



CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

November 2025



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 30ú Samhain 2025

Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 30th November 2025

A Chara,

I enclose the above report for your statutory consideration, this report has also been prepared under Section 136 & 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001. The attached report is the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for November 2025, detailing activities, updates and progress across various departments of Louth County Council.

Key achievements and actions under various directorates from the Chief Executive Report for November 2025:

1. Finance and System Support Directorate

- Louth County Council's Budget was passed by the members on 17th November 2025.
- Expenditure to date: €160M (87% of budget spent); Income to date: €154M (84% invoiced).
- Debtors balance: €52.6M; 83% of IT support calls resolved.
- Between 1st to 30th November, there were 646 support calls logged in the IT support system, 83% of these calls have been completed.
- Roll out of cyber training continues for both the councillors and the executive.

2. Economic Delivery Directorate

- Rates Waiver Scheme 2026 proposed by the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC was approved at the 2026 Budget.
- Hosted Northeast Business Awards and supported tourism initiatives like Frostival Winter Festival and Boyne Valley Flavours.
- The Council provided financial and operational support for 'The Mass of the Bells' that was broadcast live on RTÉ from St. Peter's Catholic Church, Drogheda on Sunday 23rd November.
- LEO Louth sponsored Dundalk Chamber's Auto-Enrolment Breakfast, where 170 local businesses came together to prepare for upcoming workplace pension changes.
- Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub kicked off the first of the DigiBytes workshops on Thursday, 6th November.
- In October 2025, 89 planning applications were received, 76 were valid, there were 35 responses for further information and 21 pre-planning requests received.

3. Operations & Environment Delivery Directorate

- Extensive road repairs, drainage remediation and illegal dumping cleanups across municipal districts were ongoing throughout the month.
- Enhanced public spaces, including Muirhevnamor Park and Carlingford Laneways.
- Waste enforcement handled 264 complaints, 23 diesel laundering drums removed.
- Climate action initiatives included stakeholder engagement and solar PV installations.
- Building Works to renovate and improve the Council's existing Cornmarket Building at Fair Street Drogheda are in progress and the works are expected to be completed before end 2025.
- Works to repair the wall leading to the Tower at Millmount are almost complete.

4. HR, Corporate & Community Delivery Directorate

- Customer Services handled 19,660 queries; 59% (11,654) resolved at first contact.
- Supported community projects like Age Friendly workshops, Louth Comhairle na nÓg and Healthy Louth initiatives.
- On 19th November, the annual Community & Voluntary Awards took place in Monasterboice, celebrating the dedication of voluntary groups across the County.
- Launched the Tidy Towns Project Scheme 2026.
- LAG approved €218,752.84 in funding for 7 LEADER projects under the themes of: Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion and Rural Environment and Climate Change. This brings total LEADER funding allocated in Louth to €1,201,645.50.

5. Housing & Culture Delivery Directorate

- Addressed homelessness with 194 presentations and 33 emergency placements.
- Delivered 283 social housing units in 2025, exceeding targets.
- Managed €4m in rent arrears and processed 985 maintenance requests.
- Supported cultural initiatives like Louth Science Festival and library outreach programs.

6. Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery Directorate

- Progressed major projects including the Narrow Water Bridge, Dundalk-Carlingford Greenway and flood relief schemes.
- Advanced Active Travel projects, including safe routes to schools and mobility hubs.
- Delivered urban regeneration plans for Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee.

This report highlights some of the Louth County Council's progress across the various directorates in November 2025

I would like extend my heartfelt thanks to all Louth County Council staff for their dedication and hard work throughout 2025. Your efforts have been instrumental in achieving the milestones recorded throughout the year.

May I wish all councillors, staff and the community a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Is mise le meas.



David Conway
Chief Executive

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An Stuúrthóireacht Airgeadais agus Tacaíochta Córais Finance and System Support Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as bainistíocht airgeadais na heagraíochta, lena n-áirítear cuntais iníoctha agus infhaighte, le rialú agus seachadadh gach córais dhigitigh TFC, lena n-áirítear seirbhísí teileachumarsáide, soláthar, iniúchadh & bainistíocht riosca agus sócmhainní.

This directorate is responsible for the financial management of the organisation, including accounts payable and receivable, with control and delivery of all ICT digital systems, including telecommunications services, procurement, audit & risk and asset management.

Bernadette Woods
Stiúrthóir / Director



Tuairiscí Airgeadais / Financial Reports

Caiteachas go dtí 30^ú Samhain 2025 / Expenditure to 30th of November 2025

Rannóg / Section	Actual Expenditure to 30/11/2025 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 30/11/2025	Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Expenditure 2025	% Caite go 30/11/2025 / % Spent to 30/11/2025
Tithíocht / Housing	€68,317,631	€73,683,142	93%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€26,780,162	€28,591,697	94%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€5,533,015	€7,538,273	73%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€18,618,265	€25,940,360	72%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€20,841,174	€24,948,899	84%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€10,047,556	€12,548,436	80%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€962,625	€1,431,271	67%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€9,007,059	€9,312,306	97%
	€160,107,487	€183,994,384	87%

Ioncam go 30^ú Samhain 2025 / Income to 30th of November 2025

Rannóg / Section	Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 30/11/2025 / Actual Income to 30/11/2025	Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Income 2025	% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 30/11/2025 / % Invoiced to 30/11/2025
Tithíocht / Housing	€65,040,100	€73,685,224	88%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€11,930,065	€16,613,589	72%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€5,164,015	€6,557,586	79%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€9,935,836	€15,522,127	64%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€3,315,141	€4,474,236	74%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€1,310,226	€1,947,561	67%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€287,479	€469,209	61%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€8,500,366	€17,760,538	48%
Rátaí / Rates	€37,662,503	€35,598,115	106%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€11,366,198	€11,366,198	100%
	€154,511,929	€183,994,383	84%

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The above is the current position as of the 30th of November 2025. 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 2025 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as of 30th of November 2025 are as follows:

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 30^ú Samhain 2025 / Debtors as of 30th of November 2025

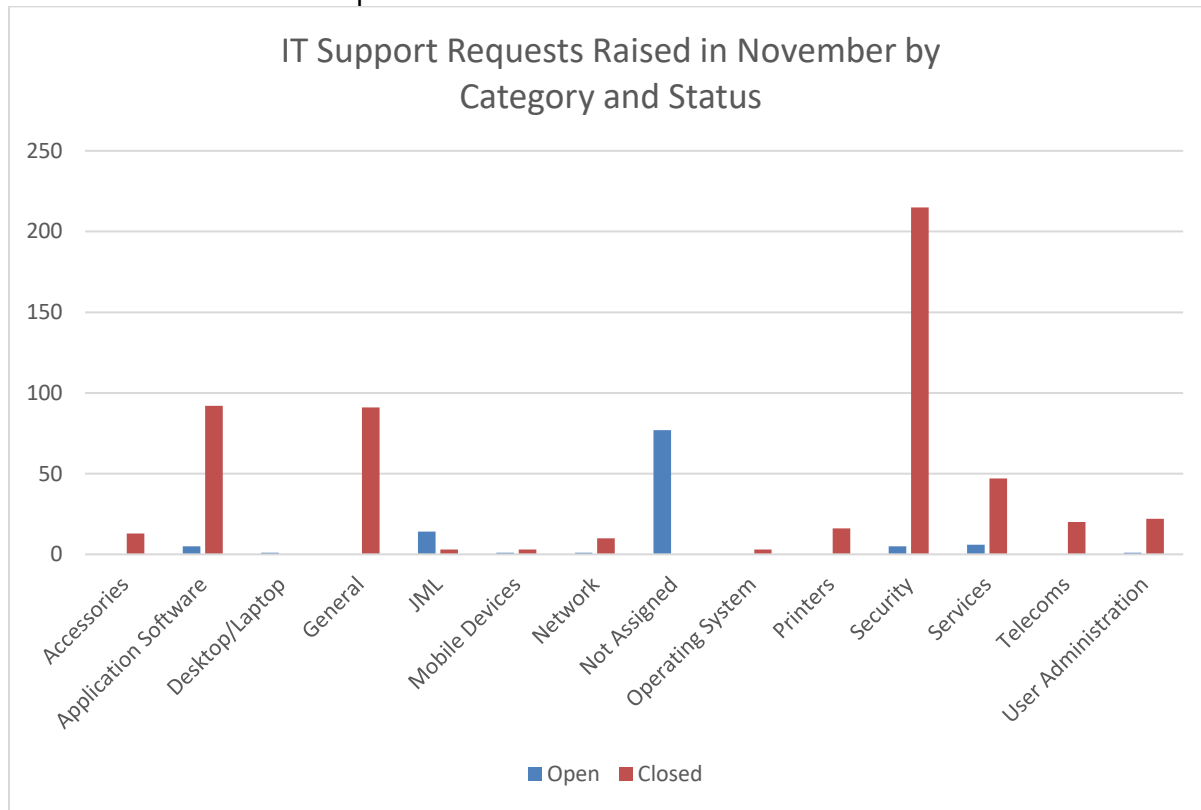
	Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance	Sonraisc / Invoices	Fáltais / Receipts	Díscríobhanna / Write Offs	Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance
Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors	€26,232,975	€285,771,929	(€282,389,738)	(€130,907)	€29,484,259
Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities	€106,006	€1,350,641	(€1,322,063)	(€Nil)	€134,584
Rataí / Rates	€5,466,111	€37,662,503	(€34,437,796)	(€2,164,124)	€6,526,694
Cíosanna / Rent	€3,098,524	€16,602,851	(€15,941,150)	(€99,173)	€3,661,052
Iasachtal / Loans	€300,764	€2,052,859	(€2,070,119)	€44	€283,548
Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies	€10,912,245	€6,169,372	(€8,256,209)	(€795,445)	€8,029,963
Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges	€851,125	€734,751	(€589,228)	(€48,455)	€948,193
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€2,746,807	€8,575,479	(€7,656,457)	(€56,242)	€3,609,587
Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors	€49,714,557	€358,920,385	(€352,662,760)	(€3,294,304)	€52,677,880

Above are the debtor balances as of 30th of November 2025. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recoupments, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

Technolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/11/2025 and the 30/11/2025 there were 646 support calls logged in the IT support system. 83% of these calls have been completed.



Security, Application Software & general requests were the highest category of support requests in November.

Córas Idirscartha Ríomhphoist / E-Mail Filtering System

Louth County Council 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. From 01/11/2025 – 30/11/2025 14% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

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Inbound Email count	Emails Processed by Gateway	Emails Processed by Protect
 429,628	 175,809	 253,819
Blocked Sender	Blocked at gateway	Total blocked by spam/virus
 4,880	 21,112	 35,065
Blocked by content rules	Potentially harmful emails	Deleted by Protect
 747	 14.4%	 45

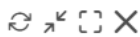
Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

There were 14,643 unique page views of www.louthcoco.ie between 1st and 30th November 2025. The below table shows the pages which received the highest number of page views in this month. Online planning services, Service and Library received the highest number of page view in November.

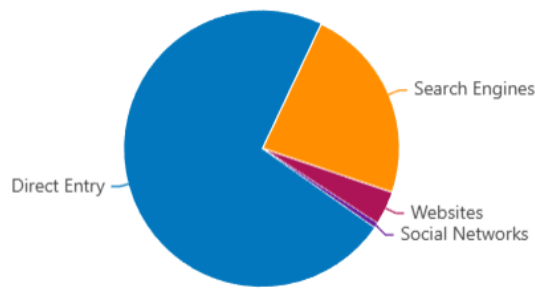
PAGE URL	PAGEVIEWS	UNIQUE PAGEVIEWS
 /en/	3,830	20.7% 3,031
 /en/services/planning/online-planni...	929	5.3% 775
 /en/services/planning/ 	610	3.4% 493
 /en/services/	607	3.1% 460
 /en/home/	538	3% 434
 /en/services/library/	404	2.1% 305
 /en/services/dog-pound/	392	2.1% 303
 /en/services/planning/online-planni...	304	1.8% 265
 /en/contact/louth-county-council/	304	1.8% 260
 /en/publications/development-plans/	336	1.6% 238
 /en/services/housing/	301	1.5% 217
 /en/louth_county_council/	217	1.2% 173

The chart below presents the channel types of visitors to www.louthcoco.ie in November by day of the Week. Most visitors access the website directly with search engines being the next most accessed route.

Channel Types



Unique visitors



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. Please note there have been changes made to the online Planning Map viewers in November. The data in the application is updated regularly to include all planning applications. There were 7,053 views between 01/11/2025 and 30/11/2025, an average of 206 views a day in November.

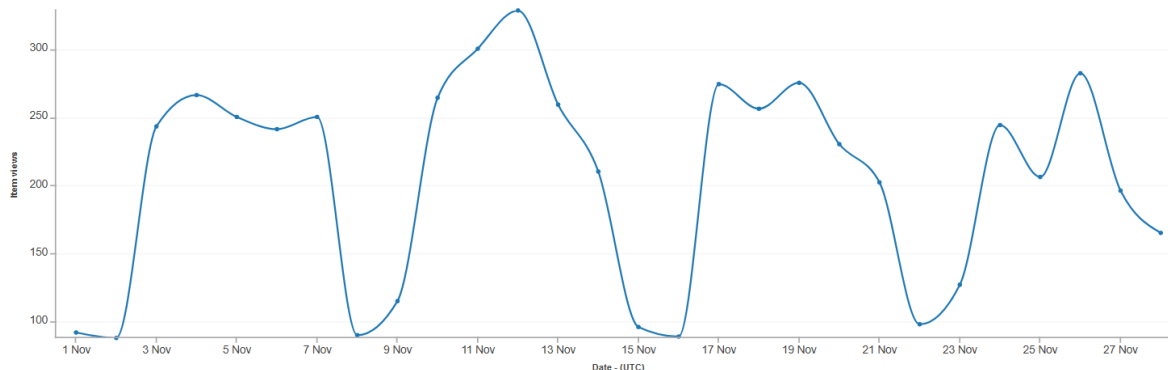
Item views

5,764

Average item views per day

205.86

Usage time series between 01/11/2025 and 29/11/2025



Cyber Security Training – November

This month's training focused on safeguarding data on mobile devices, including laptops, smartphones, and tablets. It highlighted the risks associated with using these devices on unsecured public Wi-Fi networks, emphasising that cyber criminals can intercept sensitive information without needing physical access to the device.

An Stiúrthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch Economic Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as clár oibre eacnamaíoch na heagraíochta a sheachadadh, lena n-áirítear turasóireacht, Fiontair Áitiúla agus Pleanáil, lena n-áirítear oidhreacht thógtha.

This directorate is responsible for the delivery of the organisation's economic agenda, including Tourism, Local Enterprise and Planning, including Built Heritage.

Thomas McEvoy
Stiúrthóir / Director



An Stiúirthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch / Directorate of Economic Delivery

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

Details at www.localenterprise.ie/green and www.localenterprise.ie/louth.

Forbairt Gheilleagrach / Economic Development

Louth Economic Forum

The Louth Economic Forum met on Wednesday, 19th November. Eirgid's Head of Network Projects and its Transmission Power System Lead provided a presentation to the Forum outlining its national strategy and the significance of Louth in relation to grid developments.

Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC met on Thursday, 6th November. The Night-Time Economy Advisor provided a presentation to the SPC on work to date, in particular the recent public consultations and ongoing projects.

Age Friendly Business Accreditation

Aura Dundalk Leisure Centre received its Age Friendly Business Accreditation on Wednesday 5th November. There is an open call for Businesses to attend a free workshop to assist them in gaining their accreditation by emailing econdev@louthcoco.ie.



Presentation of Aura's Age Friendly Accreditation

Rates Waiver Scheme

The Rates Waiver Scheme 2026 as proposed by the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC was approved at the Budget meeting on the 17th November. The scheme will come into effect in January 2026.

Northeast Business Awards 2025

The Northeast Business Awards, hosted by Drogheda & District Chamber, took place on Saturday 22nd November and the Council's Economic Development & Tourism office sponsored the "Excellence in Hospitality (1 – 9)" award category. The winner was Barney Mac's Pub.



Mayor Councillor Michelle Hall presenting the award for 'Excellence in Hospitality (1-9)' to Barney Mac's Pub

Mass of the Bells

The Council provided financial and operational support for 'The Mass of the Bells' that was broadcast live on RTÉ from St. Peter's Catholic Church, Drogheda on Sunday 23rd November. It featured a specially commissioned piece by Composer Michael Holohan to mark the 400th anniversary of the birth and 50th anniversary of the canonisation of St Oliver Plunkett, and the 50th anniversary of Mother Mary Martin's death. The Mass is available on the RTÉ Player at <https://www.rte.ie/player/series/mass/SI0000003570?epguid=IH10008882-25-0031>.



Composer Michael Holohan with Mayor Councillor Michelle Hall & Thomas McEvoy, LCC

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) – Industry Advisory Panel

The inaugural meeting of the above panel took place in Dundalk on Monday, 10th November and was chaired by the Chief Executive, David Conway.



DBEC Industry Advisory Panel

Meeting with Canadian Embassy

The Chief Executive and DOS Economic Delivery met with the Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, HE Dennis King and his staff at the Canadian Embassy on Friday, 7th November.



Meeting at the Canadian Embassy

Turasóireacht / Tourism

Visit Louth



If anyone wishes to submit an event or attraction to be listed on the Visit Louth website, they can do so via this [link](#). In particular, the [what's on](#) section aims to inform and attract tourists to the county.

Festivals Supported 2025

All information on festivals and events happening across the county are available at: <https://www.visitlouth.ie/whats-on/>.

Lú Festival of Light

Lú Festival of Light 2024 was shortlisted for a Chambers Ireland, Excellence in Local Government award in the category 'Celebrating Irish Language & Culture'. Staff from the Economic Delivery Directorate attended the awards on the 27th November.

Christmas Lights

Louth County Council continues to provide support towards the Christmas festivities arranged by the traders in our principal towns. In particular we pay for the cost of electricity towards the Christmas lights in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee.

In Dundalk and Drogheda, the Christmas lights are owned and installed by the BIDS companies on behalf of the traders in these towns. It is the BIDS companies, under their 5 year BID Proposal, who manage the street lighting and arrange for connections, installation and dismantling throughout the festive period.

<http://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/economic-development/drogheda-bids/drogheda-bid-proposal-2025-2029/drogheda-bid-proposal/love-drogheda-bid-proposal-2025-2029.pdf>

Frostival Winter Festival, Dundalk

The Frostival Winter Festival returned to Dundalk Town Centre on Saturday, 15th and Sunday, 16th November, sponsored by Louth County Council. The weekend was packed with festive fun, dazzling lights, and Christmas spirit in the heart of the town! This year, the Christmas Tree, Northern Lights and Town Centre Light Switch-On took place on Saturday, 15th and the Carnival of Light Parade took place on Sunday, 16th.



Frostival Winter Festival Dundalk

Brigid's Way

A request for tender was published on the eTenders portal to request submissions to 'Develop an options paper for Brigid's Way'. This cross county collaboration aims to develop and evaluate options to maintain and develop the cross county route. The tenders received have been assessed with a view to appointing a consultant to work with the Tourism Officer, Meath and Kildare County Councils, Fáilte Ireland and key stakeholders.

Táin Trail Re-imagined

The first meeting of the Re-imagined Táin Trail Steering Committee was held on Thursday, 13th November in Cavan. A further meeting is due to be held on the Friday, 5th December.

Boyne Valley Flavours

New Boyne Valley Flavours Website Launch

Boyne Valley Flavours recently launched a new website. New features have been added to the site including an interactive producer directory, showcasing members and their stories. A calendar of food experiences and events taking place across Louth and Meath, a dedicated membership section that better showcases the benefits of membership to the network, have been added. For more information please visit: <https://boynevalleyflavours.ie/>.

Boyne Valley Flavours AGM 2025

The Boyne Valley Flavours Annual General Meeting took on Monday, 17th November, beginning with a brief overview of the activities for 2025, including the launch of its new website, the continuation of the Boyne Valley Bites campaign, the Boyne Valley Food Series events, and wider strategic initiatives aligned with the Boyne Valley Food Development Strategy 2024–2028.

Boyne Valley Bites Workshop DkIT

On Wednesday 19th November, Boyne Valley Flavours hosted a Boyne Valley Bites workshop in DkIT. The workshop involved chefs Conor Halpenny and Tara Walker demonstrating recipes they have developed using ingredients from the Boyne Valley. Along with several businesses there was also in excess of 40 Culinary Arts students in attendance, and it proved to be a very successful event and an opportunity to build relationships with the Culinary Arts team in DkIT.



Attendees at Boyne Valley Bites in DkIT

The Centre of Food Culture, Boyne Valley

Samhain Festival of Food and Culture

The Centre of Food Culture's annual flagship festival; Samhain Festival of Food and Culture took place in Kells and the surrounding area from 6th – 9th November, welcoming a record 7,500 attendees over the course of the weekend (a 50% increase on 2024 attendance) – from the festival grounds featuring the renowned Sheridans Irish Food Fair, kids workshops with Agri Aware, The Cool Food School and Bord Iascaigh Mhara, The Samhain Social tent, cookery demonstrations and funfair, to immersive food and drinks tastings in The Red Chapel and the renowned long table supper in the Headfort Arms Hotel.

This year's symposium focused on the topic of developing a national cohesive and interconnected food policy – welcoming 100+ delegates from across the food system in Ireland to join in round table discussions and a panel session.

The Louth/Meath Samhain Festival Team won 'Best Tourism Experience/Event' at the Meath Business and Tourism Awards on Friday, 14th November in Trim Castle Hotel.

Geilleagar Oíche Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

Sound Town Alliance

Drogheda's grassroots music scene has seen a boost this month, with the first steps taken towards a new Sound Town Alliance – a cooperating network of grassroots venues working together rather than competing and inspired by international best practice. Drogheda's grassroots scene remains centred on McHugh's, with free space provided for

emerging acts, supported by Night-Time Economy funding (Louth County Council and the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport). McHugh's has agreed in principle to participate in the Alliance in order to grow a town wide scene.

First work to realise this approach has centred around a small venue adjacent to Clark's Bar called Odd Mollies. The first new grassroots event at Odd Mollies took place on Friday, 28th November at 7.30pm, with door discounts for colouring in a poster.



Colouring In Poster

Dance music advocates Drogheda Groove Movement are also exploring a regular night, meaning hip hop and dance will complement McHugh's live band-led offer, rather than directly competing.

The Night-Time Economy Adviser will use the Alliance to encourage support for grassroots venues and would welcome contact from others interested in developing new cultural spaces, via nighttimeeconomy@louthcoco.ie.

Purple Flag / Retail Community Safety Session – 17th November

The Drogheda Purple Flag group trialed a one-off joint meeting with the Garda Retail Community Safety group, co-ordinated by Love Drogheda BID, to explore joint working and shared challenges. *Purple Flag* recognises towns that offer a safe and well-managed evening and night-time environment, and this session helped the group better understand retail safety issues and reporting challenges. The

meeting also considered retail businesses signing up to the Purple Flag Charter – a simple commitment to safety, inclusivity and partnership – and developing a brief toolkit to support reporting and access to Garda assistance, such as via Crime Reduction Officers. The session was seen as a positive step in strengthening collaboration across retail, hospitality and safety partners.

The Dark Drogheda Tour

A welcome new addition to Drogheda's night-time offering, the organiser behind the *Drogheda Through the Ages* tour launched a Dark Drogheda walking tour, with the first taking place on 23rd November. With promotion support from Visit Louth, Drogheda Purple Flag and the Night-Time Economy Adviser, the tour was well attended and already attracted strong online interest for future planned events. Described by the organiser as “a fright-filled walk through the town's haunted history... gory, spooky but fun,” it offers a light-hearted, heritage-led experience after dark.



Dark Drogheda Walking Tour Poster

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

Auto-Enrolment Breakfast Event – Thursday 6th November

LEO Louth sponsored Dundalk Chamber's Auto-Enrolment Breakfast, where 170 local businesses came together to prepare for upcoming workplace pension changes. Expert insights were shared by Protection & Prosperity Financial Services and Zurich Ireland, with a video message from Minister Dara Calleary adding valuable perspective. It was an informative morning of practical advice, strong engagement, and collaboration across the Louth business community.



LEO Louth Senior Enterprise Development Officer speaking at the Auto-Enrolment Breakfast event



Auto-Enrolment Breakfast Briefing in the Gateway Hotel with Dundalk Chamber

Look for Local Launch

The official launch of the Christmas 2025 'Look for Local, Look for Louth' campaign took place in November. LEO Louth was joined by business owners to highlight the importance of shopping local, both in person and online, to sustain jobs and strengthen our local economy.



Hestia Design, Mojo & Co., LEO Louth, PTSB, Sarah McKenna Ceramics, Aidan Brennan Jewellers and Caroline Duffy Designs at the Look for Local Launch

Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub

Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub kicked off the first of the DigiBytes workshops on Thursday, 6th November focusing on early-stage tech start-ups –

12 businesses attended where they learned about practical insights on platform development and digital innovation to help shape and refine their ventures.

Next Session: Tuesday, 2nd December (6.00 – 9.00pm) focusing on Digital Health. Aspiring entrepreneurs with ideas in the health sector are encouraged to attend, especially those unsure of how to begin their journey.

These fully funded, one-night workshops aim to spark ideas and give clear steps for tech ventures. Participants also receive tailored mentoring and access to Hub facilities.



Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub DigiBytes workshop

Drogheda Chamber Awards – Saturday 22nd November 2025

LEO Louth sponsored the Best Startup award category at the Drogheda & District Chamber Northeast Business Awards 2025. The category was won by Starilum, a creative tech business.



Presentation of LEO Louth sponsored award to Starilum

LEO Workshops and Training:

- **Business Advice Clinics** – 45 business advice clinic appointments were carried out in November.
- **LEO Mentoring** - 21 Mentors were appointed to businesses in November to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.
- **LEO Training** – 2 training courses were held in November: Start Your Own Business and Tiktok for Business (Advanced).

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of October 2025 are given below in tabular form. There were 89 planning applications received during the month of October of which 76 were valid. In addition, there were 35 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 21 Pre-Planning Requests 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) Cur Síos / Description	(B) Forbairtí Tithíochta / Housing Developmen ts	(C) Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses	(D) Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other applications -not requiring EIA	(E) Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth / Other applications- requiring EIA	(F) Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae / Total for all categories of development in County Area
(i) Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh / Number of applications determined	6	11	56	0	73
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	5	3	25	0	33
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused	50% (3)	18.18% (2)	10.71% (6)	0% (0)	15.07% (11)
(iv) Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh / Number of appeals determined	0	3	2	0	5
(v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc / Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal	0% (0)	66.67% (2)	0% (0)	0% (0)	40% (2)

Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Forbairt Neamhúdaraíthe / Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Development

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

Cur Síos / Description	Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development		Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development	
	Deireadh Fómhair 2025 / October 2025	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date	Deireadh Fómhair 2024 / October 2024	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	35	247	28	224
Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise / Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which did not require follow up	0	0	0	0
Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht / Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation	15	212	22	203
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	31	227	12	192
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	0	6	0	13
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	0	7	0	3
Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	0	0	0

Stiúarthóireacht na nOibríochtaí & Seachadadh Comhshaoil

Operations & Environmental Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúarthóireacht seo freagrach as gníomhaíocht oibríochtúil, lena n-áirítear cothabháil na heagraíochta ar gach maoin chorparáideach, bóithre, spásanna poiblí, soilsiú poiblí agus cur chun feidhme ár bplean gníomhaíochta ar son na haeráide, bainistiú flíteanna, bainistiú dramhaíola agus seirbhísí dóiteáin, lena n-áirítear rialú foirgneamh.

This Directorate is responsible for operational activity, including the organisation's maintenance of all corporate property, roads, public spaces, public lighting and implementation of our climate action plan, fleet management, waste management and fire services, including building control.

David Hanratty

Stiúarthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



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Ceantar Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk

Dundalk Urban Area – November 2025

Piocadh Bruscair / Litter Picking:

Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí / Location and metres per month /

River Walk to Tain Bridge
Inner Relief Rd to Racecourse Rd
Old Newry Rd, Lennonmelia, Riverside Crescent,
Fairgreen Rd
By Pass at St helenas, Quay St, Point Rd,
Old Coes Rd.
Barrack St.
Centenary Rd
Ramparts
York St.
Patrick St.
John St.
Phillip St.
Castletown Rd
Castleross
Seatown Place
St. Brigids Terrace
Castle Rd
Fairgreen Rd
Avenue Rd
Tom Bellew Avenue
Mary St. South
Williamsons Place
Mooreland

Folmhú Araidí Poiblí / Emptying of Public Bins

Líon agus minicíocht / Numbers and frequency

Carried out by contractor Declan McArdle

Scuabadh Bóithre / Road Sweeping

Bealaí gach tseachtain / Routes per week

All Locations on Declan McArdles Route

Swept leaves multiple locations including – Castle Rd, Seatown, Doolargy Avenue, McSwiney St, R178.

Dog waste removed from footpaths from Seatown Place to Town Hall

LCC Multihog – Swept Loose Chipping, all locations Tar Patched in October and November. Washed all Street Bins - Clanbrassil St and Church St. Power hosed

Bottle Banks – Barrack St, Long Term Car Park, The Tennis Cub and Harp Brewery Car Park.

Clean up of Market Square and The Demense,

Linenhall St, C/Brassil St, Church St, Earl Street, Chapel St and Market St.

Muck/Weed removal on the RedBarns Rd.

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

Locations: Toberona x 4

Maxwells Row x 2

Newry Rd Bridge x 2

Fairgreen Row x 1

St. Helenas Park x 4

Tain Bridge x 2

Navvy Bank x 5

Riverside Walk x 2

Ice House Hill x 3

Ramparts River/Road x 2

Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil /
Corpachmhainne / Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment

Number of sites checked daily

	<i>Suíomh / Location</i>	<i>Nótaí / Notes</i>
Deisiú Bóithre / Road Repairs	<u>Dundalk</u>	
	Aghameen	Potholes repaired.
	Muirhevnamore	Potholes repaired.
	Meadow Grove	Potholes repaired.
	R178 / The Crescent	Potholes repaired.
	Hoeys Lane	Potholes repaired.
	Racecourse rd / Ath Iethan	Repaired Track.
	Priorland Rd	Potholes repaired.
	Castle Rd	Potholes repaired.

	The Longwalk Fatima / Bellewsbridge Inner Relief Rd Dublin Rd St. Alphonsus rd Castle rd Mount Rath Dublin St	Potholes repaired. Potholes repaired. Potholes repaired. Potholes repaired. Potholes repaired. Sunken Road crossing repaired. Tarmac Overlaid. Potholes repaired.
Feabhasúchán Draenála / Drainage Remediation	Avondale New St. Ardee rd Dealing with flooding in multiple locations during Yellow weather warning River Grills Muirhevnemor / Hoey's Lane Hawthorn Cres / Bay Estate 63 Ashbrook Newry rd McSwiney St. Drainage Contractor Cleaning Gullys and Pipelines	Gullys cleaned Gullys cleaned Gullys cleaned / Flooding past St. Olivers shrine investigated and noted for works next year All inspected and cleaned Flooding dealt with All Gullys cleaned Storm Drain cleared Broken grating replaced Gullys cleaned Mill rd The Rise The Paddock Quay st Barracks st Point rd Redbarns rd Meadow Grove Bishops Court Redcow Roundabout – Ecco Drain

Cothabháil Cosán / Footpath Maintenance	Castletown rd / Grey Acre rd	Bushes cut back/ footpath swept.
	Walkway between Dublin St / Avenue rd	Removal of 2 park benches
	The Demesne / Oscars Pub	Damaged footpath repaired
	Earl St / Park St	Eco Drains repaired
	Dublin St.	Pedestrian Barrier repaired and reinstated
	Locations Throughout Dundalk	Used Concrete Planer to remove trip hazards in footpaths.
Deisiú Soilse Trácht / Traffic Light Repairs	Castletown rd. / Bellewsbridge	Lights upgraded
	Dublin St / The Windsor	Lights repaired
	Castletown rd. / The Maxol	Pedestrian Lights repaired
	Ice House Hill Junction	Lights repaired
	The Lisdoo	Lights repaired
	The Gateway Hotel	Ongoing issues investigated
	Avenue rd. / Inner relief rd.	Lights repaired
	Castletown Rd	Sequencing reset
	Inner relief rd./ County Hall	Lights repaired
	Ice-house Hill	Lights repaired
	St. Helenas Crossroads	Lights repaired
Comharthaíocht / Signage & Bollards	Bellewsbridge	New Stop sign Installed. Bus Stop relocated. No Parking signs installed
	Stapleton Place	New Pedestrian Crossing signs installed
	Dundalk Town – Roden Place, Francis St, Park St, Dublin St, Hill St Bridge and The Crescent	Posters / Stickers removed from road signs
	Castle Rd / Seatown Place	New cycle lane Sign Installed

	Union St. Quay St. The Magnet, The Demesne, Newry rd. Crowe St.	Pay Parking signs replaced Island Directional Arrow replaced Bollards repaired and replaced Loading Bay sign repaired
Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach / Illegal Dumping	Williamsons Place Used Needles in multiple locations in Dundalk Town Inner relief rd. Tom Bellew Avenue Parnell Park Fairgreen Row Muirhevnemor St. Helena's Park Market St. Patrick St / Del A Sal Tce. Aghameen Park	Fly tipping collected Collected and disposed of Dead otter collected Bags collected Bags collected Fly tipping removed Dumped Bags investigated and removed Removal of dead animal Removal of abandoned Bin Fly tip removed Fly tip removed

Cooley Area & North Louth

Litter Picking / Piocadh Bruscair

Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí

Litter pick,

*Carlingford, Omeath and Greenore Villages,
Car park at Templetown,
Car park at Gyles Quay.*

Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht As per weekly maintenance, emptying of bins, at Carlingford, Omeath, Greenore, Villages. Car park at Templetown Beach, Car park at Gyles Quay, Playground at Lordship, Faughart Graveyard.
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain Emptying of Bins as per Bin Management.
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála Water Safety Officer	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne Carried out by LCC Out-door staff	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil

Cooley & North Louth		
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	Ongoing maintenance on local roads, regional roads, patching.	
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	Cleaning of culverts, side cuttings on local roads, e.g. Carlingford, Omeath, Ravensdale. Cleaning of leaves from blocking gullies.	
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	Clearing leaves at Carlingford and Omeath villages.	
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	Pedestrian lights at Ravensdale.	
Signage / Comharthaíocht	Templetown beach, to prevent dogs on beach at designated times, Cul de sac on local road at Omeath.	

Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	R132 at Carrickdale graffiti removed from wall.	
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Blackrock-Faughart & North Mid-Louth Areas November 2025

Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht
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- Blackrock – 6 days/week
- Knockbridge – once a week
- Dromiskin – once a week
- Tallanstown & Louth Village – once a week

Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
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- 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
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- Killanny, Louth Village, Castlebellingham – checked weekly
- Blackrock – checked weekly

Blackrock-Faughart & North Mid-Louth Areas November 2025	Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
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Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	Tar patching pothole repairs carried out on LS-7184 Dunmahon Gibstown, L-7100 Whitemills Faughart, LS-7128 Deer Park Road Killin, LS-7129 Little Mills K'Bridge R171 Knockbridge Road, LS-7107 Falmore Kilcurry, LS-7093 Feede, M'pleasant LS-7126 Cortial Kilkerley, LS-7108 Balriggeran Kilcurry. Stonestown Rd 143 & Rd 215 Mullins cross, Rd 216 Williamstown	Road repairs and patching & cleaning up
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	N/A	Tree pruning/vegetation maintenance/verge trimming
	N/A	Resurfacing/overlay works (by contract)
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	Cleaning gullies and storm lines on LS-5137 Little Ash Knockbridge, R171 Knockbridge Road, LS-7127 Balrobin Kilkerley, LS-7162 Clermont Haggardstown. Pepperstown cross to N52	Drainage maintenance – cleansing and gully cleaning, opening outlets & storm drains, preparation for surface dressing.
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha		Clearing fallen trees & debris.
Footpath Maintenance / Cothabháil Cosán		Footpath renewal
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráichta	Xerox junction, Haynestown, Kilcurry, Faughart	Major repair works completed
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	N/A	Renewal of junction markings Renewal of existing and provision of additional road markings
Signage / Comharthaíocht		Cleansing/repair/replacement New signage
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	N53, Dundalk Castleblayney Rd Rice's bridge R178, LS-7103 Carnmore Kilcurry.	Collection of dumped waste for disposal. Collection & disposal after community clean up

Borough District of Drogheda

Drogheda Urban – November 2025

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.

- Drogheda Rural Bring banks are cleared daily during working week.
- Removal of Bonfire material at the following locations St Laurence Pk / Drive, Moneymore, Rathmullen Pk, Rathmullen Ravine, Grove Celtic Football grounds, Ballsgrove Green, Ballsgrove Alleyways & Marleys Lane.
- Dumping removed at Baltray Rd, Twenties Lane, Ballymakenny Rd, Townrath, Sandpit & Clogherhead.
- Eco drainage channels cleaned at Old Abbey Lane & West St.
- Preparation for Drogheda Christmas Light Switch On, additional road sweeping and litter bin collections, pedestrian barriers, removal of bollards and cordon off parking bays.
- Clean up of Bessexwell Lane and Bachelors Lane daily.
- Cleaning of Bottle banks & Park Bins daily
- Collecting of bags of litter at Baltray Rd, Termonfeckin Rd, Slane Rd, Newfoundwell Rd, Aston Villages, Dale, 101 Steps, Forest Grange, Glenmore Drive, Yellowbatter, Maple Drive, Greenhills, Oulster lane, Cord Rd, Dublin Rd, St Finian's Pk, Rathmullen Rd, Hillview, Riverbank, Ashfield, Mellifont Pk, Cement Rd, Trinity Gardens, Marian Pk and Sandyford Tce.
- Litter Picking at St Dominics Pk, St Dominics Bridge, Lourdes Sq, Market Sq, Fr Connolly Way, Abbey Car park, Patrickswell Lane, King St, Mell, Francis St, Millmount, Mount St Oliver, Duleek St, Old Hill, Fair Green, Dublin Rd, Dublin Rd Steps and Marsh Rd.

Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí

Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht

- Drogheda town centre Litterbins emptied daily circa 60 early mornings.
- 234 litter bin (including 10 no. Solar bins) are emptied weekly in town.
- Dominic's Park & Mell River Walk emptied daily.
- South Louth Drogheda Municipal district rural area's public Litter Bins are emptied twice a week or daily

	when needed especially at beaches/Port Oriel/Seapoint/Termonfeckin/Baltray – at least 40 bins per day. • Approach roads in Drogheda town emptied twice a week.
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain • Town centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly. • Public Housing Estates, swept every 2 months. Private Housing estates swept every 3 months. When resources allow. • Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by supervisor after checking Drogheda urban area. • Villages are swept once per month – i.e., Termonfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen & Tenure. • Drogheda town Boyne River walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday). • Road sweeping approach roads North & South of Drogheda on alternative days. • Cleaning of Bring banks daily. • Road sweeper 2 – housing estates at Roscoill, Castlewood, Termonabbey & Aston Villages. • Multi-Hog 1 – Town centre and the following locations at St Dominics Pk, Mell car park, Donore Rd, Kings St, Bolton Sq, Meat market Lane, Mayoralty St, Ballsgrove Hill, Windmill Rd, Boyle O Reilly, Newtown Cemetery, Fair Green, O Reillys carpark & North Rd (hard shoulders) • Multi-Hog 2 – out skirts of town centre including the following locations, Forest Pk, Newfield, Ballypark, Forest Grange, Moneymore, St Laurence's Pk, Ashfield, Mellifont Pk, Riverview, Boice Court, Hardman Gardens, Yellowbatter, Trinity Gardens, St Peters Place, Paradise Place, Pearse Pk, Shrewsbury Manor, Westcourt and Harmony Heights. • Pedestrian Green machine on town centre streets each day. • Power washing and Disinfectant of Pedestrian Pavements at West St, Highlane Steps, Rosemary Lane, Meat market Lane & Old Abbey Lane.

			Graffiti removed at St Dominics Pk and Town Centre (Street Furniture)
Emptying Receptacles / Salachar Madra	Dog / Folmhú	Waste / Araidí	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain Emptying of 35 no. receptacles once a week, washed and disinfected.
Ring Buoy Checking / Baoithe Tarrthála			Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain 89 ring buoys checked each week Town area (Thursday) 9 ring buoys checked each week at Rosehall (Friday)
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Trealamh Áiteanna agus Corpacmhainne			Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil Between 4 & 5 daily (4 playgrounds in Drogheda town, Skate Park, adult exercise equipment). 3 Playgrounds in Drogheda rural area) + disinfected.

<i>Drogheda Urban November 2025</i>		<i>Location / Suíomh</i>
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	Drainage Works - Gully Cleaning Contract 2025, has now commenced, contract for 1170 no. Gullies, to date approx. 900 no. gullies complete on all approach roads to Drogheda Town. - Drainage maintenance to aco channels at Watery Hill Steps. - Repairs to gullies at Stameen housing estate – one gully covered under road surface. - Repairs to gully covers on Dublin Rd and Old Slane Road. - Reinstatement of surface water manhole covers at Platin Rd, North Strand, Donore Rd, Marleys Lane and Blackbush Ave. LCC's crew - Pothole repairs at Cord Rd, Dublin Rd, Termonabbey, Millmount, Marleys Lane, North Strand, Platin Rd & Greenhills.	

	7. Monitoring of Traffic / Pedestrian management at dangerous structures at Bolton St, William St & under Bridge of Peace. 8. Preparation for Drogheda Christmas Light switch on, pedestrian barriers at St Peters Church, removal of pedestrian bollards at St Peters St and Road sweeping / litter bin collections. 9. Stock of sandbags in the event of current storms and monitoring of high tides on Wellington Quay & North Quay (Yellow warning for wind & rain) 10. Clean up oil spill at Kings St carpark, Dublin Rd & Donore Rd, Trinity St & Slane Rd. Road Works Program – Resurfacing works 2025 Works are now completed at the following roads 1. Bothar Brugha 2. Crosslanes 3. R132 / Crosslanes / Cement Rd. 4. Cord Rd 5. Rathmullen Pk 6. College Rise. 7. Broadmeadows 8. Westgate junction. 9. Shop St 10. Collon Rd. IDA Road Resurfacing planned for 1st Week in December. CIS Lanes 2025 All three roads for CIS 2025 are now complete. 1. Greenmount 2. Mount Rath 3. Carstown.
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	• Gully Cleaning Contract 2025, has now commenced, contract for 1170 no. Gullies, to date approx. 900 no. gullies complete on all approach roads to Drogheda Town
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	• Removal of tree on embankment / lying on overhead cables at St Marys St. • Removal of tree over hanging footpath at Donore Rd. • Removal of tree on Dublin Rd on overhead cables.

Footpath Maintenance / Cothabháil Cosán	Dropped kerbs & tactile installation at 19 locations throughout town, agreed with IWA – Contractor appointed and works to commence week 3/11/2025 – Works have now commenced at Rathmullen Pk, Regent Place and Ballymakenny Rd.
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Trác	- General replacement for traffic light lamps throughout town. - Shut down of traffic lights at Georges St / Patricks St – due to water ingress at controller.
Signage / Comharthaíocht	- Windmill Rd – new pole / sign – resident parking. - Matthews Lane – new Chevron Sign. - Hand St – Weight Restriction sign. - No dumping signs at Hill of Rath. - New bollards at Shamrock Villas after RTA. - Sign cleaning town centre. - Reinstatement of pedestrian bollards at Patricks St & Stockwell Lane. - Realign stop sign at Greenhills. - Reinstatement of direction signage at Cord Rd. - Maintenance of signs at Ballsgrove, stop, ramps & children crossing. - Reinstatement of bollards at Windmill Road.
Litterbin cleaning disinfecting	On-going on weekly basis.
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graffiti	- St Dominics Pk - Town Centre - Mell River walk.
Illegal Dumping / Environmental issues Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	- Baltray Rd - Twenties Lane - Ballymackenna Rd - Townrath - Sandpit - Clogherhead

Ardee Municipal District

South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair

All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)

Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí

Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí • Ardee Town • Dunleer town • Collon • Riverside Walk • Link Road	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht • 37 Daily • 20 Tuesday and Thursday • 3 Tuesday and Thursday
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre • All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála • Ardee Town - River Dee • Salterstown • Port Beach	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne • Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at the Fairgreen, Ardee (Pest Control also implemented) • Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at Dunleer	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil
	Location / Suíomh
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	• L-2260 Drumcar • L-121236 Stabannon • McTreannors Terrace, Ardee • L-12104, Ballybaille • L-5258 Funshog • L-5208 Stormanstown • Repairs to Hale Street Bridge, Ardee • Preparation and assistance with Ardee Spooky Event on 1st November
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	• L-25442 - Collon • R169 Road Clearance and Drainage Openings • L-12101 Stirue, Dunleer • Multiple Locations checked and cleared ahead of Storm Event and High Flood Warnings
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	• Storm Aftermath – Trees down on R132

Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	Ardee Town - Footpath Repairs in Ardee and Dunleer NS
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	School Safety Traffic Lights repaired at Tullydonnell
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	Road Marking to Ardee, Philipstown and Collon
Signage / Comharthaíocht	- Signage Upgraded to all signages around the area - Repair Signage in Dunleer - Install New Tidy Towns Signage to; Philipstown, Ardee, Collon, Stabannon and Dunleer
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	- Incidents in Dunleer - Removal of Bonfire Material from Ballygassan
Additional Notes	Gully Cleaning and Extensive Jetting on Castle Street, Ardee and in Dunleer

Environment

Waste Enforcement

Summary of Complaints

A total of 18 complaints were received and investigated by the Waste Enforcement team in November 2025, some of which remain open pending further investigations.

Complaint Type	Received in Sept 2025	Total Received in 2025
Waste/ C&D	18	264

Diesel Laundering Waste

Twenty-three 23 no. 25 litre drums were removed by the Council to date in November 2025. The estimated cost of disposal of this waste so far this year is approximately €55,700. The total costs associated with the cleanup collection and shipment of this waste is returned each quarter.

Waste Enforcement

Waste Enforcement Officers continue to carry out their enforcement role under a myriad of waste legislation. Below is a list of some of the

inspections completed to the end of November 2025 and the enforcement actions taken.

Inspection Type	No.
Non-Construction & Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated	194
Number of above relating to Household Waste/ waste presentation inspections	119
Construction and Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated	53
Inspections of Waste Permitted Facilities	15
Inspections of Authorised Treatment Facilities	5
Multi-agency inspections	9
Hazardous waste sectoral inspections	3
Inspections in relation to Construction & Demolition waste at construction/ development sites	19
Inspections of sites under commercial waste segregation	6

Inspections of sites notified under Article 27	26
Inspections under the Packaging Regulations – Suspected Major Producers	10
Inspections under the Plastic Bag Levy	4
Inspections under ELVs Regulations	1
Desktop Annual Return Validations Completed	71
Inspection of Planning Permissions	49
Enforcement Action	
Waste Warning Letters	225
Section 55 Notice under Waste Management Act	2
Section 14 Directions under the Waste Management Act	5
Fixed Payment notice under the Waste Collection Permit Regulations	8

Household Presentation of Waste Project

The Waste Enforcement team continue to progress the Presentation of Waste Project.

A pilot project has commenced in Castleross in Dundalk town. This has identified that 16.5% of households in this area do not have a kerbside waste collection. The waste enforcement team have corresponded with each household identified as not having a kerbside waste collection service. To date engagement has been poor. Follow up correspondence is being issued. Non engagement will then be followed up with a site inspection.

Under the Louth County Council (Segregation, Storage, and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Byelaws 2019 householder are required to comply using one of the following options:

1. Registration with one of the local waste collectors for the provision of bins to allow for kerbside collection of your household waste or
2. Bring your segregated household waste to a Transfer Station/Civic Amenity Site as

required. All receipts as proof of this are required to be submitted.

Householders that fail to provide evidence of one of the above options will be subject to a €75 Fixed Payment Notice.

Litter Enforcement & Investigations

Litter wardens continue to deal with all litter matters within the county daily responding to complaints from members of the public, councillors and engaging with tidy towns groups and communities.

In November, Litter Wardens completed 283 investigations in response to dumping reported by members of the public. 7 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued in November where evidence was found under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Dog Fouling Awareness

5-hour foot patrols were undertaken by the Litter Wardens on 12th of November. The areas covered were Ramparts, River Walk, Chord Road, and the Glen Drogheda.

The main emphasis was on awareness of dog fouling and clean-up after your dog.



Environmental Regulation

Water Quality and Complaints

6 water pollution complaints were received in November 2025. Investigations and site visits were carried out in all cases. All complaints are either resolved or in progress. 2 of the complaints related to slurry spreading.



Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

4 air pollution complaints were received this month. Complaints were investigated and are either closed or in progress. Complaints related to suspected backyard burning, odour from agricultural spreading and odour from wastewater treatment plants. 4 noise pollution cases received. All complaints are either resolved or still under investigation.

Farm Survey Inspections

During the month of November, Louth County Council carried out 12 planned farm survey inspections and 2 re-inspections under the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations 2022 (GAP).

River Water Sampling and Water Framework Directive

Routine surveillance and operational monitoring of all the catchments in Louth for the water framework directive is in progress and on schedule. The next date for sampling of WFD rivers in Louth is in December 2025.

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 11 monitoring results received by Louth County Council in November for Section 4 Discharge Licences. Follow-up corrective actions are required at some of the sites and are being monitored by the Council.

Decorative Paint Regulations and Petroleum Vapour Regulations

One premise in the county was issued with a renewal certificate for the Petroleum Vapour Regulations in November.

Licenced landfills

Quarterly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in November at Dundalk, Whiteriver and Drogheda landfills.

Monthly monitoring of perimeter gas monitoring points was completed at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver landfills.

Monthly gas balancing was carried out at Whiteriver landfill. Quarterly gas balancing was carried out at Dundalk and Drogheda landfills.

Septic Tanks

2 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants in November.

2 septic tank advisory notices remain open. The Council will continue to engage with all homeowners who have received advisory notices if an effort to close them out in a timely manner.

Planning

30 planning reports were completed for November 2025. These reports related to agricultural, commercial and one-off dwelling planning permissions where assessment of site suitability based on the underlying soil/ subsoil, geology and hydrogeology takes place. 1 supervised test took place in November.



Supervised Percolation Test



Trial Hole Inspection

Quarries

Several inspections of quarries took place in the month of November. This relates to any quarry on the Local Authority's extractive industry register. This related to both closed and operational quarries to ensure no environmental damage occurs. Active quarries must produce an extractive waste management plan with 1 submitted to the local authority and the other due in December.



Inspection of a closed quarry

Bathing Water Regulations

Sampling of bathing waters finished up on the 15th of September with the final sampling date on the 8th of September. This is in accordance with the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 and sampling calendar submitted to the EPA.

Submissions are now being compiled and assessed from the public on new proposed bathing waters.

Rural Water Programme

Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant

A total of €10,516.45 in grants was paid in November 2025 (as of 25th November 2025) for

Individual Domestic Water Supplies (more commonly called private wells).

Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme

Two payments in the amount of €6,275.00 was paid in November (as of 25th November 2025) for Lead Replacement.

Animal Control and Welfare

There were fifty-six valid Sugar CRM cases assigned to Animal Control and Welfare during November 2025, with five still in progress.

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

Dogs through the pound	
November 2025	
Total dogs through the pound	22
Seized under Section 16	1
Strays	15
Surrendered by owners	6
No dogs reclaimed by owners	3
No of dogs rehomed direct	1
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	9
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/08/2025	7

Dog Licences	
November 2025	
No of Licences sold	408

Licence Checks:

House calls	185
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	80
Fixed Penalty Notices	5



Jaspar, a Yorkie, who was rehomed earlier this month, enjoying all the comforts of his new life.

Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

Horses through the pound November 2025

Horses seized, and reason for seizure:	2	Strays on public road
Horses reclaimed by owner	2	
Horses rehomed	0	
Horses disposed of	0	
No. of horses on hand in Pound on 31/11/2025	0	

Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments November 2025

Total no of registered DBEs in Louth (as at 30/11/2025)	6
Hunt	1
Boarding Kennels	2
Training Kennels	1
Welfare	2

Climate Action

The Climate Action and Sustainability Strategic Policy Committee SPC held the fourth meeting of 2025 in the Dunleer Market House on 24th November 2025. This meeting was held in person as per the SPC requirements.

EU Mission, Adaptation to Climate Change

Members of the Climate Action Team are taking part in a series of training organised by the EU Climate Adaptation Mission. This is designed to build capacity for stakeholder engagement specifically around climate adaptation.

The CLIMAAX project submitted its first project deliverable in September. This key milestone sets out the initial high-level assessment of key climate risks in County Louth. This body of work has identified and prioritised the three main climate risks. These three risks will then be brought into phase two of the project for further examination.

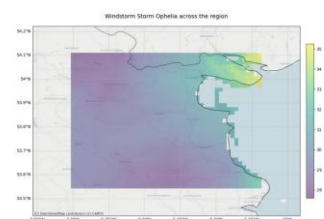


Figure 2-12 Windstorm Storm Ophelia 2017 across the region This map explains the maximum wind gust speeds generated by Storm Ophelia in a specific region. The colours on the map show the wind speed in meters per second (m/s). The yellow and lighter areas indicate the strongest winds, while the purple and darker areas show where the winds were not as powerful.



Community Climate Action Fund

The Community Climate Action Officer has contacted 22 successful groups who have been approved for funding under the Community Climate Action Fund to discuss their projects. The 22 successful groups continue to work with the Community Climate Action Officer as they enter the delivery phase of their projects.

The Community Climate Action Officer has been busy assisting each active project with queries and technical input. The administration of the funding paperwork requirements to meet the fund's rules as set out by DCEE is a key role of the Community Climate Action Officer. There is almost daily contact between LCC and DCEE to clarify questions about this fund. This is to provide the best service to the community groups to ensure that they can complete their projects in the easiest and most successful manner.

The Community Climate Action Officer hosted a number of drop-in clinics to discuss the upcoming Community Climate Action Programme and answer queries.

The Community Climate Action Programme launched on the 28th of October and is now open for applications until the 23rd of December at 12pm further information can be found here <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/environment/climate-action/community-climate-action-funding-strand/>

Applications for the Community Climate Action Programme can be found at <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/>

The Eastern and Midlands EM CARO Region Community Climate Action Officers have recorded a webinar on the application process and gave an overview of the Community Climate Action Fund.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUJWbxBn5HE>



A full list of all approved projects can be found on Louth County Council's website at <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/environment/climate-action/community-climate-action-funding-strand/>

If you would like to know further information on the Community Climate Action Fund, please email climateaction@louthcoco.ie

Climate Outreach

The Climate Action team held four stakeholder engagement sessions across the County in Ardee library, the Outcomers Centre Dundalk, Cooley Kickhams GFC and the Barbican Centre Drogheda.

The purpose of the stakeholder engagement was to communicate information on the CLIMAXX risk assessment project and the Community Climate Action Programme. It involved collaboration with the consultants Grant Thornton, M-CO, Louth County Council Climate Action staff and community groups and stakeholders who wanted to find out further information on the Community Climate Action Programme.



The sessions allowed for clear and accessible information about climate risk specific to Louth so that individuals and community groups could participate and contribute meaningfully.

The groups all gave insights into localised climate risks, barriers, ideas for climate change,

adaptation and suggestions for response to extreme weather events.



Biodiversity Action

The Second Shared Island Biosecurity and Invasive Species Forum



The Community Climate Action Officer also delivered a presentation to groups on the funding stream and discussed the themes, example projects and the application process with groups.

The Community Climate Action Officer delivered four presentations across Ardee, Dundalk, Drogheda and Dunleer as part of Louth Science Festival. The presentations were delivered to school pupils on the topic of 'Climate Change in Ireland'.

Biodiversity Officer, attended the 2nd Shared Island Biosecurity and Invasive Species Forum at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Belfast on the 4th of November. The forum, hosted by the National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) provided a valuable opportunity for sharing knowledge and collaborative thinking on Invasive Alien Species (IAS). The opening address from Andrew Muir, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs highlighted the importance of an all-Ireland approach to invasive species to preventing the introduction of such species and the importance of knowledge and best practice sharing to managing and eradicating invasive species to protect our native species.





Photo:

Opening address by Andrew Muir, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA NI).



Photo: Delegates at the 2nd Shared Island Biosecurity and Invasive Species Forum at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Belfast

The forum heard presentations from Áinle Ní Bhríán, National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and Richard Gray, Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) on their respective organisations approaches to recent Asian Hornet eradication in Cork and Belfast.

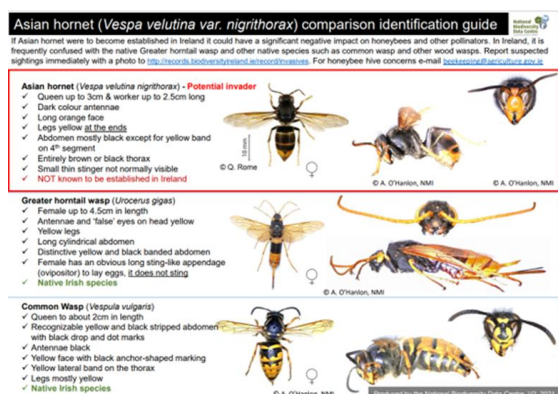


Photo: Asian Hornet Comparison with the Greater Hornet Wasp and Common Wasp.

<https://invasives.ie/app/uploads/2022/01/AsianHornetComparisonIDGuideNBDCV22021-1.pdf>

John Kelly, the Invasive Species Programme Manager with the NBDC gave an overview of the NBDCs Invasive Species Work Plan one year on, highlighting how Local Authority Biodiversity Officers have been working with the NBDC to support their efforts to develop and maintain publicly accessible best practice information about IAS management. This includes guidance suitable for Tidy Towns Groups and landowners and ensuring that responsibilities of landowners are clear and explain how treatment should be carried out.

For more information see: <https://invasives.ie/>

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan



November

Where do pollinators go in winter?

Many bumblebees will be going into hibernation now. Learn about what happens to pollinators in the winter, check your bee box to see if it's occupied. Celebrate late-flowering sources of food like Ivy.

Sustainability

ENERGY

NSAI Surveillance Audit – ISO 50001

On 27th November 2025, the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) is scheduled to undertake a 1-day Surveillance Audit of Louth County Council's Energy Management System (EnMS) to assess compliance with ISO 50001, the global standard for energy management systems.

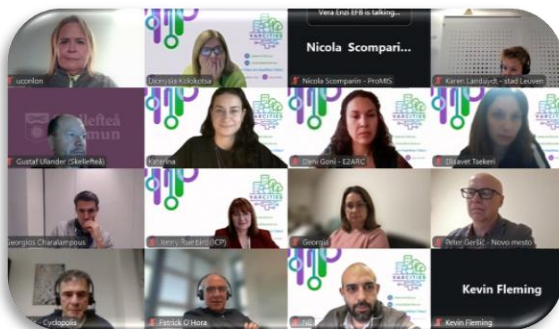
This audit is an important annual milestone in showcasing our commitment to energy efficiency and continuous improvement. Registration as compliant with ISO 50001 is an important driver of our energy management system and helps us reduce energy consumption, cut costs, and lower emissions, reinforcing our sustainability goals.

Louth County Council has been registered continuously with ISO for ISO 50,001 since 2017. Therefore, we're already operating under the established standard. A successful audit outcome from this one-day surveillance audit would confirm our alignment with ISO 50001 requirements and confirm our registration with ISO for another 12-month period.

This will be our last audit in the current 3-year cycle, and we expect to have a full 2-day audit at the end of 2026 to commence a new 3-year cycle of compliance. Our EnMS processes and reporting demonstrate compliance and best practice across the organisation.

H2020 VARCITIES Project

As the Varcities project comes to a close, the final reporting period review meeting was held in mid-November. Louth County Council presented on our Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the project, the benefits the project has brought to Co. Louth, the national awards won and future potential exploitation of our Visionary Solutions.



Screenshot: Participants at the Varcities Review Meeting in November with Members of the EU commission

Optimising Power @ Work Programme

County Hall & Dundalk Town Hall

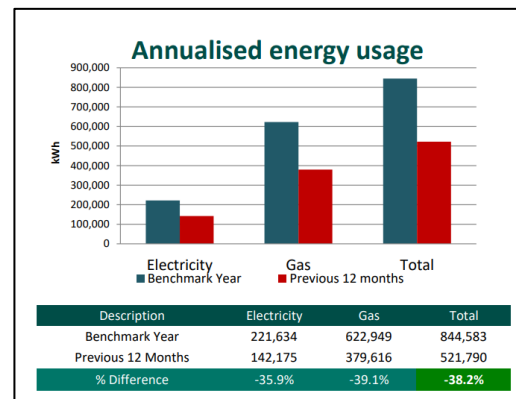
Since joining the Optimising Power @ Work campaign in 2016, Louth County Council has reduced energy use at County Hall by **33%** and at Dundalk Town Hall by 38% (since 2014).

Electricity down 25% & 36% – from 507,084 kWh to 356,672 kWh

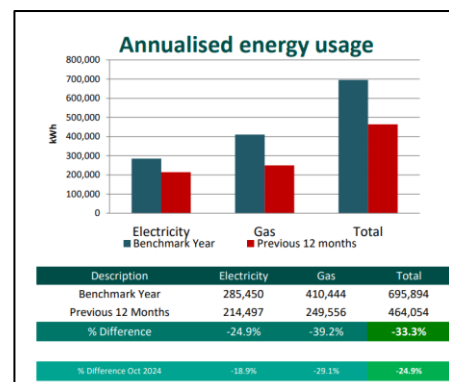
Gas down 39% – from 1,033,393 kWh to 629,172 kWh

Overall energy use dropped from **1,580,477KWh to 985,844 kWh**

Month after month, we're proving that smart choices make a huge impact. **#EnergySavings**
#Sustainability



Graph: Annualised Energy Reduction at County Hall



Graph: Annualised Energy Reduction at Dundalk Town Hall

Ready to Make a Difference? Launch of the Reduce Your Use Campaign!

Louth County Council is proud to join the Government's **Reduce Your Use** energy efficiency campaign once again!

The Public Sector has been called to lead the charge in cutting our nation's energy demand — and we're stepping up.

This campaign isn't just about saving energy; it's about **boosting energy security, slashing bills, and hitting our climate targets**. Together, we can achieve **5–10% savings across the sector and up to 15% in our buildings**.

Small changes. Big impact. Let's show how Louth leads the way!  



Graphic: Reduce your Use

November Theme: Heating & Water 💧

LCC focused on **Heating and Water** as part of the Reduce Your Use campaign.

Heating was highlighted as one of Ireland's biggest energy users, responsible for **38%** of energy-related emissions. We showed how small changes can make a big difference for both the environment and your bills.

We underestimate the energy needed to treat and pump water into homes and workplaces—not to mention the energy used to heat it. **Heating water can account for up to 20% of household energy bills!**

Throughout November, we shared practical tips on:

- ☑ **Heating controls** for smarter energy use
- ☑ **Radiator & heater efficiency**
- ☑ **Water-saving habits** in kitchens and bathrooms

These insights are relevant for the office and at home, helping everyone take steps toward sustainability. In addition, **high humidity** in homes costs more to heat homes (we're heating water vapour first in high humidity which is expensive and only then are we heating the air) so reducing humidity to the range 40-60% can significantly reduce the cost of heating. Outdoor humidity levels in Ireland are often in excess of 88% in wintertime!



Graphic: Promotion of Energy Saving

Countywide Solar PV Project Underway – Leading the Way to Decarbonisation!

Construction has now commenced for the Council's Countywide Solar PV Project.

The Council's contractor, OHK Energy, has begun the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at 21 public buildings across the county.

The Energy Team have just commissioned site number 5 (Ardee Fire Station) of 21 for Solar PV rollout, in the county.

69kWp of Solar Generation has been added to the councils building stock since September last, broken down as the below:

1. Dundalk County Archives 17.5kWp.
2. Dundalk County Library Bookstore 15.3kWp.
3. Ardee Library 20.7kWp.
4. Carlingford Library 5.9kWp.
5. Ardee Fire Station 8.2kWp

That represents a total increase in SPV generation capacity of some 66KWp (County Hall presently has 11KW generating capacity) so already we have significantly increased the power generation capacity and reduced our reliance on the national grid for electricity at our buildings.

The remaining two sites under the NC6 applications (licence to export electricity to the National Grid for payment to Louth County Council) are Dunleer and Drogheda Libraries, and we envisage both sites to be commissioned prior to the Christmas recess.

11 of the sites require NC7 applications, for the larger of the installations which offer higher amounts of electricity for export to the national electricity grid. We expect these connection agreements with ESB to be slower, and completion of those works are subject to early completion of those agreements. To date, such licences have been received by the Council for Dundalk County Library and Ardee Civic Office relating to these works.





Photos Recently completed 39 x panel, 17.4 kWp array at Ardee Fire Station.

A new home screen TV will be provided to display real-time graphics at Dundalk County Hall, for all our Solar PV Generating sites.

The work at Ardee Library involved the provision 44no. x 455Watt Panels Commissioned delivering 20.7kWp of renewable electricity to be self-consumed on site and in readiness for offsetting eventual air source heat pump consumption.

FACILITIES

Cornmarket Building, Fair Street, Drogheda Refurbishment Works

Building Works to renovate and improve the Council's existing Cornmarket Building at Fair Street Drogheda are in progress and the works are expected to be completed before end 2025. The works are being undertaken by Precise Contracts Ltd. of Derryleckagh Road, Newry, Northern Ireland.

The availability of car park spaces for public use at Bolton St Car Park, Drogheda remains limited for the duration of the works which are planned to be completed in December. However, Council staff are working with the contractor to increase the number of car park spaces for Council staff in the Fair St staff car park to maximise the availability of public car park spaces in the area approaching the Christmas trading period.

Construction works are now progressing well. The transfer of Council staff back into that building is being planned for December.



Photos: Work in Progress at the Cornmarket Building at Fair Street, Drogheda

North Louth Operation Depot Upgrade

Van Dijk Architects are continuing design works for the upgrade of the North Louth Operations base located at Ballaverty, Bush, Riverstown, Co. Louth.



Drawing: Plans for The Bush Yard at Ballaverty Carlingford



Millmount Wall Repair

Works to repair the wall leading to the Tower at Millmount are almost complete. The works are being undertaken by McGuigan Builders of Clontibret, Co. Monaghan.

Works commenced on 1st September to repairs to the storm damaged wall leading to the Tower. The works there included removal of the existing railings and large coping stones to the walkway walls. In addition, the work involved treatments and removal of existing growth in the walls. The works are expected to be completed by end November. Once the works to that wall are complete, visitors will have access to the tower again.



Photos: Repair Works to Walls at Millmount

The works will also include repairs to the embankment walls at Mount St Oliver Road. Those works are planned to commence in January and will require single lane traffic management for the duration of that work.

In addition, work is being undertaken at the Guard House at Millmount to restore it to operational use as soon as possible.

Tholsel Drogheda

Council staff are now arranging for painting to be undertaken at the ground floor Tourist Office at Tholsel, Drogheda. In addition, investigations are in progress for works to improve the first floor and restore it for operational use as soon as possible.



EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL

Fire Service

Arrangements are being finalised for the 10-week Full time Course that Louth FRS have agreed with

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Cork City Fire Brigade starting in Jan 2026. The course will be run jointly in Cork and Dundalk Fire Station utilising instructors from both services.

11 firefighters successfully completed their Breathing Apparatus Wearers Course held in Dundalk and 12 firefighters are due to attend their Transportation Incidents (Road Traffic Collision) Course on 1st December. This will be module 2 and 3 of 6 leading to completion of the QQI Level 6 Firefighting Skills Qualification. Bookings for the Dundalk Training Centre remain strong with 24 weeks already booked for 2026. Three Officers also attended a Positive Pressure Ventilation Instructor Course in the UK to assist in the roll out of post fire ventilation tactics in 2026. This will enable fire crews to clear buildings of fire gases and contaminants quicker leading to a cleaner and safer fireground to work in.

At the recent NDFEM Annual Awards Ceremony in Trim, two personnel were recognised for 20 and 30 years of long service and two personnel received their QQI Level 6 Firefighting Skills Qualification. These two personnel were the first in Louth to receive this QQI award.

The DHLGH approved increased funding for the new Dundalk Training centre, and it is hoped to recommence the re design shortly. Year to date Incidents are 189 calls (13.8%) ahead of 2024.



BA Class 2025

Fire Prevention

To date 123 Fire Safety Certificates have been received in 2025 with 10 applications received in November. Operational crews continue to carry out During Performance Inspections (DPIs) as part of their commitment to maintaining fire safety standards. This month, two inspections were completed to ensure ongoing compliance with fire safety regulations and to proactively identify any potential risks or deficiencies in premises across the county. Community with Fire Prevention section attended a Careers Fair in Coláiste Chú Chulainn and attending a Fire Safety event in the Library for Older People fire safety talk.



Progress has been made in relation to a Road Safety TY event, Road Safety Officer, Rotary Club Dundalk, LCCFRS. Event proposed for Q1 of 2026 for both Dundalk and Drogheda. The Fire Service also participated in the Christmas 'Gift of a Lift' campaign with the Road Safety Officer and other emergency services.

Major Emergency Management

The Severe Weather Workshop took place in Portlaoise this month. Given the recent severe weather events the workshop was intended to bring Local Authorities together to compare plans and share findings. Speakers from the NDFEM, Galway CoCo and Cork City CoCo shared their knowledge and reflections on severe weather plans, Local SWAT teams and highlighting learnings from recent weather events both in Galway and Cork.

Arrangements are also being finalised for the Major Emergency Management Voluntary Emergency Services event taking place on 17th December in Meath and Monaghan.

Building Control

Disability Access Certificates (to date 2025)	104
Total number of valid Commencement Notices submitted for 2025	311
Total Number of valid Commencement Notices for October submitted	19

Civil Defence

Training

Weekly training continues each Thursday evening.
Drone flight training
Swiftwater Practical Training completed by 7 volunteers

Evacuation Centre Exercise at Roscommon Civil Defence HQ, attended by CDO and 1 volunteer
Search & Rescue training on Slieve Foy
Two volunteers commenced basic drone pilot training

Duties

Ferdia Festival attended by 6 volunteers
Civic Reception attended by 2 volunteers
Annagassan 10K attended by 5 volunteers
2 day Frostival festival attended by 20 volunteers
Cyclocross attended by 4 volunteers

Emergency Call-Outs

13 volunteers attended a missing person search following a request from assistance from the Gardai. After an extensive search, the missing person was found safe and well.

Other Events

8 volunteers attended the annual Civil Defence Officers Association Conference in Galway along with the CDO & ACDO



Civil Defence attendance at Frostival

An Stiúrthóireacht um Acmhainní Daonna, Soláthar Corparáideach & Pobail

Human Resources, Corporate & Community Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as príomhréimsí eagrúcháin AD i measc gníomhaíochtaí A&S, Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, Cumarsáide agus Pobail.

This directorate is responsible for the organisational core areas of HR including Health & Safety, Corporate Services, Communication and Community Activities.

Joanna Kelly

Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



Seirbhísí Corporáideacha / Corporate Services

Customer Services Report

During the month of November 2025 Customer Services dealt with 19,660 queries inclusive of 10,247 calls, 1,169 e-mails and 8,244 counter queries. 11,654 (59%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:

% queries dealt with at first point of contact

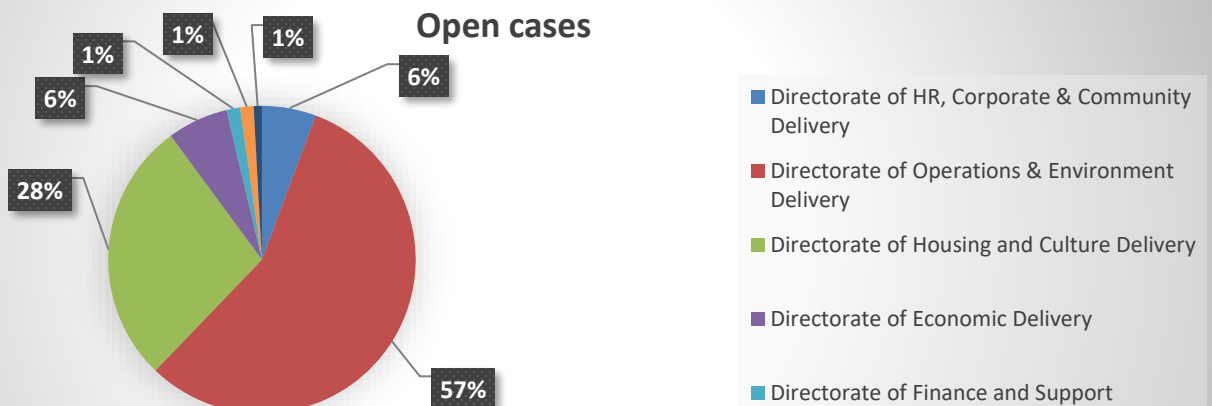


There were 3640 valid Sugar CRM cases recorded during Nov 2025 of which 241 were received from elected members. A total of 525 (14%) remain unresolved by end of November, broken down by directorate as follows:

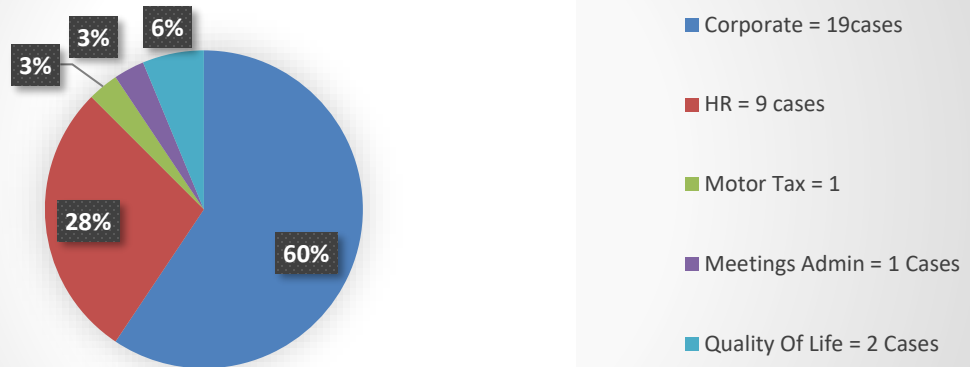
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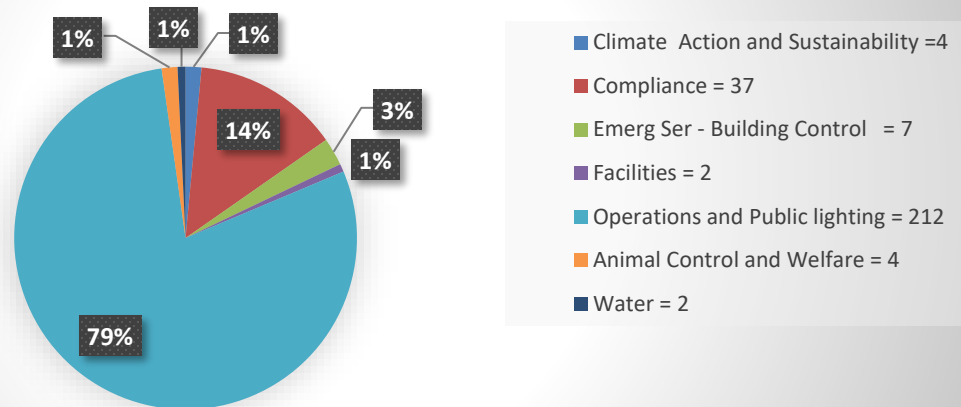
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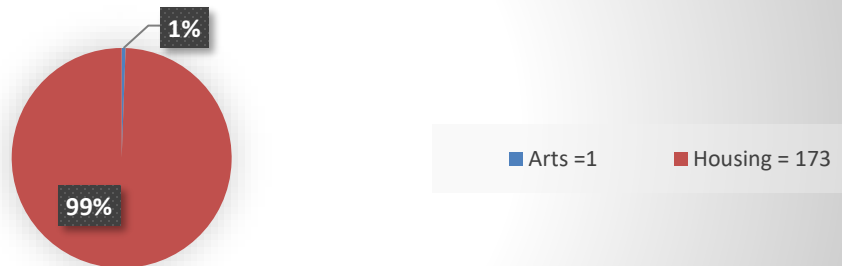
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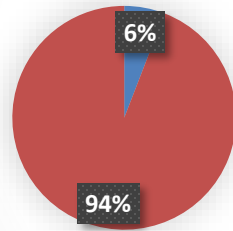
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Directorate of Housing & Culture Delivery

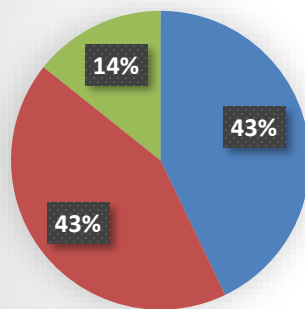


Directorate of Economic Delivery



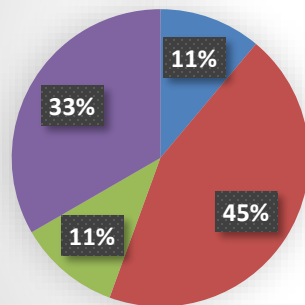
- Economic Development = 2
- Planning and Heritage = 32

Directorate of Finance and System Support



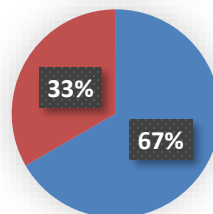
- Finance - Accounts receivable = 3
- Finance - Accounts Payable = 3
- Finance - Debt Collection = 1

Directorate of Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery



- Infrastructure Roads and Marine = 1
- Public Realm = 4 Cases
- Active Travel = 1
- Flood Risk Management = 3 cases

Management Team



- Directors = 2 cases
- CE Office = 1

Corporate Services - Data Protection and Information Compliance

The table below illustrates activity in the Information Compliance area.

	2024 Total Jan – Nov	2025 Total Jan – Nov	2025 Total Nov only
FOI REQUEST - RECORDS	142	143	6
DSAR	12	22	0
DATA PROTECTION REQUEST	20	16	2
AIE - INFORMATION	16	12	1
OMBUDSMAN CASE	21	24	0
COMPLAINTS	37	25	0

Clár Togthóirí / Electoral Register

In November the Franchise Section progressed the National Voter.ie Migration Project which will modernise and centralise Ireland's electoral register by consolidating all 31 local authority databases into a single national system.

The new system will manage data for c.3.7 million electors, introducing uniform standards and enhanced security, while eliminating duplicate entries across constituencies.

Our Franchise Team's current work focuses on data cleansing including:

- Removing duplicates
- Correcting errors in names, addresses, or dates of birth
- Standardising address formats
- Flagging Inactive records

Migration is scheduled for 2026.

The Franchise Section continues to promote www.checktheregister.ie to ensure accurate and up-to-date voter information.



Community Support

Age Friendly Louth



Boosting Bone Health Workshops

Age Friendly Louth hosted two well-attended workshops in Dundalk & Drogheda Libraries during November on Boosting Bone Health in older adults. Physiotherapist Ann Marie Orr provided practical advice on maintaining good bone health and managing osteoporosis and osteopenia, highlighting the role of exercise, nutrition, and lifestyle strategies.

Louth Older People's Council

The Louth Older People's Council (OPC) held its final meeting of the year on 27th November. Throughout 2025, the OPC played a key role in shaping the new Louth Age Friendly Strategy 2026-2031 which will launch in early 2026. The OPC will continue working with the Alliance and Age Friendly team to deliver the strategy.



Members of the Louth OPC 2025

Traveller Development

Community team members attended a workshop hosted by the Louth Traveller Movement at Creative Spark on 21st November. The Movement is developing a strategic plan to promote sustainability and strengthen partnerships between service providers and the Traveller community.

On 19th November, the Louth Traveller Movement received a PPN Award for Community Support, recognising their commitment to improving quality of

life through meaningful projects. Their work builds capacity, leadership and cultural pride within the Traveller community while fostering a more inclusive and connected Louth.



Ms. Samantha Maguire, Chairperson of Louth Traveller Movement receiving a PPN Community Support Award



Louth Comhairle na nÓg Annual Conference

Louth Comhairle na nÓg held its Annual Conference on 13th November at the Barbican Centre in Drogheda, bringing together 106 young people for workshops, discussions and activities. Morning sessions included Discussion Café, Assertiveness Drama, Self-Defence, and Circus Skills, with topics such as vaping, mental health, and substance use explored through the World Café model. Feedback will guide Comhairle's 2026 work.

After lunch, National Executive Representative, Ms. Sophie Campbell, reported on consultations with Government Departments. Municipal Comhairle groups shared 2025 projects, including an Anti-Vaping Peer Education Programme, a social media film and a Play and Recreation consultation.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

In November, Louth PPN provided training for members, including sessions on Writing Effective Funding Applications, Mentoring and Community Funding Training.

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On 19th November, the annual Community & Voluntary Awards took place in Monasterboice. celebrating the dedication of voluntary groups across the County.



Louth and Coolmine Community Street Leagues



Louth PPN Annual Community & Voluntary Awards



LEADER Project Funding Approved

At its November meeting, the LAG approved **€218,752.84** in funding for 7 LEADER projects under the themes of: Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion and Rural Environment and Climate Change. This brings total LEADER funding allocated in Louth to **€1,201,645.50**.

Recent funding paid to beneficiaries under the LEADER Programme:

PROMOTER NAME	AMOUNT €
Drogheda City FC – CLG Air to Water Heat Pumps	€14,077.35
Creative Spark CLG Training IT Equipment	€10,772.38
John & Marian King Glamping at Cornamucklagh	€63,305.22
Drogheda Community Services Trust CLG IT Equipment Replacement & Upgrade	€6,754.75
Dundalk Youth Centre CLG Digital AI Project	€6,072.97
Blackrock Tidy Towns Ltd Electric Tricycles	€8,648.25
TOTAL	€109,630.92

Tidy Town Project Scheme 2026

The Council has launched the Tidy Towns Project Scheme 2026 to support community-led development and boost marks in national and local competitions.

Applications opened on 10th November and close on 5th January 2026. Groups can apply online via the

The Secretariat held its final 2025 meeting on 26th November in Ardee and attended key events during the month including: National PPN Workers' Meeting, Comhairle na nOg AGM and the Breaking the Taboo Conference.

Healthy Louth

Healthy Louth spoke at two events in November: the IMSA County Louth Network gathering of Men's Shed in Tullyallen and the Co. Louth Retired Teachers Association Conference. Both sessions covered the "Five Ways to Wellbeing", navigation of the Council website, and showcased the Healthy Louth Newsletter, which generated strong interest.

Irish Homeless Street Leagues

The Louth Irish Homeless Street Leagues concluded their programmes with a friendly match against Coolmine Community Street League, celebrating inclusion through sport. This initiative supported participants in literacy and numeracy, promoted healthy eating via HSE's Healthy Food Made Easy, shared real life stories mental health and addiction.

Drogheda United FC was nominated for an AONTAS Award for its community involvement, highlighting the power of collaboration. The project was funded through the Adult Literacy for Life strategy. co-financed by the Government of Ireland and the European Union.

Council's portal. [Tidy Town Project Scheme 2026](#) | [Louth County Council's Online Consultation Portal](#)

Pride of Place Awards 2025

Boyne Valley Camino and Dromiskin Village were runners-up at the IPB Pride of Place Awards which took place at the Strand Hotel in Limerick on 7th November.

Boyne Valley Camino was recognised in the Community Tourism Initiative category while Dromiskin Village placed in the Population 1,000–2,000 category - both showcasing innovation, collaboration, and commitment to enhancing local life and tourism.



Boyne Valley Camino Group - runners up in the Community Tourism Initiative category



Dromiskin Village represented by Dromiskin Tidy Towns Committee - runners up in the Population 1000-2000 category

Active Louth - Action Planning Workshops

In November, the Community Support Office, in collaboration with Sector 3 Solutions, hosted three action planning workshops to agree on actions for the Outdoor Recreation Strategy, Louth Sports Plan, and Play Policy



PEACEPLUS

A tender assessment panel meeting was held for the PEACEPLUS Collaborative Arts Project on 6th November.

The 15th PEACEPLUS partnership committee meeting was held in the Mill Enterprise Hub, Drogheda on the 11th November. This meeting approved the decision of the Tender assesment panels for Animating Shared Spaces, Digital Arts and Collaborative Arts projects. This meeting was attended by Andrew Launchbury from the SEUPB Joint Secretariat.

The LCDC meeting on 18th November ratified the approval of the PEACEPLUS Partnership Committee.

Ukraine Humanitarian Response - Offer A Home Programme - Property Figures as at 30/11/2025

Properties offered in November	0
Families moved into properties in November	0
Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families	22
Property offers recorded to date	86
Owners successfully contacted to date	84
Properties currently occupied	38
Beneficiaries currently assigned	123
Assessments carried out to date	60
Assessments currently underway	0
Properties assessed as suitable to date	45
Properties with minor works required	0
Properties withdrawn to date	17
Properties not viable to date	21

Art Exhibition

On November 13th, the LAIT team hosted an exhibition in Fair Street, Drogheda showcasing artworks commissioned for the Creative Ireland Lé Cheile project. The event, attended by project participants, Cathaoirleach Sean Kelly, Major Michelle Hall and Cllr Marianne Butler, celebrated the artworks and highlighted integration as the core theme.



Art Exhibition in Fair Street, Drogheda

Clinics

The LAIT team continued to hold clinics in the accommodation centres located throughout County Louth. In 2025 alone the Integration Support Workers have assisted 722 clients with various queries including Health, Education and Employment.

LAIT Integration Support Coordinator Conference, Dublin.

The LGMA held a national conference for all the LAIT ISC to plan for 2026 and to update the LAIT teams on new developments in the Department of Justice. The meeting was an opportunity for the LGMA to update the LAIT teams on new structures coming into place in 2026.

Community Safety

Nominations to the Louth Community Safety Partnership have been confirmed by the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration comprising: Local Authority Members – 7, Statutory Bodies – 5 Nominating Bodies – 11, Open Call (Expression of Interest) members – 7.

This structure ensures broad representation across sectors, demographic and communities to deliver the best outcomes for community safety. The induction meeting will take place on 11th December 2025.

Sport

Winners of “Community Engagement Initiative of the Year”

Dundalk Sports Centre and the Council Sport team won *Community Engagement Initiative of the Year* at the Ireland Active Awards for their Active Ageing Project. Launched in 2021, the programme supports adults aged 50+ stay active and independent, now engaging 400 participants weekly through 17 sessions, walking groups, and social events. Structured evaluation shows improved strength,

mobility, and wellbeing, while participants report reduced loneliness, and greater confidence. The award reflects the collective effort of staff, health professionals and the community in promoting healthy, active living.



Active Ageing Project – Winners of Community Engagement Initiative of the Year

Gold Standard Achievement

Dundalk Sports Centre has achieved the Ireland Active Gold Standard Award for the eighth consecutive year - highest recognition for safety, quality and customer care in the fitness industry. This success reflects our commitment to delivering exceptional facilities, programmes and services to the community.

Physical Activity Talk to Dundalk Women’s Shed

On 17th November, two Council Sports staff delivered a talk at the Women’s Shed in Wellington Hall on the ‘Importance of Physical Activity for Older Adults’. The session covered ageing, exercise guidelines, and practical examples to support independence and everyday movement. Attendance was strong, with 67 participants engaging and providing excellent feedback.

Dundalk Athletic Track

Works at Muirhevnamor Park are progressing well with key civil elements - precast kerbs, drainage channels and base preparation - substantially complete. Fencing and tar surfacing are scheduled for completion by mid-December 2025.

Lourdes Stadium - Bootcamp Programme

The 6-week Bootcamp programme at Lourdes Stadium has seen strong engagement, offering varied sessions including track workouts and high-intensity interval training (HIIT) in the studio and MUGA area. The final class took place 27th November, marking the last Bootcamp of the year and delivering a dynamic, challenging fitness experience for participants.

Collaboration with HSE Mental Health Services

In partnership with the Council's Sports Section, SportUile, and HSE Mental Health Services, an introductory session was held at Lourdes Stadium for a HSE mental health group. Participants received and took part in activities including Chair Pilates and outdoor bowls. The initiative aims to help individuals reconnect with community-based physical activity, underscoring the vital role of sport in supporting both physical health and mental wellbeing.

Louth Local Sports Partnership

In November, Louth Local Sports Partnership delivered the following Safeguarding courses:

Level 1: 6th & 20th November (online)

Level 3: 13th November (online)

2025 Volunteer in Sport Awards

Louth Local Sports Partnership hosted the 3rd Annual Volunteer of the Year Awards on November 10th at the Carrickdale Hotel, celebrating 109 volunteers nominated by their clubs for their vital role in sustaining sport across Co. Louth. The event, hosted by LMFM's Colm Corrigan, featured inspiring interviews, the launch of the new LSP website, and an innovative preschool movement project. Guests included elected members, NGB representatives and Sport Ireland.

Louth LSP 2024 Annual Report

Louth LSP has published its 2024 Annual Report outlining key achievements in line with the Governance Code for Sport. The report highlights the participating figures, the number of programmes delivered, capacity building for local clubs and support for volunteers across the sector.

The full report is available at www.louthlsp.com

Teenage Girls Yoga Programme

Louth Local Sports Partnership, in collaboration with clubs in Cooley, Ardee and Castlebellingham, launched a six-week Yoga programme for girls aged 13–17. The initiative offers a supportive environment to build strength, confidence and wellbeing through yoga tailored for teens.

Ladies Boxercise

Louth Local Sports Partnership, in collaboration with Drogheda Boxing Club Moneymore and Connect Family Resource Centre, has launched a Ladies Boxercise class led by former EBU Champion Mr. Eric Donovan. The programme offers women in the Moneymore area a chance to improve fitness, learn

new skills and connect in a supportive and social environment



Ladies Boxercise in Moneymore

Ardee Community Junior Parkrun

Louth Local Sports Partnership, in partnership with Parkrun Ireland, hosted a community meeting in Ardee to explore launching a Junior parkrun. The response was fantastic, with over 40 attendees - including schools, sports clubs, and parents - expressing interest in volunteering. Junior parkrun is a free, weekly 2k event for children aged 4–14, promoting activity, friendship and community spirit. Plans are underway to launch the Ardee Junior parkrun in early 2026.

New Website

Louth LSP is delighted to announce the launch of our new website at louthlsp.com. Explore updated resources, upcoming events and more online.

An Stiúrthóireacht um Thithíocht agus Seachadadh Cultúir Housing & Culture Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as eagrú agus seachadadh Cóiríochta & Soláthair Tithíochta mar aon leis an ngné chultúrtha de Sheirbhísí Leabharlanna, Ealaíon, Músaem agus Cartlainne.

This directorate is responsible for the organisational and delivery of Housing Accommodation & Supply along with the cultural aspect of Libraries, Arts, Museum and Archive Services.

Ger Murphy
Stiúrthóir / Director



Titíocht / Housing

Ag Déileáil le hEaspa Dídine / Addressing Homelessness

As the Responsible Housing Authority for the Northeast Region, Louth County Council continues to manage this area and achieve the goals set out in the Northeast Homelessness Strategy 2024-2026. The following work done within County Louth in the period October 18 – November 17, 2025 can be summarised as follows:

Tábla 1: Gníomhartha atá déanta ag Seirbhísí do Dhaoine gan Dídean / Table 1: Actions by Homeless Services

October 18 to November 17, 25	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	4	101	55	160
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	18	15	33
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	0	1	1
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	0
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	4	119	71	194

Tables 2 - 4 below reflect details of the adults who were in emergency accommodation in County Louth on November 17, 2025. Also included at Table 5 is the

breakdown of families in emergency accommodation at that date.

Tábla 2: Inscne / Table 2: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	96
Female	56
Total	152

Tábla 3: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 3: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	30
25-44	78
45-64	37
65+	7
Total	152

Tábla 4: Saghas Loistín / Table 4: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	62
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	90
Total unique individuals	152

Tábla 5: Teaghlaigh le paistí cleithiúnaí / Table 5 - Families with dependent children

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	13	16	29
Couples with dependent children	6	16	23
Total	19	32	52

Tábla 6: Tithíocht ar dtús / Table 6 - Housing First

Number of tenancies established	54
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	37

Leithdháileadh Tithíochta o' 20 Deireadh Fómhair go 19^ú Samhain, 2025 / Housing Allocations from October 20 to November 19, 2025

District	LA	LA Refusal	AHB	AHB Refusal
Ardee	5	1	2	0
Drogheda	6	7	42	2
Dundalk	9	2	3	0
Total	20	10	47	2

Aistrithe / Transfers

October 20 to November 19, 2025	Transfers
Ardee	0
Drogheda	2
Dundalk	2
Total	4

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

October 20 to November 19, 2025	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	335	648	1065	2048
HAP Transfer List	291	852	1557	2700
Total Housing List	626	1500	2622	4748

There are **333** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **62** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Bainisteoireacht Chíosa / Rent Management

Current Rents Arrears on November 21, 2025	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	233	€103,084
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	195	€159,776
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	1027	€3,763,218
TOTAL	1455	€4,026,078

Rent arrears are monitored on an ongoing basis and letters are issued to customers within two weeks of their falling into arrears. Failure to address these arrears will result in a second letter being issued and if necessary, a third and final reminder. Failure to respond at that point will result in an escalation to tenancy warning. The following correspondence was issued in November 2025.

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1 st Reminder	November 2025	49
2 nd Reminder	November 2025	17
Final Reminder	November 2025	49
Total issued		115

The total rental income received in 2025, to date, is **€15,652,087**. This is a 7% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2024 (€14,666,818) and a 17% increase on 2023 (€13,377,222).

The total number of rents currently paid by Household Budget is **929**.

Customers that fall into arrears may enter into a payment plan for full repayment over an agreed period of time. **45** new payment plans commenced in November 2025 (up to and including November 21, 2025).

Airíonna Athlígíeán & Neamhní / Relet and Void Properties

Updated 21/11/2025

Relet / Void Properties on November 21, 2025	Total
Ardee Municipal District	4
Dundalk Municipal District	25
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	44
Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties	73
CPO units not yet ready for occupation (All County)	2
Total Number of Properties (Relets & CPO)	75

Note: Social units being used as short-term accommodation for homeless or emergency are not included in the above figures.

Cuairteanna Chothabhála / Maintenance Calls

Maintenance	October 23 to November 19, 2025	Total (YTD)
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	985	10,892
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	872	9,034
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress	63	1,276
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	50	583

Ríomhchlár Aisfheistithe Éifeachtúlachta Fuinnimh / Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program (EERP)

The 2025 EERP allocation for Louth, has been confirmed by the DHLGH as 140. Two units submitted over our allocation in 2024 will be taken out of this total. Two Units in Hillview are accounted for under the 2024 figures so the total for 2025 shall be shown as 138. There are currently a small number of additional units commenced that if additional funding is available these will be recouped otherwise they will carry into 2026.

Municipal District	Number of Commenced/ Completed Units
Ardee MD: St Olivers Park Kilsaran Feran Drive, Louth Village Chestnut Grove, Tallanstown Beechwood Drive St Marys Court	36
Dundalk MD: Ladywell Dundalk Aisling Park Dundalk Doolargy Ave, Dundalk Barton Park, Dundalk Woodview Park Jocelyn Court St Olivers Park Carlingford Hillview Lois Dubh Hyde Park Clooneevan Mayfield Drive	58
Drogheda BD: St Finians Marian Park Boyle O'Reilly Terrace Ascal a Haon Grove Road Rathmullan Park Regent Place	47

Cigireachtaí ar Tithe Príobháideacha atá ar fáil ar cíós / Private Rental Inspections

PRI Stats 2025

For October 23 to November 19, 2025	November	YTD
Properties inspected monthly	96	1970
Advisory letters issued	115	2007
Improvement notices issued	3	47
Prohibition notices issued	0	1
Private Inspections	0	1
HAP First Inspections	27	628
RAS First Inspections	1	3
AHB First Inspections	21	807
Student Specific Accommodation (SSA)	0	36
Private Re-inspections	0	3
HAP Re-inspections	41	341
RAS Re-inspections	0	1
AHB Re-inspections	1	117
SSA Re-inspections	2	21
Inspections from Complaints	3	12
Properties Made Compliant	24	217

Páirtíocht Tionóntachta / Tenancy Engagement

October 24 to November 21, 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training	6	2	9	17	220
Post-tenancy inspections	4	6	18	28	155
Tenancy Investigation Visits	17	3	10	30	394

Iompraíocht Fhrithshóisialta / Anti-Social Behaviour

October 24 to November 21, 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
ASB Cases* Received	12	5	8	25	243
ASB cases Ongoing	8	5	13	26	-
ASB cases complete	6	2	4	12	179

Case = a unique incident of anti-social behaviour, not the number of complaint forms received

Fógraí a D'eisigh le haghaidh Sáru Tionóntachta / Notifications Issued for Tenancy Breaches

October 24 to November 21, 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly

Verbal Warnings	0	0	1	1	48
Written Tenancy Notifications	1	0	1	2	18
Tenancy Warnings Housing Act, 2014	0	1	0	1	3

Tithíocht Inacmhainne/ Affordable Housing

The Application portal for our Affordable Purchase Scheme at Quarry Court, Ardee closed on Monday November 3, 2025. All eleven houses have been offered to successful applicants.

Departmental approval has been granted for our next Affordable Purchase Scheme at Ushers Mill, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda. This scheme will progress in the coming weeks.

Gnóthaithee/ Acquisitions

Louth County Council are acquiring homes under the 2nd hand acquisition scheme which will be allocated as appropriate to Tenant In Situ, persons with disabilities, and homeless.

In November, the Council purchased 11 properties.



Recently acquired properties in Dundalk.

Morgáiste go Cíos (MGC)/Mortgage to Rent (MTR)

Mortgage to Rent November 2025 Report

Active MTR Applications Total	26
AHB MTR Applications Active	13
AHB MTR completed 2025	11
Private MTR Applications Active	13
Private MTR completed 2025	7
MTR Application Awaiting Purchaser	0

Under MTR, a borrower gets to stay in their home and agrees to give ownership of the home to the MTR provider. This means the borrower becomes a social housing tenant of their local authority or Approved Housing Body (AHB). This arrangement is entered into voluntarily and agreed between the borrower, their lender and the MTR provider. After five years have passed, the borrower might be given the option to buy the home back if they are in a position to do so.

Deontas Athchóirithe D'áras Folamh / Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Applications Submitted:	349
Approved:	258
Rejected:	29
Withdrawn	42
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	20
Funding Issued to Applicant	113
Principal Private Residence	257
Rental Applications	92
Vacant Grant Applications	169
Derelict top-up Applications	180

Déisiú agus Léas/ Repair and Lease

There are no applications for the Repair and Lease scheme in November

Isaacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil / Local Authority Home Loans

2025 Budget Allocation	€6,610,000
LAHL Approvals at 21/11/2025	€2,721,817
Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at the November 21, 2025	
Total Number of Applications at 21/11/2025	41
LAHL carried over from 2024	9
Invalid/Returned	19
Approved	18
Declined	4
For Review	0
Outstanding – waiting on further information	9

Cúnamh Deontais do Sheandaoine agus do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas / Grant Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled

The Council was notified in May of the 2025 Allocation of €3,174,338 including a contribution of €476,151 by the Council. Since this time the council has been informed that we have been awarded an additional €176,470, giving a revised combined allocation of **€3,345,088**.

Previously, acceptance of grant applications was paused while the Grants Section prioritised existing applications. During this period, only new applications with a 'Priority 1' medical need were considered.

We are pleased to confirm that the Housing Grants Scheme has now reopened for new applications. These grants are available for owner-occupied homes and private rented homes (with landlord permission). Louth County Council is accepting applications for the following:

- **Housing Adaptation Grant** – for works to make a home suitable for a person with a disability, including internal layout changes and accessibility improvements.
- **Mobility Aids Grant** – for minor works such as grab-rails, ramps, and stair lifts.
- **Housing Aid for Older People** – for essential repairs and improvements for those aged 66 and over.

These grants aim to help older people and individuals with disabilities or mobility issues make their homes safer, more comfortable, and accessible. Applications are assessed based on eligibility, available funding, and applicant needs.

Applicants who have already received grant approval are reminded of the importance of completing works within the specified timeframe and submitting completion certificates promptly to ensure compliance and facilitate processing.

For full details and application forms, visit [Louth County Council - Private Housing Grants](#)

Recent Private Housing Grant Works Completed



New Windows and door completed in Drogheda, with funding provided with a HOP



Ramp completed in Dundalk, with funding provided with a MAG

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 21/11/2025	81	3	167	-	251
Grants Approved 24/10/2025 – 21/11/2025	4	1	33	38	344

Of these Works onsite/ completed	31 minor adaptations	2 extensions
Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units		
SHIP	863	
CALF	453	
CAS	33	
TOTAL	1,349	

Adaptations to Council Housing for Persons with a Disability

The Council carries out adaptations to Council properties to make them more suitable for tenants with a disability. The 2025 budget allocation has now been confirmed, totalling €789,908. This includes €710,917 (90%) in funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and €78,991 (10%) Louth County Council Contribution.

Application Status	Monthly	YTD
Applications received 23/10/2025 – 21/11/2025	8	67

Housing for All Social Housing Build Delivery				
Year	Target	Actual	Projected	Total
2022	660	227	-	227
2023	156	365	-	365
2024	160	438	-	438
2025	172	283	279	562
2026	175	0	556	556
Total	1,323	1,313	835	2,148

Works Appointed	31 minor adaptations	2 extensions 2 modular extensions
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Capital Housing Delivery

Louth County Council is pleased to announce that it has reached the DHLGH 'Housing for All' (HFA) target for the period 2022 – 2026 of 1,323 Social Housing Units, fourteen months ahead of schedule. In 2025, it is anticipated that 565 no. units will be substantially complete which will exceed the (HFA) target of 172 units by 393 units. It is projected that a total of 2,130 units will be delivered by Louth County Council Direct Build Projects, Part V and Turnkey Agreements with Private Developers, and in collaboration with Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) thereby exceeding the Programme by 807 units. Louth County Council currently have 440 no units under construction across 6 direct build projects with final timber frame kit installed last week in the Age Friendly Greenhill scheme in Drogheda which is expected to be completed by May 2026.



An Mullach, Louth Village – LCC Direct Build 58 Units



Greenhills Grange, Drogheda – LCC Direct Build 46 Units



Bakery View, Drogheda – LCC Direct Build 97 Units



Ravel Drive, Dunleer – LCC Direct Build 70 Units

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Fulacht Fia – LCC Direct Build 93 Units



Boice Court, Drogheda – LCC Direct Build 72 Units

Seachadadh SHIP / SHIP Delivery

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	2/3	32	On Site	31/12/2025	17 * 3 bed, 15 * 2 bed Apt
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	3/3	27	On Site	28/02/2026	4 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed, 8 * 1 bed Apt, 5 * 2 bed Apt & 8 * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/2	47	On Site	16/02/2026	16 * 2 bed, 16 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed, 2 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	2/2	46	On Site	17/11/2026	7 * 2 bed, 13 * 3 bed, 6 * 4 bed, 10 * 1 bed Apt, 10 * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	4	Stage 3 Approved	30/06/2027	2 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Blackwater Meadow, Point Road, Dundalk	1/1	44	Stage 2 Approved	30/06/2028 - TBC	31 * 2 bed, 10 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed
Ravel Drive, Ravel, Dunleer	1/1	70	On-Site	31/12/2026	45 * 2 bed, 20 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed

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Bakery View, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/1	97	On-Site	31/03/2027	52 * 2 bed, 32 * 3 bed, 13 * 4 bed
An Mullach, Mullavalley, Louth Village	1/1	58	On-Site	31/12/2026	28 * 2 bed, 24 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Greenhills Grange, Newtown Link Road, Drogheda	1/1	46	On-Site	30/06/2026	42 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Anne St. Dundalk	1/1	16	Stage 1 Approved	31/08/2028	8 * 2 bed Apt, 8 * 3 bed Apt.
Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	130	PPP Bundle 5 Funding Approved	30/06/2028	52 * 2 bed, 47 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed, 26 * 1 bed Apt
Mullagh Close, Clogherhead	3/3	4	On-site	31/03/2026	4 * 3 bed
Knockshee, Old Golf Links Road, Blackrock, Dundalk	1/1	12	On-site	30/11/2025	12 * 2 bed Apt.
Clontygora, Dundalk	1/1	2	On-site	30/10/2025	2 * 4 bed
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/1	18	On-site	31/12/2025	9 * 1 bed Apt, 9 * 2 bed Duplex
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/1	3	On-site	31/03/2026	3 * 3 bed
Dowdalls Court, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1/2	8	On-site	31/12/2025	5 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed
Dowdalls Court, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	2/2	7	On-site	30/06/2026	2 * 2 bed, 5 * 3 bed
Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road,	1/1	27	Proposal / On-site	30/06/2026	2 * 3 bed, 13 * 4 bed, 6 * 1 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed duplex

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Dundalk, Co. Louth					
Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth	2/3	1	On-site	31/03/2026	1 * 2 bed
Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth	2/3	5	On-site	31/03/2026	5 * 3 bed
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	1/5	4	Completed	29/10/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	2/5	4	Completed	07/11/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	3/5	4	On-site	30/11/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	4/5	12	On-site	31/03/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	5/5	12	On-site	30/06/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 2	2/2	6	Completed	13/10/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt, 2 * 2 bed Apt
Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 3	2/2	2	Completed	31/10/2025	2 * 2 bed Apt
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/3	3	On-site	31/12/2025	3 * 3 bed
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/3	17	On-site	31/12/2025	6 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed, 4 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Duplex
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	3/3	4	On-site	31/03/2026	4 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/2	8	On-site	31/12/2025	2 * 2 bed, 6 * 3 bed

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Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/2	17	On-site	31/03/2026	4 * 2 bed, 9 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/2	2	On-site	31/03/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/2	17	On-site	31/12/2026	8 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 5 * 3 bed
Dowdalls Court, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1/1	4	On-site	31/12/2025	3 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed
Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1/1	7	On-site	30/06/2026	3 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed
Ferrard Park Phase 2, Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/1	16	On-site	31/03/2026	16 * 4 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth	1/3	4	Completed	31/10/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth	2/3	2	On-site	30/11/2025	2 * 3 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth	3/3	14	On-site	31/03/2026	4 * 2 bed, 8 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed

Seachadadh CAS/CAS Delivery

Project Name	AHB	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Tierney Street Ardee Co Louth	St John of Gods	7	Proposal	31/03/2027	One*3 Bed house One*4 Bed house
Barrack Street, Dundalk, Co Louth	Dublin Simon	21	Stage 2 Approved	15/03/2027	Twenty-one * 1 Bed apartments
Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co Louth	Women's Aid Dundalk	12	Stage 2 approved	31/03/2027	Five * 1 bed apartments Seven * 2 bed apartments

Seachadadh CALF/ CALF Delivery

Project Name		Total Number of Social Units Expected	Non-Part V/ Part V	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Connolly's Field Dundalk Fold Housing	1/1	70	59/11	Complete	30/11/2025	51 One bed apt 19 Two bed apt
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	1/3	18		Complete	30/11/2025	18 Three bed Houses

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Racecourse Meadows with Circle	2/3	8		Complete	30/11/2025	8 Three Bed Houses
Crushrod Avenue Drogheda Co. Louth Cluid	2/2	33		Complete	30/11/2025	8 One Bed Apt 16 Two Bed Apt 2 Two Bed House 7 Three Bed House
Bayview Gardens, Drogheda, Co Louth	1/1	58	52/6	Complete	03/10/2025	23 One Bed Apt/Duplex 32 Two Bed Apt/Duplex 3 Three Bed Apt/Duplex
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	3/3	19		On Site	31/03/2026	10 Three Bed Houses 9 Two Bed Apartments
Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing	1/2	48	34/14	Complete	31/11/2025	48 One bed Apt
Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing	2/2	94		On Site	31/12/2025	70 Two bed Apt 24 Three Bed Apt
Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	30/06/2026	18 One Bed Apt 32 Two Bed Apt

Clos Emer, Castletown Dundalk HAIL	1/1	3		On Site	31/12/2025	• 2 Two Bed Apt • 1 Three Bed Apt
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Tuath	1/1	42		On site	31/10/2026	• 18 One Bed Apt • 12 Two Bed Apt • 6 Two Bed House • 6 Three Bed House
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth	2/2	10	9/1	Onsite	30/06/2026	• 2 Three bed Houses • 4 Two Bed Apts • 4 Three Bed Duplex

Seirbhísí Cultúrtha / Cultural Services

An Chartlann / Archives

'Intervals of Peace' Exhibition

The launch of a new exhibition: "Intervals of Peace: The Civil War Prison Art of Alfred McGloughlin" took place on November 11 at Louth County Archives. The exhibition was officially opened by Cllr Dolores Minogue, Cathaoirleach of Ardee Municipal District, David Conway, Chief Executive of Louth County Council, and Professor Tim McGloughlin, grandson of the artist.

Alfred McGloughlin, who was an artist and a nephew of the leader of the 1916 Rising, Patrick Pearse, was an anti-Treaty supporter during the Civil War. While he was imprisoned from 1922 to 1923, he kept up his artistic endeavours by drawing fellow prisoners. Speaking at the opening of the exhibition **Prof Tim McGloughlin** said:

"It's incredibly meaningful to see my grandfather's artwork now on display in Dundalk, in a space with its own deep ties to Ireland's revolutionary history. These drawings, created during some of the darkest days of the Civil War, reflect not only Alfred's artistic talent but also the resilience and

humanity of those imprisoned with him. After successful exhibitions in Kilmainham Gaol and the Pearse Museum, I'm delighted that the people of Louth now can experience this unique glimpse into our shared past."

The exhibition, which is **free to attend**, will run from **November 12, 2025 – February 26, 2026**. Booking is required, contact the Archives Service on 042-9324358.



An Cathaoirleach of Ardee Municipal District, Cllr Dolores Minogue and Professor Tim McGloughlin at the launch of the Intervals of Peace exhibition

Archives' Outreach

An article on the archives of Dundalk Joint Burial Board has recently been published in the *Local Archives* series of the November/December 2025 issue of *History Ireland* magazine. It traces the history of the Burial Board and details its surviving archives.

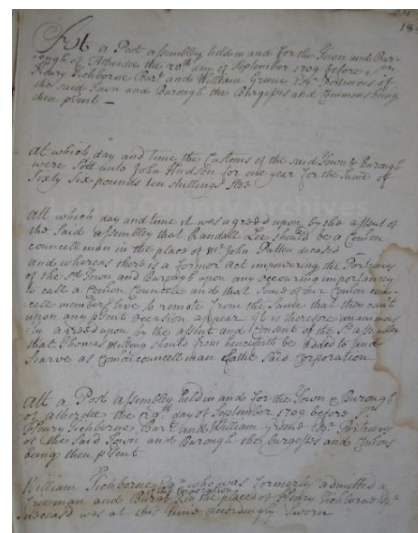


Article featuring Dundalk Joint Burial Board archives in *History Ireland*

Research Enquiries

The Service acquires archives for the purpose of research, knowledge and legal protection, thus benefitting their creator, Louth County Council, society and posterity. The service receives regular enquiries via email and telephone. Users can include private individuals, local community groups, historians, social scientists, academics, students, professionals such as engineers or planning consultants, family historians, and local authority staff.

Examples of some recent enquiries include court records, burial registers, letters to John Forbes, MP for Drogheda, mother and baby home records, Old Age Pension reform, and archives for Knock Abbey Castle.



Minutes of Ardee Corporation, 1709, available for research on the Online Digital Archives web-page at: www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/archives

National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group

The County Archivist is assisting the LGMA-led Working Group on revising the record retention schedules of the National Retention Policy. A final draft is near completed on the revision of Fire & Emergency Services.

The County Archivist continues to assist staff 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 County Archives.

Donating Archives

The Service is an active collecting repository and is always delighted to hear from people about records, photographs, maps, documents, and ephemera that relate to all aspects of the history, heritage and development of County Louth, its organisations and people. In particular, the Service welcomes collections of national school records, or local clubs and groups.

The County Archives will ensure that donated archives will be properly preserved and made appropriately available for research. Donating a collection leaves a lasting legacy that users can utilise and enjoy for generations to come.

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.

Leabharlanna / Libraries

Erasmus+ Study Visits for Library Leaders

Senior library managers from across public library services in Ireland have undertaken study visits to libraries abroad funded by Erasmus+. Each 5-day study visit to another EU country focused on job shadowing, training activities and meetings with library leaders in the host country, relating to innovative service delivery and user support.

Amanda Branigan, Louth County Librarian attended the most recent study visit to Sweden in November along with senior library managers from fifteen local authorities. The group visited libraries and met with managers and library staff from across Malmö, Lund, Landskrona, Stockholm, Huddinge and Uppsala.

The visit provided an excellent opportunity to gain deeper insights into the highly successful community-focused Swedish library system.

The Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) is the coordinating organisation for Erasmus+ funded mobilities for public library services, while the Erasmus+ programme is managed nationally in Ireland by Léargas.

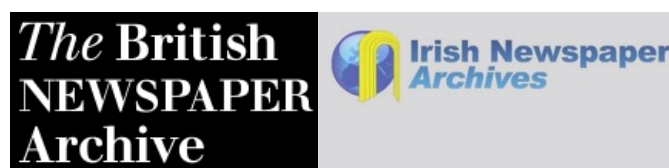


Louth County Librarian Amanda Branigan and Irish library colleagues outside the National Museum of Sweden in Stockholm



Amanda Branigan and Irish Library colleagues with the Director of the Carolina Rediviva University Library in Uppsala

Digital Historic Newspapers



Logos of digital historic newspaper platforms

Louth Library Service is delighted to offer all our members online access to the British Newspaper Archive.

All library members now have free access to this valuable resource through the public computers in our branch libraries, providing millions of pages of searchable press reports for local students, historians, and family researchers. With many local and regional newspapers across Great Britain and Ireland the archives includes many Louth newspaper titles:

- Dundalk Examiner
- Dundalk Herald
- Drogheda Argus & Leinster Journal
- Drogheda Conservative
- Drogheda Advertiser
- Drogheda Journal, or Meath & Louth Advertiser

The new subscription to the British Newspaper Archive enhances the access Louth Library Service already provides to the Irish Times Archive and the Irish Newspaper Archive. Together, these resources offer a comprehensive collection of fully searchable historic newspapers, invaluable for research and local history projects.

From January to October the Irish Newspaper Archive has facilitated **40,484** searches through Louth Library Service. In the first six weeks of access a further **190** persons have accessed newspapers on the British Newspaper Archive through Louth Library Service.

Right to Read

A host of outreach programmes took place across library services this month including:

- World Prematurity Day
- Storytimes
- Reading for Wellbeing Group
- Library E-Services Roadshow
- Schools Events
- Sports Club Outreach
- Age Friendly Supports

World Prematurity Day

Louth Libraries were delighted to extend our collaboration with the Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda by participating in World Prematurity Day at The Monasterboice Inn on Monday, November 17 by offering story and song sessions.



Celebrating World Prematurity Day with staff from Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital NICU unit

Storytimes

Baby Book Club and science themed storytimes took place throughout November during Louth Science Festival.



Storytime and songs with Annemarie from Drogheda Library



Storytime in Dundalk Library with Library Assistant Ciara



Attendees at Dundalk Library Storytime



Storytime fun in Drogheda library



Science & Space themed crafts in Drogheda library

struggling to get into a pattern of reading. The aim is to introduce participants to a variety of literature that can help them on their journey of wellbeing. The group plan to meet monthly and their first selected title is 'Wintering' by Katherine May.

E-Services Roadshow

Louth Library Service provided an e-services roadshow in Mosney on November 27. Library staff promoted the benefits of library membership and services and events available in Drogheda Library including My Open Library. Staff demonstrated e-resources such as Borrowbox to access eBooks, Audiobooks and newspapers and LOTE4Kids which provides access to storybooks in over 100 different languages.

Post-Primary Schools outreach

Library staff attended the launch of "Book in the Bag" literacy initiative for St. Oliver's Community College in Drogheda. Library staff registered all first-year students as library members and delivered a presentation to a very engaging and enthusiastic audience.

Award winning author and past pupil of St. Oliver's Community College Erika McGann delivered an inspiring talk and motivated all the students to embrace a love of reading.



Louth Library Staff and Erika McGann in St. Oliver's Community College, Drogheda

Reading for Wellbeing Group

The Reading for Wellbeing introductory session took place in Dundalk Library on Thursday, November 27. The group will support readers who may be

A class from Bush Post-Primary School in Cooley visited Dundalk Library on November 19 for a tour of library facilities and to register members. Librarians returned the visit afterwards and offered advice on the setting up of a school library.

Louth Library Primary Schools Service

The Schools Library Service had a very active role promoting Louth Science Festival and primary and secondary schools in County Louth participated in a variety of events.

A storytime session and a schools' van visit to a parent and toddler group in Cooley and to MiniMinds preschool in Dundalk took place during November.

Children's Events

Aoife Burns, Social and Environmental Sustainability Officer from Drogheda United Football Club visited Drogheda library in November. Aoife is the co author of the Claret & Blue learning booklet. Aoife gave a presentation to three classes from local primary schools about the club, and she also spoke about health and wellbeing.



Aoife Burns from Drogheda United Healthy Ireland at Your Ireland

Memory Cafés

Dundalk and Drogheda libraries held their monthly Memory Cafés on November 11. The cafés provide a welcoming space for people living with dementia.

At Dundalk Library's Memory Café representatives from Dundalk Fire Station gave a fire safety talk and free alarms. Maeve Montgomery, Louth Dementia Advisor facilitated the meeting, followed by music from The Carroll Meade Active Retirement Group. Dundalk's annual Memory Café Christmas party takes place on Tuesday December 9, at 2:30pm. All are welcome to attend.



Maeve Montgomery with Paula and Aurelija from Dundalk Fire Station

Drogheda's Alzheimer's Memory Café also hosted Kieron Reilly representing Louth Fire and Rescue Service. The next meeting of the café in Drogheda Library will take place on Tuesday December 9, at 11am.



Dementia advisor for Louth Maeve Montgomery, Kieron Reilly from Louth Fire Service and Ann Short from Tredagh Lodge Daycare Centre

Louth Science Festival

The Louth Science Festival 2025 featured an extensive programme of talks, workshops, and interactive events. It kicked off in Dundalk Library

November 6th with an expo, Careers in STEM: Supporting Families & Future Graduates in Helping School Leavers Navigate Their Next Steps.



Engineering Career Expo

The festival travelled to Clogherhead Community Hall and featured talks with wildlife documentary maker Eoin Warner and Rosanna Cooney, journalist and author of Sweathouse: The New and Ancient Irish Sauna Tradition. Drogheda and Dundalk Libraries featured Laura Dowling AKA The Fabulous Pharmacist.



Eoin Warner at Clogherhead Science Fair

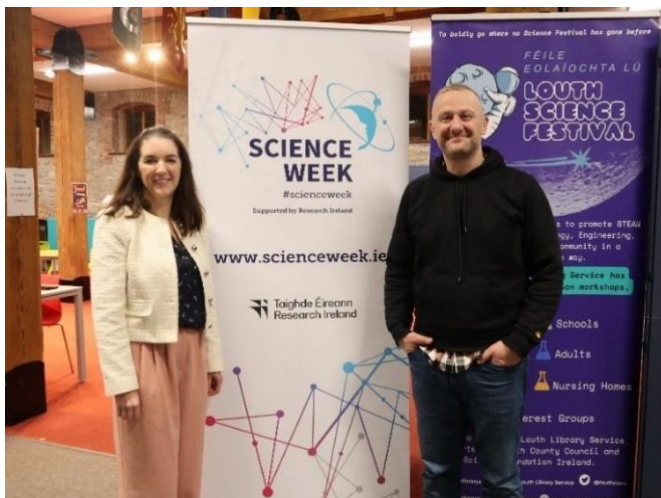


Fishy n'Dishy at Clogherhead Science Fair



County Librarian Amanda Branigan, Dr Harry Barry and Executive Librarian Theresa McNally

Mental Health Advocate and Science Communicator Dr Harry Barry, and one of Ireland's best loved comedians, PJ Gallagher, delighted audiences during Louth Science Festival.



P.J. Gallagher with the County Librarian in Dundalk Library



Gerry Murphy of Met Éireann

Rugby legends Alan Quinlan and Bernard Jackman were in conversation with Sineád Brassil and spoke about high performance, resilience and of course rugby!

Our five branches hosted a variety of workshops for children and young people including shows by Dr. Ken Science, Anyone4Science, Strong Women of Science and Climate Science workshops with Met Éireann.



Bernard Jackman, Executive Librarian Theresa McNally, Sinead Brassil and Alan Quinlan



Strong Women of Science, Dundalk

Na hEalaíona / Arts

Grants opening for 2026

Our 2026 Arts Grants will open for application on Monday December 8, 2025. Closing date will be Wednesday February 11, 2026, at 4pm. Successful applicants will be notified at the end of March after the council meeting.

For full details on available funding streams, application forms and guidelines please see <https://createlouth.ie/funding/>

Ferdia Festival

The inaugural Ferdia Festival in Ardee took place on Saturday November 1. The new community arts festival delivered an extravaganza of family treats throughout the day from workshops to circus performances, live music, and spooky trails. Supported by a committee of local community members the one-day festival was programmed with families in mind, offering something for all ages. With over 600 attending events throughout the day, it was a fantastic way to start this new initiative, and the committee are already looking towards 2026 and the next festival.



*Fruity n' Dishy circus workshop at Ferdia Festival
Photo Credit: Ken Finegan*



*Our Hatch's Castle Witches helped lots of kids make magic potions and spells at Ferdia Festival
Photo Credit: Ken Finegan*

Drogheda Classical Music Series

In November DCMS welcomed world renowned pianist Rowel Friers to St. Peter's Church of Ireland

for a breathtaking performance. Rowel has taken the world by storm performing to acclaim at Carnegie Hall in New York and taking the Audience Prize at the 2023 Madrid International Piano Competition.

For this concert Rowel performed a showcase of almost 2 centuries of pianistic exuberance with music from Bach, Chopin, Beethoven, and Falla to name just a few.

In December we can look forward to Ben Baker and Daniel Lehardt. The pianist and violinist duo will perform on Thursday, December 11, with a programme of European intensity including Schubert, Brahms, and Respighi.

For details on this and all other events for DCMS 2025/2026 please see <https://droghedaclassicalmusic.com/concerts/>

Highlanes Gallery

Stained Glass Workshops – Highlanes started a new series of Stained-Glass Workshops in the gallery in November. Stained Glass is one of the oldest and most traditional of crafts dating from the eleventh-century and specialist Madeliene Hellier is on hand to guide participants through the process as they create their own suncatchers.

Exhibition – Clann Miotlantach / Mythlantics by Alice Rekab opened on November 15 and will run until January 17, 2026. Alice is an Irish Sierra Leonean artist based in Dublin who uses their identity as a starting point to examine the intersection of personal and shared historical and cultural narratives. This exhibition showcases materials such as clay, coloured mirrors and salvaged wood and utensils.



Alice Rekab, Scene/Seen III (Through the Window), (detail)

Exhibition – Laurence Fagan: Pen and Ink. Also opening in November is a special exhibition marking the 200th anniversary of the birth of artists Laurence Fagan. Highlanes presents a number of his most important works in the collection including his magnificent study of The Boyne Viaduct. Born in Drogheda, Fagan was deaf and was educated at the Claremont Institute where he learned sign language and where his draughtsmanship and drawing talents were encouraged. Also included in the exhibition are lithographs of historic sites such as Mellifont Abbey, Monasterboice and Duleek. The exhibition also features work from invited artists, each exploring pen, ink, pencil on paper and various fine print making techniques. These artists include Vivienne Byrne, Brian Fay, Richard Moore, and Marthe Donas.

For more details on any of the exhibitions and events at Highlanes Gallery please see <https://highlanes.ie/>

Droichead Arts Centre

Give a Poem, Get a Poem – a children's project with poet and spoken word artist Dagogo Hart. The workshop is designed where young people learn about writing poetry and then transcribe their original poems into specially made cards. Each child who gives a poem also receives a poem from another student in a participating county.



Dagogo Hart with students at the Give a Poem, Get a Poem initiative. Photo Credit: Jenny Callanan

Exhibition – Surveyor – opened on Saturday November 15 and runs until January 10. Reimagined as a dynamic tri-venue initiative with **The North East Network** members of **Droichead Arts Centre, Drogheda, Solstice Arts Centre, Navan and An Táin Arts Centre, Dundalk**, Surveyor is a landmark collaboration which marks a new era in regional arts programming, offering an expansive platform for

artists living in or from counties Meath and Louth. Opening simultaneously across all three venues on the same day **SURVEYOR 2025** presents a compelling snapshot of contemporary visual arts practice in the northeast.

For details on these and all other events including the film and book clubs please see <https://www.droichead.com/>

An Táin Arts Centre

Creative Brew – November's Creative Brew meet-up was with local writer Conor McGinnity, exploring the building blocks of story and uncover the secret question that gives meaning to all great tales. Hosted by Subhashini Goda, the Creative Brew monthly sessions are a relaxed way for anyone navigating their professional career in the arts and an opportunity to collaborate & network with others.

For information on these and all other events please see <https://www.antain.ie/whats-on/>

Masterclass with Radim Vizváry, star of Czech National Theatre productions Robot Radius. An Táin welcomed one of Europe's most renowned mime artists for an exclusive session which provided students from DKIT and other participants with a rare opportunity to gain experience how to devise and move for theatre.

For details on all events at An Táin Arts Centre please see <https://www.antain.ie/>

Creative Ireland

November saw the annual **Louth Science Festival** in full swing with a jam-packed programme. Run by Louth Libraries with support from the Creative Ireland programme there was a vast range of events across the county over 3 weekends to celebrate Science.

Le Cheile project – the integration team were proud to launch the artwork from their Le Chéile project, run with support from the Creative Ireland programme. The project saw artists and facilitators work with a number of migrant and local communities and capturing well known phrases in the Irish Language. The artwork was on display in the Civic Offices in Fair Street.

Community Ties project – Creative Spark are coming to an end with their community Ties project. This immersive project has allowed participants take part in a unique weaving and tapestry project in the new Tapestry studio. The panels, each depicting a portrait of the individual or an image of a local landmark, will be put together for a unique permanent display in the Creative Spark facility. The project has allowed members of the local community and workers in the facility to network, bond and explore identity through this creative process.

2026 Creative Ireland grants – will open for application on Monday December 8, 2025, and will close on Wednesday February 11, 2026, at 4p.m. Successful applicants will be notified at the end of March following an assessment process. Details of all guidelines can be found on the funding page <https://createlouth.ie/funding/> from Monday December 1 along with the application forms.

For more information on our creative Ireland programme email creativeireland@louthcoco.ie or check out the list of projects on the Louth page of the national Creative Ireland website <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/louth/>

An Iarsmalann / Museum

Museum news



Christmas at the County Museum, Dundalk

The Museum has begun its annual series of festive events with national schools. Over the course of the next four weeks pupils from fourteen primary schools will visit the Museum to enjoy a seasonal film as well as enjoying our new exhibition of heritage Christmas toys.



A hushed audience at the Museum's Christmas festivities



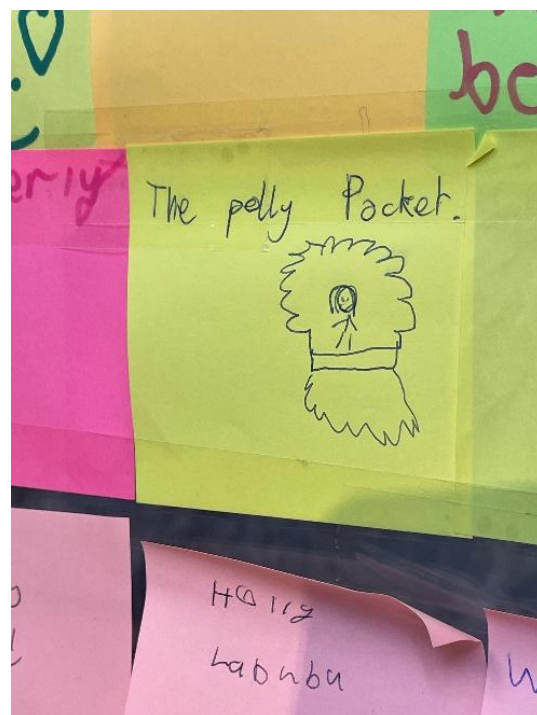
A selection of Christmas toys from yesteryear

From the Collection – A Christmas Special features a selection of traditional Christmas presents that children over the years received. Of particular interest is the variety and change in present over time as toys and games become increasingly technology-based.



The changing face of Christmas toys

Christmas present for 2025, but, in the case of adults the longed for present from their childhood.



All I want for Christmas is ...



Dear Santa, I would love ...

Recent history talks

The Museum hosted two lectures in the last month. The first was with Prof. Eoin O'Malley (son of founding member of the PDs, Dessie O'Malley) who spoke about **Charlie v Garrett – The Rivalry the Shaped Modern Ireland**. In a hugely interesting and entertaining highlighted the dynamic between the two political heavyweights who dominated Irish politics from the late 1970s through to the early 1990s.

The exhibition has two specific goals – the first is to highlight not only the nature and extent of the Museum collection and showcase the nature of the work that is done here. Secondly, the inclusion of a wall inviting visitors to indicate not only the desired



Heavyweights of Irish politics with Prof. Eoin O'Malley

The second lecture, organised by the Old Dundalk Society, was entitled ***The Greatest Prison Escape in Irish History – The Catalpa Rescue***. Given by documentary-maker Marcus Howard it marked the 150th anniversary of the daring voyage of the Catalpa, a whaling ship that sailed from America to Australia on a covert mission to rescue six Irish Fenian prisoners from a harsh colonial prison.



A Christmas scene at the County Museum, Dundalk



The most audacious prison escape in Irish history, the story of the Catalpa

Stiúrtóireacht na Mórtionscadal Caipitil agus Seachadadh Bonneagair Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrtóireacht seo freagrach as mórtionscadail chaipitil lena n-áirítear foirgnimh nua comhairle, bóithre, réimse poiblí, glasbhealaí, Taisteal Gníomhach, scéimeanna cosanta tuilte agus idirchaidreamh a dhéanamh le soláthraithe fónais náisiúnta. A luaithe a bheidh mórtionscadal beagnach curtha i gcrích, glacfaidh an Stiúrtóireacht um Chothabháil Caipitil agus Seachadadh Comhshaoil freagracht as an tsócmhainn.

This directorate is responsible for major capital projects including new council buildings, roads, public realm, greenways, Active Travel, flood defence schemes and liaising with national utility providers. Once a major project has achieved practical completion, the Directorate of Operations & Environment Delivery will assume responsibility for the asset (except snagging & management defects liability period).

David Jones
Stiúrthóir / Director



Comhfhorbairt Áite / Placemaking

Athghiniúint Uirbeach agus Forbairt Tionscadail Cistí / Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects (URDF)

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration (Dundalk)

Phase 1

Glas Civil Engineering Ltd. have completed works on site and are currently in the the snagging phase.

Substantial Completion is Q4.



Project overview



New road surfacing and traffic lights at the Tain Apartments.

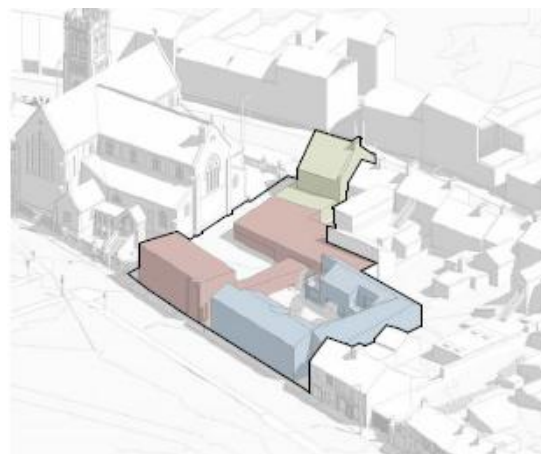


New road surfacing on Linen Hall Street.

Phase 2 – Backlands Area of St Nicholas Quarter

BDP Ltd are the appointed consultant design team for Phase 2 of the St. Nicholas Quarter project and are working with the Council and stakeholders on feasibility, analysis and a design concept for the re-development of the Backlands area. The accepted concept will be developed to Part 8 planning with full public consultation.

Concept development is being finalised alongside OM Costings. Property owner and stakeholder engagement is continuing.



Further development of project concept design.

The Longwalk Urban Framework Plan (Dundalk)

Louth County Council has launched The Long Walk Urban Framework Plan project. This project aims to create a framework plan for regeneration of the Longwalk area, that supports town centre growth, and meets the needs of the town's residents, visitors and businesses.

LUC is the appointed Integrated Urban Design Team lead. As part of the initial stages of the Urban Framework plan, a public consultation event took place at The Longwalk in April in addition to an online survey. A second public engagement event took place at The Longwalk on the 1st July with a further public engagement planned for 28th November. The in-person and online engagement has been positively supported by the community, and input arising from these engagements. The information is currently being collated for inclusion in the draft framework.

Discussions with key stakeholders and landowners in the Long Walk area is ongoing ahead of further public consultation on the draft framework plan.

For project updates visit the Longwalk Urban regeneration Facebook page here

<https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Long-Walk-Urban-Regeneration-Project/61574154397623/>

Or email

longwalkregeneration@tbla.eu

AUCF Éileamh a Trí, Leithdháileadh Maoinithe / URDF Call Three Funding Allocation.

Targeted engagement continues in Drogheda and Dundalk, with multiple properties sales, or early development stages as a result of engagement.

Meetings have taken place with new owners of properties in Drogheda and Dundalk in recent weeks which have resulted in the preparation of full planning applications by owners with a view to returning properties to productive use.

A recent survey of properties on the URDF Call 3 list (129 properties) has been conducted to update the number of properties returned to use and or vacant.

The current high-level status is as follows:

- Occupied 31
- Repair works ongoing 18
- Progressing* 59
- On-going engagement** 14
- Awaiting engagement 7
- CPO process 1

* *'Progressing' relates to properties where there is owner activity in terms of planning process/ property for sale or lease/grant application*

***Of the properties subject to ongoing engagement, a number of properties are under active consideration for direct Council intervention through voluntary or CPO acquisition*

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford



Historic photograph of Carlingford

The consultants, Urban Agency, have now been appointed for a heritage led detailed design. The consultants visited the site for a walkabout and met with local interest groups on the 28th July. Further engagement with stakeholders will take place over the coming months subsequent to the completion of three no. concept designs for the detailed design stage.

LCC have now commenced regular meetings with the design team to review the ongoing progress.

Ardee 2040

Louth County Council have concluded engagement with TII in relation to pre-planning approval for the main street in Ardee. Turley Planning, the Design Team lead, are in the process of completing the planning pack for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Tionscadail Breise / Additional Projects

St Laurence's Gate Plaza, Drogheda

Engagement with the National Monuments has commenced as part of the consultation for the Part 8 process.



Play Spaces

St Dominic's Park & The Glen

AA Screening Stage 1 report has been completed for the Glen and Part 8 documents are being prepared. A second community engagement and information gathering event took place on the 27th of August in the Glen Park. The event was well attended with good feedback on the proposed playground and it's location within the park. The feedback is currently being assessed to inform the process and the path forward.

Part 8 documents for works in St. Dominic's Park are currently being prepared, which include draft drawings, updated AA screening and BRE 365 infiltration tests.

Capital Delivery Team

Boyne Greenway - North Bank

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) has announced the successful applicants for funding under Measure 3 of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2024/25. Louth County Council has received €500,000 in funding for the enhancement and extension of the North Bank of the Boyne Greenway in Drogheda. Works will be delivered on a phased basis and will include widening, resurfacing and relining of paths and installation of lighting. The enhancement and extension of the Boyne Greenway supports land-based outdoor recreation activities including walking, leisure cycling and running, and will deliver on the objectives set out in the *Embracing Ireland's Outdoors* strategy.



Muirhevnamor District Park Improvement

Improvement works at the old pitch and putt site in Muirhevnamor Park, Dundalk are ongoing. The works commenced on the 22nd of September. Funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRDCG) under the Community Recognition Fund 2024, the improvement works are focused on integrating the unused green space into the existing community park. Works are substantially complete with landscaping and re-seeding works planned for spring 2026.



Carlingford Laneways

Works are now completed on the enhancement of Brown's Lane and Mateer's Lane, Newry Street, Carlingford. Funded under the Community Recognition Fund 2023, the work saw the upgrading of the lanes, including the replacement of tarmac with an Irish Blue Limestone surface and the installation of bilingual name plates.



Clogherhead Cliff Walk

Following approval in August, of Project Development Measure (PDM) funding under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) for Clogherhead Cliff Walk, Louth County Council commenced surveys on this project in October. These surveys include a topographical survey and a Wintering Birds survey, which will be required for the proposed AA screening and design for the new trail. Appointment of the consultant to take the project up to Part 8 approval is expected in December 2025.

The Capital Delivery Team are awaiting outcomes on applications submitted under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025 and CLÁR 2025.

Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects

Clogherhead

Public Engagement & Information Event

Help shape the future of Clogherhead, Louth County Council is developing a Town Centre First Plan for Clogherhead.

We invite you to our second drop-in event to:

- See how the draft Town Centre First Plan has developed through community and stakeholder engagement
- Engage with Council and design team representatives

Clogherhead Community Centre, A92 V96C
Tuesday 2nd December, 3-8 pm





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Town Centre First



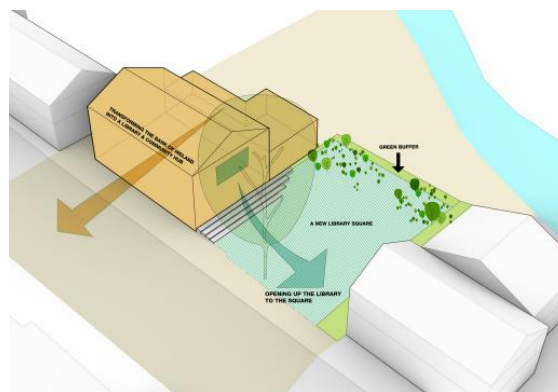
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Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

Members of the public are invited to participate in the second public consultation event for the draft Clogherhead Town Centre First plan, the plan is shaped by feedback from the public on the first public consultation which took place in May 2024 and translates the challenges and ideas identified into an ambitious yet realistic vision. A public information session will be held on Tuesday 2nd December between 3-8 pm at the Clogherhead Community

Centre A92 V96C, members of the public are also invited to participate in an online survey via the public consultation portal on the Louth County Council website at the following link: <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/browse>, the online consultation will run between the 2nd – 16th December.

Town Centre First Plan – Dunleer



Representatives from Louth County Council recently attended a meeting of the Dunleer Town Team. The process is underway to appoint a consultant for the design for a public square adjacent to the library in Dunleer. This project aims to create an attractive public space and is one of several schemes identified in the Town Centre First Plan.

Vacant Homes Officer

We would request those who have a vacant home to engage with the Vacant Homes Officer to discuss potential funding available to return to use and would also ask those who have noted a vacant home in their areas to log it on vacanthomes.ie for inspection and investigation.

The Vacant Homes Officer co organised and attended a grants information evening on 24th November in the Dundalk Credit Union building on Clanbrassil St in Dundalk with the Energy Team in Dunleer. The event was well attended and further nights are planned in Drogheda & Dunleer to discuss available incentives.

Currently one CPO is progressing with the advertisement published on 19th November with a further CPOs planned in the coming weeks.

Forbairt Fhisiciúil / Physical Development

Tionscadail Bóithre / Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

Construction works on site and fabrication works in Belgium continue to be progressed.

Control building: - internal finishings, mechanical and electrical works are all on going.

Southern embankment: - excavation works for the temporary support platform and crane continue.

Northern embankment: -
Bascule abutment wall lifts 3a have been completed. Works in relation to wall lift 3b has commenced. The base of the plantroom adjacent to the bascule chamber has been poured and the placing of reinforcement for the walls has commenced.

Bridge fabrication works: - Fabrication of the fixed span bridge continue in Ghent, Belgium and painting of completed sections of bridge has commenced. Steel for the fabrication of the bascule span is due to arrive in Dec. At this stage the majority of the project activities will be carried out in the fabrication yards.

In November members of the projects Oversight Board attended a site visit to Ghent, and Alterman Fabrication Yard, to review progress on the fixed span.



Aerial View of northern Bascule Chamber and commencement of the concrete for the Plant Room.



Placing of reinforcement for wall lift 3b northern Bascule Chamber



Temporary works for Crawler Crane platform ongoing, southern embankment.



Members of the Oversight Board site visit to Ghent, standing on a section of completed fixed span box sections

N53 - Dundalk to Castleblayney Road Phase 4. Hackballscross to Rassan

The Construction Tender were received from 8 tenderers, these are currently being accessed under suitability, quality and price.

The Tender for Employer Representative and site supervision team was issued through the TII frameworks with a return date in January. The design team, valuers, LCC and WMNRO continue to engage with the landowners, their agents, and other stakeholders on accommodation works, access and compensation.

N52 Ardee Bypass

The scheme is currently in the Supreme Court with the Court adjourning the matter generally pending the outcome of the CJEU reference in Power v An Bord Pleanála once a judgment in Power is given, then this case will be re-entered before the Supreme Court.

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

Tender documents have been received and are currently being assessed.

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

The project has now progressed to Phase 2 (Options Selection) which involves the development of the route options followed by their assessment to identify the preferred route.

The Designers are collating the responses from Non-Statutory Public Consultation #2. This will feed into the emerging preferred option report, which subject to the Departments approvals will be published in January.

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the PANCR is to be developer led. The developer is now in the process of tendering the construction contract. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by year end with the intention of works commencing in Q1 2026.

Notices to enter was issued to several landowners on the expected extent of the work, and the Council

Team will be engaging with these affected landowners.

Glasbhealaí Cistithe ag B.I.E / TII Funded Greenways:

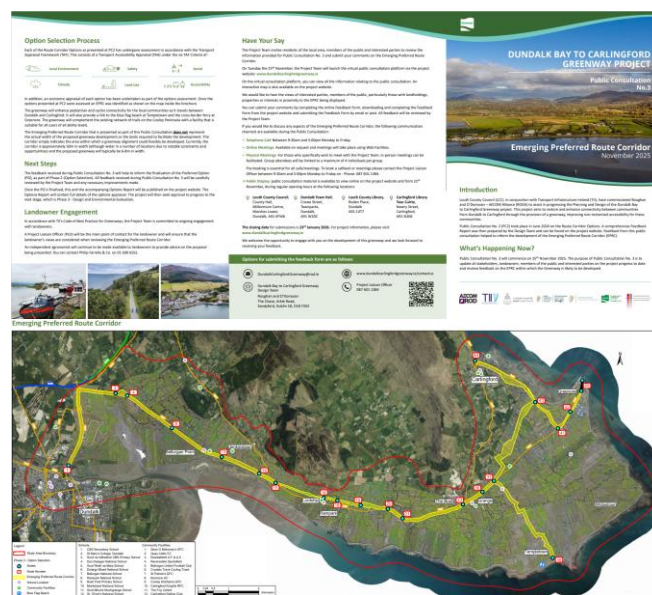
Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway

The non statutory consultation on the emerging preferred route corridor was published on 25th of November and will run till the 23rd of January 2026.

Letters to landowners who are within the corridor, where landownership has been established, where issued in advance of the publishing of the route. Further details on the project can be found on the dedicated website:-

www.dundalkcarlingfordgreenway.ie including contact details for the Project Liaison Officer and the independent appointed agronomist.

The proposed Greenway is being progressed in accordance with TII's Code of Best Practice for Greenways.



Extract from the Brochure

Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects

Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre

The National Fire Directorate in correspondence dated 6th Oct 2025 have approved costs to proceed with Stage 1 – 5 of the proposed works. Works on progressing this report are ongoing.

THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme



Louth County Council has been engaging with the Southern Regional Assembly with regards to the next phases of the project, with a number of training days to be attended by the project team. Preliminary works including archaeological investigations and structural safeguards have been tendered and we await submissions.

Tenders for the Consultancy services for detailed design and construction have been received and are currently being assessed.

THRIVE is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 21-27. The scheme has been co-designed by the Regional Assemblies and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address European, national and regional policy objectives. Further information is available on the www.southernassembly.ie

Tionscadail Cosaint ar Thulite Chontae Lú agus Creimeadh Cósta / Louth Flood Defence and Coastal Erosion Projects

Dundalk Flood Relief Projects

Consultant Engineers, in collaboration with OPW and Louth County Council, continue refining fluvial and coastal flood relief measures. The shortlist of options is being developed following technical workshops and environmental assessments.

Preparations are underway for upcoming Public Participation Days expected Q1 2026. Separate events for Blackrock and Dundalk are planned to ensure comprehensive community input

Ground investigations, including borehole drilling, trial pits, and sampling, are progressing well.

Updated ecological appraisals and additional surveys (geomorphology and wintering birds) are currently underway to inform option development to minimize environmental impact and incorporate climate change adaptation.

The Project website being hosted by OPW can be reached at:

www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dundalk/home.ie

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Project

The project remains in the initial stage of identifying and developing a preferred scheme. Hydraulic modelling and GIS updates are ongoing to refine flood extents, depths, and velocities for present and future scenarios.

Draft cost estimates have been prepared for options along the River Boyne tributaries. A multi-criteria analysis, incorporating social and economic factors, has been completed to support option selection.

Site visits with civil engineering contractors have commenced to identify potential construction risks and constraints, helping to mitigate delays later in the programme.

Underwater archaeology and terrestrial geophysical surveys have been completed. Overwintering bird surveys are underway, and hydromorphology assessments are scheduled to inform water quality analysis..

The Project website being hosted by OPW is now complete and can be reached at:

www.droghedabaltrayfrs.ie

Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project

The Local Authority, in collaboration with the OPW, are finalising a tailored project brief informed by recent flood events and site-specific characteristics. This will enable the appointment of a consultant engineer for the next phase of scheme development

A series of targeted works has been proposed to strengthen the existing drainage network and reduce immediate flood risk. These measures include upgrading key culverts, installing non-return valves to prevent tidal backflow, and improving associated infrastructure to enhance conveyance capacity. The interventions are designed to deliver short-term resilience while complementing the objectives of the long-term flood relief scheme.

A business case seeking OPW approval for full funding has been prepared.

Ardee Minor Works

The OPW has approved funding for a package of minor flood relief works in Ardee. These works aim to provide improved protection to properties located along existing watercourses on Stoney Lane, John Street and N2. Delivery of the works is planned to coincide with the Local Authority's annual road works programme in 2026.

The Local Authority is actively liaising with Uisce Éireann, who are undertaking upgrades to watermain infrastructure in the area. These upgrades are scheduled to be completed prior to the commencement of drainage improvement works, ensuring effective coordination and minimising disruption. Detailed design and landowner engagement are currently underway.

In parallel, the procurement process for an ecologist to undertake Appropriate Assessment screening is in progress to ensure compliance with environmental requirements.

Tionscadail Muirí / Marine Projects

Coastal Protection Works – Drummullagh (Omeath), Bellurgan and Ballynamoney / Ballagan.

The successful Contractor has been appointed for all three projects.

Physical Works will commence in March 2026 (please note Ecological Constraints prohibit works between September and March at these locations). However in the interim period the Contractor is to develop a site-specific Environmental Management Plan and procure and test materials to be utilised in the project.

The appointments of an Ecological Clerk of Works, Archaeologist and Structural Engineer to report and monitor onsite works are complete.

Tionscadail Cláir Scoileanna / Schools Programme Projects

Ardee Educate Together National School.

Works on site continue to progress, Progress update since previous monthly report:

Summary of progress below.

- Kerbing - 90%
- Level up for tarmac – 85%
- 2nd fix plumbing - 95%
- Downpipes -95%
- Tiling -95%
- Painting ongoing
- Fall Arrest -95%
- Fitted Furniture – 90%
- Footpaths to road 100%.
- Heating working

Proposed Works Forecast

- Ground works to continue
- Continue painting
- Kerbing
- Street lighting
- Fitted Furniture
- Tiling
- Fencing
- Footpaths



Progress on Footpath ongoing.



Internal Storage.

Active Travel Investment Program

2025 Budget Allocation

On the 13th January, 2025 The National Transport Authority (NTA) awarded Louth County Council a budget allocation of €6,300,000 million to advance twenty eight (28) Nr Active Travel Projects.

The Active Travel Projects funded are for promoting Walking and Cycling Infrastructure and development of transport studies for Drogheda and Dundalk.

The current status of the ongoing Active Travel projects are as outlined in the table below. For ease of referencing, the National Transport Authority (NTA) allocate projects into particular Cost Bands depending on the total estimated project cost including, fees, land acquisitions and constructions as follows;

Band 1 €0 - €5M;

Band 2 €5 - €20M;

Band 3 > €20M;

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

The seven different phases are as outlined below...

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

The current status of the ongoing Active Travel projects are as outlined in the table below.

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Tionscadail Tasitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Allocation 2025	Project Band	Current Phase	Dec. 2025 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Drogheda: R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (incorporating Marsh Road)	€270,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	PHASE 4: Statutory Processes	The National Transport Authority have recently approved GW 3 Gateway Report and we envisage that this project will be brought forward for Part 8 public display in Quarter 4 2025. An On-line briefing of the Draft Part 8 proposals was given to Drogheda MD elected members on Tuesday 9th September 2025. The proposals were well received, and we will advance to Part 8 Public Display.	Proposed Part 8 display February 2026
Drogheda: R166 Termonfeckin Rd, design.	€50,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 3 – Preliminary Design	Consultants RPS Group have completed draft Gateway 3 Report. It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Drogheda Municipal District Councillors in November 2025. Still awaiting NTA Gateway 4 approval to proceed to Part 8	Proposed Part 8 display Q1, 2026
Drogheda: R168 Collon Rd, Hill of Rath Roundabout (RAB) and Rosehall RAB.	€100,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 3 – Preliminary Design	The Design Team are currently progressing with preliminary design following non-statutory public consultation. Thereafter, the Active Travel Team will proceed to Part 8 public display Still awaiting NTA Gateway 4 approval to proceed to Part 8	Proposed Part 8 display late Quarter 1, 2026
Drogheda: Rathmullan Road including Marley's (Pathfinder Project)	€120,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 – Detailed Design and Procurement	Part 8 received approval on 10th February 2025 by Drogheda Municipal District. GW4 deliverables all presented and approved by the NTA in April 2025. Detailed design has commenced and in parallel the tender documents for the selection of suitable contractors are being prepared, due to be received by March 2026, subject to NTA approval.	Part 8 approved on 10 th February 2025.
Drogheda Dublin and North roads, design.	€400,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 2 - Concept and Options Phase 4 – Statutory Process	The Active Travel Team are having on-going discussions with Irish Rail regarding Dublin Road Bridge and interaction with the Dart North Coastal Project. Dart Coastal North, an Irish Rail Project, was approved by An Coimisiún Pleanála in August 2025. An inter agency meeting was held to examine proposals on Active Travel measures under the Dublin Rd, railway bridge. Further meetings are planned. Consultants AECOM via the NTA are currently developing options for the section relating to the under-bridge of the Navan Railway Line (MacBride Train Entrance to McGraths Lane). North Road - Gateway 3 (Preliminary Design Report) approval received from the NTA in February 2025. The design team are currently preparing pre-planning i.e. Part 8 documentation and discussing land requirements with 3 number landowners, plus some residents on the North Rd.	Dublin Rd, Drogheda - Proposed Part 8 display depending on dialogue with NTA / Irish Rail. North Rd, Drogheda - Proposed Part 8 display March 2026.

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Project Name	Allocation 2025	Project Band	Current Phase	Dec. 2025 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
				 <u>View of Dublin Rd, Drogheda Rd looking South</u>	
Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Rd. (Pathfinder Project)	€2,625,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 Detailed Design	Tender Document to establish a restricted panel of competent contractors was advertised on etenders and Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). A select panel of eight contractors was formed and detailed tender documents will be issued to this panel. Gateway 5 Documents issue to the NTA for approval.  <u>View of Inner Relief Rd, Dundalk looking north from Hoey's Lane Roundabout extract from Fly Through</u>	Completed – Part 8 Approval on the 10th September 2024 Procurement of Contractors on-going, awaiting NTA approval to issue tender documents.
Dundalk: Dublin Rd Xerox Junction to Ladywell Bridge	€25,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 Detailed Design	Part 8 proposals were brought to Dundalk MD Meeting on the 10th December 2024. Awaiting NTA approval to proceed to detailed design.	Part 8 Approved in December 2024.
Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station.	€100,000	Band 2	Phase 3 /4 Preliminary Design / Statutory Process	Workshop held with the NTA in October and we intend to accelerate parts of the scheme, namely, McEntee Avenue, Mulholland Avenue & Pearse Park to deliver key elements associated with pedestrian provision and Safe Routes to School infrastructure. Gateway 3 (Preliminary Design Report) approval received from the NTA in June 2025. The Active Travel Team have met associated schools.	Proposed Part 8 Q2 2026

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Project Name	Allocation 2025	Project Band	Current Phase	Dec. 2025 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
				The NTA have received approval from Irish Rail to explore a pedestrian link from Ice House Hill into the northern carpark of the train station. These is currently being reviewed by the design team.  <u>View of Ard Easmuinn Looking North from China Bridge</u>	
R132 Inner Relief Road Tain Bridge	€50,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	Phase 2 is approved by the NTA in December 2024. Phase 3 preliminary design has commenced.	No part 8's but possible Section 38 in Q1 of 2026, subject to NTA gateway approval.
Hoey's Lane, Dundalk	€60,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3 – Preliminary Design	GW3 Reports approved by the NTA in Dec 2024. Public consultation held on 20th March, 2025. Event was very well attended. Submissions from a number of groups / residents / business owners received and the Design Team are now amending the design to reflect these submissions. Awaiting Gateway 4 approval from the NTA to proceed to Part 8.	Proposed to commence Part 8 process and display Q1. 2026
Mill Street, Dundalk	€75,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2 - Preliminary Design	GW3 comments received from NTA and a workshop held with NTA & LCC. Resulting from this workshop, the drawings will be updated The Active Travel Team have conducted meetings with key stakeholders such as schools and Bus Eireann. The consultant is currently finalising preliminary design drawings and thereafter awaiting approval from the NTA.	Part 8 Q2 2026
Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk	€50,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2 - Preliminary Design	GW3 comments received from NTA and a workshop held with NTA, LCC and consultants on 20th November 2024. Resulting from this workshop the drawings will be updated, and a non-statutory public consultation will be held in Feb. 2025.	Part 8 Q2 2026
R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates)	€135,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4 – Statutory Processes	Part 8 proposal to be on display in Dec.	Proposed Part 8 Dec. 2025

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Project Name	Allocation 2025	Project Band	Current Phase	Dec. 2025 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
				 <u>View of entrance to Xerox Campus Looking to Xerox Junction</u>	
Moneymore, Active Travel elements	€200,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4 – Statutory Processes	CPO public consultation ended 11 th February, 2025. 9 submissions received. Awaiting decision from An Coimisiún Pleanála.	N/A
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2) 1. Bellurgan National School 2. Callystown National School 3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge 4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk	€950,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6 – Construction	Works Contract signed, and works to commence in Dec. in Bellurgan.	No part 8's but Section 38's
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 3) 1. SN Chaoimhin Naofa, Philipstown, Dunleer 2. Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Kilcurry 3. Mullaghboy NS.	€50,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Louth County Council were informed in Q4 2024 of three new schools to be included as part of Safe Routes to School Round 3. Funding was received on 13 th Jan 2025. Tender Documents have been issued seeking Design Consultants for the Design of Proposed works.	No part 8's but possible Section 38's
Bus Enhancement Programme	€500,000			Funding to allow for the upgrade of bus stops in various locations across the county including the installation of bus poles and hard standing areas plus bus shelters in agreed locations.	N/A

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Project Name	Allocation 2025	Project Band	Current Phase	Dec. 2025 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Mobility Hubs	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Government Climate Action Plan (CAP 23/24) has identified shared mobility as a key mechanism for reducing car dependency and car ownership. Dundalk Town along with Cork City, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Carlow Town, and Sligo Town has been selected as a location for the delivery of a pilot project to test the effectiveness of mobility hubs. The hubs will provide short-term access to a variety of modes of travel including e-bikes, e-scooters and Electric Vehicles (EVs). This pilot project is being led by the National Transport Authority in conjunction with the Department of Transport with funding being provided by the Climate Action Fund. A Detailed Business Case is currently being prepared by the DOT and is due to be submitted to the Department of Environment Climate and Communications who manage the Climate Action Fund. It is anticipated that the tendering process will commence for this project later this year.	Proposed Part 8 in February 2026