nd September 2022, the Housing Assessments Unit wrote to 599 qualified households requesting the submission of the completed SSHA form and relevant supporting documentation, for the purposes of determining continuing eligibility for inclusion on the social housing waiting list. The deadline for submission of the form and supporting documentation was 16th September 2022.

As of 28th September 2022, no response has been received in respect of 250 households. A reminder letter will issue to these households on Monday, 3rd October 2022 with a final deadline for submission of the form and supporting documentation of Monday, 10th October 2022.

2022 Housing Allocations up to 28th September, 2022

District	LA	LA Refusal	AHB	AHB Refusal
Ardee	9	3	23	3
Drogheda	81	16	70	7
Dundalk	73	13	116	11
Total	163	32	209	21

Transfers

District	Number
Ardee	6
Drogheda	15
Dundalk	7
Total	28

Housing List

September 2022	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	381	649	745	1775
HAP Transfer List	305	1175	1685	3165
Total Housing List	686	1824	2430	4940

There are a total of 281 applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including 38 applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Rent Management

The total number currently paying rent by Household Budget is 944.

Current Rents Arrears as at 28th September 2022	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	180	€62,539
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	155	€98,316
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	744	€2,562,950
TOTAL	1,079	€2,723,805

Improve the Rented Sector

	Sept 2022	Year to Date
No. of properties inspected monthly	76	755
No. Of advisory notes issued to landlord	86	546
No. Of improvement notices issued	1	45
No. Of prohibition notices issued	0	4
No of Rent Book Notices issued	0	0
Inspections (HAP)	18	498

Improvement Notices (HAP)	1	56
Virtual Inspections Issued	0	0
Private Inspections from complaints	0	5
HAP From Complaints	0	22
RAS from Complaints	0	0
Re-Inspections HAP	1	50
Re-Inspections HAP achieving compliance	4	30
Re-Inspections RAS	0	2
Re-Inspections RAS achieving compliance	0	0
Approved Housing Body (AHB)	57	173
LTL (not included for payments)	0	12

Vacant Properties

Currently **18** no. social units being used as temporary accommodation for isolation or additional homeless need and are not included in the table below.

Vacant Properties 28 th September 2022	Total
Ardee Municipal District	13
Dundalk Municipal District	21
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	53
Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties	87
Vacant Properties (CPO units not yet ready for occupation) (All County)	10
Total Number of Properties (Relets & CPO)	97

Maintenance Calls

Maintenance	1 st -27 th Sept 2022	Total YTD
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	504	4646
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	410	3624
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress (September)	56	N/A
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	38	359

Grant Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled

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

The following grants are available

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

Private House Grants

Status	HOP	HAG	MAG	Yearly Total
Applications Completed 2021	174	119	39	332
Applications rolling into 2022	101	363	166	630
New Applications YTD	269	141	47	457

Estate Management to 28th September 2022

	Drogheda BD	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Monthly Total	Yearly total
Tenancy Inspections	21	5	13	39	275
Pre tenancy Training	12	3	29	44	135
Tenancy Investigations Visits	23	6	15	44	511
Tenancy Investigations Remote	0	3	14	17	208

Anti Social Behaviour to 28th September 2022

	Drogheda BD	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
ASB Cases	18	3	8	29	144
ASB Ongoing	9	1	11	21	20
ASB Completed	10	2	11	23	112

	Drogheda BD	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
Verbal Warning	3	0	4	7	23
Written Warning	1	0	0	0	3
Tenancy Notification	0	0	1	0	5

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

The new housing development of Cox's 2B is substantially complete.

Cox's Demesne Phase 2B, Dundalk

22 new A-Rated energy efficient residential homes have been completed under the Cox's Demesne Phase 2 Project in Dundalk. These units have been delivered by Louth County Council under the Government's 'Housing For All' Plan. The units comprise a mixture of 1 & 2 bed apartments, 2, 3 & 4 bed houses (bungalows & two storey).



Cox's Demesne, Phase 2B, Dundalk House Type 'D-D'



Cox's Demesne, Phase 2B, Dundalk, Apartments



Cox's Demesne, Phase 2B, Dundalk House Type 'B-C'

HOUSING CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project Name	Project Phase	No. 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.
Muirhevnamor, Dundalk Phase 1	1/1	11	Stage 2 Approved	16/02/2024	3no. * 2 bed & 8no. * 3 bed
Boice Court (Phase 2 - 4)	1/1	72	Stage 3 Approved	08/07/2024	27 no. * 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	Funding Approved Single Stage	29/09/2023	1no. * 4 bed
School Lane, Dunleer - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	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	30/11/2022	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	On-site	30/09/2022	6no. * 3 bed
Tullybrook, Slane Road, Drogheda	1/1	3	On-site	30/09/2022	1no. * 3 bed, 2no. 2 bed.
Cuirt Na Gcloch, Stonelyane, 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.

SUMMARY OF 2022-2023 PROJECTED CALF DELIVERY

Project Name	Phase	Non-Part V	Part V Units	AHB	Status	Projected	Unit breakdown
						Substantial Completion Date	
Donore Road, Drogheda	1 of 1	59	7	Cluid	On site	30/09/2023	8 x 3 bed apartments, 54 x 2 bed apartments and 4 x 1 bed apartments
Cathedral View, Dundalk	5 of 5	12		Tuath	On hold	06/07/2023	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed

							terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all phases
Dublin Road, Dundalk	1 of 1	59	6	Respond	On site	30/06/2023	5 x 3 bed houses, 7 x 3 bed duplexes, 2 x 3 bed apartments, 16 x 2 bed duplexes, 4 x 2 bed apartments, 4 x 1 bed houses and 27 x 1 bed
Duiche Roden, Dundalk	1 of 3	47		Cluid	On site	24/10/2022	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 be duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
Duiche Roden, Dundalk	2 of 3	24		Cluid	On site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 be duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x

							2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
Duiche Roden, Dundalk	3 of 3	59		Cluid	On site	31/08/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 be duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
Duiche Roden, Dundalk	2 of 3	24		Cluid	On site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 be duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
Newfoundwell Road Drogheda	2 of 2	39		Cluid	On site	31/03/2023	17 x 3 bed terraced houses, 1 x 3 bed duplexes, 25

							x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed terraced, 4 x 2 bed duplexes, 28 x 2 bed apartments and 19 x 1 bed aparts across both phases
Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	1 of 4	41	6	Respond	On site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
Oriel Heights, Collon	1 of 1	2	11	North & East	Funding Approved	31/03/2023	4 x 3 bed units and 9 x 2 bed units
Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk	4 of 4	12		Tuath	On-site	06/10/2023	6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi detached across all phases
Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	2 of 4	15	2	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	3 of 4	21	2	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses

							across all 4 phases
Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	4 of 4	43	3	Respond	On site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
Tullybrook, Slane Road, Drogheda	1 of 1	69	16	Cluid	On site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 22 x 3 bed terraced, 24 x 3 bed duplexes, 22 x 2 bed terraced, 7 x 2 bed duplexes and 8 x 2 bed apartments

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2024 CALF DELIVERY

Project Name	Phase	Non-Part V Units Expected	Part V Units Expected	AHB	Status	Projected	Unit breakdown
						Substantial Completion Date	
Connollys Field Dundalk	1 of 1	59	11	Fold	Funding approved	29/3/2024	51 x 1 bed and 19 2 bed

SUMMARY OF CAS DELIVERY

Project Name	No. of Units	AHB	Status	Projected
				Substantial Completion Date
Four Winds, Mullacapple, Collon	1	St. John of God Housing Association Ltd	On site	01/09/2022
Coulter Park, Dundalk	7	Túath Housing Association Ltd	Stage 3 Approved	03/03/2024
Riverwell Close, Dundalk	1	Respond	Stage 2 Approved	30/07/2024
10-16 The Alleys, St Peters Place, Drogheda	14	Peter McVerry	Stage 2 Approved	30/01/2024
Barrack Street, Dundalk	30	Simon Community : Dundalk Simon	Stage 2 Approved	15/01/2025
St John's Home, Peters Hill	4	N&E	Stage 3 Approved	30/01/2024
Kincora House, 1-2 Seatown	8	Peter McVerry Trust	Stage 1 approved	30/01/2024
Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk	12	Womens Aid	Stage 1 Approved	02/06/2024
3 Paradise Place	4	PMcVerry Trust	Proposal	01/01/2024
Tierney Street	7	Oaklee	CAS application Withdrawn to proceed as CALF with SJoG's	

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

The Co Archivist assists staff on an ongoing basis with queries on the management of records and advises on the preparation of records both for destruction and for transfer to the Records Centre and the Co Archives. 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 to address damp issues were carried out with a HSF grant in 2021. Interior repair works on the south gable wall have commenced and are due to be completed in October.

LGMA Library Unit Digitisation Project

A section of an archive collection, the Joseph Dolan Papers, has been selected for digitisation under the Library Unit's Decade of Centenaries digitisation project. Scanning work on the relevant documents in the collection has just been completed and will be passed on to the Library Unit soon.

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 is being finalised. A smaller quantity of the volumes received conservation treatment at the outset of the project. Once the work is completed, a public access copy to the volumes will be placed on the County Archives website. This 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.

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 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

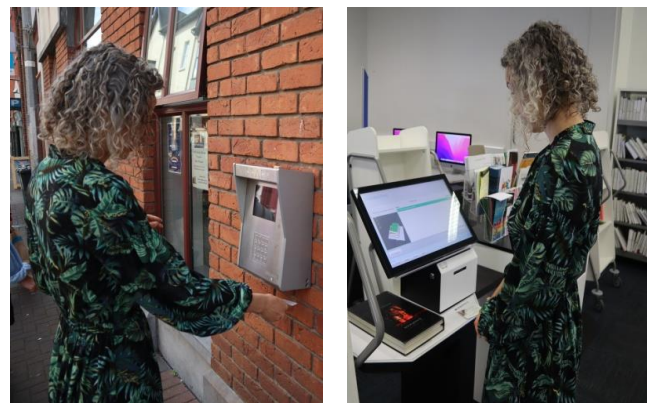


My Open Library Service Ardee & Drogheda Library

My Open Library service has re-opened in Ardee Library and has been launched in Drogheda Library and welcomes new members to this service. Borrowers can access the library during unstaffed hours and use library facilities such as the self service checkout to borrow or return books, PC's, printing, and study areas. Access is provided from 8am to 10pm seven days a week, 365 days of the year. 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.



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



A borrower accessing the My Open Library service in Drogheda Library.

Creative Ireland



Women In Wellness Programme

Louth Library Service is delighted to receive a Creative Ireland Excellence Grant for a 6 week workshop called Women In Wellness.

Drogheda Library will host this program with facilitator Tracey O’ Brien. Each week will consist of delivering tools to provide a solid base for healing resulting from stress and trauma and promote a way to live in wellness in the midst of the challenges of life.

Dormant Account Funding

Louth Library Service has received funding under the DRCD 2022 Dormant Accounts Fund to provide library supports to marginalised, socially excluded and disadvantaged communities.

The Family Resilience Programme of events tailored to support families from disadvantaged areas and new residents in County Louth began in September.

These events include

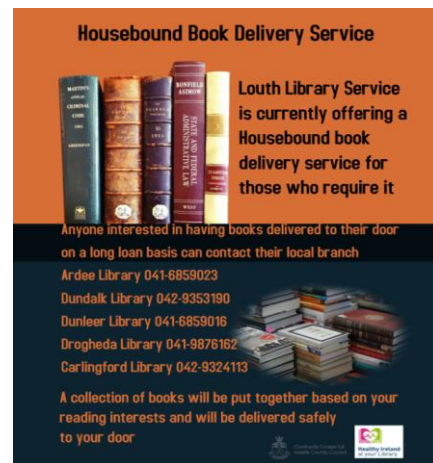
- Messy Play Workshops in Dundalk Library every Friday during October at 10:30am.
- Toddler Yoga in Drogheda Library every Tuesday at 10:30am.
- Sing N’ Play with Grow Music parent and child workshops in Dundalk Library on Tuesdays at 12 noon & Drogheda Library on Wednesdays at 12 noon.
- Strum 4 Fun, Ukulele classes in Dundalk, Drogheda & Ardee Libraries. This musical course is tailored to the needs of the adults attending the sessions and promotes positivity and community engagement.



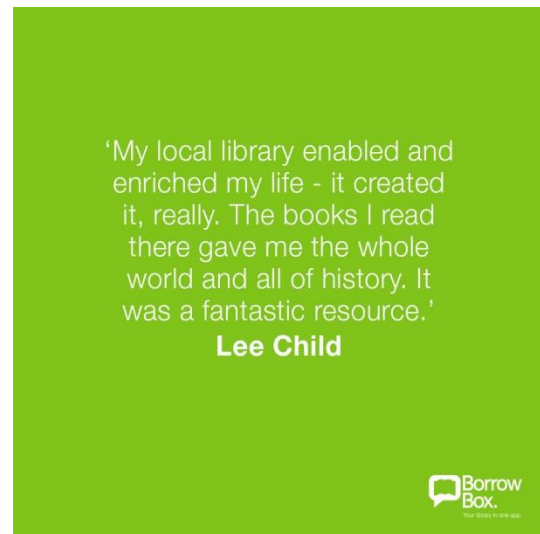
Clinical Psychologist Dr Malie Coyne will discuss how to help parents and children cope with trauma and offer practical support and advice. The event takes place in Drogheda Library on Tuesday 25th of October at 11am and Dundalk Library on Tuesday 25th of October at 3pm. These workshops will be enhanced by a translation service provided by Word Perfect. Register via Timify <https://book.timify.com/?accountId=5f9a9eb964916511fcceae5f&hideCloseButton=true>

Library Housebound Service

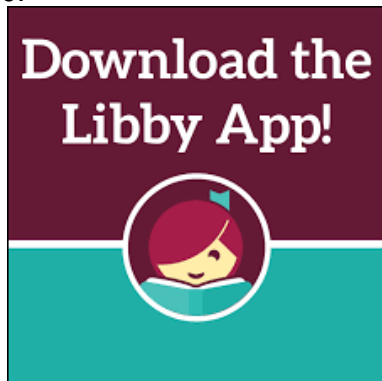
The Library Service continues to offer the Housebound Delivery Service to our elderly customers with over 416 deliveries made since January 2022.



eServices



There is 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 October in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee libraries. If you need any help with the range of eServices Louth Library Service provides, like Borrow Box, Libby, LOTE, Transparent Languages or Universal Class pop into Dundalk, Drogheda or Ardee libraries on these dates:

Dundalk Library: 28th October 11am-12noon

Drogheda Library: 27th October 2.30pm-3.30pm

Ardee Library: 28th October 10.30am-11.30am

For more information contact

Dundalk Library 042-9353190

Drogheda Library 041-9876162

Ardee Library 041-6859023



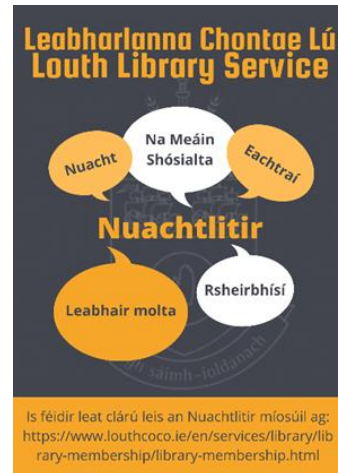
A new beginner's English course for Ukrainian speakers is now available on Transparent Languages.

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 if you need any assistance.

Library Newsletter



The October 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/>

A Welcome for Ukraine

Dundalk Library continues to host weekly information sessions for Ukrainians and their host families every Thursday from 4pm-6pm. This informal gathering is an opportunity for Ukrainians of all ages and host families to meet others in the same position.

Drogheda Library will host weekly sessions for Ukrainians every Monday from 4pm-6pm. Each session will cover a different information topic from childcare to medical. Bronagh McGlade from Louth County Childcare Committee will attend an information session on Childcare in Ireland on the 6th of October.

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

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



A group of Ukrainian women attending an library information session in Drogheda Library

Digital Learning Spaces

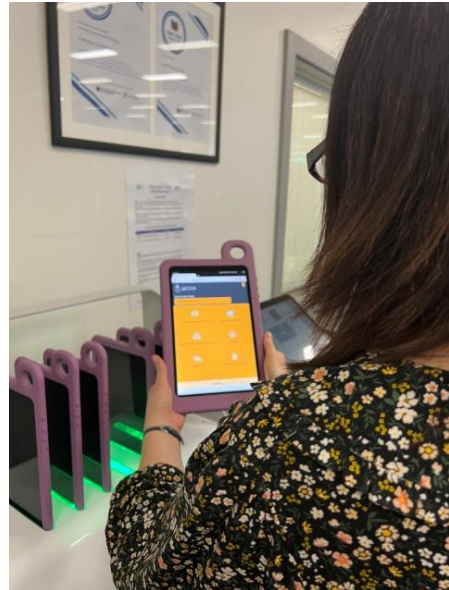
Installation of the new Digital Learning Spaces is almost complete in all Louth Library branches. A new suite of public access PC's and iMacs are now available for library customers as well as Surfbox self service printing. Customers can look forward to the addition of gaming zones along with a programme of STEAM events.



Student using the Digital Space in Ardee Library

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

World Menopause Day 18th October 2022

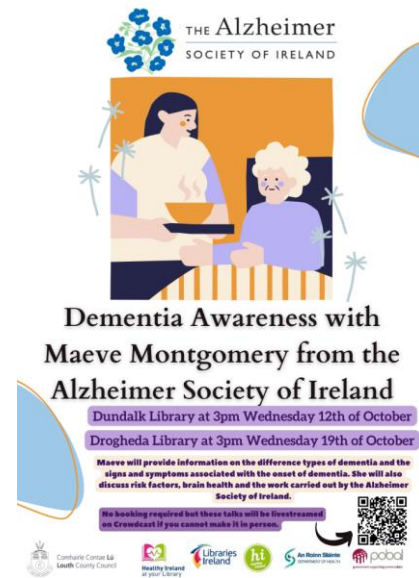


Master the menopause / The heat is on – eating for the menopause with Glenville Nutrition Drogheda Library at 6:30pm Tuesday 18th of October. Find out how to know if you are in the menopause or peri-menopause and what you can do to naturally smooth your transition as much as possible. Learn what aspects of health to prioritise during and post menopause and how to keep yourself looking and feeling your best.

Booking via Timify <https://book.timify.com/?accountId=5f9a9eb964916511fcceae5f&hideCloseButton=true>

This event will also be streamed online. To view online save your spot on Crowdcast please click here: https://www.crowdcast.io/e/master-the-menopause/register?utm_source=profile&utm_medium=profile_web&utm_campaign=profile

Dementia Awareness with Maeve Montgomery from the Alzheimer Society of Ireland



This event will be held in Dundalk Library at 3pm Wednesday 12th of October and Drogheda Library at 3pm Wednesday 19th of October.

Maeve will provide information on the different types of dementia and the signs and symptoms associated with the onset of dementia. She will also discuss risk factors, brain health and the work carried out by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

No booking required.

This event will also be streamed online. To save your spot on Crowdcast please click here: https://www.crowdcast.io/e/dementia-awareness-with/register?utm_source=profile&utm_medium=profile_web&utm_campaign=profile

Clutter Free Living – How to Declutter Successfully



This event will be delivered by Fiona Hall MIACP, Counsellor and Psychotherapist in Drogheda Library at 6:30pm Monday 24th of October.

The workshop will look at what is behind our reasons for buying “stuff” and how to break the cycle of consumerism so we can successfully de-clutter and feel more in charge of our lives.

Booking via Timify
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This event will also be streamed online. To save your spot on Crowdcast please click here:
https://www.crowdcast.io/e/drogheda-library-clutter/register?utm_source=profile&utm_medium=profile_web&utm_campaign=profile

Weaning Your Baby



This event will be delivered by Cathy Monaghan from <https://www.weaning.ie/> in Dundalk Library at 11am Friday 21st of October.

Are you confused about baby led weaning or starting with purees? Does all the information online confuse you?

Do you need to know more about when to start solids?

If so, then look no further. Cathy is a Paediatric Dietitian and has worked with 100's of families over the years.

Booking 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

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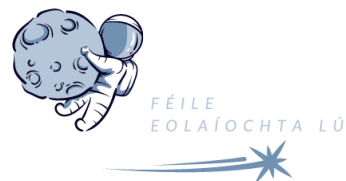
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This event will also be streamed online. To save your spot on Crowdcast please click here:
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Louth Science Festival 2022

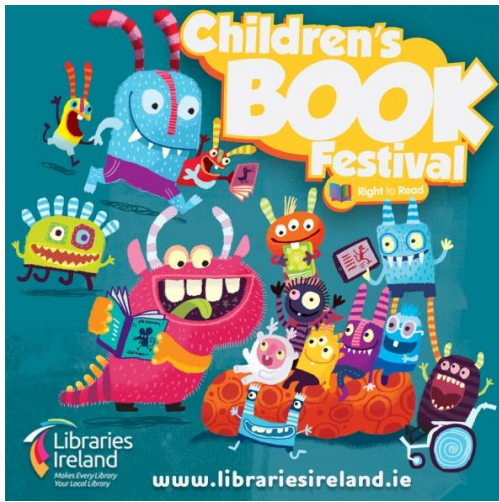


Louth Library Service has been successful in our funding application to SFI, Science Foundation Ireland, for festival funding for Louth Science Festival 2022. A total of €35,000 has been awarded for the running of this year's festival which will take place from November 7th -19th, 2022.

Louth Science Festival, aligning with the SFI Science Week objectives, aims to find new and different ways of bringing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths to new and existing audiences, particularly reaching out to those not typically serviced by STEAM programming. The festival also aims to inspire the community towards STEAM careers, and emphasise the importance of STEAM in everyday society, in keeping with the SFI Strategy 2025, focusing on 'Delivering Today; Preparing for Tomorrow'.

2022 will mark the fifth year of Louth Science Festival, and over the past number of years, we have built meaningful relationships with local organisations and community groups, including Louth County Council and Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT), as well as local schools, nursing homes and Youthreach Centres. It's our aim to grow and develop these connections, and build new ones. This year we are excited to be involved in a new collaboration with Creative Spark Dundalk, who will deliver a specialised event.

Louth Science Festival 2022 will be a fully accessible festival; highlights include Circus 250, The Big Dig and National Reptile Zoo. Events will be held throughout the County, and online access and recordings will be made available where possible.



The annual Children’s Book Festival helps to spread the enjoyment of books and reading among children and families, authors and illustrators, teachers and librarians all over Ireland. It will take place throughout the month of October. Louth Library Service is delighted to announce the following events;

Drogheda Library welcomes Moneymore Crèche for Vroom Town Storytime with Emer Conlon on the 12th of October at 10:30am



Jackie Burke Author of the “Harp Maiden Series”



Louth Library Service will host author workshops for invited school groups in Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries with Nicola Pierce and Erika McGann. In addition virtual workshops will be provided to schools with Jackie Burke author of the “Harp Maiden Series”

Dundalk Library

Halloween Storytelling will take place in Dundalk Library on Friday 28th of October at 3pm. The event is free and suitable for age 3+, fancy dress welcome. To book email libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie



Drogheda Library

Halloween Crafts with Eilish & Eileen 22nd of October at 10:30am in Drogheda Library
Booking essential, please contact Drogheda Library on 041 987 6162

Halloween Storytime & Fancy Dress Friday 28th October at 3:30pm. No booking required, all brooms welcome!

Dunleer

Halloween Storytelling & Crafts on Wednesday 19th of October for an invited school group.

Carlingford

Halloween Storytelling on Friday 28th of October at 11am for an invited school group.

Parent & Toddler Mornings



Toddler Morning in Drogheda 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 Drogheda 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 chuille 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.



**Ciorcal Cómhrá
Irish Conversation**

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Would you like to use or practice your Irish skills?

Beidh ciorcal cómhrá ar siúl ar an gcéad Máirt chuille mhí ag 4 i Leabharlann Dhún Dealgan.

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

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

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Louth County Council Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022



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'There is no glory ... only the dead': The Irish Civil War: The Guerrilla Campaign, Sept 1922 - May 1923

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL DECADE OF CENTENARIES PROGRAMME 2022

Part two of a two part talk on the history of the Civil War at a national level

Tuesday 4th of October 6pm - 'There is no glory ... only the dead': The Irish Civil War: The Guerrilla Campaign, Sept 1922 - May 1923

Dundalk Library

Dr Richard McElligott is Lecturer in Modern and Irish History in the Department of Humanities, Dundalk IT. His work on the Irish Revolutionary Era has appeared in a wide variety of national and international publications. A native of Kilflinny in North Kerry, growing up learning the local history of the Civil War there is what sparked his love of Irish history. He is currently working on a project to examine the impact and legacy of the Civil War on everyday Irish life and society.

These talks will also be livestreamed, to watch, scan the QR code:

No Booking Required

Contact Dundalk Library on 042-9353190 for more information.

Dundalk Library, Roden Place, Dundalk, A91 RC44

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Dr. Richard McElligott will provide the second talk 'There is no glory ... only the dead': The Irish Civil War: The Guerrilla Campaign, Sept 1922 - May 1923 on Tuesday 4th of October at 6pm. No booking required. To watch online save your spot by scanning the QR code in the above picture or you can access via the

following link:
<https://www.crowdcast.io/louthlibraryservice>
If you missed Dr. Richard McElligott first talk; 'A fine day to die for Ireland': The Irish Civil War: The Conventional Phase, June – Sept 1922 you can access it via Crowdcast through the following link
https://www.crowdcast.io/e/decade-of-centenaries/register?utm_source=profile&utm_medium=profile_web&utm_campaign=profile

Legacies of Bitterness and Reconciliation: The Irish Civil War

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL DECADE OF CENTENARIES PROGRAMME 2022

LEGACIES OF BITTERNESS AND RECONCILIATION: THE IRISH CIVIL WAR

'THE LEGACY OF THE CIVIL WAR'

Wednesday the 19th of October at 6:15pm

DROGHEDA LIBRARY

With Dr. Eve Morrison

This event will also be livestreamed here:

Stockwell Lane, Drogheda, A92 PY20

Eve Morrison is an Irish historian specialising in the revolutionary period (1916-23) and its social and cultural memory. Both her doctoral research on the Bureau of Military History (Trinity College Dublin) and a postdoctoral fellowship on the Ernie O'Malley notebook interviews (University College Dublin) were funded by the Irish Research Council. From 2019 to 2021, she was Canon Murray Fellow in Irish History at St Catherine's College, University of Oxford.

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Dr. Eve Morrison will provide a talk on "Legacies of Bitterness and Reconciliation: The Irish Civil War" in Drogheda Library on Wednesday the 19th of October at 6:15pm.

All welcome, no booking required. To watch this online scan the QR code in the above picture or click here to save your space
<https://www.crowdcast.io/louthlibraryservice>

Other Events

Drogheda Library will host a free seminar for parents of 5th & 6th 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
25th of October
6pm - 7:30pm

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



Anne Mangan will host a second seminar for parents of 5th and 6th year students in Drogheda Library on October the 25th 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 5th & 6th Year students in Drogheda Library

Louth County Childcare Drop-In Clinics



Louth County Childcare Committee will host drop-in clinics in Drogheda Library on 6th of October, Ardee Library on the 12th of October & Dundalk Library Thursday 13th of October. The Drop In Clinic provides advice on Childcare, The National Childcare Scheme and AIM supports for parents or guardians.

English Language Learning in Ardee Library

Conversational English classes for migrants and refugees started in Ardee Library on Tuesday 8th 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 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 Viktoriia or Angel at angel@cultur.ie or 0873315169. All welcome.

Knitting & Crochet Group in Ardee Library



Knitting & Crochet Group @ Ardee Library

Every Thursday at 2.30pm

No need to book. just pop into Ardee Library

Beginners Welcome

All abilities

Children will need to be accompanied by an Adult



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 26th October from 10.30am-1pm

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

Bioeconomy Week

Bioeconomy Week takes place from October 17th – 23rd and Dundalk Library will host Seaweed workshops with Paul Mac Artain who is a Senior Researcher in Dundalk IT on Tuesday 18th of October for invited school groups and a public event at 3pm. No booking required.

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 October. The course offers free one-to-one tuition for people over the age of 55 who have little or no computer experience. To book email gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

Primary Schools Service

Our Schools Team would like to wish a warm welcome back to all pupils, teachers and staff in schools across County Louth. As always, the Schools Team will be on hand to offer a helping hand in any way we can, through virtual or in-person visits, curriculum support, support for school libraries and library stock. Teachers can book a visit to the HQ Store in Dundalk from 3:30pm – 5pm Tuesday – Friday to view our full schools collection.

Louth Library Schools Mobile

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. Any enquiries regarding the schools service, please contact Orla on orla.muckian@louthcoco.ie



Schools Mobile is ready to visit all the schools

Other News

Culture Night

Louth Library Service saw lots of events happening for Culture Night 2022.

Drogheda Library welcomed Donal Mullen for Children's Storytime.

Dundalk Library welcomed Niall De Burca for storytelling and Scoraíocht Lann Léire performed Irish music for all in attendance.

Thank you to everyone involved it was a great success.



Donal Mullen in Drogheda Library



Niall De Burca in Dundalk Library

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



Sensory area with dimmed lights

Arts

Culture Night 2022 in Louth

Culture Night in Louth saw over 20 events happening across the county. From spoken word to live music, storytelling and Lego Workshops, there was something for everyone. The Drogheda and Dundalk Libraries saw storytelling from both Niall De Burca and Donal Mullen. Meanwhile the Peter Rice gallery in the County Museum in Dundalk was transformed with Lego structures from the Lego Workshops for kids facilitated by The Brickx Club. Soprano Sara McCourt then lifted the roof off the AV Theatre in the museum with a fantastic music recital in the evening. Oriel Traditional Orchestra performed a series of traditional songs in the Green Church in Dundalk while the Oriel Centre focused on the 1922 Dundalk prison escape with talks from family members of those who escaped followed by music from the Oriel Summer series. From African to Irish, Italian to Ukrainian we had events for several cultures across a host of our cultural venues in the county. The wee county was anything but on the night itself!

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 or contacting your local branch.

Quiet Time Dundalk & Drogheda Libraries every Monday 6pm-7pm
Ardee Library every Saturday 10am-11am



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



Soprano singer Sarah McCourt performing in the AV Theatre in the County Museum in Dundalk



Artist Dee Walsh speaking to visitors at the launch of the new Borrowed Ground artist studios in Drogheda.

An Táin Arts Centre

Prison Notebooks - Supported by CreateLouth this theatre piece depicts extracts of Dorothy McArdles diary which she kept while a political prisoner during the Civil War. With vivid portraits of fellow prisoners and tales of ghostly apparitions, the production was performed by Sharon McArdle & directed by Declan Gorman. After 5 years of research and workshop exploration the piece premiered in An Táin on 15th Sept.

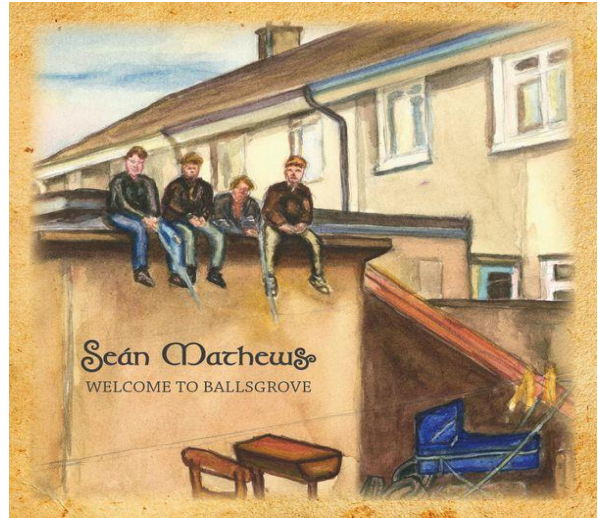
Culture Night – This year’s Culture Night offerings from An Táin Arts Centre included storytelling with ditch witch Tara Tine, Face painting, Chinese Lantern making and live music from musician in residence Brendan McCreanor and the An Táin school of music.

Basement Gallery – Artist in Residence Lijuan McQuillan had her solo exhibition in the basement gallery in September. ‘A Point on the Circle’ is a work in progress exhibition of paintings inspired during her time in her residency with An Táin Arts Centre which was sponsored by Louth County Council Arts office.

Droichead Arts Centre

Seán Matthews recently held the launch of his new album and documentary “Welcome to Ballsgrove” in the Droichead Arts Centre. Support by the CreateLouth grant scheme the album was the result of an attempt to inspire people during and after Covid and to bring Drogheda into the spotlight for all the right reasons, in particular Ballsgrove. The

documentary featured interviews with 3 people from the Ballsgrove area and showed not only the humour, but the quality of those that live there.



Cover of Sean’s album ‘Welcome to Ballsgrove’

Culture Night @ Droichead – As part of this year’s Culture Night events Droichead had their DRAWDA Urban Arts Trail & Music events where members of the public got to take the walking tour of the urban arts trail with mythologist Anthony Murphy and storyteller Grainne Rafferty. Then back at the arts centre they were treated to live music from Roisin Ward Morrow and Breifne Holohan. Also on offer was the Film and Music trail where Scottish musician and sound artist Orla Wren offered an offsite exhibition with 5 mini films exhibited on monitors in selected locations around the town.

Highlanes Gallery

Culture Night – Highlanes opened their doors late again for this year’s Culture Night with live music from Kern and the Drogheda Traditional Singers. There was also a lecture from Dr Yvonne Scott and the cafe hosted its annual food tasting extravaganza ‘Five Good Things Fare’.

Eithne Jordans exhibition ‘**Mise en Scène**’ came to an end on 1st October and will now make its way to the Crawford Gallery in Cork where it will run until 4th December.

A Collection of Conversations – continued in September with a reflective and lively discussion with artist Claire Halpin in a participant centred

session to create inclusive discussion around artwork. For 5 years Highlanes has been involved in the Azure Programme developed especially for people living with dementia and Alzheimer's. Looking at the current exhibition and the Drogheda Municipal Collection participants have the opportunity to look at art more closely in a caring & friendly environment.



Curator Claire Halpin speaking to participants at one of Highlanes AZURE/VTS Collection of Conversation events.

Local Live Performance Scheme

Septembers Local Live Performance events were happening across the county. On Sunday 11th Zooropa played in Drogheda as part of the Seagull Sessions gigs. Then in Dundalk the Emergence sessions continued with more performances from youth bands across the county. On Culture Night we had events in Dundalk Outcomers, African Cultural centre took over the Dundalk Youth Centre and in St Peters Church in Drogheda Hands 4 Unity, were there with all events having a host of artists and performers all taking part in live events. Finally in Carlingford Heritage Centre Culture Connect and Opera Unleashed gave us a fusion of African, Irish Traditional and European Opera music with members of the local community and youth groups all taking part in the choir on the night.



Poster image for the Culture Connect/Opera Unleashed fusion event in Carlingford Heritage Centre as part of the Local Live Performance Events in Louth.

We have more Local Live events coming in October with Arts at the Abbey – a live show in Abbey Lane in Drogheda on 15th October from 7.30 till 10p.m. Droichead Arts Centre and Highlanes Gallery will also host live events including spoken word and live music. Meanwhile in Dundalk there will be another day of live music at the Quay and don't forget the spooktacular Hallowe'en live theatre event in Annaverna! Updates for each event will be on the weekly news on a page and on the Louth County Council social media pages.

Museum

Current Exhibition; Thomas D'Arcy McGee Irish Rebel – Canadian Patriot

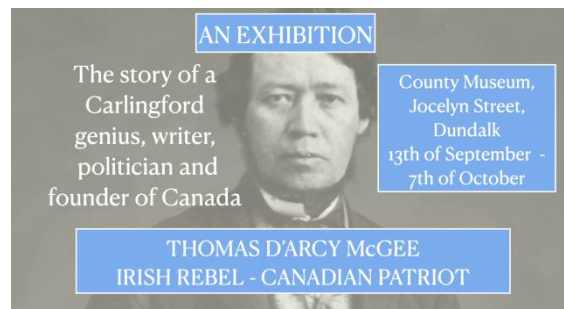


Figure 1 The Thomas D'Arcy McGee exhibition

A new exhibition on Carlingford's Thomas D'Arcy McGee opened earlier this month at the Museum. Featuring a number of items owned by or associated McGee (including his christening robe and his death hand) the exhibition chronicles his life and career.



Figure 2 Gallery image of the Thomas D'Arcy McGee exhibition



Figure 3 Gallery image of the Thomas D'Arcy McGee exhibition

Culture Night



In association with the Arts Office the Museum hosted a number of different activities to celebrate Culture Night. From 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. the Museum was home to a number of Lego workshops whilst at 7.30 p.m. classical singer Sarah McCourt performed in the Museum's AV Theatre.

To mark Heritage Week the Museum organised a series of workshops advising children how to take care of their own collections. The workshops highlighted the way in which the Museum cares for, cleans, stores and displays its own collection.

Recent acquisitions



Figure 4 Commemorative Easter Rising tea towel.

The Museum recently acquired some new items to the Collection. Most notable amongst these was a commemorative tea towel marking the 50th Anniversary of the Easter Rising. Another interesting addition to the Collection is a World War II kitbag.



Figure 5 World War II kitbag

Climate Action

As a member of the Quality of Life team the Museum continues to support corporate Climate Action Goals.